



Crown Pointe *focus*

It's time for fun in the California Sun!

Board Message

As we embark into a new fiscal year, we first hope our neighbors and their families are doing well. The new Board sends its best to everyone and we'd like to thank you for the active interest you have in community matters. Coming up this year, we will continue to focus on infrastructure projects and budget. While we modestly raised fees this year (which was still below the CPA's recommended level) we will also look at long standing discretionary expenditures to identify any cost saving opportunities.

The HOA has a strong reserve to address our aging infrastructure needs, many which will come due in the next year or two; and it is our intent to begin mapping out project timelines. Some smaller repairs are forthcoming, e.g. sidewalks.

We bet you're excited to see some of the highest sales in our community and though partly driven by a robust housing economy, we also believe that the charm of our neighborhood and the uniqueness of each lot are also factors. Thanks for all your support and remember, "... it's nice just to be neighborly...".

Reminder: Participate in our monthly HOA meeting every forth Tuesday of the month, via Zoom during Covid-19, and share ideas on how you would like to improve Crown Pointe.

New HOA 2021-2022 Board

- ◆ Yolanda De Ramus, President
- ◆ Audria Quillian, Vice President
- ◆ Philip Marr, Treasurer
- ◆ Marchette Hogan-McCullough, Secretary
- ◆ Rob Staniford, Member

Crown Pointe Awareness Task Force (CPATF)

Crown Pointe Community Survey Results

The Crown Pointe Awareness Task Force (CPATF) would like to thank all of those homeowners who mailed or emailed their responses to the Community Awareness Survey to Bali Management in April of 2021. Below is a summary of the findings from the survey sent to all homeowners to complete. Of the 93 homeowners in Crown Pointe, 34 returned their surveys. 19 of those who responded attended the Community Awareness meeting, via Zoom on April 17th and June 11th, 12 did not. Two (2) watched the recorded video of the meeting that was sent out by Bali Management for viewing along with the survey.

The majority 22-9-3 (no-yes-maybe) voted against repairing and/or heightening the Del Mar wall. The majority 20-11-2 (no-yes-maybe) voted against surveillance cameras being placed at all Crown Pointe entrances and on Terrylynn. Also, the majority 22-10-1 (no-yes-maybe) were not interested in the Board exploring a Phase II review of perimeter walls along Avery. Lastly, overwhelming support was received to consider approaching local officials to increase community based patrolling and identify funds to address broader BK safety and homeless concerns.

In conclusion, and in light of the findings, the CPATF will no longer pursue any additional information, research, surveys, or findings pertaining to the Del Mar wall or surveillance cameras for Crown Pointe. The Task Force will however continue to meet on a monthly basis to examine issues of concern from the residents and proffer recommendations to maintain a healthy environment within the Crown Pointe community.

I would like to personally thank the CPATF for all of their time and diligent work in responding to and seeking solutions to valid concerns within our community. Due to their efforts, important information unknown to the homeowners at large was learned and disseminated to CP. More in depth results of the survey should be mailed to all CP residents in the next mailer from Bali Management.

As a final thought from CPATF: In this extreme heat, please check on your neighbors, especially those who are elderly and make sure your pets stay cool and have plenty of water.

Website: www.crownpointehoa.com

RESIDENTS MUST REGISTER AND OBTAIN A LOG-IN

For questions please call Bali Management Group, Debbie Schneider
310-294-5390 x108 OR debbie.schneider@balimgmt.com

Vendor/Contract Referrals - Need a referral for services from your neighbor or have a recommendation? Email carinaslepian@gmail.com for a list of referrals for pool improvement/servicers, handymen, plumbers, electricians, security cameras or home automation, bathroom remodels, roofing, pest/termite control. *These are recommendations from neighbors and not associated with BMG/Board.* Drop us a line at crownpointenews@aol.com.

Landscape/Architectural Committee (LAC)

We as a committee would like to thank homeowners for electing us (Linda Perry, Justin Potier and Teri Staniford) to this vital volunteer committee. We look forward to working with our fellow homeowners, the HOA Board, and Bali Management as we strive to uplift and maintain the beauty and desirability of Crown Pointe.

Landscape - Our monthly street rotation through Crown Pointe with our Landscape Committee seems to be working nicely. Each month one of the Crown Pointe streets receives our laser-like focus as we join our BrightView Account Manager, Victor Juarez on a dedicated walk. Together we walk unhurriedly and observe areas that could use more irrigation, planting, cleaning, refreshing, etc. We also circle back to make sure the previously inspected streets are thriving and have received the needed or requested action from the BrightView crew.

If you discover any problems or issues with the landscape, water, etc. in your area please contact Debbie Schneider, your HOA representative at Bali Management, 310-294-5370. Depending on the issue/need, Debbie will notify the appropriate contractor/service provider or our committee of your call and need for attention. Please put Debbie's phone number in your contact list – one call and the notification will be made. No need to search for one of us in the community – Debbie is your connection to all Committee and Board members. Your HOA dues pay for Bali Management and their assistance both day and night – let's not waste this wonderful service.

Architectural - Encouraged by the "Spring/Summer Spruce-up" letter forwarded by Bali Management, many of you have viewed your property with a critical eye and identified needed improvements (painting of garage doors, fascia board repair or painting, repair of wrought iron fencing/gates, courtyard flower beds, etc.). Making these improvements will benefit not only your home, but the entire community; together we can keep Crown Pointe a beautiful and desirable place to live. Our home values have skyrocketed and the praise heaped on Crown Pointe continues, let's all do our part to continue this movement. Don't forget to ask Debbie Schneider for the architectural request forms before you start a project – all improvements visible to the common area require two signatures before work can be approved by the Board. The signatures by your neighbors are a courtesy to let them know of future trucks, painters, noise, dust and whatever goes into some of the projects.

Social Committee (SC)

Holidays/Events

- July 04:** Independence Day
Bixby Knolls Parade
- July 10:** Painting with a Twist
- Aug TBD:** Movie Night
- Oct 31:** Halloween
Neighborhood Cookout
- Nov 25:** Thanksgiving
- Dec TBD:** CP Annual Holiday
Cookie Exchange



Great Scott!! Lets get this summer started! With mask mandates being lifted, the clouds are starting to clear, flowers are blooming, we are all ready to start planning to enjoy the outdoors this summer. Crown Pointe is a lovely community and we are working on some great activities for this summer!

In April, Easter baskets were delivered and B-I-N-G-O!! Bingo Night was held! Children enjoyed a treat from the Easter Bunny and the Bingo night prizes were a blast! During Bingo night we all enjoyed meeting neighbors over a glass of wine and some good jokes were told. We want to thank all the great sponsors! Please join us for upcoming events.



Homeowner's Corner

Some Unfriendly Visitors!

Let's face it – Crown Pointe is a wonderful community in the beautiful Virginia Country Club area – it's a wonderful place to live in! We all enjoy the gated nature of our community, our super location in Long Beach along Country Club Drive, and we feel the pride of ownership in seeing the variety of beautiful gardens, trees, and homes in our neighborhood. With our home ownership enjoyment however, is our responsibility to maintain our homes to protect our investment and more importantly, enjoy living in our homes for many years to come. A common question I'm asked about in my 15 years as a real estate broker is, "Is it really worth our while to have a termite control program for our homes?" (note: I don't own a termite or pest control company nor am I affiliated with one) Most of us put termite control on the back burner because we don't see these unfriendly visitors until something breaks down or we see visible signs of them. California homes and termites have a joint history and termite control is wrongly perceived as an unnecessary expense. After all we have enough home maintenance "priorities". A lot of times, we discount a "few bugs" we find at our attic (and who goes to our attics regularly anyway?) and later find out \$15K in damage that had to be addressed prior to selling the home or just to preserve the structural integrity of our homes. After selling several homes in Crown Pointe, the reality is that it is absolutely essential to have a termite control system for each of our homes to save thousands of dollars in the long run. Termites can quickly cause a great damage resulting in costly repairs. If the yearly maintenance fee offered by most termite companies is too much for you, try to have a yearly inspection at least to assess any damages or give you the peace of mind you are keeping your home in good shape. And, the good news is that, there are alternatives to tenting that control termite infestation which are now legally accepted to issue a "section 1 clearance" during home sales. And while you are at it, have your attics checked for any other unfriendly visitors (rats, silver fish, etc.). We sure don't want those unfriendly visitors getting comfortable at our homes!

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