

CHEERS TO A  
NEW YEAR AND  
ANOTHER  
CHANCE FOR US  
TO GET IT RIGHT  
OPRAH WINFREY

# Crown Pointe *focus*

## *Welcome to 2022 - Happy New Year!!*

### Board Message

Warm greetings neighbors. Your Board sincerely hopes you and your families are faring well and staying healthy as we enter the third year of the pandemic. We encourage you to stay informed of the recommendations of the health organizations and exercise safe practices.

The Board continues to address several key issues carried over from 2021. In early fall Bali Management provided information to the Board related to our long-term land lease. Since that time, we have been reviewing the lease terms and conditions to determine if modifications should be considered and negotiated. We have shared some of the identified key issues during our monthly community meetings and Bali has sent related information to the homeowners. Homeowners who have questions about the lease may wish to contact Bali directly.

Board members have also been in ongoing communication with Bali to address various matters of concern to our community. One of the most frustrating issues is the frequent malfunctioning of the main entry gate and keypad at Country Club Drive and Edith Way. The fire department accessing the gate during an emergency with their key and not returning it to a working position, the rain apparently interfering with the recently purchased gate operating system, a circuit board needing replacement, and a loose wire have all contributed to the gate not working properly. The Board has been working with the system provider and Bali to identify and resolve the problems so they hopefully won't occur in the future. Additionally, the Board has been addressing numerous landscape issues and safety concerns. Our goal is to maintain an aesthetically pleasing and safe community.

We are pleased to report we have been successful in securing one-time refunds or credits, which have helped offset costs. However, inflation, labor shortages, supply chain disruptions and increases in normal operating costs have impacted our budget and our ability to resolve problems in a timely manner. We have asked Bali to keep the Board and our residents informed of the rising costs of services, and we encourage you to actively participate and review the budget. Your comments and input, as always, are welcomed and appreciated.

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

#### 2021-2022 HOA 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)**

Hello neighbors, CPATF hopes that everyone had a safe and healthy holiday. Since our last Newsletter, we have been busy meeting with the LBPD (North Division) and Councilman Al Austin's office and reaching out to other Community/Neighborhood Watch organizations in the area. Our goal is to exchange ideas with other stakeholders in our area on crime prevention and to share possible solutions to decrease crime in our neighborhood. Our committee has been busy researching community resources and funding to respond to the removal of homelessness encampments in our area and provide outreach and assistance to the non-housed.

Emergency Preparedness continues to be a priority and emergency equipment was purchased and distributed to all CPATF committee members. Our committee has been trained in emergency gate operations in the event of a power outage. We would like to identify anyone in the community who has special skills to assist us such as (doctor, firefighter, paramedic, nurse CPR training, etc.) in the event of a natural disaster. If you would like to add your name to our volunteer list, please contact CPATF at the email below. If you, a family member, or a neighbor require special assistance during an emergency situation, please provide your name and address via email.

CPATF meetings will resume the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm (temporarily via ZOOM). You can contact the Crown Pointe Awareness Task Force at [CPATF2019@gmail.com](mailto:CPATF2019@gmail.com) with any questions or for a link to any meetings coming up. We also share information on the Crown Pointe website.—CPATF: Audria Quillian, William Perry, Justin Potier, and Marcy McCullough

#### Questions and Comments

For Crown Pointe community questions and comments please call or email our property management group,

**Bali Management Group, Debbie Schneider**  
debbie.schneider@balimgmt.com | 310-294-5390 x108

#### Vendor/Contract Referrals

Need a referral for services from your neighbor or have a recommendation to share? Email our CP neighbor, [carinaslepian@gmail.com](mailto:carinaslepian@gmail.com), for a list of referrals for internal and external home services. *These are recommendations from neighbors and not associated with BMG/Board.*

## Landscape/Architectural Committee (LAC)


We as the Landscape and Architectural Committee look forward to welcoming 2022 with all of our Crown Pointe residents. We thank you for your efforts in 2021 in making your requested home improvements and for continuing to keep our community a beautiful, desirable and fun place to live. Currently the rainstorms are aiding us in adding much needed moisture to our lush lawns and landscape areas. During 2021 we were able to, with the support of our fellow homeowners and landscape vendor, bring new life to common areas throughout the complex. New plants have been introduced to Crown Pointe adding a more contemporary touch and enhancing curb appeal. Emergency irrigation issues have been addressed along with the ongoing treatment of diseased trees, plants and bushes; thanks for your understanding and patience as we continue to work on these challenges.

Please feel free to contact us with any Landscape issues, problems or question you might have. We appreciate receiving your Architectural Request forms with your two neighbor signatures. These signatures bring awareness to our neighbors of projects, noise, trucks, visitors, dust and dirt that might ensue during a construction job near your property. We hope to meet more of our neighbors during our monthly Landscape walk each month with Victor Juarez from BrightView or during our HOA monthly walk with Debbie Schneider from Bali Management. Cheers!! - LAC: Teri Staniford, Linda Perry, and Justin Potier

## Social Committee (SC)

Welcome to 2022 - Happy New Year!! Thank you for your participation in making our community events GREAT! The CP Social Committee was busy the last quarter of 2021 and had a wonderful time planning and hosting several projects and events for our community. We hope you are ready for an exciting 2022! Stay tuned and look out for upcoming events!!

The Social Committee WELCOMES one of CP's newest residents...Remy!




Congratulations Chris & Jackie!

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Crown Pointe Book Drive and Exchange**

Date: Saturday, October 16th  
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Grassy Knolls on Edith

Please join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Crown Pointe Book Drive and Exchange! Stop by to drop off your book donations\* or exchange one for a new read. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and say hello. AND you will be entered into the CP raffle. See you there!

\*All book donations will be donated to the local library.



**Happy Halloween**  
Trick or Treat!!

Help make CP the best stop on the block. Donate a bag or a barrel of candy and our Halloween Helpers will pass it out to All the Ghosts and Goblins out for a Treat.

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm  
Edith Gate Entrance

Please Drop Candy donations off at 652 Amity Place



2021 Annual CP Cookie Exchange




## Homeowner's Corner

"There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in."  
~ Desmond Tutu

**My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.**

~ Desmond Tutu



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"Differences are not Intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another."  
~Desmond Tutu

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Visit: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/> for L.A. County

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**#WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**