

NEWS VIEWS

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COUNTRY VIEW HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Neighbors

In 2015 ten new families became homeowners in the Country View community, possibly a new record for home sales. There are new faces on the blocks and Country View remains a friendly and welcoming neighborhood. "Veteran" residents, please make an effort to meet your new neighbors and introduce yourselves. New residents, take note that you have several other ways to connect with potential new friends and families: Attend one of the homeowner association board meetings which are held every other month; or come to the annual homeowner's meeting held every January at the Crow Canyon Country Club. These are perfect venues to learn about current issues pertinent to the neighborhood and to ask questions or voice any concerns. You can also contact one of the board members directly – contact information and the board meeting schedule are posted on the CV HOA website.

For a fun time, every summer Country View neighbors come together for our annual "Rock the Block" party held at the basketball courts. This is a great time to hang out with all of the neighbors you know and get to meet some new neighbors too. It's a potluck style event and every year our crowd gets larger. Be on the lookout for the Block Party invitation in early summer. We hope to see you there! And tennis players will find a small, but dedicated, group of aficionados at the courts both on weekdays and weekends. Contact the Association Manager, Patti Hoster, for a key to the court gates. Don't be strangers!

Common Area Maintenance

Scheduled maintenance will be underway this winter and spring in the common areas. Two pine trees in the open space on Barbados Drive at the foot of Samoa Court have already been removed. The trees were dead or dying and one was leaning precariously toward the street. Our tree trimmers will be working in other parts of the neighborhood including Tahiti Drive so drive slowly and keep an eye out.

It is also time once again for v-ditch cleaning and repairs. The drainage ditches will be cleared of silt and debris and the concrete will be repaired or replaced as necessary. Homeowners who have v-ditches on their property should ensure they are cleared of debris so runoff water can flow freely. After our long dry spell it's easy to forget that a winter storm can still dump a lot of water!

Pool Owners

Take note that too much chlorine in pool water can damage trees, the extent of damage depending on the concentration, duration of exposure, and season. Actively growing trees are more at risk than those that are dormant. Signs of chlorine poisoning in trees begin with burned or scorched looking leaves (or fronds and needles in the case of redwoods or pines). If the exposure continues branches start to look withered, brittle, and sickly and the entire tree can die if the tree is not treated by irrigating it with plenty of chlorine-free water. Salt water pools will cause similar



Spring is Here

NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2016

7:00 p.m.

San Ramon

Community Center

damage. Please make sure backyard pools are not over chlorinated or so over-filled that runoff occurs. Also be extra careful when draining pools or spas. Don't add chemicals to the water for several days before draining and then direct the water to a proper drainage system – not onto landscaping or the common areas.

Wildlife

The wild turkeys are back for the February-May mating season, scratching and gobbling and spreading their “cheer” wherever they go. Although we may enjoy them from a distance, homeowners definitely don't want turkeys roosting in their trees or on their decks and roofs! So if you are the beneficiary of a turkey invasion you want to encourage them pronto to move elsewhere. Turkeys are generally timid and easily scared by loud noises and sudden movement, so try yelling at them while waving your arms and stamping your feet. Blowing a whistle or popping open an umbrella may also be effective, as are barking dogs. (But keep your dog leashed since male turkeys can get aggressive). If that fails, try spraying them with water or lobbing tennis balls at them. But act promptly. Turkey experts agree that the birds quickly become habituated to people and then are much more difficult to chase off. Don't allow children near wild turkeys and keep a broom or other non-injurious tool at hand if a turkey decides to get too aggressive during removal operations.

2016 Board Meetings

April 5, 2016 – San Ramon Community Center
June 7, 2016 – Country View Tennis Courts
August 2, 2016 – Country View Tennis Courts
October 4, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – Country View Tennis Courts
December 6, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – San Ramon Community Center