

NEWS VIEWS

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COUNTRY VIEW HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Changes to the Board Thanks to all who attended our Annual Homeowners' Meeting and Board Member Election in January. There have been some changes to the board as a result of the election. Dan Schilling and Kathy Steigauf were re-elected as president and vice-president. Patricia Molina decided not to run for a second term and her slot was taken by Gladys Ford, who won on a write-in campaign. Congratulations to Dan, Kathy, and Gladys and thanks to Patricia for her service in a mostly thankless job. Also, Christy Roland resigned from the board mid-term due to family and work commitments and her slot is now open. The board has authority to appoint an interim member so volunteers are welcome to step up!

Dog Owners Beware The bones of dead squirrels and gophers frequently appear beneath the pine tree closest to the basketball standard by the tennis courts. These, presumably, are the remains of victims of hawks or owls that live in the vicinity. Be alert if your pooch takes a sudden, avid interest in something on the ground and don't let him scoop anything up in his mouth. Small dog owners should also make sure their animals are safe from birds of prey whenever they are outside.

Take Care at the Crow Canyon Intersections Lately it seems like drivers entering the intersection from El Capitan have lost their ability to read and understand street signs. El Capitan has one dedicated left turn lane to move drivers onto Crow Canyon, and one dedicated "straight only" lane to move drivers onto Tahiti. These lanes are clearly marked by arrows painted on the street and directional signage hanging on the street light. Yet drivers in the left turn lane on El Capitan frequently drive straight through the intersection onto Tahiti, and frequently make left turns from the "straight only" lane. Carefully watch drivers approaching from El Capitan and make sure you know what they intend to do. And use your signals to let them know what you intend to do.

Red light runners continue to be a hazard at both the Tahiti and Barbados intersections. These aren't just "orange" light runners either. Drivers have been observed running red lights at full speed five or six seconds after the lights have changed. DO NOT enter either intersection until you have determined that drivers in both directions on Crow Canyon intend to stop and are visibly slowing. This is especially important if you are on foot. Keep dogs and children by your side whenever you are in the crosswalks – do not let them get ahead or behind you – and don't trust any driver who has not come to a stop. Also, look past stopped vehicles into the bike lanes because cyclists also run red lights and can cause pedestrians serious injury.



NEXT MEETING

April 4, 2017

7:00 p.m.

San Ramon

Community Center

Rain, Beautiful Rain We have been blessed with an abundance of rain this season that has greened up our gardens and hills and provided a spectacular spring. So why rain on this parade? Because rain can bring disease-spreading mosquitoes. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in water- and they don't need much. Even a plastic bottle cap can hold enough water to support mosquito breeding! Inspect your yard frequently for potential breeding habitats and make these easy efforts to disrupt the mosquito life cycle:

Find and remove or fill with dirt any puddles or standing water around your house. Overturn buckets, cans, planting trays or any container that can hold water. Wipe out your bird-bath every few days – the eggs can get stuck to the bottom and survive dry spells. Change and clean pet's outside water bowls daily. Maintain swimming pools and fountains to prevent mosquito breeding and consider adding mosquito fish to water gardens or small ponds. If you have rainwater barrels or other rain collection systems follow manufacturer instructions to keep them free of mosquito eggs and larvae.

Weeds Too Yes, weeds are another byproduct of rain and Country View has its share right now. It's easiest to prevent weeds from coming up by using a pre-emergent spray. But they are up now and need to be pulled up, cut down, or sprayed. They will get much bigger and more entrenched as the days grow longer and warmer. They will also go to seed and spread even more around your property and onto your neighbor's. Keep the neighborhood looking good by getting rid of any weeds in your front and side yards. Then enjoy the April showers and May flowers!

Late Winter Slump Several homeowners have noticed the earthen slump in the open space at the end of Barbados. You can see it if you look out on the hill from the left side of the cul d' sac. An even more dramatic view is afforded from the Cobblestone complex at the bottom of the hill. The earth appears to have dropped four to five feet. No trees, homes, or drainage structures are in danger of damage at this time and Dan Schilling is monitoring the situation. Can we blame the rain for this too?

ENJOY YOUR SPRING!

2017 Board Meetings

April 4, 2017 – San Ramon Community Center
June 6, 2017 – Country View Tennis Courts
August 1, 2017 – Country View Tennis Courts
October 3, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Country View Tennis Courts
December 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – San Ramon Community Center