

# NEWS VIEWS

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## COUNTRY VIEW HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

**Newsletter gone missing!** Several people noted that the newsletter was missing from the September mailing. Apologies all around! That was the result of brain fade and too much late summer vacation fun. The newsletter, as you can see, is back and deadlines are now noted on Outlook and a paper calendar. Belt and suspenders baby!

**Pest removal project** Summer 2016 saw the successful completion of Country View's ground squirrel control project. Several home owners had reported an infestation of the critters, which were chewing lawns, plants, and shrubs; tunneling under foundations; burrowing through gardens; and spreading fleas. The HOA hired Landscape Pest Control Services to handle the removal work. The contractor installed approximately 25 specially designed bait stations near the squirrels' burrow openings in the open space at the end of Barbados Drive and the open space at the corner of Alcosta Blvd. The stations dispense a rodenticide to the squirrels while preventing access by children, pets, and wildlife to ensure maximum safety to non-target species. The contractor expected at least a 90 percent extermination rate and the results appear to confirm this. Effected homeowners reported success and relief to be rid of the plague.

**Country View has lately experienced a rash of vehicle and home burglaries.** The following tips for vehicle and home security were shared by Crime Prevention Specialist Darlene Kittredge from the San Ramon Police Department. With the holiday season in full swing, property crimes tend to rise. This is true for vehicle and home burglaries. For vehicle prevention: do not leave anything in public view. These are crimes of opportunity. Take the opportunity away from the criminals and do not leave anything inside your vehicle. It takes less than 10 seconds to break a window and take your belongings. Make sure you lock and set your alarm on your vehicle whenever you leave it. In public parking lots, be sure to park in well-lit areas and be aware of your surroundings.

The best way to prevent a residential burglary is to always make your home look occupied. Make sure all lights are on timers (inside and out), so they go on even if you are away. If you are leaving for just a short while, leave your lights, TV or radio on. Remember to lock all doors and windows before leaving. If you have an alarm, use it and ensure it is monitored. This is imperative if your alarm goes off while you are away from home. The alarm company will call the police in your absence. Remove flyers and packages as soon as they are delivered. Multiple items left on the porch are a sure sign that you are away. If you are expecting a package, ask a trusted neighbor to be on the lookout and retrieve it for you.

Remember it gets darker earlier now – turn on those porch lights. Bad guys like to do their business in the dark because it is harder to be seen. The brighter the better. Make sure your neighbors turn those lights on as well. The best prevention is practiced daily, not just during the holidays. If you see something suspicious, please call it in immediately. The phone number directly to dispatch is 925-973-2779.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

January 24, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Crow Canyon  
Country Club

**CVHOA Car Registration Program** The Board is trying to resolve the issue of cars parked on our streets that do not belong to homeowner's. We have residents of Crow Canyon Country Club and surrounding neighbors parking on our streets and due to the increased home burglaries we need to take action. A simple way to identify cars and trucks that belong to homeowners is to place a numbered sticker on the windshield in the lower left corner. We will be asking each homeowner to register the make, model and color of each of their cars along with a license number to receive a sticker. Temporary stickers will also be issued for contractors and overnight guests. The police will be notified of suspicious vehicles parked on the street that are not identified with a sticker.

Stickers are being printed and will be available at our Homeowners meeting in January. You may also contact [kathysteigauf@aol.com](mailto:kathysteigauf@aol.com) in January to register your vehicles.

**Dog walkers** please note that City of San Ramon ordinance requires that all dogs be leashed and under their person's control whenever they are out in public. Even if your dog is very well trained it should be leashed. Some people are frightened of dogs and are uncomfortable around a dog that is not restrained. And some dogs that are restrained feel threatened by a dog that is not and become defensive and aggressive. Your dog will be happy going for a walk and will not care if he or she is leashed so be considerate of others. Also, the "dog do" left on sidewalks situation has improved somewhat, but is not 100%. Nobody wants to step in that mess so clean it up. There is no excuse for such unsanitary behavior.

**Our Country View Board Member Election and Annual Homeowners' Meeting** is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Appetizers and desert will be served! Come and visit your neighbors. You will also be receiving your ballot soon. Please make sure you include your address and sign the EXTERIOR of the ballot envelope after completing your ballot. This is vital to ensure that only one ballot is received per household. This past January five ballots had to be disqualified because the envelope was not signed. A sixth ballot was disqualified because a homeowner voted for more candidates than was allowed. Every vote counts so make sure your ballot is completed correctly and signed on the outside!

***BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2017!***

2017 Board Meetings

January 24, 2017 – Annual Meeting – Crow Canyon Country Club

February 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – San Ramon Community Center

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