

THE CROSSWOODS REPORTER

A Newsletter for the Crosswoods Homeowners Association



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President's Column

By Kelly Morris

It is my great pleasure to introduce your newest members of the Crosswoods Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Bill Swars and Paul Ogden. Both Bill and Paul are long-time residents of Crosswoods and each have a long history of service to our community. Bill and his wife Chris have previously served as members of not only the board, but also various committees including Finance and Insurance (F&I), RV Lot, Pool, and our newly formed Contract Review Committee. Paul and his wife Dodie are also long-time residents and have been very active supporters of the community. Paul has previously served as a board member, including several years as Treasurer as well as serving as a member of the Finance and Insurance (F&I) Committee. Bill will serve as Member at Large and Paul will be your new Treasurer. Please join with me in welcoming Bill and Paul aboard as we continue to move forward.

Now that I've introduced and welcomed our newest board members, I would also like to announce that we still have a vacancy on the board that needs filling. The vacancy was created in January due to a resignation and has a term that will expire in November 2021. Unlike vacancies that are filled annually at the general election, a board nomination process fills mid-term vacancies. The first step in that process is for interested eligible members of our community to submit their names

for consideration to the board. The board will then review, discuss and vote for the submissions during an open board meeting. In addition to the board vacancy, we also have vacancies on the following committees that need filling:

- Landscape Control
- Architectural Control
- Finance & Insurance
- Contract Review
- Pool
- RV Lot

We hope there is widespread interest within the community to serve. Now is your time to be a part of the solution to issues currently facing our community. If you are interested in being considered for any of the current vacancies and helping to positively work towards common goals and solutions, please submit your name to Garret for consideration at the February 26th board meeting.

While we're on the subject, I would like to share some of my personal thoughts and experiences of what service means to me and how some of my ideas and opinions have changed over time. Years ago before my wife & I moved to Crosswoods, I decided would run for an HOA board. Honestly, at that time I was fed up, mad, and I had a personal agenda. I was mad because I thought that the roots from a tree planted in the common area had damaged my patio inside my fenced yard. When I asked the board to take responsibility, or at least to share in the repair cost, they refused. I was determined that if I

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Monthly Meeting Calendar:

Board of Directors

Fourth Wednesday at 6 pm

Architectural Control Committee

First Tuesday at 6 pm
Mary Fenner, Chairperson

Finance & Insurance Committee

Third Wednesday at 4 pm
Naomi Hauge, Chairperson

Landscape Committee

Second Tuesday at 10:30 am
Bob Acrea, Chairperson

Pool Committee

Third Monday at 4 pm during Pool Season
Pam Ashby, Chairperson

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Quarterly, First Monday at 6 pm
Cynthia Biedermann, Chairperson

RV Lot Committee

Meets as Needed
Vacant, Chairperson

Contract Review Committee

Meets as Needed
Christine Swars, Chairperson

President's Column

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was elected to the board, something like this would not happen again. I was also fed up with rising costs.

When I actually did get elected, I quickly discovered that I had only one vote to cast on important decisions. It didn't make any difference how passionate I felt about a subject. All I had the power to do was represent my fellow homeowners and advocate for my position. I learned that often I had to listen more and talk less and I had to try to negotiate and build trust with fellow board members who, I'm sure, thought I was a loose cannon. Over time I learned that sometimes I needed to support ideas I didn't totally agree with in order to gain support for others I felt very strongly about. I think what happened was that I realized that I needed to prioritize and reconcile my thoughts with those of my fellow board members and, ultimately, the community at large. At some point I came to understand that personal agendas were not a good idea, that my ego didn't matter, and, in fact, interfered with who I wanted to be as a board member. I learned that politics had no value in my service to the community. In fact, it often prevented me from serving those who placed their trust in me.

All of that was a long time ago. I would like to think, however, that I still remember those lessons learned over time and that I rely on them to continue to do the best I can in service to my community. Being a board member is hard work for me. I strive to set aside my personal opinions to think bigger than myself.

Volunteer Opportunities

By Garret Satfield

As noted in Kelly Morris' President's Column, there are several opportunities for homeowners to serve the Crosswoods community.

The board desires for each of the community's committees and Board of Directors to be fully functional and operational. This desire is due to many different aspects, but, most importantly, full committees are better able to assist a full board in the management of the community. This helps ensure that community

needs are regularly met and community goals are regularly accomplished.

As Mr. Morris noted, if you are interested in serving on any of the community's committees or the board, please contact the office as soon as possible. The board wants to review potential candidates for appointment as frequently as needed. Right now, the board needs your help, and this is a great opportunity for each homeowner to give back to the community.

Thank you for your consideration of assisting the community however needed.

Opportunities for Activities and Socialization

By Garret Satfield

Recently, a Crosswoods resident contacted the office with a fantastic idea.

Some residents are interested in setting up some sort of activity group for the community. This group could regularly meet in the community meeting room, with various activities to include playing games. Suggested games and activities include card games (including bridge), dominoes, and

checkers. Additionally, other residents have expressed an interest in forming a knitting, sewing, and/or crochet group.

Groups like these are great for socializing with your neighbors and fellow Crosswoods residents. A previous community I worked with held similar activities, and it was always fun to see the residents enjoying each other's company.

If you are interested in joining such a group, please contact the office. If there is enough interest amongst the members of the community, Management can help with the coordination and scheduling of these activity days and meetings.

Regular Garbage and Recycling Pickup

By Garret Satfield

Recently, Management has noticed an increase in the number of garbage and recycling cans that are in view of the common area outside of the approved timeframes.

Please remember that Article 28 of the Rules and Regulations of the association states that, "Trash and recycling containers must be kept

closed and stored completely out of view from the Common Area or any other residence. Containers may be placed at the curb no earlier than the evening before pick up and returned to the residence no more than 12 hours after pick up."

With trash being picked up each Friday, it is expected that the cans are not out for collection until Thursday evening hours. Additionally, cans should be returned back to the home by Saturday early morning.

Neighborhood Watch Update

By Cynthia Biedermann,
Neighborhood Watch Chairperson
(crosswoodsnw@gmail.com)

“Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.” (Citrus Heights Police Department, 2020)

Many thanks to all of the Crosswoods residents who report suspicious activity when they see it! By doing so, you help maintain the safety of our community. During the month of January, the closest reported crime was a stolen vehicle off of Van Maren Lane at Oak Lakes Lane, approximately one-half

mile from Crosswoods.

**Reminder: Citrus Heights Police
Department Non-Emergency
Phone Number: 916.727.5500**

The Crosswoods Neighborhood Watch Committee meets quarterly on the first Monday of the month. The meetings are held in the Crosswoods meeting room adjacent to the association office from 6 to 7 pm. Our remaining meeting dates for 2020 will be held on April 6th, July 6th, and October 5th.

If you are interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch, please email me at crosswoodsnw@gmail.com or plan to attend the April 6th quarterly meeting. We would love to see you there!



Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Monday, April 6th at 6 pm
Crosswoods Meeting Room

Committee & Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Architectural Control Committee: Tuesday, February 4th at 6 pm

Landscape Control Committee: Tuesday, February 11th at 10:30 am

Finance & Insurance Committee: Wednesday, February 19th at 4 pm

Board of Directors: Wednesday, February 26th at 6 pm

Architectural Control Committee: Tuesday, March 3rd at 6 pm

Landscape Control Committee: Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30 am

Finance & Insurance Committee: Wednesday, March 18th at 4 pm

Board of Directors: Wednesday, March 25th at 6 pm

Neighborhood Watch Committee: Monday, April 6th at 6 pm

Architectural Control Committee: Tuesday, April 7th at 6 pm

Landscape Control Committee: Tuesday, April 14th at 10:30 am

All regularly-scheduled meetings are held at the Crosswoods Meeting Room directly west of 7000 Rancho Mirage Court, unless otherwise noted. All meeting dates and times are subject to change. However, if a meeting is rescheduled, proper notice of such meeting date and time will be given in accordance with the California Civil Code and the association governing documents. Homeowners may wish to verify the date and time of each meeting by either confirming with the office or regularly viewing the community bulletin board for any posted agendas for meetings.

Upcoming Office Closures

In observance of Presidents' Day, the office will be closed on:

⇒ Monday, February 17th

Agenda Items Reviewed and Action Taken by the Board of Directors during the months of December and January

- ⇒ Approved the levying of the regular annual insurance assessment to the membership
- ⇒ Appointed officers of the board
- ⇒ Reviewed various architectural applications and landscape concerns
- ⇒ Reviewed proposals for tree maintenance
- ⇒ Reviewed and approved various concrete removal and replacements in the community
- ⇒ Finalized the organization of the Contract Review Committee, including the approval of a charter
- ⇒ Scheduled meetings with homeowners for review of funding proposals
- ⇒ Discussed possible maintenance projects for 2020
- ⇒ Discussed two proposed settlements for the community
- ⇒ Discussed staffing of board and various committees