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Community News

Congratulations, James Matthews! Crownwood August 2023 Yard of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS to James Matthews of 7710 Moonlit Ridge Drive for winning the August CHRNA Yard of the Month Award!



When you see this beautiful yard, you will agree that James has invested time and labor to create and maintain a beautiful oasis using a combination of drought tolerant shrubs, trees, and colorful flowers. His use of a xeriscape and St. Augustine grass that is manicured to perfection provides him with a water saving yard he enjoys.

The Yard of the Month contest is open to all Crownwood Residents. The deadline to enter the September contest is midnight on August 30th. To enter, email your name, address, and phone number to CrownwoodHOA@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Madge Blurton & Mike Ybarra! Crownwood July 2023 Yard of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS to Madge Blurton and Mike Ybarra of 8758 Ridge Mile for winning the July CHRNA Yard of the Month Award!



Madge and Mike have been working very hard to make it a show happy show place that could be featured in a magazine!

After competing and tweaking their landscape while fighting extreme temperatures and drought conditions for over a year, this sweet couple final won the bragging rights of CHRNA Yard of the Month!

Thank you for helping to make Crownwood a beautiful place to call home!

Heirloom Recipe Corner

Crisscross Peanut Butter Cookies

PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 375° F

1 C. Salted Butter
1 C. Crunchy Peanut Butter
1 C. Sugar
1 C. Light Brown Sugar
2 Eggs

BAKE 10 TO 12 MINUTES

2 ½ C. Flour
1 tea. Baking Powder
1 ½ tea. Baking Soda
½ tea. Salt

Mix butter, peanut butter, sugars, & eggs thoroughly. In a separate bowl, blend all dry ingredients. Stir dry mixture into butter mixture.

Roll dough in 1 ¼ inch balls. Place 3 inches apart on parchment lined cookie sheets. Use a fork dipped in sugar to flatten the cookie making a crisscross pattern.

YEILDS: 5 DOZEN

Recipe Origin

These buttery good treats never last long at parties, picnics, or on the kitchen counter at home.

Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Send it email to CrownwoodHOA@gmail.com attention: **E-News for Members.**



**FUN FACT
TIME
MACHINE**

Ever Wonder What Was Going on During August 1923?

August 2, 1923

President Warren G. Harding suddenly falls ill while on a trip to Alaska on July 28, 1923. He was rushed to a hospital in San Francisco, where he died on August 2nd.

August 3, 1923 at 2:30 AM...

While visiting in Vermont, Calvin Coolidge received word that he was the next U. S. President. By the light of a kerosene lamp, his father, who was a notary public, administered the oath of office as Coolidge place his hand on the family Bible.



President Calvin Coolidge
30th President of the United States

You Are Cordially Invited to
Join Us at The Next

**CHRNA'S
SENIOR LADIES
COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Thursday, August 17, 202
Hosted By Karen Brown
7623 Ridge Elm Drive
R.S.V.P. 210 380-3738

Valid Facts Every CHRNA Member Needs to Know

CHRNA IS NOT an average Homeowners Association and Crownwoodies like it that way!

FACT #1: Membership in CHRNA is voluntary, inclusive, and a positive decision for anyone living in Crownwood.

If someone has negative feelings that keep them from joining, it is usually rooted from experience or knowledge of negative actions of Mandatory HOAs. The primary focus of these types of organizations is their “bottom line.” Prompt on time payment of dues and the collection of fines because of an infraction against their covenants is so important that they use a large portion of the money collect to fund retainers for an attorney who mostly writes letters to residents to enforce payment of dues and fines. If you ask a resident living in one of these type of neighborhoods about the structure of their association, a majority will not know. Many have no idea how the funds supplied by them through the form of dues is spent. Most of those you ask have no idea who the President of their association is or if there is even a Board. **Congratulate those neighbors who say they moved into Crownwood because there was not a mandatory HOA, because they made the right decision.**

FACT #2: CHRNA IS RIGHT FOR CROWNWOOD! CHRNA MEMBERS...

- A) ...are informed about Bexar County events and projects that will enhance or detract from the living environment of the community at meetings held every other month.
- B) ...are provided information in writing provided through Crownwood E-News sent each month via email.
- C) ...who have been active for a minimum of six months are direct beneficiaries of the CHRNA Benevolent Fund designed to provide financial assistance in the case of a catastrophic loss.
- D) ...who attend a minimum of two meetings are eligible to run for an office on the CHRNA Board. The term for each elected members is one year with no term limits.
- E) ...participate annually in an in-person secret ballot election for the CHRNA Board that will serve the following year.



FACT #3: Is based on CHRNA's current membership numbers.



Less than 10% of Crownwood Residents are actively making decisions that affect 100% of Crownwood.

Ask your neighbor, ***if they are comfortable with that?*** Remind them that the CHRNA Board is recognized as representatives for ALL OF Crownwood, member or not.

It is never too late to jump onboard with CHRNA! The most important decision a Crownwoodie can make is to become an active member.

Member Information Forms are available at CrownwoodSubdivision.com or from any Block Ambassador or Beverly Lee. Just drop us an email at CrownwoodHOA@gmail.com.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF

CRIME[®]

None of us like to be victims of crime. Let's all decide to be a part of the solution to make it harder for the criminal element to operate in Crownwood!

#9PM

ROUTINE

At 9pm Each Evening, do a Security Check & Verify



LOCK IT

ensure your car doors, residence doors, and windows are locked



TURN ON

keep exterior residence lights on or use motion detecting lights



HIDE IT

remove valuables from your vehicle



CLOSE IT

make certain your garage door(s) are closed

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Residents who witness any suspicious activity should contact

Bexar County Sheriff's Office
(210) 335-6000

Or for emergencies
9-1-1

CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME



Three (3) factors must be present for a crime to occur: Desire, Ability & Opportunity. The following is a basic list of daily practices that will help prevent crime.

- Know your neighbors: exchange contact information.
- Know where your children are and who they are playing with.
- Use a door viewer before opening your door.
- Always demand identification from strangers (even repair or sales persons).
- Keep your vehicles locked at all times.
- Lock up your home before leaving - don't hide your house keys outdoors
- Have keys ready and in your hand for immediate use when you return home.
- Install & use interior and exterior lighting.
- Shred credit card offers, bank statements, and other documents that contain your information before you throw them away.
- Hide or destroy boxes from expensive purchases.
- Do not answer personal questions about your home such as type of alarm, daytime occupancy, etc.
- Do not let strangers inside your home (to use the bathroom, phone, etc.).
- Do not give out your personal information or credit card number over the phone unless you initiated the call.





The CHRNA Committee Chairs Are Looking for Volunteers

There are several ways a Crownwoodie can volunteer:

- ◆ Share ideas with a team and help set-up for an event.
- ◆ Create posters to advertise the events.
- ◆ Ask for vendors you do business with to donate product or services that can be used as prize incentives for event attendees
- ◆ Make a financial donation to help support expenses connected with the events.

If you are interested in helping, contact one of the following CHRNA Committee Chairs:

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 21nd from 3PM – 6PM – **Chair Stella McCoy**

Silent Auction – Thursday, November 16th from 6PM – 8PM – **Chair Damian Arocho**

ALL CHAIRS CAN BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL AT CrownwoodHOA@gmail.com



Effective August 1, 2023; CHRNA will no longer use the **Crownwood Resident Facebook Group** as a means of communicating official CHRNA events. The Board decision to move away from a social media site was made for several reasons with the most important one being the safety of our residents. As administrators of the Facebook group, CHRNA Board members were spending countless hours trying to keep the groups pure and safe from the criminal element of scam artists who were disguising themselves as residents just trying to do a “little side business” and offering special discounts. It was becoming an administrative nightmare. Thus, our solution was to design and move to a public website. We hope that you will take a few minutes to explore it and enjoy its contents at:

CrownwoodSubdivision.com

Crownwood, this is your website. If you have information or a business you would like to list, contact our webmaster at CrownwoodHOA@gmail.com