

The Crownwood Garden



Imagine you and your family members are blooming plants in a garden named Crownwood. The garden is diverse with needs that vary from plant to plant. Some require more tending than others. The Crownwood Gardener expertly invest time and labor to meet the goal of improving the garden conditions so that every plant in the garden will produce at its optimum.

In the Utopian world, every plant responds to the care and nurturing of the Gardener. The garden offers its visitors a delightful picture, full of rich colors and sweet perfumes. Conversely, in the real world, each plant has its own time table and its optimal level of production is not always aligned with other plants in the garden. The Gardener knows this and with each new day that dawns, new opportunities await the proper attention.



The garden scenario corresponds with the relationship between homeowners and residents of Crownwood with the members of the CHRNA Board. During the summer of 2019, CHRNA members were actively seeking new leadership for the organization and many elected to serve on the 2022 CHRNA Board were nominated and elected to serve beginning January 2020. When the newly elected Board took over their office, they found the state of the association in poor condition. Active membership was at an all time low and interest in attending meetings was mediocre at best. Many past members had not renewed for unknown reasons and some members listed on the roles had been given a free year of membership by the previous administration in an effort to spark interest. Comparing it to the Garden scenario, about 3% of the garden was green and the other 97% was wilted, brown, and spent. CHRNA was on the verge of collapse and in dire need to be revived a task that only leaders with a tenacity to succeed could achieve. Approximately 75% of the 2020 CHRNA Board were re-elected in 2021 and 2022. Over the past two and half years, CHRNA's membership has grown in leaps, regular fundraising projects have successfully provided needed finances, and the physical needs of Crownwood were well known by County leaders like Commissioner Tommy Calvert. The CHRNA Board knows it takes working with the people who have the power and authority to make a difference for Crownwood. Commissioner Calvert spent time with CHRNA, visited our community, viewed the conditions of the neighborhood and acted with solutions by pushing for the funding to replace our decades old roads, protect residents and their property by installing speed humps on Serene Ridge and rumble strips on Crestway to slow traffic as they approach the lower Serene Ridge entrance. In addition, by working hand-in-hand with Commissioner Calvert, the CHRNA Board assisted Bexar County Environmental Services with community-wide communication regarding the new solid waste mandate that became effective for all Bexar County Residents in September 2021. The Commissioner's most recent action

for Crownwood was to seek approval with Bexar County Commissioners Court to decreased Crownwood's speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 MPH.

CHRNA IS NOT an average Homeowners Association and Crownwoodies like it that way! Membership in CHRNA is voluntary, inclusive, and a positive decision for anyone living in Crownwood. If you have negative feelings that keep you from joining, you can thank the negative actions of Mandatory HOAs who are responsible for causing a bitter attitude about membership. Mandatory HOAs do not care about the people they serve. Prompt on time payment of dues is their main focus and issuing citations coupled with fines to residents for HOA infractions is the organizations main source of fundraising throughout the year. A majority of the dues paid by residents in mandatory organizations are used to retain attorneys 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. **So, for those of you who decided to move into Crownwood because there was not a mandatory HOA, you made the right decision.**

CHRNA IS RIGHT FOR CROWNWOOD...CHRNA members are informed about



Bexar County events and projects that will enhance or detract from the living environment of the community at meeting held every two months and in writing provided through Crownwood E-News sent each month via email. Members 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. CHRNA members 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. Each November, members participate annually in an in-person secret ballot election for the CHRNA Board that will serve the following year.

FACT: Based on CHRNA's current membership numbers, approximately 10% of Crownwood Residents are actively making decisions that affect 100% of Crownwood. ***Are you comfortable with that?*** Remember, the CHRNA Board is recognized as representatives for ALL OF Crownwood, member or not.



It is not too late to join and become an active member who is well informed, understands what the future holds for Crownwood, and the plans CHRNA has to assist in keeping the community a safe happy place to call home. When you are ready, email, Beverly Lee at CrownwoodHOA.@gmail.com and request a new member information form. All information provided by members is held in strict confidence.

