



May 2026 Newsletter of the Crockett Community Services District

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Our District

The Crockett Community Services District (CCSD) provides services for the unincorporated communities of Crockett and Port Costa, including sanitary sewer services, recreation, and some maintenance. Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Recreation Commission (REC):** Meets every first Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- **Lighting and Landscaping (L&L):** Meets every third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- **Crockett Valona Sanitary Commission (CVSAN):** Meets every third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- **Port Costa Sanitary Commission (PCSAN):** Meets every first Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Port Costa School House.
- **Board of Directors(CCSD):** Meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Crockett Community Center.

Our District Board

The 2026 Board of Directors of the Crockett Community Services District are:

Dale McDonald, President

John Mackenzie,

Luigi Barassi

Nicholas Spinner, Vice-President

Gaunt Murdock

Your governing officials receive no compensation for their service. Our District Board holds its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Crockett Community Center at 7 PM. The public is invited to all meetings.

Please visit our website at www.town.crockett.ca.us for a calendar of meeting dates and more information about our District.

Board Elections

Currently, two Board members are seated through the next election cycle. For those interested in running for a seat, the Contra Costa Elections Division will be the point of contact. The filing period is July 13 to August 7, 2026, and paperwork will be available at the Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department in Martinez. Candidate requirements and more information can be found at <https://www.contracostavote.gov/elections/>

District Office

You won't always find the office open, since we have few employees and are often out working in the field. It may help you to call ahead for appointments at the numbers listed above. **Regular Office Hours** are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Our Website

Visit our website at www.town.crockett.ca.us for the latest information about the District. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are available online.

Reporting Sewer Problems – Call our 24/7 Emergency Line (510) 303-2313

If you see what you believe is a sewage spill, whether from a private home or from a public manhole, call! If you are unsure if it is a sewage spill, err on the side of caution and call! We have staff available 24/7 who will be able to investigate to protect our communities of Crockett and Port Costa from unsanitary discharges. Our staff will respond quickly to all inquiries, complaints, or reports of sewer problems, and will quickly take care of any blockage in the public sewer. When a sewer backup occurs in your home, it may not be obvious whether the problem is in the building sewer or the public sewer. You may save yourself distress and money by calling us first. There is no charge for this service. For all other matters concerning sewer service in Crockett or Port Costa, call our District office at (510) 787-2992.

Sewer Inspection Requirements

The District is in the nineteenth year of its lateral inspection program, *Ordinance 07-1*, requiring property owners to obtain a "Certificate of Compliance" for their sanitary sewer laterals prior to the sale of their property. The program ensures that sanitary sewers are operating properly, are not leaching into the ground, and are not leaking into storm drains that flow to the Bay.

It has been a very successful program, helping to reduce infiltration from patio drains, roof gutters, and from cracks in broken building lateral sewers. Less rainwater and groundwater that enter our sewer system means lower treatment costs.

More information on this program can be found on our website at <https://www.town.crockett.ca.us/sewer-lateral-compliance-ordinance>. You or your realtor may also contact the District office to find out more information on this important requirement.

No Wipes Down The Pipes

While disinfecting your home and business is an important step in protecting your family from bacteria, it is crucial to remember that disposable wipes, even those marked "flushable," should **NEVER** go down the drain. Flushing wipes, or anything other than toilet paper, including paper towels and other paper products, could cause blockages to the CCSD's collection systems and treatment plant. Flushing wipes may also damage home plumbing systems, creating significant costs to property owners.

Anything that contributes to increased sewer spills may also increase the risk of spreading disease. Keep your family and neighbors safe by putting used wipes in the trash and not down the toilet!



We Grapple With Globbs of Grease

Please dispose of grease with garbage, not down your drain. When people pour grease down a sink, it cools, solidifies, and sticks to the inside of the pipe. If that happens within your drain, you'll need a plumber. Things get worse when grease from thousands of sinks builds up inside sewers. Those gross globbs of grease can grow until they completely clog pipes! Our crews work tirelessly to find and destroy them before they cause overflows.

Don't Flush Chemicals, Drugs, or Paint

Do not pour unwanted chemicals such as ammonia or unused paint down the drain. Whatever ends up in your toilet can potentially impact the water environment, so it is important to keep household wastes such as window cleaners, paint thinners, and any products with copper or mercury out of toilets and drains and dispose of them properly. Washing of latex paint brushes etc., is acceptable, but oil-based paint brushes should be cleaned with a cleaning solution and disposed of properly.

Don't flush your drugs! Flushing unwanted medications down a toilet or pouring them down the drain is a bad idea. If you flush your drugs, a portion of those contaminants will reach local waters. Scientific studies show the chemicals in many drugs can harm aquatic life. Proper disposal of unwanted medications helps protect your family, your community, and the environment. Many pharmacies will take unwanted prescriptions.

Toilets Are Not Trash Cans

These and many other items can clog your sewer pipes, causing overflows, damage wastewater treatment plant equipment, and contribute to water pollution.

**Flush only human waste and toilet paper.
Put everything else in a garbage can.**



Electronic and Universal Waste Drop Off

The West County HHW Collection Facility has a Hazardous Waste drop-off center at 101 Pittsburg Avenue in Richmond, which will accept e-Waste and dispose of common household hazardous waste that might otherwise harm the environment. Residential drop-off is available Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed 12:00 pm-12:30 pm). Call 1-888-412-9277 for more information. You can also get helpful information from their website at www.recyclenore.com.

The District cannot accept your old household batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs (which contain mercury), barometers, thermostats, nor neon lighting which are known to contain universal waste such as mercury, lead, and cadmium that are hazardous to human health and the environment. These items cannot be discarded in household trash nor disposed of in landfills, and may be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste facility. Due to changing regulations and reimbursement rates to E-Waste recyclers, it is no longer viable for the District to collect electronic waste such as televisions, VCRs, radios, and other electronic items. However, the Crockett Improvement Association provides one to two E-Waste disposal events per year in conjunction with their Residential Clean Up Events.

Lighting and Landscaping Commission

The Lighting and Landscaping Commission (L&L) was recently developed in response to the successful Parcel Tax campaign by CIA members and voted in by the citizens of Crockett. The L&L Parcel Tax is a \$50 per qualified parcel tax that is collected through the CCSD and used to maintain designated public spaces and service the decorative light poles downtown. The annual tax revenue is \$62,900 and is used to landscape areas that were previously cared for by our dwindling volunteer base. We try to get the dollars to stretch as far as possible and work with the County, Caltrans, and other entities to ensure the spaces in Crockett are maintained and looking good.

Recreation Department Updates

The Crockett Recreation Department has continued with its extended hours of operation. We opened the pool on March 1st for M/W/F sunrise lap swimmers. We are also booking private rentals in 2026. Public swim begins May 23rd on the weekends only and opens daily starting June 6th. The pool will remain open on the weekends through August and September and will close to the public after Columbus Day weekend, October 12th 2026.

We are thankful to the Crockett Virtus Club for donations toward the purchase of Christmas Trees for our December tree lot, and to Phillips 66 for their ongoing support toward our Swim Safety Program and Lifeguard Training.

The Recreation Dept has been a host for Supervisor District V Scales-Preston and is looking forward to developing other programs to benefit the community, including Strength Training, Yoga, Line Dancing, First Aid/CPR/AED training, crochet, and youth events.