

CROCKETT ENGAGED

*Fostering Informed Civic Engagement
By Offering Information of Local Interest*

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The Crockett Community Services District (Crockett CSD) is your local government providing municipal services to Crockett and Port Costa. We are eager to foster informed civic engagement. We answer to you, the voters of Crockett and Port Costa, and we are working to become more visible and better understood through publications such as this. We are also working to upgrade our website with an emphasis on building a growing community of better informed users. We intend to expand our presence on social media platforms as well in an effort to foster conversation with our voters and other people and businesses that we serve.

Crockett CSD has an elected Board of five Directors who oversee the work of three Commissions and other Committees of dedicated volunteers. **The next election to the Board of Directors will occur this November, at which time three seats will be open to civic-minded individuals for four year terms. Elections will be handled by the County Election Dept. Election papers may be obtained from the Election Dept. starting July 16 and must be filed by August 10.** No experience is required, just a serious interest in being involved in civic functions.

The Crockett Sanitary Commission and the Port Costa Sanitary Commission oversee the provision of sewer services in Crockett and Port Costa through the hard work of our staff lead by General Manager Dale McDonald. James Barnhill is our manager for the Port Costa Sanitary Department, while Dale manages the Crockett Sanitary Department. Commissioners are appointed by the District Board of Crockett CSD after posting a notice of vacancy and interviewing applicants. The minutes of all Commission meetings are posted on the District website: www.town.crockett.ca.us

Providing sewer service is actually quite challenging, and therefore costly. All wastewater from both communities must be rigorously cleaned and sanitized before discharge into the Carquinez Strait. Crockett and Port Costa have separate treatment plants, each with its own regulatory standards to be met without fail. Each community has its own sewer system, to be maintained and repaired sufficiently to prevent any sewer overflow or spill. Every spill that occurs is a serious violation that can draw unwanted attention and potential fines from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Every spill is considered an EMERGENCY by state and regional authorities, so we need our residents to immediately report to

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Featured Service Organization

In this issue we showcase the **CROCKETT LIONS CLUB**, a local non-profit that has been an important part of the community for a very long time. The Club is part of the International Lions, which has 1.4 million members in 206 countries. Lions participate in disaster relief, blind centers, and in collecting and distributing millions of donated eye-glasses free to third-world countries. Crockett Lions support the boy scouts, local churches and schools, and give scholarships. They also support a proposed dog park in Crockett and they loan wheelchairs and walkers to local residents. Regionally, the Crockett Lions support disabled kids, helping to build a special playground in Concord and participating in an annual outdoor party for about 1500 in the East Bay.

The Club has about 50 members ranging in age from 15 to 98. Older members are a rare source of history, telling personal stories about Crockett dating back to the 1930's. Our high school has a successful youth group called Leos who volunteer at town functions and help raise money for people in need.

The Crockett Lions meet over breakfast every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at Scout Hall, always with a guest speaker. They welcome new members whether you can attend the breakfast meetings or not. Lions hold three big fund-raisers annually: a corned beef dinner in February, a pasta feed in June, and a barbeque in September. They also provide a free holiday dinner for Crockett in December.

The current president of the Crockett Lions Club is Dan Rinaldi. For more information you may call him at (925) 381-5486.

Three Month Events Calendar

July

Crockett Recreation Dept.

July 4: Barbeque & free swim
12:00 @ Community Ctr. & pool

July 4: Port Costa Parade @ 6:00 pm
plus live music at Port Costa School

Crockett Swim Team

July 8: Pancake Breakfast @ 8:00 am
Crockett Community Center

Crockett Community Foundation

July 15: Free Townwide Breakfast
8:00 am @ Community Center

Crockett Chamber of Commerce

July 15: Sugartown Festival & Street Fair
11:00 am on Rolph Avenue

Crockett Recreation Dept.

July 22: Summer Music Concert @ 3:00 pm
featuring *Unauthorized Rolling Stones*
@ Crockett Community Center

Crockett Community Foundation

July 29: Sunday Sundaes at the Park
1:00 pm @ Alexander Park

August

Aug. 4: Shakespeare in the Park
Measure for Measure @ 3:00 pm
@ Rithet Park on Loring Ave.

Crockett Recreation Dept.

Aug. 19: Summer Music Concert @ 3:00 pm
featuring *The Cheeseballs*
@ Crockett Community Center

September

Crockett Lions Club

Sept. 9: BBQ luncheon @ 1:00 pm
@ The Old Homestead

Did You Know?

The swim season has begun at the public pool in Crockett. Pool hours are 1:00 to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday, and 12:00 to 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. Our pool offers swimming lessons, adult lap swimming, aqua zumba, and family swimming. Get schedule information at (510) 787-2414, or on our website: www.town.crockett.ca.us or at the pool. This fine public asset belongs to the Crockett Community Services District and is one of the many services supported in part by your recreation property tax assessment. Please enjoy it in this hot weather through August.

Did you also know that bocce ball season is in full swing in Crockett. Thirty-two bocce teams comprise the Crockett Bocce League, playing spirited matches Mondays through Thursdays in Rithet Park and Alexander Park, starting at 6:30 PM. Please come and watch, then ask how you can join the fun. There are sometimes some open spots on a team or two.

Telephone Directory

Contra Costa County provides many public services to Crockett and Port Costa. The directory of County Departments provides a comprehensive list of services and the phone numbers to call. The directory is found on-line at: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/8/departments. Here you'll find who to call to get results: ask questions, make reports or file complaints.

For example, to report a dead animal by the roadside call the Animal Services Dept. at (925) 608-8400 for its removal.

Make use of the services that you are paying for.

Complaint Desk

Can't something be done to stop the dumping along Cummings Skyway, Crockett Blvd. and other local roads?

This has been a subject of local anger and concern forever, but with no affordable remedies. The County seems to do what it can to remove vehicles and the largest piles of rubbish, but ours is a large county with a lot of dumpers. Crockett Improvement Association works at keeping Crockett Blvd. and the bridgehead and some other streets clean, and it gets monthly cooperation from the County Public Works Dept. in disposing of collected litter. Phillips66 has donated money to aid CIA's success, and support from C&H is now being sought. Beyond that, there is the usual talk about camera surveillance and warning signs to scare people away. But people don't scare and money is in short supply. Still, thanks to some of you for taking pictures of people who may be dumping. We know you care because volunteers who are removing litter are sometimes photographed in the act of doing good! They don't take offense, though. They're just happy that you care!

You may also voice your complaints to the County Public Works Dept. at (925) 313-2000.

[Generalized complaints regarding Crockett or Port Costa may be emailed to manager@town.crockett.ca.us to be answered in this column.]

Shakespeare Comes To Crockett

Crockett CSD is privileged to host the great play ***Measure for Measure***, to be performed by Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park on August 4, outdoors at Rithet Park on Loring Ave. Please bring your picnic food and blanket or comfortable chair to enjoy the performance.

(continued from page 1) us anything that looks like water spilling from a manhole or coming from the ground. Our emergency number is **(510) 303-2313** at all hours. Please help us control costs and avoid fines by phoning that number at your first suspicion of a possible sewage spill. Never text or email your report. Treat your suspicion as a potential emergency! We depend on our residents to warn us immediately of any possible sewage spill or leak anywhere in Crockett or Port Costa.

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THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME AT MEETINGS OF OUR SANITARY COMMISSIONS. THE CROCKETT SANITARY COMMISSION MEETS TYPICALLY @ 7PM ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH AT THE CROCKETT COMMUNITY CENTER. THE PORT COSTA SANITARY COMMISSION MEETS TYPICALLY ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH AT THE PORT COSTA SCHOOL.

CROCKETT CSD CONTACT INFORMATION

We encourage you to visit our website: www.town.crockett.ca.us for information on Crockett CSD, such as our facilities and services, our various commissions and activities, elections and much more. We also invite you to contact us by email at: manager@town.crockett.ca.us. You may subscribe to receive various District publications, bulletins, invitations and announcements through our website's "Stay Connected" link under the "News & Announcements" tab. For rental information on the Crockett Community Center, you may use our website or call **(510) 787-2414**.

THE CROCKETT CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS AT 7PM ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH AT THE CROCKETT COMMUNITY CENTER. COME JOIN US. SEE YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ACTION!

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