

**Newsletter of the Crockett Community Services District**

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**OUR DISTRICT**

The Crockett Community Services District (CCSD) provides certain municipal services for the unincorporated towns of Crockett and Port Costa including sanitary sewer services, recreation, and maintenance. The Recreation Department offers Crockett and Port Costa residents access to the Crockett Community Center, Swimming Pool, Alexander Park, bocce ball courts and tennis courts. Upcoming events are listed on the pool schedule. Maintenance services include maintenance of Crockett's Memorial Hall (Legion Hall), Crockett's downtown plaza, Crockett's decorative green street lights, and numerous green iron fences on either Pomona St. or Rolph Ave.

**OUR DISTRICT BOARD**

The 2018 Board of Directors of the Crockett Community Services District are:

**Luigi Barassi**, President

**John Mackenzie**

**Alicia Johnson**

**Kent Peterson**, Vice-President

**Fred Clerici**

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.

Commissioners and Committee appointees are dedicated volunteers who receive no compensation. They have been appointed to assist the District Board by recommending operational policy and overseeing staff activities. The Commissions provide an opportunity for residents to interact with our local government on issues that concern the public.

Please visit our website at [www.town.crockett.ca.us](http://www.town.crockett.ca.us) for a calendar of meeting dates and more information about our District.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As the new President I want to thank you for allowing me to serve. I believe in strong local control of service-oriented limited government, and I want to make sure we are working for you. You can always reach me directly on my cell phone at (415)297-7066 for any issues or concerns you have with our policies and performance.

Although the biggest part of our budget goes towards providing sanitary sewer services, which you get a reminder of every year at tax time, the heart and soul of our organization are the Recreation and Maintenance departments. The facilities at Alexander Park are some of the finest and best run in the Bay Area, and this is one of the great places in town where people come together to do something they enjoy with friends and neighbors.

More than anything else we want you and your children to use our facilities. Tennis, Bocce, and picnicking are free, and the Pool is non-stop summer fun. The tots love our play structures, and we host a number of regular events for seniors and adults. But, to make all this happen we need direct participation from the citizens of Crockett and Port Costa.

The beauty, cleanliness, and well-tended planting you see from the Bridgehead all the way down Pomona and up again to Memorial Hall exists because of the tireless efforts of our 100% volunteer Maintenance Department. And local control of government is only maintained when people join our 100% volunteer Commissions and Committees.

Our founding fathers believed in participatory democracy, and that's exactly what we have going on here. Join us! We need you! It's your birthright as an American!

*Luigi Barassi, Board President*

**BOARD ELECTIONS**

The District will have 3 Board seats up for election on November 6. For those interested in running for a seat, the Contra Costa Elections Division is hosting a Candidate Workshop on May 12 for all those Contra Costa residents who have ever considered running for elected office. Space is limited and the County has asked that attendees call them at (925) 335-7805 or email [outreach@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:outreach@vote.cccounty.us) to make a reservation. The workshop will include informative discussions on filing for office, campaign finance reporting, campaign strategy, dealing with the media (and social media) and much more. The filing period is July 16 through August 10 and paperwork will be available at the Contra Costa Elections Division in Martinez. The Candidates must be a U.S. Citizen, be a registered voter at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is issued, and not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. The term of office is 4 years. You may call us at (510) 787-2992 for more information on running for election. Board members are not paid, but community service is very rewarding!

**DISTRICT OFFICE**

We're located in the Crockett Community Center at 850 Pomona Street. This is the place to come for sewer permits, for plan drawings to be stamped, to get a list of bonded sewer contractors, and for local government information regarding Crockett and Port Costa. You won't always find the office open, since we have few employees and are often working out in the field. It may help you to call ahead for appointments to (510) 787-2992.

**OUR WEBSITE**

Visit our website at [www.town.crockett.ca.us](http://www.town.crockett.ca.us) for the latest information about the District. Residents and visitors alike will find useful information on various public services including emergency services, recreation, sewer service, garbage service, and others. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are available online. Look for changes in the coming months to make it even more user friendly and useful.

## REPORTING SEWER PROBLEMS

For all matters concerning sewer service in Crockett or Port Costa, the correct number to call is (510) 787-2992. Call us day or night to report any sewer problem in Crockett or Port Costa. 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 our help.

## SEWER INSPECTION REQUIREMENT

The District is in the eleventh year of its lateral inspection program, 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.

More information on this program can be found on our website at [www.town.crockett.ca.us](http://www.town.crockett.ca.us). You or your realtor can contact the District office to find out more information.

## TOILETS ARE NOT TRASH CANS

Please don't use your toilet as a trash can. While convenient, you should never flush:

- Disposable or flushable wipes
- Condoms
- Dental floss
- Tissues
- Feminine hygiene products
- Or paper towels.



These and many other items (even if labeled "flushable" or "biodegradable") 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 real trash can.**

## DON'T FLUSH DRUGS, CHEMICALS, OR PAINT

Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to remove all traces of pharmaceutical chemicals or metals. 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's 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 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.

### Board of Directors

John Mackenzie Fred Clerici Luigi Barassi Alicia Johnson Kent Peterson

### Recreation Commission

Jeff Airoidi - David Botta - Louise Choquette  
Tom Cusack - Elena Gomez - John Valentini

### Crockett Sanitary Commission

Howard Adams - Mark Manzione  
Mary Wais - Jon Wolthus

### Memorial Hall Advisory Committee

Bud Burlison - Chuck Dell - Harvey Duran  
Michael Kirker - Scott Lawton  
Kent Peterson - Ron Wilson

## WE GRAPPLE WITH GLOBS 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 globs of grease can grow until they completely clog pipes! Our crews work tirelessly to find and destroy them before they cause overflows.



## ELECTRONIC AND UNIVERSAL WASTE DROP OFF

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. The District is looking into ways to bring convenient recycling services back to the community and will announce any additional changes on our website. 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 Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9am - 4pm (closed Noon - 12:30 pm). Call 1-888-412-9277 for more information. You can also get helpful information from their website at [www.recyclenore.com](http://www.recyclenore.com).

The District will continue to accept your old household batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs (which contain mercury), barometers, thermostats, and 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. These smaller items can be dropped off at our District office during regular office hours.

## FREE PERSONAL THERMOMETERS!

Mercury is highly toxic. If you drop and break an old-fashioned mercury fever thermometer in the sink, its mercury could go down the drain, get into the wastewater that flows through the sewers to the treatment plant, and ultimately pollute the Carquinez Strait. The treatment process cannot remove all traces of mercury from the wastewater. Never put mercury down your drain!

The sale of mercury fever thermometers was banned in California years ago, but some people still have them at home.

If you bring your mercury thermometer to our District office for safe disposal, we'll give you a free digital fever thermometer to take its place!



### General Manager

Dale McDonald - [manager@town.crockett.ca.us](mailto:manager@town.crockett.ca.us)

### Port Costa Sanitary Commission

Rene Beauchemin - Tom Cusack - John Mann  
Anne Scheer - Joe Surges

### Police Liaison Committee

John Angell - David Botta - Barbara Cardwell  
Elena Gomez - Sylvia Melero  
John Valentini - Mary Wais