



The Colonist

APRIL / MAY '19

Vol. XL

COLONY 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Allmann *President*
Landscape Liaison, Website
949-653-5770

Patrick Lee *Vice President*
Hearing Panel Liaison

Shanny Giles *Treasurer*
ARC Liaison
714-322-8882

Valerie Schiano *Secretary*
949-552-1977

Truc Nguyen *Director*
Facilities Liaison
949-552-6117

Dan Patton *Director*
Pool Liaison
949-294-4124

Bruce Hunter *Director*

Colony Web Site
www.colonyirvine.com

Colony Property Manager

Accell Property Management has appointed Kyle Hogue as our new property manager.

Kyle Hogue has more than three years of property management experience. He previously worked at Bentley Community Management, Inc., in Yorba Linda, as a community association manager. Kyle is a team player and is dedicated to his accounts. He is understanding, has compassion, patience and insight dealing with homeowners. Kyle is comfortable with interfacing with vendors and prides himself on exceptional customer service, organization, multi-tasking and attention to detail.

In his role as a community association manager, he applies his excellent leadership and management skills to successfully manage the variety of tasks and challenges presented by the associations he serves.

During the time he is not working, Kyle watches sports and enjoys outdoor activities with his daughter.

Contact info on back page.

Colony Tea Social

Thank you to the more than 30 homeowners and residents who came to our first Colony tea social held in my home in February, including dads and granddads, girls and a boy. We hope everyone felt welcome and had a good time. We exceeded our expectations and the energy was friendly and positive. Luckily, we had enough tables and chairs and food.

Many thanks to Demetra who organized the event, purchased supplies and brought cherished heirloom items to share including lovely antique teacup and saucer sets, tablecloths, and doilies handmade by her mother. She chose a black-gold-white antique tea theme, including matching balloons, Hello script nametags, gold markers, tiny chalkboards to list tea names, gold napkins, forks and spoons, etc. Thanks also to her daughter who helped out. Demetra brought numerous library books on the history of tea and tea cul-



(Continued on page 5)

BOARD NEWS

Regular BOD Meetings: The Colony Board of Directors regularly conduct BOD meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The next meetings are **April 18th, 2019, 7pm & May 16st, 2019, 7pm** at the Colony Clubhouse. Remember to check the web site; meeting dates are subject to change. Board meetings are open to all homeowners. Please check the agenda and come early to sign up if you wish to speak at the Open Members Forum. Your input is valued.

Meeting agendas and approved minutes can be found on the Colony web page at www.colonyirvine.com Click on About Us then Board/Meetings tab. They are also posted on the Clubhouse information board. Agendas are posted four days prior to Board meetings.

Pool News: The Board approved the dates for the Colony Red Hots swim meets this summer. Home meets will be held on June 22nd, June 29th, and July 13th, and the pool will be used in the morning until 2PM. The 1st day of team practice is May 28th.

Lifeguards: The Board approved a new contract to use Premier Aquatic Services as our lifeguard provider this summer. Hours will be from 1PM to 6PM, except Saturdays when there are swim meets when they will start at 2 pm.

Tree Trimming : Earth-Co Landscape has been selected to trim the trees around Colony Park. This year in addition to the annual trimming of the ficus along the Mall and East Mall they will be trimming some the Potocarpus in the park. There are also a few dead Sycamores trees on the North Walkway that will be removed.

HOLDEN JUST LISTED IN THE COLONY!



14271 UTRILLO DRIVE - THE COLONY

3 Beds + Office | 2 Baths | 1,403 sq. ft. | Offered At \$829,000

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

**PLATINUM
PROPERTIES**

International Presence, Local Market Expertise

HOLDEN S. BOWERSOCK

REALTOR® • DRE # 01258940

THE COLONY SPECIALIST

cell: 714.458.7246

Holden@CBPlatinumProperties.com

www.HoldensHomes.com



HOLDEN'S

GARAGE SALE

THE COLONY

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH 2019

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mail Entry to: Holden Bowersock
Coldwell Banker Platinum Properties
3500 Barranca Pkwy., Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92606

SIGN UP BY MAY 13th TO BE INCLUDED

Yes! Please sign me up for **HOLDEN'S THE COLONY**

GARAGE SALE

(please email, or respond by **9am** on **May 13th**)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

RAIN DAMAGE

Architectural Committee by Eileen Tsai

In Southern California, there is usually not enough rain to seriously damage structures and yards, but this past winter was an exception. Since the rainy season is almost over, I strongly advise everyone to carefully inspect their house, patio, outside furniture, fence, pool, concrete driveway and walkways, and trees and grounds for any mold, rust, or water damage – and repair and replace damage found as soon as possible. As temperatures rise, your house may not protect as well against heat as it did before, if the structure is no longer solid. Doors, garage doors, and windows may not close tightly anymore.

A house inspection should include the roof, exposed beams, any skylights, chimneys, rain gutters, windows and doors, wood siding, stucco, brick, stone-work, garage door, etc. Look for cracks, mold, termite damage, voids behind wood siding and other signs of potential collapse or breakage.



Also check inside the attic, walls and floors for potential water damage and mold. For my own house, I found several wasp nests started under roof eaves that will be removed soon.

Home Depot sells a Behr masonry paint that has polymers to make the paint elastic and stretch to cover small stucco cracks. Two versions of this paint have 20-year or lifetime guarantees. I am not endorsing this product over others, but have been very pleased with the long-lasting results after my block wall and part of the house stucco walls were repainted.

For outside grounds, please inspect and clear rain gutters, drainage ditches and pipes to ensure any future rain runs off correctly (to be prepared for future rainfall which may start sooner or be more severe than expected). Trim trees and bushes, and remove dead plants and piled up leaves that promote mold and become hiding places for pests, esp. mosquitoes and rats. I talked to several homeowners who had neighbors with rows of tall cypress trees. Did you know rats love to nest in cypress? These homeowners all had to put out rat traps and could not leave pet food outside. Please consider cutting down cypress trees or at least trimming and thinning them a lot. There are better hedge tree choices.

Many plants grew a lot this winter because of the rain. That saved a lot of watering but I am watching my trees

(Continued on page 4)

An Invitation to a Buffet of Educational Experiences

- **What:** *Homelessness Demystified: Buffet of Educational Experiences*
- **When:** May 4, 2019
- **Where:** various events in different locations in Irvine, OC, Long Beach
- **Website:** <https://i4e.omeka.net/>
- **Contact:** Anita – irvineforeveryone@gmail.com | (949) 682-9603

There's an important lesson we can learn from the honey bee. In her lifetime, a honey bee only makes 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey. It's a tiny fraction of the hundred pounds of honey that a typical colony of bees needs to survive. Like the honey bee we too can solve complex problems when we join our efforts, however tiny they are, to the actions of others. This winter and spring, I invite you to join the many who are coming together to learn about OC homelessness and the solutions to this horrific social problem.

Affordable housing and housing for homeless people have become polarizing topics in many of our communities. So most of us do what we tend to do with difficult subjects. We don't talk about them. But if we don't talk about the solutions to homelessness with our neighbors and friends, we may never solve problems in ways that honor our different voices nor build strong communities. Thus, a number of faith communities and non-profits came together on Feb. 2, 2019 in a panel of *Homelessness Demystified: Creating Awareness, Understanding and Solutions* and launched the **Buffet of Educational Experiences (BEE) from Feb 2 to May 4, 2019**. The BEE is full of hands-on activities and safe experiences to learn about OC homelessness in many different ways. You can choose from over 25 experiences in 7 categories: Go on housing tours, volunteer, connect, donate, transform knowledge into action through creative crafts, host talks, attend workshops, read expert papers, and even children's books on homelessness! We recommend you choose one activity from each category to make up your learning plate and savor them over the next few months. Full details are at the *Irvine for Everyone Digital Library and Housing Hub*: <https://i4e.omeka.net/>. You can browse the online *Buffet of Educational Experiences* or download and print it as a 20 page booklet. Thank you!

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

Some Facts about OC Homelessness:

1. Nationwide homelessness has become a crisis linked to systemic issues of income stagnation and unaffordable housing. In the OC the situation is made worse by the fact that we're now one of the top ten least affordable places to live in the US. OC has also been one of the last places to recover from the 2008 Great Recession.
2. A majority of the people experiencing homelessness are born US citizens, OC residents for more than 10 years, single, elderly, and disabled.
3. The number of working poor homeless families is growing. In the OC, almost 28,000 children are suffering housing insecurity and homelessness.
4. The characteristic feature of homelessness in Irvine is not the stereotype of street homeless that we often visualize - i.e. person with all their belongings in a shopping cart - but invisibility: Because of fear and stigma, homeless parents in Irvine hide their situation, living in cars and motels. Remember, the Garden Grove family in late 2017 who died in their car because of carbon monoxide poisoning?
5. Homelessness affects all of us, and hurts future generations. In terms of USD alone, the United Way/Jamboree Housing/UCI study has shown that homelessness costs our cities/tax payers millions of dollars to do nothing! It is far cheaper to provide humane, healthy housing.

More about homelessness and housing, visit:

<http://irvineforeveryone.org/>

Irvine High School Arts Events

Irvine High School Choral Music

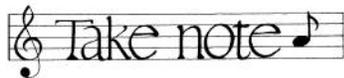
Voices 2019

Thursday - Saturday

May 30, 31 & June 1

7:00 PM

Irvine High School Theater



Irvine Instrumental Music

Music Under the Stars

Friday May 17

8:00 PM

Irvine High School Amphitheater



Irvine High School Dance

Spring Dance Show

May 23-25

Irvine High School Theater



Rain

(Continued from page 3)

and larger bushes carefully to make sure roots held, trees won't fall, and branches won't break. Overgrown trees can be a danger to your house, fence, neighbor's property or people walking by, esp. on very windy days. ARC Guidelines state tree branches must be kept at least eight feet above sidewalks and 15 feet high over street surfaces. Roses and other plants with thorns must be trimmed back at least 1 foot away from the sidewalk. Please do not let plants block sidewalks which are public spaces. We all want a beautiful and safe neighborhood especially for young children who do not know to watch out for dangers.

Remember you must submit an architectural application for most exterior work, except for minor repairs. This is especially true if you are painting with different colors. Be sure to read page 2 of the architectural application which can be found at colonyirvine.com/documents. Required support documentation includes a color photo of the front of your property plus a close up photo of area (s) to be worked on. Attach paint chips or product brochures, drawings, and etc. Thank You!



Community News

Memorial Day Remembrances

Northwood Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony

May 26, 4 p.m.

Northwood Community Park

4531 Bryan Ave, Irvine

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27, 10 a.m.

Colonel Bill Barber Marine

Corps Memorial Park

4 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine



Upcoming Events

Studio Arts Festival

June 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Irvine Fine Arts Center



Super Pet Adoption

June 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Irvine Animal Care Center



Colony Classifieds

Little Angels Family Child Care

Managed by two sisters Elle & Azita. Free Play,
Creative Arts, Outside Playtime, Circle Time/ Charts, Dance & Music.
Fist Aid/ CPR, LIC# 304206336
Tel: 949-653-6137
www.thelittleangelschildcare.com

Are you a Colony Resident with something to sell or a service to offer?
Place an ad in the Colonist. Email
colonistnewsletter@gmail.com for more information.

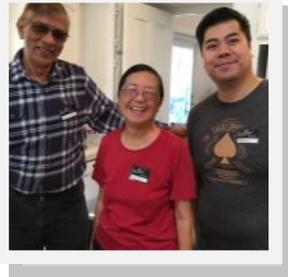
(Continued from page 1)

ture to serve as table centerpieces and conversation icebreakers plus several flower vases. We had two hotpots going with milk, sugar, lemon and honey crystals. Eight pots of African violets were raffled off .

We tried Greek tea, a Swedish tea called Krud, which was flavorful and strong, a mild French tea from Tibet (my personal favorite), an herbal Indian tea with spices, some cold teas, and a popular Japanese tea called hojicha. Demetra made tiny cucumber tea sandwiches and some more substantial chicken salad sandwiches plus a fruit salad and baklava. Thank you to the many homeowners who brought snacks galore, some homemade including delicious cookies. No one should have gone home hungry. Yum!

After everyone left, I felt really bad when I realized that I had forgotten to have everyone introduce themselves – which was the main purpose of the event! My apologies. Next time, I hope someone will step forward and say, “Hey, Eileen! You forgot something...” I did manage to introduce Demetra and we talked about the different teas, but missed the main reason for getting together. We did have name-tags and most people did not seem shy about talking to others so I am hopeful that everyone met someone new there. Thank you to our intrepid Board member Valerie Schiano who took numerous photos of the event. I am determined to hold this tea social again next year at the clubhouse – and remember what it is intended to be...a way to bring us closer together. Hope you can join in next year! - Eileen Tsai

Check the Colony website at www.colonyirvine.com/recreation for more pictures of the event!



Eileen and Friends

Community Phone Numbers

Government

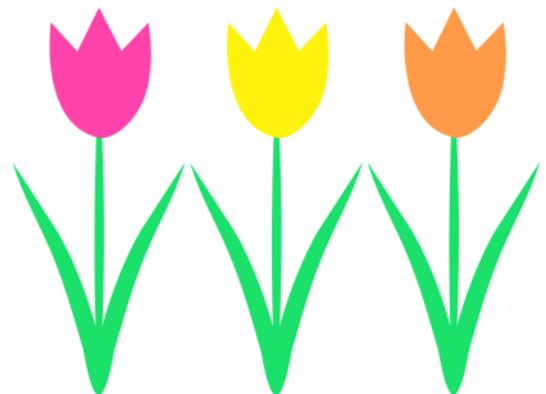
Animal Control.....949-724-7740
City of Irvine.....949-724-6000
Graffiti Hotline949-724-7196
Hazardous Waste Center.....714-834-4000
Heritage Library949-936-4040
Irvine Unified School District949-936-5000
O.C. Fire Authority (business calls)
.....714-573-6000
Outdoor Pests, OC Vector Control
.....714-971-2421
Police (administrative)949-724-7000
Public Works.....949-724-7511
Recycling Information.....949-724-7669

Utilities

Waste Management949-642-1191
Irvine Ranch Water District949-453-5300
Southern California Edison800-990-7788
Street Lights800-655-4555
(Menu: 1 "power outage info" 3 other outage
3"street lights")
The Gas Company.....800-427-2200
Cox Communications.....949-249-1212

Other:

Shopping Cart Pickup, Any Store
.....800-252-4613
Walnut Shopping Center Security
.....714-532-3152
Pool Maintenance, Aqua-Tek
contact Accell (see calendar page for info)
Sprinklers, Douglas Landscape
contact Accell (see calendar page for info)

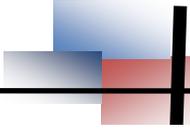


Tennis Committee

Remember, tennis court reservations are online at
<http://holdmycourt.com/reserve2/colonyclub>
Please register and try it out - the club code is 3611.

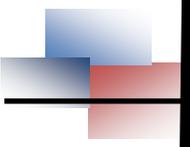


Do you have an item of general interest for the Colonist? Please submit your article to
colonistnewsletter@gmail.com
for consideration in upcoming newsletters.
The deadline is May 19, 2019
Comments and suggestions are welcome!



APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Clubhouse	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Street sweeping	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 BOD Meeting 7:00 PM Clubhouse	19	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25 Street sweeping	26	27
28	29	30				



MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Clubhouse	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Street sweeping	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 BOD Meet- ing 7:00 PM Clubhouse	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Street sweeping	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Accell Property Management

Kyle Hogue kyle@accellpm.com
 23046 Avenida de la Carlota, Suite 700 Laguna Hills, CA 92653
 Office: 949-581-4988 Ext. 267 Fax : 949-581-9785
 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Sat-Sun Closed **For after hours emergencies call 949-361-3290**

Clubhouse Reservations

Planning a party or event?
 Reservations are easy to make!
 Email: goaccell@accellpm.com
 or call: Tiffany Newhouse
 949.581.4988 Ext. 249 Fax 949.581.9785
tiffany@accellpm.com