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## FRONT MAIN ENTRANCE LANDSCAPING PROGRESSING...

The CROA Board of Directors shared the design for the front entrance along with budgeted costs to the homeowners in attendance of the February 23rd public zoom Board meeting. A power point presentation was shared by John Kenny, Committee Chair. John described the work that has already been done such as the removal and trimming of several trees. The work was awarded to Bunyon Tree and the work was completed in February.

The Committee has the final cost analysis and the cost associated with the electrical work to move forward with finalization of the project John also gave a preview on the various plantings that were chosen for the landscaping, highlight several choices promoting color and easy care. Special thanks go to **John Kenny, Greg Herrmann, Ted Gauldin and John Cable** for their efforts.

### CYPRESS RIDGE FRONT ENTRANCE TEAM



JOHN CABLE



JOHN KENNY



TED GAULDIN

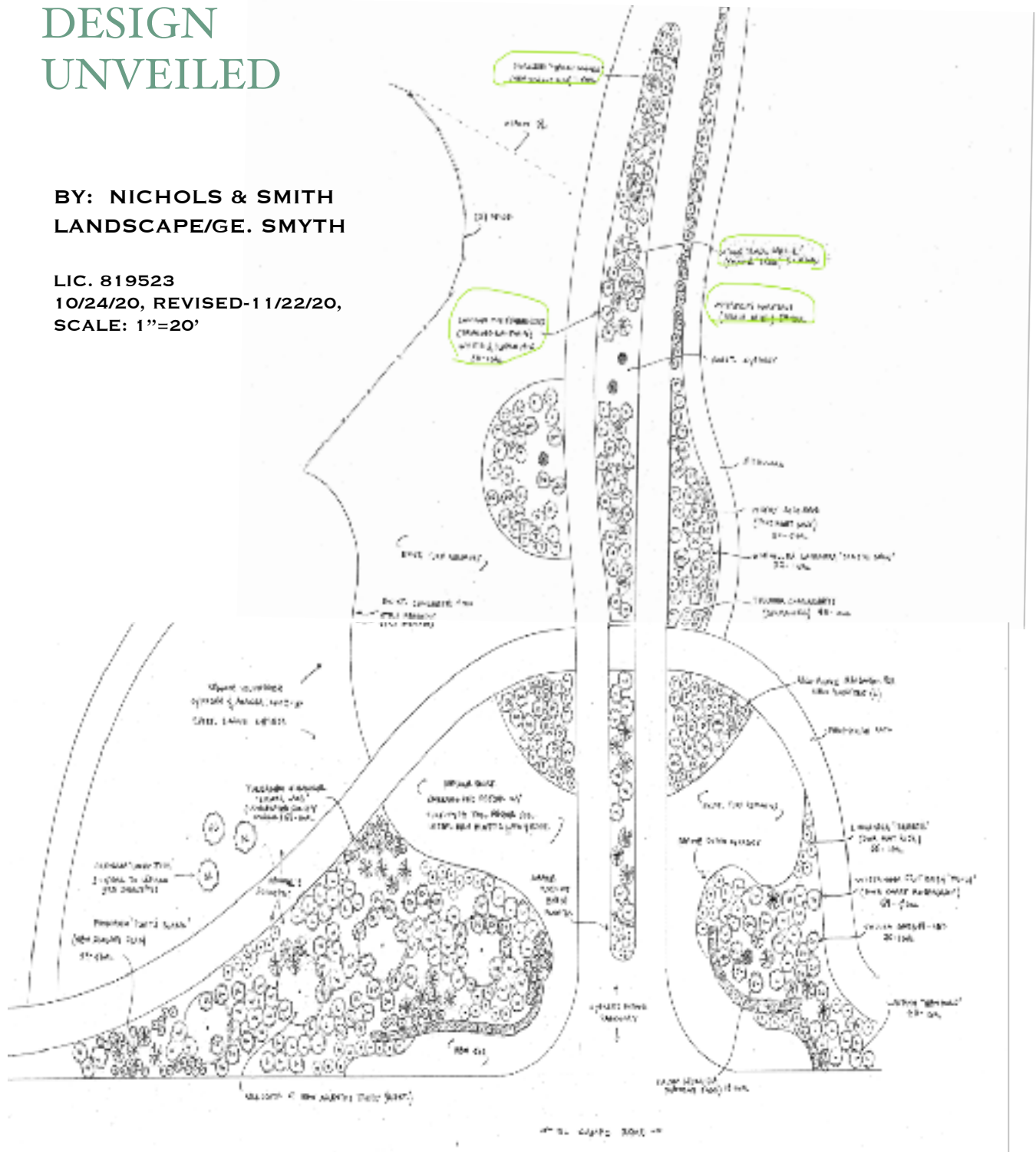


GREG HERRMANN

# CYPRESS RIDGE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION ENTRY RE-LANDSCAPING DESIGN UNVEILED

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SCALE: 1"=20'



# Expect to See Beautiful Drought Tolerant-Easy Care Plants at the Entry



LANTANA NEW GOLD



PHORMIUM PLATT'S BLACK



GREVILLEA IANIGERA COASTAL GEM



TEUCRIUM CHAMEDRYS



DIETES IRODOIDES



SALVIA GREGII



WISTRINGIA MUNDI



LOMANDRA BREEZE

With unpredictable droughts and high energy prices, the Cypress Ridge Board looked for ways to conserve resources and **keep costs low**. To conserve water usage drought-tolerant plants were selected. While these plants **use less water**, they still **provide beauty and function** in the landscape.

Not only can you look forward to using less water with native plants, but because these plants have adapted to their environment, you can also spend **less time and money fertilizing, pruning, and caring for them** in general. Since drought-tolerant plants tend to be more disease-free and pest-resistant, Cypress Ridge will spend less time and money on applying and resourcing fertilizer.

Even when using drought-tolerant and native plants, we will have an abundance of color in our landscape. Colorful plants, such as the ones identified here, will add beauty all year long.

## Looking Forward to Future Social Committee Events

We thank **Janice Battaglia** and the **Social Committee** for all their efforts over the past few years. The association surely has big shoes to fill after Janice's retirement from her role as Committee Chair. We appreciate that Janice and her Committee have documented their connections and processes for holding events and we look forward to any new volunteers who are willing to take up the torch.

If you are a new or existing member of the Cypress Ridge community and are interested in Chairing or becoming a member of the Social Committee, please feel free to contact any Board member with your interest. We all are looking forward with hope that the pandemic will be contained and controlled by later this year so we can resume the social events that we have all been missing for the past year.

*The CROA Board continues to monitor CDC and state requirements and restrictions for community gatherings due to the pandemic. These events continue to be cancelled and will be reinstated once the CDC and the state lift the restrictions for community gatherings.*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### NO SPEEDING PLEASE

The Board wishes to remind all residents that Cypress Ridge is a residential community with a maximum 25 miles per hour speed limit on all streets, as posted on Cypress Ridge Parkway. The Board has enforced the 25 mile per hour speed limit within our community based on CROA Rule 4.4.6-1: Traffic Regulation within Cypress Ridge, adopted April 2015. In compliance with this rule, the Board may cite homeowners, residents of the homeowner's residential lot and/or their guests who are in violation. This issue comes up from time to time and warrants another reminder to please be careful now more so than ever as families are home with children not in school. Please feel free to refresh your understanding of the imposed discipline that will be applied for violating this rule by reading about it on the association's website:

#### RESOURCE:

[http://www.cypressridgeoa.org/editor\\_upload/File/Regulations/TRAFFIC%20FINAL%2020150416.pdf](http://www.cypressridgeoa.org/editor_upload/File/Regulations/TRAFFIC%20FINAL%2020150416.pdf)

### DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH

The Board has received complaints of dogs off leash running loose in the park. This serves as a reminder to all dog owners about the Association's dog leash requirements and

rules: Article VII, Section 7.04 of the CC&Rs and the San Luis Obispo county leash law that is posted on our external website for your reference and convenience. This is a liability issue for the association, so if you know who the dog owners are who take their dogs off the leash to run loose in the park, then please help us to get the word out and to tell them that they are in violation of the CROA rule and SLO county ordinance.

### EXCESSIVE DOG BARKING IS A NOISE NUISANCE

Please remember that the Board has enacted and continues to enforce the Excessive Dog Barking rule. Please refer to the CC&Rs, Rule 7.4 -1 pursuant to Section 4.4.6. Habitual dog barking is not allowed when it becomes an annoyance or noise nuisance that disturbs or unreasonably interferes with the quiet enjoyment of your neighbors. The Board will enforce its mediation and fine violation procedures for such complaints. Please discuss this with any of your neighbors who may be in violation of this rule and feel free to contact any member of the Board so we can properly address rule enforcement.

## Next CROA Board Meeting

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The next public CROA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom. The meeting agenda and details will be shared with the community as this date approaches via email blast. Committees are expected to participate and to provide their reports.

## MORE FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### VISITORS, WEBSITE PROFILES, AND THE GATE KEY SYSTEM

Please make every effort to announce your visitors to the guards at the guardhouse in advance of their arrival. This is for your safety as well as for the safety of the community. It is so easy. Just call 1-805-474-7781. Please give the guards the name of your visitor. If family is visiting you for the weekend or an extended period, then please ask the guards for temporary parking passes.

With fire season upon us, we also remind homeowners to visit the CROA website to update your directory profile for emergency preparedness.

And with the summer approaching us soon, please take the time to update your Gate Key System Profile with the most current homeowner information on your vehicles such as the year, make, model and license plate number. This is helpful to our efforts in tracking any unauthorized vehicles in the community.

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Please remember to submit your new home landscape projects and designs or major landscape changes for review and approval to the Landscape Committee prior to any work being done. Landscape violations are monitored and tracked.

### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Please remember to submit your new home construction projects or home remodeling projects for review and approval to the Architectural Committee prior to any work being done. Architectural violations are monitored and tracked.

### ROADS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

This committee handles and maintains the road and infrastructure needs of the association. Homeowners are encouraged to contact the committee if they see a problem with roads, sidewalks, storm drains and catch basins. You can use the link on our external website to report any issues or to ask questions.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT NEIGHBORLY U

Some **fun facts** about Neighborly U that you might not know:

- The first session was in 2016 and it was Cooking Pizza on the Grill hosted by Peggee Davis.
- The last session was in March 2020 and was a Zoom version of Chopped, Quarantine Style
- The most popular sessions have been the Cooking Neighborly U's that were conducted for 4 years and where cooking expertise were shared, and techniques were demonstrated.
- The Recreation sessions (hikes, pickleball, mah jongg, bocce ball, line dancing, etc.) have all been hits! As have the Home & Garden sessions, Tours, Travel, and Entertaining classes.

## NEIGHBORLY U STATS

What started out as a wild idea that "some neighbors might want to share their passion with other neighbors" had turned into quite an awesome series of events. Here are the stats:

102 sessions

71 session leaders

52 different hosts

881 registrations

## NEIGHBORLY U UPDATE

The **Neighborly U** program of Cypress Ridge was facilitated by **Carol Chenot**. This was an incredibly special program held within our community promoting new learning on just about any subject that the community was interested in. The group spent time on the usual and unusual creative activities. The most interesting meeting was a session on how to work your Insta-Pot!

Neighborly U history goes back to 2016. Carol was helping a couple of neighbors with some crafty things such as crochet, cooking, or learning how to use kitchen gadgets, so that got Carol thinking that perhaps there would be other neighbors who had skills or hobbies and would not mind sharing them.

From there the idea expanded with Carol trying to network with others to find things that would fit into the categories of Home & Garden, Cooking, Computers, Travel, Self-Improvement, Crafts, and Voluntarism.

Gradually as people saw that the sessions were just 8-10 people and low-key, others started volunteering. Some session leaders would host the sessions in their home. Others wanted to host the sessions but did not want to lead them. Those individuals later would be paired with a leader. Seeing the interest that was achieved within the community, Carol then created a "job aid" for the leaders and hosts with some ways to get the session started, keep the conversation going, etc.

After about 2 years, Carol decided to invite some friends to be an Advisory Board. They would meet during the 'off months' of July / August to brainstorm all kinds of different topics for the coming year. Then they would divvy up who was going to ask the host / leader and they would get a tentative calendar put in place.

2020 was a difficult year due to the pandemic, so the Neighborly U sessions were discontinued. Carol spent the year working part-time and making plans to close her business. Unfortunately, she will be unable to make plans to reinstate the popular Neighborly U sessions once the pandemic has been controlled, but she has graciously volunteered to actively support anyone else interested in taking over.,

**What a great accomplishment for Carol, the leaders, and the hosts!** We wish to thank Carol for her time and commitment to the community regarding this program. Her class participants had fun and enjoyed sharing the learning experiences that they had.

If you are a new or existing member of the Cypress Ridge community and are interested in picking up the program where Carol has left off, please feel free to contact any Board member with your interest. We all are looking forward with hope that the pandemic will be contained and controlled soon so we can resume small social gatherings either within our homes or in the Cypress Room.

# Water Pumping Cycles and Irrigation Lake Levels\*

We all have noticed the water level of the lakes in various stages over the course of this past year and it was unfortunate to hear that the golf course experienced a water main break on 12/24/2020. This incident caused the loss of several gallons of water from the Avocet Lake that was resupplied by several days of heavy rainfall in early February 2020.

There are over 25 catch basins spread out around the golf course property that catch all the rainwater runoff from the streets, backyard drains, and the golf course. What most people do not know is how the water gets moved within these catch basins to keep the water away from our homes. The architectural design of these catch basins allows for water overflow to move to the lower parts of the golf course should these basins fill up. But before this happens, the golf course will start pumping them out manually. The explanation is not that simple, but we will do our best.

This is a basic overview of the golf course water system. The golf course will start by pumping water between catch basins when the rain begins. With as little as a quarter inch of rain, you can start seeing them filling up. To do this they set up portable pumps used to pump the water out and to transfer the water into the

different basins. Some basins are designed to overflow, and some are designed to percolate. The golf course will eventually get all the water moved from the overflow basins into the percolating basins, however this takes time.

There are five main basins that receive most of the water. These basins are located at holes # 1, 3, 6, 16, and the driving range. The water on holes #1 and 6 will eventually find its way down and into the two basins to the right of #3 tees. These are the percolator basins that the golf course can pump into. This is a one - day activity as the basins are dry the next day. If for some reason these basins fill up, then the water gets moved into the basin to the left of the tees. The water on hole #16 will eventually move into this same basin as well, however the water gets pumped first into the basin between El Campo and Brant, which then overflows into the basin to the left of #3 approach, and then gets pumped into the two basins to the right of #3 tees.

The two basins to the right of #3 tees are the lowest basins on the property and where all water could potentially end up. Should these basins start to fill, there are large submersible pumps that will automatically pump water up the hill and into the irrigation lakes. The irrigation lakes (the lake around the Pavilion area and the

one adjacent to it on Avocet) are the highest point of the storm water cycle. When the irrigation lakes fill up, the water will automatically spill over into the driving range, which as one might suggest by its pit like shape, is designed to be a holding containment for the water during big storms. The driving range can hold a tremendous amount of water. The golf course will manually pump the water out but if for some reason it fills up and starts overflowing, the architectural design of the driving range will move the water into the catch basin on hole #16, thus starting the cycle over again.

So, when we have big storms that produce 4 or 5 inches of rain in a short period of time, the driving range may look like its flooded and that there is no room for water but, there is plenty of room. The number one priority of the golf course when it rains, is to start the water pumping protocol. The pumps are noisy and are in operation for most of the day, but they are a necessity.

**\* Reference:**

**PULSE- January/ February 2019)**

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### WILDLIFE CARE

If you see wildlife in distress, contact **Pacific Wildlife Care, 805 543-9453 (pacificwildlifecare.org)**.

Every year we rescue baby Quail and ducks from the storm sewers. We usually find them when out walking and we see a frantic parent. It has happened often enough that now we know to check out the drain that is usually close by. Apparently, the moms lead them over the grates and in they fall. We have had to pull the grates up; get a ladder and get down in the drain to lift the babies out and put them in a safe place so the parents can take over. The ducks seem to know how many ducklings they have; they always wait till we bring them all up before leading them away. The Quail are not that smart!

Additionally, we occasionally receive reports of injured birds. Please contact Pacific Wildlife Care. They are in Morro Bay and their hours of operations are Mondays- Fridays between 8:30 am and 5pm. If it is the weekend, then please look at their website for helpful hints to keep injured birds safe and warm until they can be picked up and transported on Monday.

### VIRTUAL ER FOLLOW UP



A new service has been launched at Sierra Vista. It is the first in the Country, Virtual ER. The service has been live for a few months now and proving to be an invaluable offering to our community as it allows for 24/7 access to care from the safety and convenience of one's home. These are the highlights:

#### How it Works

- They have a dedicated phone number; 805-546-7990
- An emergency medicine nurse working in the ER answers the call to understand what is ailing the caller.
- If call is appropriate for a tele-visit, a Zoom invite is texted to caller and they can have a safe, security encrypted, virtual visit with an Emergency physician working at their Emergency Department (ED)

#### Benefits

- 24/7 access with a local Board-Certified Emergency Physician
- If the caller has ever been seen at one of their facilities, the physician has full access to patient history allowing for a more comprehensive visit.
- Their emergency care team can help determine if the caller needs to be seen in-person at an ED or not (helps avoid unnecessary visits to hospital)

#### Cost

- If the caller has Medicare, total visit is about \$20 out of pocket.
- If commercial insurance is used, like Blue Shield, etc., the insurance will cover the virtual visit.

Below are a few links to additional resources that speak to what the program is and the value it provides in our current COVID-19 environment:

- **Recent News Story:** <https://www.tenethealthcentralcoast.com/news/newsroom/should-you-go-to-the-emergency-room-tenet-health-central-coast-offers-tele-er-option-for-patients>
- **Informational Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tYLP66kpYE>
- **Tele-ER Website:** <https://www.tenethealthcentralcoast.com/telehealth>

**Disclaimer: The CROA Board of Directors does not support or endorse this service however during the pandemic, we believe that this is useful information to share with the community regarding available resources.**