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# **“THE VIEW” March, 2017**

## Homeowners and Residents of Mountain View

The big conversation and interest at last night's HOA Board Meeting was mailboxes! Big surprise. Fred Humphrey, our Treasurer, did a lot of research before the meeting regarding what it would cost to replace part or all of our mailboxes. Even though the board has a fiduciary duty to maintain all of the association's community property, that duty is not taken lightly. The money we spend is your hard-earned income and we try to be as diligent in our care of that money as we can.

There are a number of ways we can go about the repair and/or replacement of the boxes. The least expensive way would be to repair the damaged boxes, if possible. That would take away the 'outgoing' slots, and you would need to go to the post office to mail anything. The repaired boxes and the boxes that have not been damaged would all remain vulnerable to vandalism, as they are old and metal worn. Jumping to the most expensive option would be to replace all of the old boxes. I believe we decided that was 17 boxes. Our insurance will help cover the damaged boxes with a \$2500 deductible; then they would pay about \$4,300. This all boils down to our out of pocket cost being about \$19,000. The reserve account for the mailboxes has \$24,065. After lively discussion, your board has decided to move forward in replacing all of the boxes. If we don't replace the undamaged boxes now too, it is just a matter of time until they are hit as well. According to the police, this whole Riverside area is under siege by what is suspected to be gang activity.

Unfortunately, there will be inconveniences to everyone during the construction. The damaged boxes will, of course, be replaced first. Until your box is operable again, you will need to go to the main Post Office on Alessandro to pick up your mail. If you are unable to drive, you might ask one of your able-bodied neighbors if you could ride along when they go to pick up their mail. Another option might be that you contact the Post Office with a certificate of disability from your doctor, and they might just deliver the mail to your door. We don't know how long the construction will take because there are so many factors involved. Just know, we will be on top of it to make sure the time involved will be as short as possible.

Getting back to a less exciting topic, all of the beautiful rain we have had has created a menace known as 'weeds'! Many yards are sprouting numerous unsightly weeds. Just a reminder, we need to control them or they will take over our yards. My gardener put some weed and feed on my yard and it is looking pretty good. I might suggest some weed and feed and your weeds should pretty much go away. Thank you to those residents who attended the meeting last night and showed interest in and support of your community.

Regards,

Carolyn Daniels

# Mountain View HOA Board Highlights

Eunice Kang, HOA Board Secretary

The Mountain View Homeowners Association held its Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

**January 31, 2017**

Operating Income/(Loss)	\$14,879.45
Y-T-D Reserve Funding	\$65,428.72
Y-T-D Reserve Funding Budget	\$59,724.00
Operating Funds	\$17,929.80
Petty Cash	\$1,500.00
Reserve Funds	\$1,003,788.29

## DELINQUENCY STATUS REPORT:

As of January 31, 2017, there is a total of \$4,202.75 in delinquent assessments. This value represents an approximate delinquency rate of 1.17%, as compared to the last delinquency rate of 1.08% on December 31, 2016.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Reports were given by the Finance, Architectural, Social, Facility, Communications/Newsletter, Landscape, and Neighborhood Watch committees.

**Finance Committee:** Darlena Stevens is a new committee member. We will be reviewing our budget soon. It is estimated that our HOA dues may need to be increased by 5%

**Architecture Committee:** Residents are urged to turn in their Notice of Completion forms when their projects are finished.

**Social Club:** A new chair person is needed in June. He/She does not have to be hands-on, but could delegate, chair meetings, and write the Newsletter article. There will be a wine tasting party on March 19. A replacement is needed for Stan Emerson to hang activity signs on the gates.

**Landscape Committee:** In several of our common areas we are replacing the iceberg roses with agaves, mandenas, fescues, rocks, and boulders. We hope to replace the rose trees at the San Jacinto gate with Texas ranger plants.

**Facilities Committee:** BWR Installed a new HVAC unit in the clubhouse. Pool re-plastering began Feb. 14th, and will take 2 to 4 weeks to complete.

**Communications Committee:** A cost analysis was prepared for the printer usage. Ruben Benevides and his team of Newsletter Distributors were applauded for their diligent work.

**Neighborhood Watch:** A Disaster Recovery Plan and a Yard Sale Traffic Plan are being developed. A CPR class will be held on March 20.

## BOARD ACTIONS:

- The Board accepted the minutes and reports from the Committees' recent meetings as presented.

### **Consent Calendar**

- The Board approved as presented:
  - The January, 2017 Open Session minutes
  - The January, 2017 Organizational meeting minutes
  - The December, 2016 Financial Statement
- The Board approved Management's request to place a lien on a delinquent account.
- The Board withheld request to place a lien on another delinquent account for now.

### **New Business**

- **Mailboxes:** Five of our cluster mailboxes were broken into a few days ago, affecting around 65 homes. Newer mailboxes are more tamper-proof. The two we replaced last year are of the newer kind and were not vandalized.

After much discussion, the Board approved replacing all 17 of our older boxes, both vandalized and not, with the newer type.

Management will move quickly to get estimates from two vendors.

Eunice Kang is authorized by the Board to select the vendor and facilitate the work, with the cost not to exceed the reserves set aside for mailboxes.

- Needless to say, the original item on the agenda, to re-paint our mailboxes, is rescinded.

## HOMEOWNER FORUM:

- **Pickle Ball Lines:** JoAnn Foronjy reported that the red pickle ball lines that were drawn on our courts less than a year ago are now pale pink.

## NEXT HOA BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

# Social Club Happenings

## JoAnn Foronjy

Hello Everyone!

The "**Soup-er Bowl**" gathering was a lot of fun. Winners for the contests were as follows:



### Soup:

1<sup>st</sup> place JoAnn Foronjy  
(pasta fagioli)

2<sup>nd</sup> place (tie)  
Chuck Hedger  
(black bean w/ham)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Joan Brodowsky (sweet & sour cabbage soup)

### Football Pool:

#### \$5 box winners

1<sup>st</sup> Joanne Phillips  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Sloan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Buck  
4<sup>th</sup> Joe Lawrence

#### \$1 box winners

1<sup>st</sup> Charley Bennett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Darlena Stevens  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Paltikian  
4<sup>th</sup> Jean Holifield

**Congratulations** to all the winners and a great big "**THANKS**" to all who entered! Every soup was truly delicious!

Many of us go to "Rene's Pub" for corned beef and cabbage on **St. Patrick's Day**, Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Some go for lunch and some for dinner. Either way, everyone is on their own. Call ahead since they are usually very busy!

The **Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show**, supporting the American Cancer Society is scheduled for Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. So, save the date! Please see insert in this newsletter to **RSVP**.

Our only **Community Yard Sale** for 2017 will be on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. See insert in this newsletter and save for reference.

The **Memorial Day Celebration** will be on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Details will be in April newsletter and on the website.

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**I have found wonderful residents to fill these Social Club positions:**

**Ladies' Luncheon:** Marianne Montano will be joining Lori Humphrey as co-chair.

**Ladies' Luncheon & Fashion Show for the American Cancer Society:** Maggie Lawrence.

**Bartenders:** Joe and Maggie Lawrence, Chuck Hedger and Katie Wenke, Jean Holifield and Kay Donner.

**Bunco:** Twila DeWalt will be joining Lori Humphrey as co-chair.

**TGIF:** Joe and Maggie Lawrence

**Fashion Show Models:** Gretchen Williams, Luann English, Stephanie Thomas, Joan Brodowsky, Barbara Johnson, Kaye Donner, Peggy Meddings, Sue Sloan, Anne Cook and Maggie Lawrence.

**Thanks everyone!**

### Additional positions we need to fill:

**Sign Custodian for Gates** (March start)  
**Secretary Social Club**  
**Chairperson Social Club** (July start)

Anyone interested in being the Social Club Chair should know they do not have to do everything; they may appoint others to organize events. I have all the party, holiday, and event plans, including themes, table schematics, menus, games, etc. This will make it much easier! You can choose to follow an already established plan or change one to whatever other idea you may have. We have been successful BECAUSE of a co-operative staff and a community of volunteers. Won't you please consider this? If not, our only recourse may be to have the management company take it over. I surely hope not, as this would be expensive! Remember: if there is no Social Club, there can be no activities and events to enjoy... so please, consider it and volunteer! After all, "**we**" are a worthy cause! Call me if you have any questions.

With my sincerest gratitude, JoAnn Foronjy,  
Social Chair (951) 750-2303

Please let me know if you wish to be a part of the community social activity committees or you would like to start a new one.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### LADIES' LUNCHEON

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon  
**The Old Spaghetti Factory**  
3191 MISSION INN AVENUE  
Riverside

**Lori Humphrey (951) 472-0427**

**Marianne Montano (951)924-1252**

(Marianne Montano replacing Marilyn Dawson)

### MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

**Brandon's Diner**

24626 Sunnymead Blvd.  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

**Bill Donner (951) 413-6201**

### DINE OUT

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

**AppleBee's**

12600 Day Street  
Riverside

RSVP by Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Sue and Frank Sloan**

**(951) 455-3554**

**noreenjanice@yahoo.com**

### TGIF

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Cocktails, 5:00 p.m.

Potluck, 6:00 p.m.

**JoAnn Foronjy (951) 750-2303**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show

Supporting the American Cancer Society

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

### Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Throughout the Community

### Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

## Craft Club Peggy Meddings

Hello Everyone:

At our February meeting we made trees from magazine pages. You would have to see the end result to understand how they were made. It's a pretty cool idea.

We also spray painted gold, silver and green trees to use as table decorations. It was an easy and fast project.

At our meeting in March we will be making luminaries. I will supply the materials but you will need to supply battery tea lights.

If you have any suggestions for new projects, please let us know.

See you at the next meeting on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Peggy Meddings at (951)924-9195

## WINE TASTING



Sunday, March 19, 2017

2-4 PM

Clubhouse

There are still openings for the wine tasting. Just \$5 to try several

different wines.

Please bring your own glass.

Make reservations and have money to Jo Lippire by Friday, March 10, 2017.

Call or text (801) 440-2956 or drop money off at 14575 Mountain Vista Drive.

A man may smile and bid you hail  
Yet wish you to the devil;  
But when a good dog wags his tail,  
You know he's on the level.

~ Author Unknown





## Mountain View Community Yard and Craft Sale

- \* **WHEN:** Saturday, May 6, 2017      **TIME:** 7:30am-12:30pm (Set up begins at 6:30am)
- \* **WHERE:** Sales for those participating will be IN FRONT OF EACH HOME.
- \* **HOW:** Ads will be placed on Craigslist, Press Enterprise, in our newsletter, and on the website. Signs will also be posted in areas outside the neighborhood. A volunteer from the community will be posted at each gate for security purposes, to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly, and to allow walk-ins. Reminder signs will be posted for residents and guests requesting they use the Cactus gate for entry only, and the San Jacinto gate for exiting only the community from **7:30am-12:30pm** the day of the sale. Our intent is to try to regulate the flow of traffic (one-way) through the neighborhood for the sake of residents.

**THE “ONLY” EXCEPTIONS WILL BE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.**

**YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

- \* **WHO:** Residents, please call to let us know if you wish to participate in this event. The cost will be **\$5.00** per household. Since it is not at the clubhouse, tables cannot be rented. Each participating homeowner must provide their own and will be given a sign to put in the front yard. Residents would be responsible for setting up their own tables, pricing of items, and cleaning up afterward. All proceeds will go to the Social Club (covering cost of ads, signs, etc.)
- \* **WHAT:** Any items, including crafts, may be sold, with the exception of **FOOD** or **DRINKS**.
- \*\*\* As a security measure, if you live alone, PLEASE... DO NOT let anyone come into your home unless you have a friend or neighbor along! If someone wishes to use a restroom, direct them to the park facilities on JFK.**

**PLEASE RSVP by WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD**

*(At the time of RSVP and payment, you will be given your sign of participation.)*

**JoAnn Foronjy, Social Club Chair (951) 750-2303**

**\*\*\* If there are any residents who would be willing to help with the traffic flow in front of their home areas, or who have golf carts to ride around the neighborhood to insure “ALL IS WELL,” please let me know. We can provide you with orange vests for the day. If you are already a “Neighborhood Watch Member,” you will have your own neon shirts....and THANK YOU!**



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last week I came around the corner from Rainier to Grandview and nearly hit a car head on. The RV that is often parked there took up the entire right lane and I had no choice but to go around the RV in the left (on coming) lane. That is when I nearly hit the other car. That is a dangerous corner even without the RV parked there. Perhaps large RV's could be parked on Rainier leaving the corner clear.

Stan Emerson

Dear Editor:

Speeding remains a problem in our community. An interesting observation: the week that the reflector squares were being installed on the yellow stripes at both ends of Grandview there were orange cones placed along the stripe. People actually slowed down! Maybe they could be put there more often??

Pat Roy

## Run, Frankie, Run!

Pat Roy

It's been a very long time since I've had a dog. For more than two years, I've been trying to decide if I wanted another one. I tried adopting a retired racing Greyhound, but that did not work out. I like the breed, especially the smaller Greyhounds, as they are a nice size, basically lazy, smart, loyal, funny, cat-like, shed little and chase everything in sight. Once I decided to take the leap, I began searching for a rescue.



Because there are so few of them around, Italian Greyhound pups are snatched up almost immediately. Finding a rescue is

all but impossible. I eventually turned to a breeder and on Thursday, December 15, Frankie arrived in a tiny crate at United Airlines Cargo near LAX. He had flown alone all day in the cargo hold from Nashville, Tennessee. He was and is adorable!

Needless to say, having a puppy after so many years is a challenge. He's quite a character, though, and every day is an adventure. His fur is like silk but his baby teeth are like a 1000 tiny razor blades. If you see us out and about, stop and say, "Hi." He would love to "chat" with you!



## Neighborhood Watch Earthquake Preparedness Be prepared!

- \* Keep the Neighborhood Watch Captain phone numbers handy.
- \* Wear medical alert tags or bracelets to help identify your disability.
- \* If you are dependent on dialysis or other life sustaining treatment, know the location and availability of more than one facility.

### Supplies:

- \* A list of prescription medications including dosage and any allergies
- \* Extra eye glasses and hearing-aid batteries
- \* A list of the styles and serial numbers of medical devices such as pacemakers
- \* Copies of medical insurance and Medicare cards
- \* A list of doctors and emergency contacts
- \* Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- \* Battery-powered radio
- \* Flashlight
- \* Extra batteries
- \* First aid kit
- \* Whistle to signal for help
- \* Moist towelettes for sanitation
- \* Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- \* Manual can opener
- \* Garbage bags and ties for personal sanitation

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## “Will You Give This to My Daddy?”

### Why Southwest Airlines is going to support 'Red Fridays'.

Submitted by Darryl Householder

Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, nearly everyone was abruptly to their feet, hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families. I immediately began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line every day for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear of reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.'

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it. After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he

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loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.”

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards the gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek. -- Source: Facebook Group

## *Rattle those pots and pans from the kitchen of Katie Wenke*

### IRISH BEEF AND GUINNESS STEW

(Serves 2-3)

1 pound lean stewing beef  
1 ½ TBS oil  
1 TBS flour  
Salt, pepper and a pinch of cayenne  
1 large onion, coarsely chopped  
1 small clove garlic, crushed (optional)  
1 TBS tomato puree, dissolved in 2 TBS water  
1 cup Guinness stout beer  
1 cup largely diced carrots  
Sprig of fresh thyme  
Chopped parsley, for garnish

Trim the meat of any fat or gristle and cut the meat into cubes. Toss the meat with about half of the oil. In a small bowl, season the flour with salt, pepper and a pinch of cayenne. Toss the meat with the seasoned flour.

Heat the remaining oil in a large frying pan over high heat. Brown the meat on all sides. Reduce heat and add the onions, crushed garlic (if using) and the tomato puree to the pan. Cover and simmer for about 5 minutes.

Transfer the contents of the pan to a casserole and pour half of the Guinness into the pan.

Bring to a boil and stir to dissolve the caramelized meat juices in the pan.

Pour over the meat, along with the remaining Guinness. Add the carrots and thyme. Stir and add a little more salt if needed.

# The Green Thumb Corner

Victoria Klaas

Hello fellow gardeners!

Spring has sprung and there is much to do, admire and enjoy.

## MAKE SOFTWOOD CUTTINGS OF FAVORITE PLANTS

New growth on many hardy perennials makes it easy to increase plants you like. Choose new growth that “snaps” when it is bent and is not “rubbery.” Take cuttings approximately four to six inches long. Remove all but the top set of leaves and plant in a small (3 inches or smaller) pot filled with damp sand, vermiculite, or sterile potting soil. Dip the end of the cutting in a rooting hormone product such as “Rootone.” This will greatly increase one’s odds of success.

When planting softwood cuttings, make certain that the nodes from which you removed lower leaves are in tight contact with the sand. Place the pot in a shady area of the garden, preferably where a sprinkler will take care of it, and ignore it for a few weeks. Tug on the cutting and, if it resists pulling, it is rooted and ready to place in the garden. This technique works very well with Dianthus, Pentstemon, Salvia, Verbena, Pelargonium (Geraniums), Russelia, and most other softwood perennials. Roses, especially miniatures, are easy to start with this method.

Remember, don’t be in a hurry to cut back tropical and subtropical shrubs. Frost is still possible through early April.

## CONTROL PESTS

Slugs and snails are very active now because of the abundance of new growth. Stalk them with a flashlight after dark and hand pick as many as you can. It’s possible to dispose of hundreds of them this way. If Citrus or other fruit trees are being damaged by snails, place copper collars around the trunks. They feel tortured if they try to crawl over copper. Also, prune back any tree foliage that brushes the soil. Slug and snail baits are an efficient option. Put a ring of bait around newly planted annuals and perennials if your

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garden is snail prone. Meal baits are less attractive to pets than are pellets. Always use extreme caution around pets.

Cottony cushion scale, *Icerya purchasi*, targets many ornamental plants, especially Citrus. I have had to contend with it on both Lantana and Bougainvillea in my own garden. These tiny pests exude a white, waxy covering for protection from pests, making them appear fuzzy and cottony. Affected areas of plants appear flocked and sticky, and often have a secondary infection of black sooty mold. Plants will look sickly and may even die if pests are not controlled. Ants love the honeydew secretions produced by cottony cushion scale, so ant control is just as vital as scale control. Petroleum-based horticultural oil sprays reduce the number of scales. The oil asphyxiates pests by blocking air holes inducing suffocation. Completely water soil before using an oil. **Pay attention to temperature and humidity requirements on product labels.** Spray oil application once or twice per year.

## RENOVATE TIRED LOOKING LAWNS

Give your lawn a facelift. Mow it low and water well. Bald, thin and weedy areas will now be more apparent. Use a quality lawn seed recommended for our hot, dry summers. It should not contain Kentucky bluegrass or bent grasses. Both are disease prone and require more water than a mixture of fescues.

When planting from seed choose a good named variety. Avoid generic brands. Read the small print on the package. Broadcast seed with a spreader or by hand and lightly cover with Scott’s (avoid using potting soil which often resists wetting). Water well and don’t allow to dry out. The seed should germinate in two weeks or less, at which time watering can be reduced.

If you have an existing turf lawn, fertilize it this month. Choosing a day which you would normally water your lawn and time the application for just prior to when the sprinkler will come on. Do not fertilize if the temperature is over eighty degrees.

Happy Gardening!


*"All gardening is landscape painting," ~ Alexander Pope*



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February Ladies Luncheon

Thanking Marilyn Dawson for her community service and wishing her well in her move to Arizona.



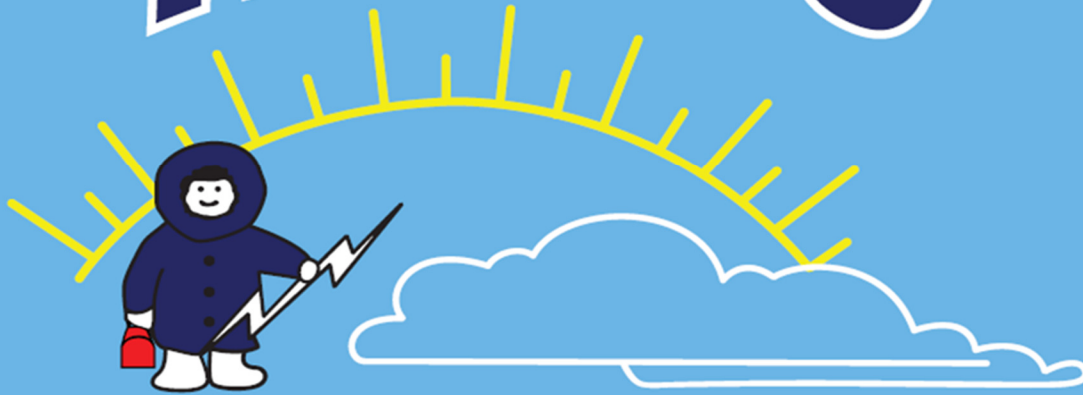
Super Bowl Sunday



Super Bowl Sunday

**CPR CLASS**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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Clubhouse  
\$15.00 – Space Limited  
Contact: Darlena Stevens  
(951) 337-1579

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