

PORT COSTA and
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 residents. We are investigating the expansion of 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 a Board of five Directors who oversee the work of three Commissions and other Committees of dedicated volunteers. **Newly elected Board Members Emma Sutton and Michael Kirker were seated on December 19. Kent Peterson was elected president of the Board, and we now begin another year of service to Crockett and Port Costa. 2018 was a very successful year for Crockett CSD, and we intend that 2019 will be even better.**

Each year brings new requirements that are imposed by regulatory agencies and may cause significant cost burdens. They may come from the Regional Water Quality Control Board or the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. They may come from County agencies such as the health department, a local agency such as the fire dept, or from other agencies such as the State Controller. Whatever comes our way this year, we are confident that our capable staff, supported by our engineering consultants, legal consultant and auditor, will handle every challenge skillfully.

The District Board is also supported by the many volunteers who act as the Recreation Commission, the Port Costa Sanitary Commission, the Crockett Sanitary Commission, the Crockett Police Liaison Committee, or the Memorial Hall Advisory Committee. Openings on all of these bodies occur from time to time, at which point we advertise for applicants. If you are interested in community service, please make your interests known to our General Manager, Dale McDonald. We expect to advertise separately for a new recreation commissioner and a new member of the Police Liaison Committee in January, as Elena Gomez has announced her retirement from both entities. We gratefully thank Elena for outstanding work during her twenty years of community service!

New Website Unveiled

In response to a change in state law that took place on January 1, Crockett CSD has shut down our old website and shifted to a more capable provider of website services. A website is now a public service required of all government agencies in California in the effort to improve accessibility and accountability to the people they serve. Such websites are also required to present certain types of information.

Crockett CSD is happy to comply. You will find that our new website is still located at the old address: **www.town.crockett.ca.us**

We intend to have our website provide a larger body of information which is more easily accessed, thereby of greater benefit to residents of Crockett and Port Costa and to those outside our communities who want information about us.

Please visit us to see how you may benefit from this new resource!

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 contact to get results, ask questions, make reports or file complaints. For example, to report a pot hole or flooding in the street, call the Public Works Dept. at (925) 313-2000.

Make use of the services that you are paying for.

Three Month Events Calendar

January

Crockett Community Services District
Jan. 7: Town Meeting regarding
Sideshows @ 7:00 pm
@ Crockett Community Center

Crockett Improvement Assn.
Jan. 8: Board election @ 7:00 pm
@ Crockett Community Center

Crockett Chamber of Commerce
Jan. 10: Town Meeting regarding
Banner Contest @ 7:00 pm
@ Crockett Community Center

Italian Catholic Federation
Jan 11: Bingo & hot dogs @ 6:00 pm
@ St. Rose Church

Crockett Striped Bass Club
Jan. 12: Crab Feed @ 5:00 pm
@ Crockett Community Center

February

Crockett Boy Scouts
Feb. 3?: Pancake breakfast @ 7:00 am
@ Scout Hall

John Swett Band Boosters
Feb. 9: Crab Feed @ 5:30 pm
@ Crockett Community Center

Italian Catholic Federation
Feb. 9: Polenta dinner @ 6:00 pm
@ St. Rose Church

Crockett Lions Club
Feb. 23: Corned beef dinner @ 5:00 pm
@ St. Rose Church

March

Italian Catholic Federation
Mar. 16: Corned beef dinner @ 6:00 pm
@ St. Rose Church

Armistice Celebration

People gathered on November 11 at Crockett's World War I Memorial Hall to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the end of 'The Great War' in Europe in 1918. Our Memorial Hall Advisory Committee, led by Ron Wilson, put on a memorable and well-attended event, assisted by volunteers from the Crockett Museum. There were Scottish bagpipes and bugler, the raising of flags, and poetry reading. The John Swett Band played the National Anthem. Two generals and other men in uniform took part in the celebration.

Scott Lawton acted as master of ceremonies, ringing a large bell at just the moment when guns fell silent 100 years earlier, while the public joined in ringing small bells for peace. Major General Dan Helix of Rodeo spoke about World War I, which had been called a century ago 'the war to end all war.' Brigadier General Dennis Edmonson laid a wreath in remembrance of those who sacrificed. Kathy Cargo read the poem "And There Was A Great Calm." And Kent Peterson reviewed our efforts to date to restore Memorial Hall for return to community service.

The entire event was poignant and heart-felt, remembering a tragic event in world history and the twelve men of Crockett/Port Costa who gave their lives for their country. Crockett CSD, owner of Memorial Hall, is proud to be taking the lead role in restoring this unique asset. Great appreciation is due the volunteers of the Memorial Hall Advisory Committee: Ron Wilson, Kent Peterson, Scott Lawton, Bud Burlison, Charles Dell, Michael Kirker and Harvey Duran. Although their work is largely unseen, they have been doing a great job!

Complaint Desk

Why can't they stop those illegal sideshows that keep happening near the Dead Fish Restaurant? They are dangerous, loud and disruptive!

In response to public complaints, Crockett's Police Liaison Committee will sponsor a town meeting on this subject at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 7 at the Crockett Community Center. We expect to hear from the California Highway Patrol about their efforts to curb sideshow activities here in West County. We also expect to hear from the County Sheriff's Department about their efforts. This is your chance to voice your concerns and ask questions. Find out what more needs to be done and what Crockett can be doing to help solve this problem.

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

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Crockett has never incorporated as an independent city, and therefore remains under the umbrella of Contra Costa County governance. For those who wonder why not, our next issue will review two previous incorporation efforts.

Also, we'll review accomplishments at Memorial Hall and perhaps a change in strategy that lies ahead.

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 "**Contact Us**" tab. For rental information on the Crockett Community Center, you may use our website or call **(510) 787-2414**. Please see previous volumes of *PORT COSTA & CROCKETT ENGAGED* on the Crockett CSD website.

2019 CROCKETT CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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JOHN MACKENZIE
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THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME AT BOARD MEETINGS, TYPICALLY @ 7PM ON THE 4TH WED. EACH MONTH @ CROCKETT COMMUNITY CENTER.

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