



Barron Square

Newsletter



Swimming Season is Here

All of the major upgrades to the pool, spa and deck areas of the clubhouse have been completed. We have some remodeling of the restrooms and kitchen areas in the planning stage.

In the meantime, we would like to remind residents of some very basic rules for the safety and enjoyment of everyone using the pool and spa areas:

- **State Law REQUIRES that all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult resident over the age of 18 years.**
- **State Law REQUIRES that the gates to the pool area be kept closed and locked at ALL times.** Protect our children. There were [3 near drownings in pools in Palo Alto in June](#).
- Residents are limited to six (6) guests at any one time. **Parties are NOT permitted in the pool/spa area.** Owners and residents are responsible for their guests at all times.
- **Glassware and breakable containers are PROHIBITED in the pool/spa area.** Please consume food or drink away from the pool edge.
- **Pets are PROHIBITED in the pool and spa areas.**

A copy of the Association rules for use of the [Pool](#) and [Spa/Sauna](#) are available.

Composting Program Update

The new Palo Alto Food Scraps Composting program has begun. New green Yard Waste carts have been delivered to the common areas in Buildings 3,8,10 and 12.

In other buildings where there is no shared trash area, we suggest that neighbors whose trash cabinets adjoin each other consider sharing a combination of 2 black bins (garbage), 1 blue bin (recycle) and 1 green bin (compost). The recommended green bin size would be 64 gal which is the same size as most people's blue recycle bin. **You will need to contact Green Waste Customer Service at (650) 493-4894 to arrange for a bin swap.**



Pickup Schedule

Now that there will additional bins being processed, we urge everyone to place the bins at the curb as late as possible on Tuesday afternoon and return them to the storage areas as soon as possible after collection on Wednesday. To ensure pickup of your compostables, **the green cart must be out at the curb by 6 AM Wednesday morning.**

Lots of Stuff Can Now Go Into Your Green Cart

Much of what we once threw in the garbage can now go in your green cart. In addition to yard trimmings, you can add these compostable items:

- fruits and vegetables (including pits)
- nuts (including their shells)
- coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags
- meat and bones
- dairy and eggs
- soiled paper (paper plates & cups, used tissues, paper towels, paper napkins)
- waxy paper containers (milk and ice cream cartons – even ones with a some plastic pieces are ok)
- Chinese and other paper takeout boxes
- pizza boxes
- compostable plastics (compostable bags, compostable to-go containers, compostable cutlery) – they must be labeled 'Compostable'

A more detailed list of items can be found at www.cityofpaloalto.org/foodscraps

Do Not Dump Raw Food Scraps in the Green Cart

We ask that you put your food scraps in "compostable" bags to help eliminate odors and reduce the attraction of animals (raccoon, skunks) and rodents. These bags are available in several sizes, including a 3 gal size which fits the small pail, in local stores or online at minimal cost. If there is sufficient interest, we may set up a bulk order for our residents. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO USE THE COMPOST PAIL YOU RECEIVED**, please do not discard it. Contact our Zero Waste Block Coordinator, Vickie Martin, at 424-9872 or leave it at her residence (4168, Bldg. 4) and she will return it to Green Waste.

Don't Forget Our MEET AND LEARN Session

On Monday, July 20th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM Barron Square HOA and Barron Park Association are sponsoring a Meet and Learn session with representatives of Zero Waste in the Barron Square Community Center. Come and learn about the Zero Waste program and get answers to your questions about composting. If you are planning to attend please [RSVP here](#) or call/email our Zero Waste Coordinator, Vickie Martin at (650) 424-9872 (vickiem@barronsquare.org) as soon as possible.

For additional information on the composting program, visit the [Zero Waste website](#)

Events Calendar

There are a number of events scheduled both at the Barron Square Clubhouse and in Palo Alto which may be of interest to our members.

click the link for the [Event Calendar](#)

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