

Chatham Court Newsletter

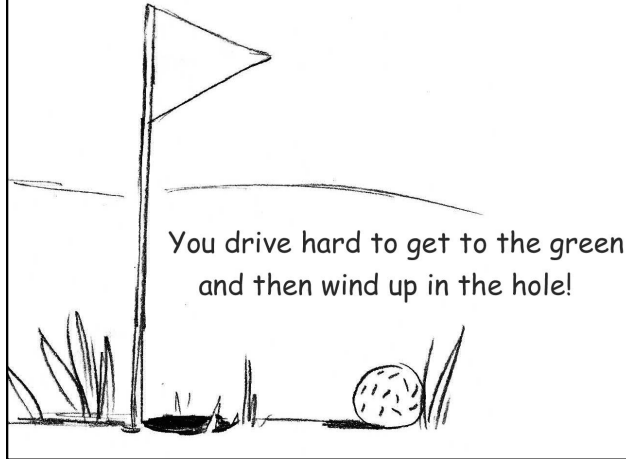
March & April 2013

TAX DAY IS APRIL 15

Tax season is here again! Taxpayers must file their returns by Monday, April 15. In addition to income taxes, homeowners pay property taxes based on the value of their home. The assessed value for taxes may have little correlation with a home's actual market value, however.

Property tax assessors can raise assessed values by 2% a year over the base-year price even if home values decrease.

Golf is a lot like taxes



Cartoon by Sherlin Kohl

Homeowners can appeal unjust assessments at the LA County tax

assessor's office. They can also enlist the aid of a legal firm specializing in property tax reduction. California Property Tax Associates (CAPTA) is one such firm that works on commission. CAPTA also petitions to reset the base value of a home so the tax reduction lasts longer than a single year.

Shirley and David Kohl, residents of Chatham Court, recently received a refund of over \$500 for overpaid property taxes.

Find zillow.com online.

Type in your home address.

Click the Enter key.

Click on details in the pop-up window.

Scroll down to tax history.

Next HOA meeting, April 25.

Annual meeting, June 27.

Dues will increase by \$5 in July.

GLI Landscape must thoroughly trim front bushes, so they will be barren awhile.

Water lawns or you will lose them!

Property Tax Overview

<http://lacountypropertytax.com/portal/contactus/overview.aspx>
<http://www.lao.ca.gov/reports/2012/tax/property-tax-primer-112912.aspx>

Compare Property Tax Rates in LA County

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-city-property-tax-table,0,2603475.htmlstory>

How much do you owe in property taxes?

<http://lacountypropertytax.com/portal/contactus/paymentinfo.aspx/>

CAPTA

<http://capta1.com/index.php?link=home>

