



Newsletter for Crest

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Number 1



A belated Happy New Year to all Crest residents! I hope your holiday was wonderful and you are having a great start to 2014. Can you believe this is winter weather?

The birds outside the window are looking to nest in February,

I have a New Year's challenge for all of Crest: Become involved in your community! CCA, Kiwanis, Crestridge and the Crest Fire Safe Council are a few of the community organizations that could use your help. If each resident would step up, bring their ideas and dedicate a couple hours a month to an activity, think of the potential. Do you know July 4th planning is already under way and we need some leaders? There are lots of opportunities as you read through this issue, so join in!

Speaking of activities, I hope you had the chance to attend the Kiwanis holiday breakfast. I've never seen so many kids at the CCA clubhouse. Of course with Santa as a special guest, it wasn't a surprise. Keep attending, they need your support



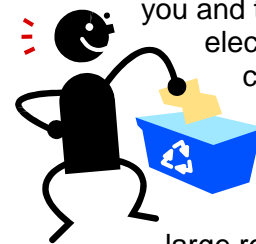
to continue to do their great work. The next Kiwanis community breakfast is February 22 at the CCA clubhouse. (See page 13 for more info.)

Missing the CCA Dinners? We would love to bring them back and this is a perfect example of where CCA could use your help. Our cooks are all out of commission. Sally Bruner sadly is moving off the hill. We sure will miss her but she promises to

not be a stranger to Crest. Jackie Grace, cook extraordinaire, is out of commission with health issues and Lori Johnson is out of town for a while. If you are interested in helping out with the dinners, email editor@thecrestsun.com and we will put you in touch the appropriate folks and see if we can bring the community together soon. Or, how about a CCA member potluck in March? Email me with your feedback.

The library has scheduled an informative talk on "Scams and Cons" on February 25th. Check out their schedule on page 2 for this and other upcoming activities.

Crest School has an ongoing small electronics recycling event which will help both you and the school. Take your small electronics i.e. cell phones, ink cartridges, toner cartridges, GPS, head phones, digital cameras and MP3 players to the school weekdays between 9 and 3.



Start setting aside your large recycled electronics for the **CCA and Crest Library's spring recycling event**. Watch the blackboard and the Crest Sun paper for more details.

CCA will be holding board elections on Tuesday, February 18th for the 2014 year. Members, please turn out to vote and show your support. Visit the CCA page (5) for volunteer opportunities.

Congratulations to Crest resident, Cassandra Kunze for winning the Miss California USA pageant. We are so proud to have another celebrity in Crest (page 9).

Crestridge will be holding a 5K race on February 1 and a musical event, Acoustical Crestridge, in March. Check it out on page 15.

Speaking of music, don't miss 'Silva and Baird' at the clubhouse on March 8 (page 4). See you there.

Happy
Valentine's
Day



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FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2014

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:30 am
Bilingual Storytime Thursdays afterschool

AFTERSCHOOL TEEN PROGRAMS

Video Game Fun! Daily. Teen Crafts on Fridays

FAMILY MOVIE Fridays at 3:00 pm

Rubber Band Bracelet Craft February 4th at 3:30 pm

Valentine's Day Craft Create a Beautiful Collage on Canvas,
February 11th 5:00 pm Sign up required, See staff for details.

FAMILY CRAFTS Saturdays - at 11am

2/1 Scrapbooking, 2/8 Knitting, 2/15 Wire Sculpting,

2/22 Friendship Bracelets, 3/1 Shrinky-dink, 3/8 Card Making,

3/15 Button Maker, 3/22 Friendship Bracelets, 3/29 Fuse Beads

Individual Basic Computer Classes Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm

Call 619-442-7083 for an appointment

ADULT BOOK CLUB

February book of the Month: **Ines of My Soul by Isabel Allende**

March book of the Month **The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama**

Submit your comments on the book at the Library or online

At: <http://crestlibrarybookclub.blogspot.com>

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Febrero: **Inés del Alma Mia por Isabel Allende**

Marzo: **El Jardín del Samurai por Gail Tsukiyama**

Take time to Love your Heart Free Blood Pressure Screening

9:30 am TO 3:00 pm on Friday February 14th

Scams and Cons Presentation by Terry Ambrose,

Avoid falling Victim to Past and Current Scams. February 25th, at 6:00 pm

Platicas de Vida Marzo 25 a las 6:00 pm, Curso es de Tres Semanas,

Con Temas en Educación, Salud Mental y Divorcio.

Crest Contacts

Crest Community Contacts		
Crest Community Assn. ljohnson@ucsd.edu or Lindahjelle@cox.net	Linda Hjelle (in transition)	440-8540
New Seasons Church - Crest nscrest@gmail.com	Kerri Lambert (email)	442-3736
Crest Black Board (Call Mary if you do not get callback from Kathy in 24 hours)	Kathy	440-6097
	Mary	447-7199
Clubhouse Rentals rentals@thecrestsun.com Jackie – 442-1018	Lori Johnson (email)	588-8806
Crest Fire Safe Council crestfiresafecouncil@yahoo.com	Kandhy Franklin (email)	444-4996
Crest Garden Club Rold@sbcglobal.net	Arlene Palmer Marsha	441-0187
Crest Historical Scty.	Dorothy Miller	444-0968
Crest Kiwanis weselis@sbcglobal.net	Jim Weselis	708-9902
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St Louise Church	Father Burnia	444-3076
Sub-Regional Planning. crestplanning.org	Judy Bowen (website)	440-0783
Help Lines		
Child Abuse Hot line	(800)	344-6000
Highway Patrol: Traffic Related Abandoned Vehicles	(858)	637-3800
	(619)	441-4264
Sheriff (non-emergency) Alpine Station Licensing Division	Dispatch (858)	565-5200
	(619)	659-2600
San Miguel Fire Dst Crest Fire Office Fire Marshal Public Info Officer Fire Chief www.smgfire.org	(858)	974-2020
	Business office.	670-0500
	Burn Permits Marsha Larsen Leonard Villarreal (website)	588-8112 660-5356 660-5359 660-5351
Adult Protective Svs	(800)	510-2020

Child Abuse Hot Line	(800)	344-6000
Animal Control	(760)	438-2312
Auto Repair, Bureau	(800)	952-5210
Border Patrol	(619)	662-7321
CALTRANS	(619)	688-6785
Code Enforcement	(858)	694-2705
Contractor's Board	(Fraud) (800)	321-2752
Crime Stoppers	(619)	531-1547
FBI (telephone scam)	(858)	565-1255
Fish & Game	(951)	443-2944
Illegal Dumping	(858)	495-5143
Noise Abatement (dogs), abandoned vehicles, solid waste complaints	(858)	694-3741
Planning & Land Use	(858)	694-3741
Poison Control	(800)	876-4766
Postal Police (mail)	MailFraud(877)	876-2455
Real Estate fraud/info	(619)	525-4192
Road Conditions	(800)	427-7623
Secret Service -Fraud	Currency/Credit	557-5640
Social Services	(619)	401-6000
SD Regional Center	(858)	576-2938
US Forest Service	(619)	445-6235

Stores and Restaurants

Crest Foods	Kevin pg. 16	444-8132
Rainbow Farms Mrkt	Mark –pg. 14	444-7504
Sonora Mexican Food	Ron – pg 11	938-9815

Advertisers

All In One Handyman	Pg 12 (858)	967-2949
Central Heating	Charles –pg.18	444-9955
Fetch Pet Care	pg. 12. www.fetchPetCare.com	
I & E Holistic	Ily Pg 19	889-4620
Kathy Kuts	Kathy – pg, 18	447-1945
Knox Reprographics	pg. 20	230-6300
LadyBug Lather Co	ladybuglather@Yahoo.com pg 12	
Simply Marvelous Organizing	Risa – pg. 10	440-1235
Real Estate & Loans SD Homes	Rayna – pg. 8	922-2524
For Rent – one bedroom apt	Kathy – pg 18	447-1945
AKC Lab Wanted	Sylvia – pg 12	447-7398



Check out our community calendar at www.thecrestsun.com and click on the calendar icon

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Calendar of Events February - March 2014

Crest School Recycling of Small Electronic items (see page 1) February-March

01/31/14	8:30 -10:30	Coffee with Dianne Jacob at the Clubhouse
02/01/14	8:00	Lilac 5 K Trail Run & Walk - Crestridge Reserve (see Page 16)
02/04/14	1:00 Tuesday	Historical Society Meeting- Crest Library
		No CCA Dinner at the Clubhouse in February
02/08/14	9-12 pm	Marie's Painters – CCA Clubhouse
02/10/14	7:00 PM	Sub Regional Planning Group
02/10/14		Crest Garden Club --Call Marsha for Details 440-1167
02/13/14	6:30 pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting – clubhouse
02/13/14	5:30 pm Wed	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
02/14/14	9:30-3:00 pm	Free Blood Pressure Screening
02/18/14	6:00 pm	Kiwanis Membership General Meeting @ Clubhouse – All Invited
02/18/14	5:30 - Tues 7:00 pm	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse Election of New Board
02/20/14	9-12 am	Marie's Painters – CCA Clubhouse
02/22/14	8-10 am	Kiwanis Breakfast
03/04/14	1:00 pm- TU	Historical Society Mtg – Library
03/06/14	9-12 am	Marie's Painters – CCA Clubhouse
03/08/14		Music Night at the Clubhouse
03/10/14	9:30 – Mon	Crest Garden Club --Call Marsha for Details 440-1167 - Veronica's House
03/10/14	7:00	Sub Regional Planning Group – Old Ironside
03/13/14	6:30	Kiwanis Board Meeting – CCA Clubhouse
03/13/14	5:30 pm	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley http://www.smgfire.org/ for agenda
03/22/14	8-10:00	Kiwanis Breakfast – Clubhouse – all invited including Santa
02/18/14	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Membership Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse
02/18/14	5:30 - Tues 7:00 pm	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse
02/25/14	6 PM	Scams and Cons – Terry Ambrose – Crest Library
03/20/14	9-12	Marie's Painters
3/08/14	7-9:30	Music Night at the Clubhouse
03/29/14		Acoustic Crestridge – More information to follow page 15

Music Night at the Clubhouse

March 8 - 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm

Baird & Silva and special guests are back to provide some great 'on the hill' entertainment/ There will be a \$2 donation to CCA, a box to donate for snacks & drinks or BYOSW (Bring Your Own Sensible Whatever) and have a wonderful time. Musicians play for tips.



Crest Community Association

Elections for the 2014 Crest Community Association Board will take place on Tuesday, February 18. Wouldn't it be great if all members were present to vote them in and give them a warm welcome? Linda Hjelle (secretary), Barbara Kingsbury (5th board member), and Jackie Grace (treasurer) will be stepping down this term. Jen Coates (vice president) and Lori Johnson (president, will take the 5th board member chair)) will remain on the board for another term. Our thanks for the Board's dedication and hard work this past year. Special kudos go to Lori Johnson for her dedication and hard work as a first year Board President. You did a great job!

We want to thank the following folks for donating important services to help enhance our clubhouse:

- ***A big thank you to Jen Coates and her family for recently painting the inside of the Crest Clubhouse. It looks so fresh and clean. Thank you so much!***
- ***Thanks to Karen and Kevin Nelson for donating a chair rack to the clubhouse. I understand Kevin customized it to fit our pantry. Good work Kevin!***
- ***Thanks to Jon Edwards for volunteering to mow the lawn and take out the trash at the clubhouse for this coming year. Hopefully you are the first of many volunteers to step up and help.***
- ***Thanks to the Garden Club for their recent weeding efforts at the clubhouse.***
- ***Glenna Evans – thanks for volunteering to help out with membership in 2014.***
- ***Christina Beeks, Lori Johnson, and Jen Coates have volunteered to be on the 2014 Board. I have three other hopefuls to put on the ballot as soon as I receive their confirmations. Thank you for stepping up.***

Are You Ready To Help Us Out This Year?

We need volunteers to help with the many duties associated with keeping our clubhouse in shape and as beautiful as ever. Since it is used both by the community and also rented out for weddings and special occasions, ongoing maintenance and upkeep is important. Maybe you have that special skill or a little extra time to help in this endeavor. If your time and resources are limited, you can also help by participating in our fundraising events (dinners, music nights, membership, etc.) or attending these great events. Here are a few areas where we currently need some help at this time:

- Helping plan quarterly or monthly dinners at the clubhouse. Are you willing to help with the cooking or donating food items when needed (i.e. cheese, cookies, bread, salad)? Call Jackie Grace at 442-1018 or email mamma3@cox.net if you would like to see the dinners continue.
- Helping with the general clubhouse maintenance:
 - 1) Our outside lights need programming on the inside light switch.
 - 2) Our irrigation system needs programming,
 - 3) Our outside garden lights need to be replaced – we have the replacements lights, but need help hooking them up.
 - 4) Our outside pillars need painting and our back shed needs sealing.
 - 5) We need more folks to help with pulling weeds and trimming on an ongoing monthly basis for an hour or two a month.
- General Cleaning – can you spend an afternoon once or twice a year to help deep clean the clubhouse? Windows need washing, shelves, tables and chairs periodically need cleaning.
- Our hardwood floors are looking pretty dinged up. Is that your specialty?
- July 4th: We need planning help. Would you be willing to take the lead with any of the following: silent auction, street brigade, application submittal, parade advertising and prep, food prep and sales, vendors, advertising, music. Doug Perry and George Jessup... thanks for stepping up. We need more folks like you and a planning meeting soon. Email editor@thecrestsun and I will put you in touch.
- Fundraising ideas for the clubhouse – could you take the lead and help us raise funds by finding some great fun ways to support the clubhouse.

Email LindaHjelle@cox.net if you could help out in any of these areas of need or call 44-Crest and leave a message and we will call you back.

CCA Year End Budgetary Report:

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2013	\$12,441.76
Ending Balance December 31, 2013	\$15,821.81
Crest Sun Balance	- 533.38
Library Fund	- <u>202.92</u>
	\$15,085.51*

*Note: CCA tries to retain a \$15,000 reserve fund for the CCA building for unexpected emergencies.

Gross Income 2013	\$18,304
Expenses 2013	\$14,974
Net Income	\$ 3,380

Listed below are the general categories of expenses and income to provide an overview of income and expenses. The report has been edited for space and simplification.

<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Dinners \$2,186	Dinners \$ 927
Rentals Income 5,696	Taxes 1 541
Cash Donations 706	Donations 325
July 4 th 3,820	Facilities & Equipment 1,194
Membership 1,813	July 4 th Expenses 847
Music Night 278	Insurance & Inspections 2,678
Zumba 108	Cox – internet, phone,TV 794
Misc. Revenue 2,617	Padre Dam Fire & Water Protect. 2,427
	SDG&E 643
	Waste Management 571
	Supplies, Postage, Operations etc 242

CCA Members to date: 81

JOIN THE CREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Renew your membership for the 2013-14 year.

Make your check out to the Crest Community Clubhouse. Mailing address: CCA 113 N Park Dr, El Cajon, CA 92021

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Membership Level:

____ Lifetime \$500 ____ Business \$50 ____ Family \$35 ____ Individual ____ \$25 Senior \$12 (65+)

I'd be interested in helping the CCA out by: ____ CCA dinners ____ Music Nights ____ Clubhouse
 maintenance ____ CCA Board ____ July 4th ____ Let's talk



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About Crest

How Well Do You Know Your Crest History?

The Crest Clubhouse



- The original Crest clubhouse was built in 1933 and was known as the La Cresta Women's Club.
- In 1970's the Civic Group (established in the 1940's) took over the responsibility for the La Cresta Clubhouse. The La Cresta Women's Club members were growing older and unable to raise funds to pay for insurance and taxes on the building.
- In 1984, the name was changed from the Crest Civic Group to the Crest Community Association. In the 1990's the building was upgraded to include a bathroom, hot water and septic, a new roof and many additional

improvements This was done with fundraising efforts and volunteer labor. The original clubhouse remained in use until it was burned in the 2003 Cedar Fire.

- July 4, 2008, our new clubhouse was rebuilt and ready to open much due to the efforts of Phil and Debbie Goettsch leading the community in a fantastic volunteer effort. This was accomplished with the financial assistance of the CCA insurance, Supervisor Dianne Jacob's office, Crest Kiwanis, and a generous donation from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

The Suncrest Sales Office



Do you know that the original Suncrest Sales office, located on the corner of Suncrest Blvd and Allegria, is still standing? The original building (shown to the left) of this cute little adobe house was only the portion where the far left window stands. The remainder of the house has been added on to over the years. In 1924 lots were sold by Ray Coats of the *San Diego Sun* newspaper. Approximately 200 lots were sold, one or more with each subscription to the paper as a promotional gimmick. This developed into the recreational community of Suncrest. Lots in the Suncrest subdivision were sold for

\$38.50; \$8.50 down and \$2.50 a month if you subscribed to The Sun for six months. The lots were 25' by 100'.

Did you know there were two clubhouses in Crest?

The Suncrest Clubhouse in 1925 was the first clubhouse on the hill. It still stands but it might be difficult to find. It was remodeled into the Crest New Season's Church on Suncrest Blvd. Suncrest, Inc. dissolved in 1960 and the clubhouse closed.



Did you know Crest was originally two communities?

Suncrest and La Cresta?

1928 shows the beginning of the La Cresta subdivision after Suncrest was virtually sold out. It was during this year that Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius sub-divided La Cresta, and sold 700 lots and several tracts of land, a total of 145 acres. The dividing line between Suncrest and La Cresta was North Lane (where the Fire Station stands) with La Cresta to the north and Suncrest to the south. It wasn't until the 1960's that two communities officially merged and were renamed Crest.

Information for this article was provided by the Crest Historical Society (CHS). CHS is always looking for new members. There is one general meeting a year. A monthly workshop meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Library. Members receive ECHOES, the newsletter, 4 times a year. For information call Dorothy Miller 444-0968



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130061393	ACT	300 Thornton Dr # 5	3	2	1,040	2005	\$85,000	11/19/2013			
130056051	ACT	1123 Hamlet	2	2	1,050	1958	\$359,000	9/27/2013			LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130052694	ACT	486 Alta Ln	3	2	2,040	1990	\$599,000	9/20/2013			LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
140002204	ACT	137 Scenic Dr	3	3	2,096	2005	\$379,000-359,000	1/13/2014			
130042314	ACT	209 Scenic Dr					LOT ALL UTILITIES TO SITE				LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130052499	ACT	715 Kent Dr	4	4	3,448	2000	\$749,000 - \$774,999	9/30/2013			
130049205	ACT	494 Sunrise Mountain	5	4	3,810	2014	\$699,000 - \$789,000	9/13/2013			
130060120	CONT	748 Bestview	3	2	1,314	1961,	\$270,000	11/12/2013			
130036474	CONT	1605 Eucalyptus Dr	4	2	1,950	1958	\$308,500	5/27/2013			
130032350	CONT	359 La Cresta Heights	3	2	2,000	1978	\$360,000	5/8/2013			
130040192	SOLD	2111 Eucalyptus	3	1	1,363	1971	\$305,000	7/24/2013			SOLD BY RAYNA MACK
130023758	PEND	2229 Eucalyptus	4	3	2,410	2004	\$485,000	5/9/2013			
130062339	PEND	196 Highline Trl,	5	4	3,259	1978	\$499,000	11/29/2013			
130030150	SOLD	1934 Fernbrook	4	3	3,168	2002	\$645,100	6/11/2013	650,000	11/26/2013	
130044385	SOLD	250 La Cresta Heights # 14	2	2	1,013	1973	\$25,000	08/18/2013	19,000	11/27/2013	
130046892	SOLD	2811 Suncrest Blvd	3	3	1,649	1945	\$289,876 - \$349,876	8/31/2013	365,000	10/29/2013	
130053318	SOLD	119 North Ln	3	1	1,501	1960	\$339,000 - \$359,000	10/3/2013	345,000	11/21/2013	
130052184	SOLD	908 La Cresta	2	2	1,178	1972	\$374,900	9/28/2013	375,000	10/24/2013	
130055060	SOLD	218 Holly Rd	3	3	1,656	2005	\$385,000	10/14/2013	375,000	12/13/2013	
130040759	SOLD	458 Mountain View	3	2	1,386	2002	\$399,900	8/1/2013	394,000	12/20/2013	
130063154	SOLD	295 East Ln	4	3	2,754	1972	\$445,000	12/5/2013	450,000	1/8/2014	
130054785	SOLD	261 Lilac Dr	3	2	1,169	1987	\$449,900	10/11/2013	440,000	12/12/2013	
120043529	SOLD	352 Sunnybrook	3	3	2,462	1994	\$460,000	8/27/2012	460,000	11/25/2013	
130045053	SOLD	412 La Crest Heights	4	3	2,567	1979	\$459,000 - \$499,000	8/18/2013	505,500	12/12/2013	
130052494	SOLD	103-105 Juanita	2	1	940	1941	\$250,000	9/18/2013	248,000	12/16/2013	SOLD & LISTED BY RAYNA MACK



Crest Tidbits:

Want to welcome a new neighbor to Crest? Is there a new baby in the family, a 50th wedding anniversary or recent retirement? If you have a line or two to share with and about Crest residents, send it to editor@thecrestsun.com or leave a message at 440-8540. Comments will be printed and edited at the editor's discretion.

Congratulation to Crest Resident, Cassie Kunze Crowned Miss California USA



Crest is so proud of you Cassie! Cassie was crowned Miss California USA 2014 in Long Beach on January 4th. She will represent California at the 2014 Miss USA Pageant in June in Florida. If she wins the USA pageant, she will represent the United States at the 2014 Miss Universe

competition. Cassie was crowned Miss Teen San Diego County in 2012. You may have even seen her in our own Crest parade. Cassandra 20, is a 2011 graduate of Grossmont College and student at San Diego State University working to complete her double major in international security and conflict resolution and television/film media.

Lost Critters:

It seems there have been quite a few wayward dogs that wandered away from their homes in Crest lately. I have received several calls from both lost dog owners and folks that have rescued these little guys and are anxious to return them to their rightful owners. If you lose your pup, you might try checking the Crest Sun Facebook page as it has successfully reunited several animals with their parents. In addition, it doesn't hurt to put up signs around the stores and library. If you need help, go to www.thecrestsun.com and click the "find us on Facebook link." If you have lost your pup, email editor@thecrestsun.com or webmaster@thecrestsun.com with a description of your missing or found pup and and phone number and we will try to help you out.

Random Acts of Crest Kindness

By Suzanne Mullins

Listed below are some of the people /actions I know that are currently making our community a little better:

- Dropping off your outdated electronics for recycling to the Crest School PTA.
- Crest residents attending the December community breakfast who gave to the toy drive.
- Crest K Kids, toy shoppers extraordinaire.
- Those CCA Board and members who quietly volunteer to maintain the Crest Clubhouse.
- Linda Hjelle and Denise Cote for publishing The Crest Sun Newsletter.
- Karen and Kevin Nelson donated a chair rack to the Crest Community Association
- Glen and Bonnie Weischedel donated to Exploratorium at Crest School.
- Crest.Kiwanis donated to Exploratorium classroom. Want to donate? Contact Claudia Garber any Tuesday at Crest School
- Crest resident, Dawn Gruner, volunteered in the Exploratorium Classroom.
- Karin Weiss for giving her time to maintain www.thecrestsun.com website and Facebook page.
- Thanks to volunteers for helping to Improve South Lane Park. Volunteers Christine, Wally & Gabe Seebold, Arlene Palmer, Stu U'Ren, Pat Ulm, Kathy & Rich Fiedor, Vicky Bonnett, Gary Meredith and Suzanne Mullins all planted native plants provided by Earth Discovery Institute's Cathy Chadwick in South Lane Park.
- Kandhy Franklin and the Crest Fire Safe Council for working to keep our community safe.
- Folks who showed up at the recent CCA meeting and volunteered as board members and volunteers.

There are many heros in Crest. Do you have additions to this list? Email: editor@thecrestsun.com.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor.

As a concerned member of our great community, I have noticed a growing trend of crime, from break ins to someone throwing a fire cracker from a passing car into a crowded yard of gathering adults and playing children on New Year's Eve. Please let it be known that we are a watchful community and will NOT tolerate blatant acts of stupidity!! Additionally, people drive WAY too fast on our narrow streets. Thank you,
Buzz Humerickhouse
Crest, CA

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Crest Fire Safe Council News

CREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL:

Thanks to Jonathan Appelbaum, the new biologist /Land Manager for the Endangered Habitats Conservancy, for a tour of discussed evacuation routes on the north side of Crest. His little red truck did a great job, too. Pat Ulm of the Sub-Regional Planning Committee, and Kathy Fiedor and Kandhy Franklin of the Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC) spent a few hours looking at issues, plans and possibilities for evacuation routes. It is hoped that further discussions will result in a map of these routes, as well as introducing these routes to the community. CFSC is willing to help with signs, and other means of assistance for this project. So, stay tuned!

There is an opportunity for a member of CFSC to attend a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Conference in Washington DC on evacuation, establishing a command center of community communications, and large animal evacuations. Some of the members of the CFSC have taken classes regarding large animal evacuation and the procedures necessary for an incident command center. It is hoped that the Crest CERT team will also participate in this as well.

SOUTH LANE PARK:

Thanks to Christina Seebold, a planting party was held at South Lane Park on January 13. Lots of volunteers including many EDI and Garden Club members showed up. Thanks to all for your hard work.

Kandhy Franklin met with the park staff to talk about the horse arena and the watering stations that are already in place before the planting party began. Daniel Trautner, from San Diego Parks and Rec will meet on January 24th to discuss future plans for the park. Two proposals will be discussed: one proposal has been submitted to the sub-regional planning committee for park improvements and another proposal presented to Dianne Jacob for an announcer's booth, a dog and horse watering station, and additional pathways.

DUMPING AT SOUTH LANE PARK: After meeting with the park staff, it was agreed that there will be no additional dumping of wood chips at South Lane Park. The county wasn't aware that other companies have been dumping there, saving fees from going down the hill. Residents have recorded the name and license number of these trucks illegally dumping, and they will be contacted. If you see any more dumping, please call Kandhy Franklin right away, at 619-977-1566.

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10/20/13	11:45 am	Other Sex Crime	Eucalyptus Drive/Holly Rd
11/17/13	8:30 pm	Vehicle Break-In	1000 Bl Matamo Pl
11/17/13	12:38 am	Vandalism	200 Bl Lento Lane
11/19/13	6:00 pm	Petty Theft	800 Bl La Cresta Blvd
11/23/13	3:30 pm	Residential Burglary	300 Bl South Lane
11/25/13	12:30 am	Poss Controlled Subs	100 N Bl Park Dr.
11/27/13	12:38 am	Battery on Person	2000 Bl Crest Dr
12/01/13	3:00 pm	Grand Theft	800 Bl Park Place
12/09/13	10:00 pm	Vehicle Break-in	100 Bl Mtn View Rd
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CREST KIWANIS



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Happy 2014 !

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season. Thirteen families were the recipients of a Thanksgiving turkey and food baskets gathered from donations from St Louise Catholic Church Parishioners, Crest School K Kids, and Crest Kiwanis members. At Christmas time more than 30 children from eleven families received toys, courtesy of the generous monetary donations collected during the Kiwanis' Breakfast with Santa and the Crest K Kids efforts. Food, including a ham and clothing, was also provided by individual community and Kiwanis members.

Looking for something to do for your Community and Children of Crest?

Check out the calendar below and volunteer with Crest Kiwanis members.

Contact suemullins@cox.net for details

Kiwanis Event Calendar

Community Breakfast @ Crest Clubhouse	Sat 1/25 8:00 - 10:00 am
Kiwanis Terrific Kids Recognition, @Crest School	Fri 1/31 9:00 am
Earth Discovery Lilac 5k	http://earthdiscovery.org/index.php/lilac-5k-trail-fun-run
Community Breakfast @ Crest Clubhouse	Sat 2/22 8:00 - 10:00 am
Kiwanis Invitational Track Meet	http://www.kiwanischn31.org/

Join the Kiwanis of Crest.

We are looking for a few good people who don't mind work parties to benefit the children of Crest, San Diego and the world.

Contact President Jim Weselis (weselis@sbcglobal.net)



Submitted by Suzanne Mullins

News from the Alpine Women's Club:

The Alpine Woman's Club's next *monthly luncheon* is on *Tuesday February 18th at 12:00 noon*. Our speaker will be Risa Goldberg of Simply Marvelous Organizing. - simplymarvelousorganizing.com The Club is located at 2156 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901. To make a reservation, please contact Patricia Bauer at 619-922-2379.

The Alpine Woman's Club's next *monthly luncheon* is on *Tuesday, March 18th at 12:00 noon*. Our speaker will be Maggie Espinosa, world traveler and author, who will talk about her "Privileged PoochTravel Guides" and the many accommodations that are pet-friendly. The Club's 100th anniversary is in 2014 and our goal is to have 100 members! Please come and enjoy good food, our program, learn about the Club, and make new friends. Open to all East County women. The Club is located at 2156 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901. To make a reservation, please contact Patricia Bauer at 619-922-2379.

The annual *Victorian Tea* has been scheduled for *Saturday, May 17, 2014*. There will be two sittings. Mark your calendar for the very special occasion



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The mission of the sub-regional planning group is to advise and assist the Director of Planning, the Planning and Environmental Review Board, the Zoning Administrator, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in the preparation, amendment and implementation of community and sub-regional plans.

Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Locations rotate between the Dehesa School, The Crest Community Center, and the Harbison Canyon Community Center. Meeting agendas, minutes, locations, and planning commission documents may be found on their website at www.crestplanning.org. The website can also be accessed by going to the www.thecrestsun.com website and clicking on planning group or organizations. Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10 & April 14 will be held at the Crest Clubhouse

The following are segments from the 2013 minutes regarding Crest. For a full copy of the minutes go to www.crestplanning.org - July 2103 Minutes:

2. Proposed Open Space Encroachment, AD13-022 at 1903 Saxton Lane, La Cresta Road/Old Bend Road. Chairman Wally Riggs reviewed for the Group a proposed project required to remove several boulders improperly stockpiled on dedicated Open Space land, and the proposed revegetation plan to restore the site to its original condition as preserved Open Space. The Group briefly discussed the original residential lot development plan and the unauthorized stockpile of boulders placed in its designated Open Space. Jeff Myrick moved the Planning Group recommends approval of AD13-022, Open Space Encroachment at 1903 Saxton Lane, as proposed. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

August 2013 minutes

1. Emergency egress from Crest, discussion and possible action (Slagill). Planning Group member Ralph Slagill opened a discussion among Group members, and including David Richardson, resident from Crest, about the use of Suncrest Road, SC 1960, as an emergency egress road for the Crest community. Partial grading of the road has been done by the County, and by San Diego Gas and Electric; a middle section of the road still need to be graded; details concerning proper signage, potential liability for signage issues, agency protocols for opening the locked gates, etc. are under discussion by the involved landowners. David Richardson suggested that all of the documents and correspondence, etc., concerning the legal designation, maintenance and management of Suncrest Road as an emergency egress road for the Crest community should be collected and maintained for public reference at the Crest library. He also described how Suncrest Road is currently identified as an "Emergency Fire Access" road in the Community Plan and in other documents and correspondence, and how this wording could be changed to "Emergency Egress Road," and then be an officially designated category of road that is eligible for funding for improvements from the State Responsibility Area fire prevention programs. He said the Crest Community Association will send a letter to the Planning Group requesting its support and attention towards changing the wording in the Community Plan to "Emergency Egress Road" for the designation of Suncrest Road, SC 1960. Chairman Riggs said he would contact the appropriate County staff person in order to effect a change in the wording in the Community Plan from "Emergency Fire Access" to "Emergency Egress Road" for referring to Suncrest Road, SC 1960.

September 9, 2013 minutes

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. David Richardson, Crest resident, commented that the Planning Group makes recommendations about community planning matters, and the Community Plan has provision for assessing how the Plan is being implemented, but it isn't clear what the community or citizen is supposed to do if parts of the Plan aren't being implemented appropriately. (Chairman Riggs reminded the meeting that Public Communication items are not open for discussion, but also but he could answer that the Community Plan elements and details are implemented by actions of the County Board of Supervisors and County

1. Emergency egress from Crest, discussion and possible action. Chairman Riggs opened the discussion about this item explaining that Kevin Johnston, County planning staff person, suggested the Planning Group should initiate a fresh request and recommendation for changing the language in the Crest Community Plan concerning the designation of Suncrest Truck Trail (SC1960), because the record of correspondence about this matter has become very confused. David Richardson, resident of Crest and representative of the Crest Community Association, distributed for Planning Group review a revised letter prepared by the CCA that recommends several specific additions of the words "emergency egress route" to the Crest Community Plan. He explained that if Suncrest Truck Trail (SC1960) is identified and described as an emergency egress route in the Plan, then this road becomes eligible for funds that can help with its needed maintenance from the State Responsibility Area assessment program. Richardson requested that the Planning Group adopts the revised CCA letter as a template for a Planning Group recommendation to the County concerning designation of Suncrest Truck Trail as an emergency egress route. Members of the Planning Group and the public discussed details about the maintenance of the road, management of the locked gates at the east and west ends of the road, and its relationships to Crest and to potential development of the Odum property. Judy Bowen moved the Planning Group recommends the amendment of the Crest Community Plan so that it designates Suncrest Truck Trail (SC1960) as an emergency egress route, reflecting the wording from the revised Crest Community Association letter dated 9/9/13, and using this letter as a template for inserting the terminology "emergency egress route" into several appropriate sections of the Crest Community Plan. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain). 2. Change of wording in Community Plan text, from "evacuation route" to "emergency egress." Chairman Riggs pointed out that agenda item F.2 is redundant to the issues and action considered in agenda item F.1, and that discussion and action of F.2 is unnecessary. He requested and obtained Group consensus to drop agenda item F.2 from further consideration.

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