



A Newsletter for Crest

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!



WE ONCE AGAIN NEED TO ENLIST YOUR HELP WITH THE JULY 4TH EVENT! This will be our 66th year and we are counting on the community's help to make it a special time for Crest. It takes a minimum of 50 volunteers to pull this great event together. Are you new to Crest? Crest has a home grown parade (anyone can join in), a great picnic in the park with live music and yummy food provided by the Kiwanis and CCA. Throw in some great vendor booths and a terrific super raffle and it is the makings of a great day.

Without your help, we may not be able to pull this off and what a shame that would be!! This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors, join in the fun, and see what Crest is all about. Your involvement can be a little or a lot. It can be as simple as donating a gift card, helping to sell drinks in the park, or picking up trash. Are you watching the parade? Sign up to be a street monitor and your only job is to be sure the barricade is in place while the parade passes. Two planning meetings are scheduled to kick off this event; May 26th after the Kiwanis breakfast at 10:00 am and June 9th at 9:00 am. Attend one of the upcoming meetings to learn more about how you can help.

Both meetings will be held at the clubhouse. See pages 5-6 for the list of needs and get involved. Join in and see the heart of the community at work.

What's Happening in Crest?

Moving into summer, there are so many things to do in Crest without even leaving the hill.

The next **CCA dinner** (see page 27) will be held Wednesday, June 13th. An Italian chicken dinner is the theme so be sure to stop by for a great meal. Note this is a date change so as not to conflict with the **Crest School June 7th end of year BBQ** from 6-8 pm.

Marie's Painters, our local artist group, is holding its third annual **Art Show at the clubhouse on June 2nd**. See page 22 for details (painting by our own Jackie Grace.)



Bingo anyone? Come by the clubhouse on Friday, June 15 from 7-9 pm for a fun evening. (see pg. 15).

Dave Silva and Tom Baird are once again at work pulling together another great **music night** for Crest. Don't miss this fun event on June 23rd from 6-10 pm (see page 13)

Attend one of the scheduled **Kiwanis breakfast** gatherings on June 23 or July 28. Check out the Kiwanis info on page 21 to see all the great things they are doing for our community.

Last but not least, be sure to check page 2 for the many **library activities** happening this summer.

Volunteer wanted: Editor of The Crest Sun: Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer job in Crest? After five years, I'm ready to pass on the pen. Thank you for all your support; it's been a great ride. Keep up with the news by going to The Crest Sun Facebook page. See back page for more information how you can keep the Crest Sun in print.



Children's Programs

Coloring Table Every Tuesday during open hours

PJ Story-time Tuesday May 8th and June 12th at 6:30 pm

Baby Story-time Every Friday with Melanie

Teen Programs

Video Game Fun! PlayStation & Wii for your enjoyment!

Make it and Take Crafts Every Friday

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Adult Programs

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May book of the Month is: The Pelican Brief

June book of the Month: Where are you now?

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At: [Http://crestlibrarymysterybookclub.blogspot.com](http://crestlibrarymysterybookclub.blogspot.com)

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Del libro, en Mayo: El Informe Pelicano

En Junio :¿Done te escondes?

Saturday Family Craft Program 11 a.m.

Soap-making June 16th - Pet treats June 2nd

Pot holder looms June 30th– Scrapbooking

Wire sculptures June 23rd Knitting Instructions June 9th

Celebrate older American month in May

Summer Reading Kickoff

All Ages can join the summer reading program and read for prizes.

Programs every Tuesday evening at 6:30

Sign up online at www.sdcl.org

May 29th @ 4pm - Bubbles, Balloons and Face Painting

June 5th 6:00 PM Mystery Theater: The Murderous Melodrama

June 12 4:00 PM Traditional sign up for Summer Reading

June 26 6:00 PM Karaoke for all ages. Join us and Show your talent

All Library programs are subject to change or cancellation without notice/
Todos los programa de la biblioteca son sujtos acambio o cancelacion si aviso

Crest Contacts

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Help Lines		
Child Abuse Hot line	(800)	344-6000
Highway Patrol: Traffic Related	(858)	637-3800
Abandoned Vehicles	(619)	441-4264
Sheriff (non-emergency)	Dispatch (858)	565-5200
Alpine Station	(619)	659-2600
Licensing Division	(858)	974-2020
San Miguel Fire Dst Crest Fire Office Fire Marshal Public Info Officer Fire Chief www.smgfire.org	Business office. Burn Permits Marsha Larsen Leonard Villarreal August Ghio (website)	670-0500 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
Contractors 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

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Soho Bookkeeping	Denise pg 10	(360)770-0483
Vintage Vanity Salon	pg 7	561-8014

**Did this little critter
stop by your house
on his migratory path?
We don't know what he
is but he's pretty darn
cute.**



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if and when we get a
new editor in place.**

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Calendar of Events June-July 2012

05/26/12	8-10 am 10:15	Kiwanis Breakfast – Clubhouse – all invited July 4th Event Planning Meeting - Clubhouse
05/29/12	4 pm	Bubbles, Balloons and Face Painting – Crest Library
06/02/12	10-2 pm	MARIE'S Painters Art Show at the Clubhouse – All invited (page 22)
06/05/12	1:00 Tuesday 6:00 pm	Historical Society Meeting– Crest Library Mystery Theater: The Murderous Melodrama – Crest Library
06/07/12	6-8 pm	Crest School End of Year BBQ – All invited
6/09/12	9:00 am Sat	July 4th Planning Meeting – Volunteers needed
06/13/12	5-7 pm Wed	CCA Dinner – Italian Chicken Dinner at the Clubhouse (pg 27)
06/14/12	6:30 pm –	Kiwanis Board Meeting – Clubhouse
06/11/12 06/11/12	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Garden Club Meeting Marsha for Details 440-1167 Sub Regional Planning Group
06/12/12	4:00 pm	Traditional sign up for Summer Reading – Crest Library
06/13/12	5:30 pm	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley http://www.smgfire.org/Board/agenda.htm for agenda
06/15/12	7-9 pm	Bingo at the Clubhouse
06/18/12	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse
06/19/12	6:00 - Tues 7:00 pm Tues	CCA Board Meeting (before general meeting – closed session) CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse (Public invited)
06/23/12	8:00-10:00	Kiwanis Breakfast – Clubhouse – all invited
06/23/12	6-10 pm	Music Night at the Crest Clubhouse – Hosts: David Silva and Tom Baird
06/26/12	6:00 pm	Karaoke for all ages. Join us and Show your talent – Crest Library
07/03/12	1:00 pm- TU	Historical Society Mtg – Library
07/04/12	9:00am – 2:00 pm	July 4th Event – Parade and Park Activities
07/09/12 07/09/12	9:30 – Mon 7:00	Crest Garden Club --Call Marsha for Details 440-1167 Sub Regional Planning Group
07/11/12	5:30 pm - Thurs	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
07/16/12	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse
07/17/12	6:00 - Tues 7:00 pm Tues	CCA Board Meeting (before general meeting – closed session) CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse (Public invited)
07/28/12	8-10:00	Kiwanis Breakfast – Clubhouse – all invited.

HELP US WITH THE JULY 4TH EVENT

From our CCA President Paul Johnson:

It's that time of year again. The 4th is soon coming. Can you come join with us as a volunteer? This year is no different in the fact that it takes a lot of people to put on our parade. We held a volunteer meeting on the May 12th and started the ball rolling. We are preparing the permit process and have the different job areas defined. There were only eight of us that showed up on the 12th. That is a start but we could use about 30 more. By the time this gets to print we will have held our second meeting after the Kiwanis breakfast. The third and last meeting for volunteers is set for the 9th of June at 9:00 am. Please come if you can make it. There will be a place for everyone. We have to fill traffic, music, raffle, vendors, and set up. Thank you for your efforts this year.



How can you help to make the July 4th event a great success?

Please mark your areas of interest on the next page and we will get in touch with you. You do not need to have any experience; it is fun and we will show you what to do. Check several boxes if you have some flexibility and areas of interest and it will help us out. Drop off your volunteer sheets one of the following ways:

1. Email : knuters_2000@yahoo.com (Kevin Nelson)
2. Fill this out and drop and mail to: Kevin Nelson: 862 Via La Cresta, El Cajon, CA 92021 (they have a locked mail box, you can also drop it off in the box, just make sure it drops to the bottom. Questions? 619-749-9180)
3. Drop the form off at mailbox in front of CCA # 120 (make sure it drops to the bottom so as to not interfere with the mail delivery)

Can You Donate a Gift Basket or Item for the July 4 raffle?

Make it a family project to help out the Crest CCA

Make a Basket? Just Pick a Theme : (movies, the beach, sports, pets, food/wine gardening, golf, etc, wrap it in basket and give us a call.

Want to help by adding an item or two? That works too - have some spare movie tickets, gift cards, gift certificate for services, a round of golf or a new car? (only kidding)

(New items only please)

Email, editor@thecrestsun.com or call 619-517-9838,

PARADE ROAD CLOSURES- JULY 4

The main road, La Cresta, will be closed in the morning to through traffic for approximately 45 minutes until the last parade participant passes. The road may be closed from 8:30-10:30 at certain locations. Alternate routes will be posted if you are going into South Crest. Of course, if there is an emergency, the volunteers will radio the command center. Watch the chalk board for updated information regarding the lineup.

I can help the July 4th event by:

These a few of the areas where we need help:

_____ Clubhouse/Food Setup: Day before and/or morning of event. (5-6 volunteers) Set up tables inside, decorate inside/outside clubhouse and park. Help set food, ticket booths, raffle, help set up pop-ups, music stage. Assist vendors with setup, basic traffic sign setup around park. Help set up first aid station, help with parking management during setup



up

_____ Help with food sales, ticket sales: (6-12 volunteers)

We try to set the schedule in 2 hour increments so everyone can enjoy the event. Areas include. raffle ticket sales, food sale, water/soda sales in the park, help with advertising.

_____ Pick up, Drop off, Setup barricades (5 + volunteers needed)

(1) Pick up barricades from Alpine - need 2-3 trucks and adults to drop off and pick up: Time commitment: Tuesday, July 3 before 5 pm – Pickup (needs to be confirmed) July 5 delivers back to Alpine (unless they are open on the 4th) - Next morning drop off signs at 7:00 am designated streets?

(2) Once barricades are picked up, they must be dropped off at each intersection approximately hours before the parade starts. The truck will follow the end of the parade and pick up the barricades at the end of the parade. You will coordinate this with the County - we will provide contact name and numbers

_____ Street Maintenance, street monitors before and during parade.

We are required by the county to barricade each street and have volunteers assigned to each of the 23 streets. Street monitors put the barricade in place during the parade. After the parade passes, the barricade is picked up and your duties are over

_____ South Lane Park Parade Line Up/Clean-up/Judging?

Need help with the parade setup/Cleanup. We need a captain and helpers responsible for the parade line up and making sure it kicks off on time. We need 2-3 folks to help and to judge the floats. We need to make sure South Lane park is picked up and left the way it was. Explain to kids to stay in line and may not ride their vehicles down the streets before or after. Highway patrol will be there.

_____ Vendors Fair: Before event, during event

We need a coordinator and helper to organize vendors and collect the necessary paper work. During the event, we need folks to check in the vendors and oversee the setup.

_____ Trash maintenance:

Need 3-4 folks responsible for putting out trash cans, emptying them periodically in the bin, and helping to pick up the park at the end of the day.

_____ Super Raffle: We need your help to:

(1) Can you donate or help us get items donated for the super raffle? Do you have contacts with community folks, or companies that would be willing to donate new items to be raffled? Gift cards, local companies providing gift baskets or gift certificates, folks willing to donate sporting event, play or amusement park tickets?

(2) Can you help us package up and collect items for the raffle and help us set up raffle?

(3) Can you help oversee the raffle and help sell tickets as well as help award prizes during the event?

(4) Can you help send out thank you notes, make gift certificates if needed and contact folks to get items in a timely manner?

_____ MUSIC

Entertainment during the event is always the hit of the day. Do you know a band willing to provide their services for the event at a very reasonable price?

_____ AWARD

Can you work with the coordinators to help order trophies to award to parade participants?

_____ KIDS ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

Can you help to entertainment for the kids such as races, etc. with small prizes?

_____ TELL ME WHAT TO DO AND I'LL DO IT!

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Fire Protection News:



Editor's notes:

It appears these days that Crest fire protection news seems to come in one flavor only – bleak. The attached information is based on phone calls to prop E committee members as well as concerned residents attending San Miguel Fire Board meetings. Unfortunately I never received a return call from San Miguel. The following is my understanding of the issues at hand. You have comments? Go to the Crest Sun Facebook page and share what you know.

Issue 1: Proposition E is an East County Fire Protection District's special parcel tax was designed to fund fire suppression and other emergency services for the Crest and Bostonia fire stations. The tax was originally advertised as a means for Crest/Bostonia to retain its independent fire protection since the Crest Fire Protection District could no longer support itself based on our tax base. No other agencies were interested in consolidating with us based on our deficit budgetary status. After proposition E passed, it seemed everyone was out for our new found funds. Our local fire board, chose to negotiate a consolidation agreement with The San Miguel Fire Protection District and we lost our local control. Prop E's passage in September 2007, resulted in an original tax increase of \$250 per parcel. This was in addition to additional preexisting taxes including a Fire District Special Tax of \$40, and paramedic benefit fee of \$62.94. Proposition E also has a 3% escalator built into the tax based on the consumer price index. At the last San Miguel Board Meeting, the Board had an agenda item to vote in a 3% increase. The only reason it did not go through is that the issue was contested based on the fact that the CPI was only 2.7. The issue was tabled until the next meeting. **It is expected the 3% increase will be voted in by the board at the next meeting making the projected prop E amount to \$287.79 (there has already been one.**

Additional notes regarding Prop E:

Note 1: Budgetary questions have been asked by a Crest resident requesting why there was a \$99,000 surplus reflected on our 2010-11 budget was going to the San Miguel general fund and not being rolled over. The answer provided by Gary Croucher, Interim Fire Chief, "Surpluses do not role into the next fiscal year as they are simply a budgeted number, not based on actual expenditures" He was also asked why the 2011-12 EOC Budgeted Expenditures are \$505,864 higher than 2010-11 EOC budget. Mr Croucher's reply: The breakdown included: Administration (\$210,908) CalPERS Side Fund Refinancing, Salaries and Benefits (\$256,215) Salary and Benefit Increases and the full accounting of 18 suppression personnel, Facilities Maintenance (\$8,088) higher Various small amounts with \$5,000 being Miscellaneous and Emergency Repairs?

Note 2: Several residents and property and business owners have raised the issue of seeking to repeal or modify the Prop E parcel tax. As I understand, it would take \$100,000 to \$300,000 to fund a special election to attempt this feat. SDCAA (San Diego County Apartment Association) worked closely with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association (HJTA) to determine the legality of the ballot measure process and how parcels were taxed. The SDCAA and HJTA have concluded that Prop E did in fact meet the letter of the law, but not the spirit, meaning, it doesn't sound like this is a viable suggestion.

Issue 2: Fire Prevention Benefit Fee – Assembly Bill 29

(Based on an excerpt from a news release by Dianne Jacob Dated May 15, 2012)

Re: Assembly Bill 29 approved by the Legislature in early 2011

San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob will ask state fire officials to exempt our region from an annual parcel tax of up to \$150 slated to hit some 74,000 property owners who live in rural and semi-rural areas of San Diego County. The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection held a public hearing on the so-called Fire Prevention Benefit Fee on May 16 at the County Administration Center. Supervisor Jacob believes the tax comes with zero guarantee of improved fire protection and is instead, an attempt to make the state's monstrous budget deficit by singling out residents who already pay for fire protection through both property taxes and special assessments. Jacob agrees the scheme amounts to "triple

taxation” .What’s more, “County government directly pays CAL FIRE about 10.2 million annually to augment fire protection in vulnerable areas. That goes along with more than \$230 million the County has invested in rural fire protection the firestorms of 2003.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, a government watchdog group, has threatened to challenge the legality of the fee. The group maintains that the tax requires a two-thirds vote of the California Legislature. This fee is expected to be enacted by the Board of Forestry later this year, in which bills would start arriving in mailboxes in early August.

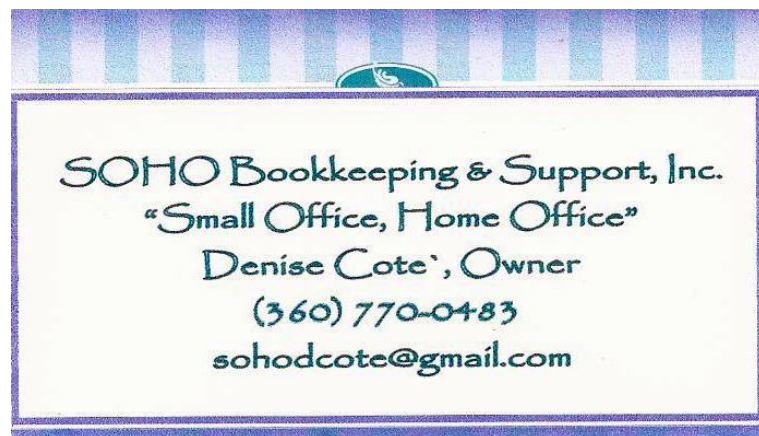
While Dianne Jacob opposes this tax, it has already passed. It does not look promising that this tax is going to be repealed or exempted any time soon. While Crest residents will get a reduction of \$35, plan to see an increase benefit fee of \$115 probably in August.

Issue 3: San Miguel to outsource Operational Services to Cal Fire

A Request for Formal Proposal (RFP) was sent out by the San Miguel Fire Protection District to outsource fire protection operational services to another agency. At the April 25th meeting SMFD board voted 4-3 to enter negotiations with Cal-Fire to contract out specific emergency services. If we think we lost local control by consolidating with San Miguel, it will only get worse if they move our services to Cal Fire, a state agency. As an editor’s note, I have not heard of anyone that feels is this of benefit to our community. It is just one more step toward losing more and more control of our local services.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Go to the Board meetings and get involved. Crest or Bostonia have no board presence. Get involved! As elections approach, listen to what the candidates have to say. Better yet, find some good candidates that are looking out for our best interests and help Crest retain local control.

Augie Ghio, fire chief of San Miguel Fire protection district was involved in a serious motorcycle crash on state Route 78 in the Anza Borrego Desert State Park on May 12 which left him in serious but stable condition. Ghio, who worked for the San Diego Fire Department for 29 years before taking the job with San Miguel Fire Protection District, is set to retire this week but plans on returning to the district on an interim basis. We wish you a speedy recover Augie.



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CCA Membership Drive - July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013

Dear Present and Future Members,

July is almost here again; time to renew your memberships in the CCA for the 2012-13 year. It is especially important for all of us to renew this year.

Both membership and volunteer involvement needs to improve in order to keep our association running. Take advantage of the CCA fundraising efforts and consider renting the clubhouse for your next special event. Get involved. **Please give us your input and your support.** The CCA and the Clubhouse is the hub for the community meetings and events. They also sponsor the July 4 event each year. Therefore, it is more important than ever that we receive your continued membership as well as participation to help ensure these future community events. Please consider asking your neighbors to support as well. It is a good subject to broach with "new" to the community neighbors. Support your community and it supports your family, especially in crisis times.

CCA memberships are the primary funds used to pay the clubhouse maintenance and utilities. Below is the membership form for 2012-13. You can mail it, drop it in the mailbox in front of the clubhouse, or bring your check to the July 4th picnic and look for the CCA membership table.

JOIN THE CCA AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

The July 4th Event marks the beginning of the Crest Community Association Membership Drive (July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013).

Send this form in with your check made out to the Crest Community Association (CCA) or bring it to the park on the 4th.

Mailing Address: CCA 113 No Park Dr. El Cajon, CA 92021

Membership Levels

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email: _____

Interested in volunteering a little or a lot? Check area of interest:

July 4th Event CCA Dinners Music Nights Gardening Bunco

Join the Crest Historical Society

The Crest Historical Society (CHS) works to preserve and share Crest History with the community. 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

Support the Crest Historical Society, Inc.

Membership Form includes a monthly newsletter

\$2.50 (over 65) \$15.00 Non-Profit

\$5.00 (under 65)

\$25.00 Corporation/Business

\$10.00 Family

\$100.00 Life Member

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Make check payable to: Crest Historical Society Mail to: P.O Box 2182 El Cajon, CA 92021



Crest Tidbits:



Cassandra Kunze, Crest Resident, is Crowned Miss Teen California

" Cassandra Kunze, Miss Teen San Diego County was crowned Miss Teenage California 2012 at the state finals held April 20-22 at the Hilton @

Los Angeles Airport before a large and enthusiastic crowd. The 18 year old resident of Crest is 5'9" tall with Blonde hair and hazel eyes. During the pageant she also won the Miss Photogenic Award. Last year Cassandra competed in the pageant and was a Top 10 Finalist. She returned and won the state crown!

She plans to double major in International Law and Politics at San Diego State University and has an undeniable love for film studies, which she hopes to continue at the collegiate level. In high school she was involved as the ASB Secretary, Senior Cabinet, Vice President of the Grossmont Foothiller Players Drama Club, Girls League representative, and involved in Varsity Track and Field. Her hobbies and talents include piano, acting, film, ballet, hiking, and track and field.

Cassandra is the recipient of \$11,000 in college scholarships. \$10,000 for winning Miss Teenage California 2012 and \$1,000 scholarship for being named Miss Photogenic. She also wins a \$750 gown from Crown Diva in Santa Monica, and will compete in a national pageant

The Miss Teenage California Pageant, an independent state pageant founded in 1980, has been at the forefront of education in the Golden State. With no swimsuit or talent competition, candidates are judged on achievements & activities, personality, appearance in formal wear.

Over 600 girls submitted applications and Cassandra successfully completed against 125 girls on stage.

Warren and Patricia Williams, step dad and mom, are fortunate to have such a great daughter. "We couldn't be prouder of her and the amazing work she continually produces."

Library News:

Congratulations to Rosi Mejia on her retirement from the Crest Library. We hope you enjoy your retirement and will miss you.

Summer reading program coming up and the Library needs volunteers. Call Martha 619-442-7083

Congratulations to Reno Wilson

On his achievement of Eagle Award.

Congratulations to Reno Wilson's on his achievement of eagle award. His ceremony will be held Saturday afternoon June 2. Reno's community projects included completing a concrete pad and placing the "Welcome to Crest" sign at the chalk board at the top of the hill.

Recently, the scouts completed one more terrific project for the Crest Community Association. A special thanks to those that participated to build the new chair shed for the clubhouse. It looks fabulous. This project belongs to Jeremy Carincross . Jeremy is expected to have his eagle rank this summer.



Crest Crime Log -

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05/09/12 4:30 pm	Vehicle Theft	100 BI Beech
05/08/12 6:00 pm	Battery on Person	1700 BI La Cresta Blvd
05/08/12	Attempted Robbery	Rainbow Market –La Cresta Blvd
05/3/12 11:33 am	Residential Burglary	700 BI Mt View Place
05/02/12 3:00 am	Vandalism	1300 BI La Cresta Blvd
04/26/12 6:00 am	Residential Burglary	400 BI LaCresta Heights
04/17/12 10:30 pm	Grand Theft	2800 BI Suncrest Blvd
04/11/12 7:00 pm	Possess unlawful paraphernalia	700 BI Mt View Rd
04/11/12 7:00 pm	Possess unlawful paraphernalia	700 BI Mt View Rd
04/06/12 1:30 pm	Vehical Break in theft	300 BI Alta Lane
03/28/12 12:01 am	Vehicle Break in Theft	100 BI Promotory Dr
03/18/12 4:00 pm	Grand Theft	100 BI Albatross
03/06/12 4:00 am	Disorderly Conduct – Alcohol	100 BI N Park Dr
02/28/12 5:30 pm	Residential Burglary	200 Alamo Way
02/27/12 10:20 am	Battery on person	100 BI Scenic Dr
02/24/12 8:00 am	Vandalism (less than \$400)	100 BI Scenic DR
02/12	Gas Siphoned from Car	North Lane (reported by resident)

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Is the spring home buying season heating up?

By Lily Leung

Originally published April 17, 2012 at 9 a.m., updated April 17, 2012 at 12:39 p.m.

Last month, San Diego County saw its highest home-sale count for a March month since 2006 as it entered another spring home-buying season, Tuesday's numbers from DataQuick show. A total of 3,237 homes were sold in March, up 19.5 percent from February and up nearly 6 percent from a year ago. Big percentage bumps are natural from February to March throughout Southern California, historical records show, but it appears this is the best March San Diego County has seen in six years, when a total of 4,367 homes were sold.

Related: San Diego housing inventory dips

Improvement aside, sales are still far below from pre-recession levels. The current housing cycle's peak was 6,926 transactions in June 2004.

"The year is young and lots could still change," said DataQuick John Walsh in the company's latest Southern California report. "But the results from the first big sales month of 2012 suggest the market is stuck in low gear. This remains a very gradual – not to mention fragile – recovery."

Sales saw the most oomph in the markets of single-family resales and new properties, in which tallies increased almost 10 percent and 27 percent, respectively, from a year ago.

However, both submarkets saw their values in March fall from a year ago. Prices for single-family resales dropped 4.2 percent to \$350,000, and almost 26 percent to \$392,000 in the new-home market.

Can the county keep the sales surge alive this spring?

Clemente Casillas, a real estate broker in the South Bay, said it's too early to tell and that March's surge could be a fluke. Still, historically low mortgage rates and lower-than-normal prices in certain areas could push potential buyers off the fence, he added.

"I have a listing that hadn't gotten a call in a while," said Casillas, referring to a College Area home being offered in the \$200,000 range. "(Now,) I've gotten two or three offers ... The price came down."

The median price for total sales bumped up 5.1 percent from February to \$320,500, but fell 1.4 percent from a year ago. Prices fared the best among condo resales: The median price last month was \$220,000, up almost 14 percent from February and up 6.3 percent from a year ago. Again, despite the improvement from a year ago, condo prices in the county are still far below their peak of \$400,000 in March 2006.

The consumer demand for Southern California homes in the different price ranges continues to look disparate. Sales of homes below \$300,000 increased more than 2 percent from a year ago, and sales exceeding \$800,000 dipped 5.6 percent during the same time frame.

For Sale										
ML #	Status	Address	bed	Bath	Est SF	Yr Blt	Price	List Date	Sale Price	Closed
120021175	ACT	254 Alta Ln	2	1	681	1933	\$119,900	4/24/2012		
120020567	ACT	128 Holly Rd	1	1	546	1929	\$139,900	4/20/2012		
120011821	ACT	150 Lake View Ln	3	2	2743	1997	\$630,000 - \$640,000	3/2/2012		
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110060732	CONT	1719 LaCresta Blvd	4	2	1310	1957	\$274,900	11/2/2011		
110034897	CONT	2698 Eucalyptus Dr	3	3	2940	2003	\$415,000	6/13/2011		
120018555	CONT	528 Mountain View Rd	3	3	2738	1980	\$494,000	4/10/2012	495,000	
120022771	PEND	214 Jarrett Ln	3	1	930	1940	\$199,900 - \$229,900	5/3/2012	\$292,000	
120020749	PEND	175 La Cresta Rd	5	3	2524	1984	\$292,900	4/20/2012	292,900	
120009975	PEND	230 Holly Rd	3	3	2392	2004	\$399,000	2/21/2012	399,000	
110041460	SOLD	218 Scenic Dr	2	2	1152	1980	\$217,000	7/19/2011	210,000	5/3/2012
120007700	SOLD	340 Alta Ln	2	1	824	1940	\$249,990	2/10/2012	227,000	4/27/2012

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The Earth Discovery Institute Crestridge Ecological Reserve

Death of Crestridge Bobcat Illustrates Possibility of Widespread Wildlife Poisoning

Bobcat Basics: Seeing a bobcat while hiking or riding in the wild or seeing one moving through our backyards is a wonder that those lucky enough witness it will not soon forget. The bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) is one of the larger of the predator species that inhabit San Diego County. Bobcats are carnivores, relying on rats, mice, voles, gophers, squirrels, and rabbits for prey. Bobcats are bigger than domestic cats but smaller than most full grown coyotes. Adults weigh between 12 and 25 pounds. They are solitary and territorial animals. Male and female territories overlap, while males tend to maintain separate territories from other males. Females typically bear 2-4 kittens after about 60 days of gestation. Kittens stay with the mother for about 8 months, learning to hunt and survive. Bobcat presence has been documented consistently in Crestridge Ecological Reserve since it was established in 2000.

The Threat from Poisons: Recently, a regular hiker located a dead bobcat near the Horsemill Road entrance to Crestridge. Examinations by a local veterinarian and the state veterinary laboratory in San Bernardino indicate that this animal could be a victim of an emerging condition related to the bobcat's consumption of animals that have ingested poisons. Although more research is still needed to determine whether a causal relationship exists, here's what scientists know so far. Bobcats may be normal carriers for parasitic mites that burrow into the skin and cause mange, a condition that when severe causes irritation and loss of hair. Domestic animals with healthy immune systems are typically able to keep the infestations at a very low level that does not compromise their health. Recently, many more bobcats have been dying in an emaciated state associated with extreme cases of mange. Emaciation may occur from the mites consuming the animal's resources faster than the animal can hunt, capture and eat prey.

Laurel Serieys, a UCLA doctoral candidate and moderator of urbancarnivores.com, is studying the effects of anticoagulant rat poisons on southern California bobcat populations. Mrs. Serieys reports that "In Southern California, National Park Service biologists were the first to document an outbreak of the disease in a local bobcat population within Thousand Oaks, CA. Once the outbreak occurred, the survival rate for the population dropped from near 80% to 26%. During the course of the epidemic, more than 50% of the radio-collared bobcats in the study area died of notoedric mange. Increasingly, cases are being reported in other areas across California..." Animals stricken with this extreme mange condition and tested for anticoagulant rodenticide exposure have high levels of anticoagulant rodenticides (blood thinning rat/mouse/gopher/ squirrel poisons) in their livers. Research by Mrs. Serieys determined that in Los Angeles, 95% of all bobcats tested, both with and without mange, showed exposure to anticoagulants for samples collected between 1997 and 2010. Bobcats that are exposed to anticoagulants are more than 7 times more likely to die with severe, notoedric mange. Before 2002, an outbreak of notoedric mange was never documented in any wild cat species worldwide, and was never known cause population declines in any wild cat species.

So what do the scientists think is happening? When anticoagulant rodenticides are used, the poisoned animals become slower and uncoordinated for a week to ten days before they ultimately die. In the meantime, their compromised state could make them easy prey for bobcats as well as coyotes, owls, and hawks. The long-term and/or cumulative effects on bobcats appear to result in a compromised immune system that allows them to be overtaken by the severe notoedric mange infection, resulting in slow and probably painful death. The bobcat found at Crestridge had all the symptoms of this condition.

What You Can Do: People trying to keep unwanted rodents at bay are faced with some tough decisions. If you also care about and want to support the native wildlife that most of us treasure, these decisions weigh heavily. Here are some suggestions:

- Avoid products containing any of these anticoagulant ingredients: Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Chlorophacinone, Coumatchlor, Difenacoum, Difethialone, Diphacinone, or Warfarin
- Encourage natural predators by installing owl or kestrel nesting boxes and

perches. Only consider this method if you are committed to avoiding chemical pesticides. A single barn owl can consume 2,000 rats/year.

- Prevent infestations in your home as much as possible by locating and sealing holes, and removing trash and dead brush piles in your yard that could be homes to small mammals. If you have them, you may need to remove bird feeders which can also be major rodent attractions.
- If these strategies aren't enough, try mechanical traps. Wooden snap traps and electric zappers are good for within-home use. It may take a bit of fortitude to remove the remains, but you'll be doing the native habitat a huge favor.

A system called Integrated Pest Management can be used to help reduce or eliminate the presence of creatures you don't want in or near your home. According to a University of California at Davis website, "Integrated pest management, or 'IPM,' is a process you can use to solve pest problems while minimizing risks to people and the environment. IPM can be used to manage all kinds of pests anywhere—in urban, agricultural, and wildland or natural areas." See the links at the end of this article for more details about IPM and the use of owl and kestrel boxes. You can also help by making a donation to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy to cover the cost of shipping and testing the various specimens required for this research.

EDI offers a special thanks to Dr. Janet Loken and the Rancho San Diego Animal Hospital, <http://www.rsdanimalhospital.com/>, for donating their services and assistance. Remaining costs totaled \$350. Informing EDI of bobcat sightings will also help us monitor and understand the health and behaviors of these intriguing native creatures. To report a sighting, call, email or submit a report; 619-447-4715, info@earthdiscovery.org, <http://www.earthdiscovery.org/crestridge-ecological-reserve/eyes-on-the-reserve>. Please include date and location information. Pictures are always helpful.

Our Partners in this Effort: In addition to Dr. Loken and the Rancho San Diego Animal Hospital, we would also like to thank Laurel Serieys who was especially helpful with presenting the science accurately in this article, and for use of pictures from her website, and the following people for assistance with this incident, the article, and for their ongoing work keep the habitat healthy.

Laurel Serieys, UCLA Doctoral Candidate/Researcher, <http://www.urbancarnivores.com/people/>

Barry Martin, Western Tracking Institute, <http://westerntrackinginstitute.com/>
Winston Vickers, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Institute for Wildlife Studies, http://www.iws.org/species_mtn_lion.html

Megan Jennings, SDSU Conservation Ecology Lab, <http://www.bio.sdsu.edu/Pub/lewison/conservation/pmwiki.php?n=Main.MeganJennings>
Deana Clifford, Lead Non-game Veterinarian, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG); research scientist, UC Davis Wildlife Health Center; http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/foley_lab/students_affiliates/deana.cfm

Additional Resources

More information about bobcats:

<http://www.urbancarnivores.com/bobcats>,

http://www.desertusa.com/april96/du_bcat.html

<http://gallery.usgs.gov/videos/435>,

http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/whc/programs/mountain_lions/index.cfm

More information about bobcat mange and rodenticide

poisoning: <http://www.urbancarnivores.com/poisons/>,

<http://www.urbancarnivores.com/notoedric-mange-a-disease-of/>,

<http://www.urbancarnivores.com/laureis-blog/>

More information about non-toxic pest management

strategies: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu>,

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.house.html>,

<http://cbrp.org/SDB/bluebirds/owl.htm>, <http://ucanr.org/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=7053>, <http://www.eraptors.org/nestbox-kestrel.htm>,

<http://www.peregrinefund.org/american-kestrel>

Are you Aware of the Goldspotted Oak Borer pest affecting tens of thousands of Oak Trees in Southern California.?

Below you will find an introduction to an urgent situation in San Diego County with regards to an invasive pest affecting Oak Trees. While you will generally find largest population of Oak Trees in the east and north east portions of our county; the potential for this invasive pest to spread far and wide through firewood movement is possible. Your help in disseminating this information to your communities is a great step in the right direction towards helping control the spread of this devastating Oak Tree pest. I have also included a link to the main information website; there you will find several resource brochures to share with your community.



San Diego County has experienced the loss of tens of thousands of oak trees as a result of goldspotted oak borer attacks. With more than a million acres of susceptible oaks in southern California and millions more acres throughout the state, communities are encouraged to work collectively to develop prevention, monitoring, and response plans before GSOB strikes.



For more information, visit the GSOB website at www.gsob.org.

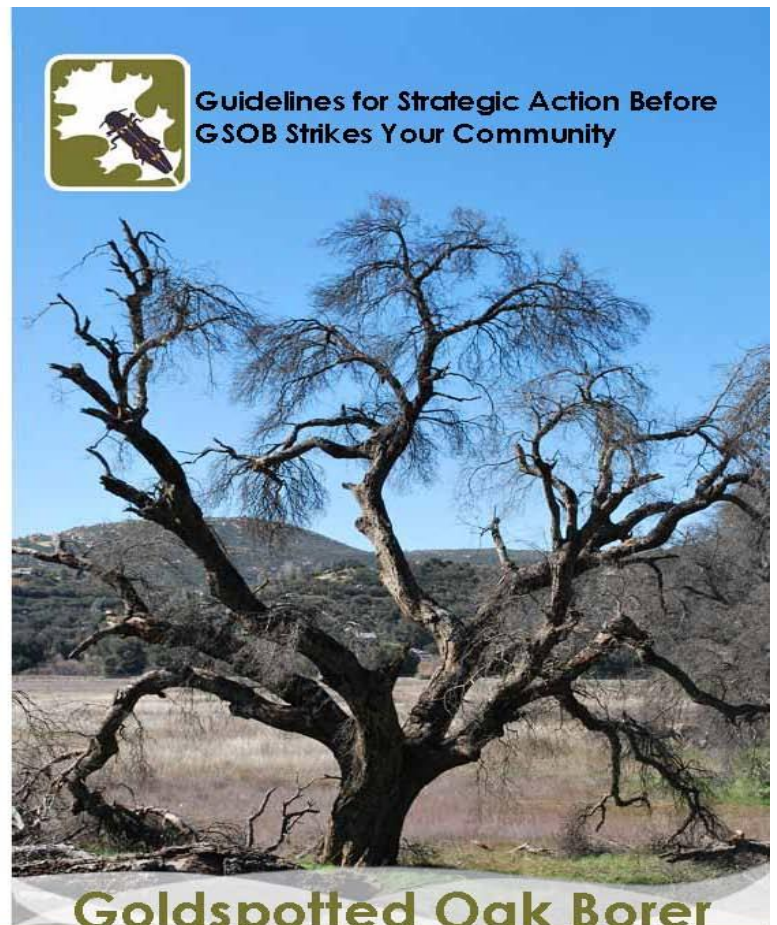
Examples of other community tree readiness and management plans:

- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):

<http://emeraldashborer.info/communityplan.cfm>

- Urban Forestry Management Plans:

www.ufmptoolkit.com/resources-example-UFMP.htm



Goldspotted Oak Borer
Community Preparedness Plan

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Crest Kiwanis honors Crest School's TERRIFIC KIDS with a certificate, button, bumper sticker and FREE breakfast 4th Saturday of the month.

We are proud of our Sponsored Leadership club at Greenfield Middle School (Builder's Club) for putting in community service time! Here Greenfield Builder's Club is collecting quarters at MMS for Children's Hospital.



Congratulations to Crest K-Kids for winning first place in their division at Children's Hospital Miracle Mile of Quarters:

Next Kiwanis General Meetings: June 18, July 16 6:00 pm

Crest Kiwanis was privileged to present the Kiwanis Distinguished Community Service Award to the Dunning

Family for their work on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, presenting the award is Governor Richard Olmstead from Kiwanis International Cal-Ne-Ha District. Under their leadership Crest Kiwanis participated in this year's MDA walk and together we raised over \$4500.



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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.

The following are segments from the January 9th 2012 minutes regarding Crest. For a full copy of the minutes go to www.crestplanning.org

Item 3a. Open Forum. David Richardson urged the Planning Group to correspond with the City of El Cajon concerning the need to retain the Old Grade/Suncrest Truck Trail as a functional emergency evacuation route from Crest; and to request the City to cooperate with the Crest community to permit voluntary maintenance activities, to assist with periodic grading, and to deny vacation of portions of the road easement so this critical fire evacuation route can be maintained and perpetuated. Kandy Franklin Collins announced that at 7 PM, 17 January 2012, there will be a Crest Community Association Townhall Meeting at the Community Clubhouse to discuss the \$1.2 Million fire district budget deficit/shortfall, and the possibility of special assessment fees to address the problem.

Item 6a. Public Project Proposal. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration to Various Zoning Ordinance Updates. Chairman Riggs asked Bill Bretz to report on the reading and review that he and Mary Manning did with the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for Zoning Ordinance Update No. 29 and County Code Amendments (3803 11-004, Log No. ER 11-00-001). Bretz described that the NOI document analyzes the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and County Code, and finds that the changes will not cause significant impacts to the environment, and that an EIR is not necessary. The proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance are not 2 objectionable. Two of the proposed amendments to the County Code have the potential to adversely impact residents of the County, as one reduces the amount of time available to pay civil penalties that are assessed, and the other reduces the amount of time available for paying a lien amount to avoid having the lien against a property recorded. Bretz moved 1) that the Planning Group recommends approval of the Negative Declaration for Log No. ER 11-00-001, Zoning Ordinance Update No. 29 and County Code Amendments, but 2) that the proposed amendments to County Code Section 18.207, Payment of Civil Penalties, and Section 18.214, Procedures to Record Orders as Liens, not be approved and these sections of the Code not be changed. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6b. Public Project Proposal. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance List Proposal. Judy Bowen reported that \$70,838 of PLDO funds is available for projects in the Subregion's parks, as of 15 August 2011. She discussed the disqualification and rejection by the County of many of the projects on the past PLDO List; she also discussed new project suggestions she has obtained from the Crest Community Association, Kandy Franklin Collins and others. Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group amends the 2009-2010 PLDO List of requested projects to include 1) horse and dog watering station, South Land Park, 2) outdoor weight training equipment, Old Ironsides Park, 3) tennis court resurfacing, Nancy Jane Park, 4) elimination of gazebo drainage issue, Nancy Jane Park, and 5) infrastructure to support programs with the Center for After School Activities, Nancy Jane Park; and to change the priority order for the new PLDO list so that South Lane Park is first, Old Ironsides Park is second, and Nancy Jane Park is third. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

The following are segments from the February 13 2012 minutes

Item 6a. Public Project Proposal. Recommendation on Single Family Residential Design Guidelines (POD 11-008). Chairman Riggs asked for comments from Planning Group members about the proposed guidelines for single-family residential development. Pat Ulm led discussion about the logic of Guideline 9.0, Designing Multi-Family Homes for Single-Family Neighborhoods. Members also discussed the enforceability of the guidelines. Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group recommends elimination and removal of Guideline 9.0 from the proposed Single Family Residential Design Guidelines (POD 11- 008), so that there is no encouragement to locate multi-family homes in areas that are zoned for single-family residences. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6b. Public Project Proposal. Continuation of closure of Camino Monte Sombre. Chairman Riggs noted that at the 9 March 2012 meeting of the Traffic Advisory Board the topic of the locked gate maintained by the County Sheriff's Department at the junction of Suncrest Truck Trail with Camino Monte Sombre would be considered. 2Discussion of

the Group and public considered the history of locked gates, and the need for gated control of access to the road by the Sheriff Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group inform the Traffic Advisory Board that the Planning Group supports the Sheriff's proposed action to maintain its locked gate at the west end of Suncrest Truck Trail that closes the end of Camino Monte Sombre. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Darcey).

Item 6d. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority List Proposal. Planning Group member Judy Bowen reported on her work to prepare a revised, current project list for the County's PLDO program, telling the Group that the County staff did not like the lengthy list of many projects for the Subregion's three parks that included a number of ineligible maintenance projects. She provided a handout of a revised 2011/2012 Priority List that detailed 8 projects for South Lane Park, as well as a 2011/2012 Recreation Program Priority List requesting support for after school programs at Nancy Jane Park for elementary and middle school children, and discussed with the Group the reasons for the items included. Phil Hertel moved that the Planning Group approve the revised 2011/2012 PLDO Priority List prepared by Judy Bowen and reviewed by the Group, and directs her to forward it to the County staff. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 8. New Business. Discussion of letter to City of El Cajon regarding possible vacation of portions of SC 1960, requested by community member David Richardson. Chairman Wally Riggs introduced David Richardson, Crest resident, who provided a handout of information to Planning Group members and began a discussion concerning issues related to keeping Suncrest Truck Trail and its connection to Camino Monte Sombre maintained and available to the public as an official emergency evacuation route from Crest. He requested that the Planning Group take action in support of preventing the vacation of a portion of the road and closure of this emergency evacuation and fire response route between Crest and El Cajon. He asked the Group to send a letter to the City of El Cajon, with copies to various relevant agencies and parties, supporting the creation of a cooperative plan to maintain the section of Suncrest Truck Trail that is located on City property. Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group send a letter to the City of El Cajon in support of creating a cooperative plan for maintaining the portion of Suncrest Truck Trail that is located on City property, with copies of this letter to be sent to Cal Fire, San Miguel Fire District, Crest Fire Save Council, County Department of Planning and Land Use, Supervisor Jacob, the Endangered Habitats' Conservancy, and Tory and Stacy Whillock. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

The following are segments from the March 12 2012 minutes

Wally Riggs announced that odd numbered Planning Group seats are open for election this November, and that the filing dates for candidates seeking election to these seats are from 16 June until 12 August 2012.

Item 3b. Group Forum. Judy Bowen reported that by request of the Department of Parks and Recreation, revision of the PLDO Priority List needs to be on the agenda of the next Planning Group meeting in order to officially remove the "non-active recreation" items that are on the list approved by the Group. (Chairman Riggs agreed to include the PLDO List revision on the agenda of the April 2012 meeting.)

Supervisors retain backcountry planning groups

Recommendation to get rid of four-decade-old institutions met stiff opposition -San Diego County's community planning groups — citizen panels charged with reviewing development throughout the backcountry — have survived perhaps the biggest challenge in their four decades of existence. The Board of Supervisors on Wednesday moved to retain the commissions after months of public outcry. The unanimous decision was viewed as a major victory for the community and featured some supervisors walking back previous statements perceived as unsupportive of the groups. Board members recommended requiring training and other support as a condition of their receiving county defense and indemnification. Those found in violation of the rules could serve at their own risk. The clash between community members and their developer-friendly critics stemmed from a slate of recommendations by San Diego County's Red Tape Reduction Task Force. Supervisors Bill Horn and Ron Roberts spearheaded creation of the committee to help streamline the land-development process. None of the supervisor-appointed task force's recommendations received as much pushback as the one that would have gutted community planning and sponsor groups — seen by many as important venues for the public to review developments large and small in their communities. On Wednesday, nearly 40 people defended the community groups while just four planned to speak in opposition. None decided to do so.

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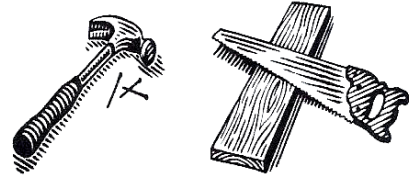
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I'm sure many of you associate the Dudenhoeffer name with Mark's parents, long time Crest residents, Roy and Jean. His parents bought their home on Promontory Drive in Crest in 1977. You might remember Roy and Jean through their affiliation with St Louise Catholic Church. Roy lovingly brought his wife faithfully to church for several years as she battled dementia. Jean passed away in 1998 and Roy in 2001. Mark also bought a house and settled in Crest from 1980 to 1985. He must have missed Crest since he moved back in 1990 and has resided here since.

Although you may know the Dudenhoeffer name as Crest locals, you probably also associate it with their well known family business, Dudenhoeffer's Fine Jewelry, LTD located in El Cajon for 35 years. Located originally in the center of El Cajon, at Main and Magnolia for many years, the business moved to Jamacha Blvd in 1990 until Mark closed its doors on February 14, 2012.

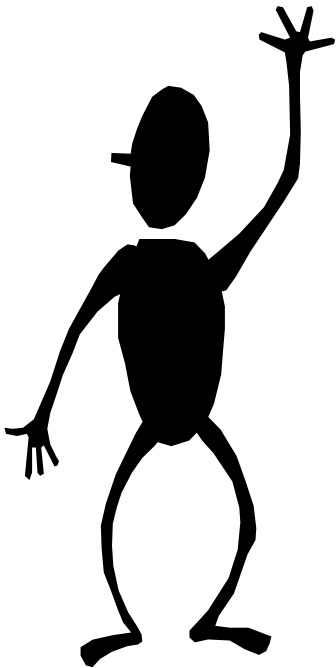
What made the closing especially difficult for Mark is that Dudenhoeffer's was a 125 year old family business. It was first established in 1887 by his great grandfather, Edward Simper in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mark's dad, Roy, worked with his uncle until 1955 when he decided to pack up and move his wife and five kids to San Bernadino, CA. He continued in the jewelry business as a buyer for the Harris Company until 1977 when he researched and bought a jewelry business from Gill Wolfe in El Cajon, a company that had been established since 1940. The name was subsequently changed to Dudenhoeffers and the family business continued. The store was actively involved with the community and lent their support to such organizations as The Boys and Girls Club, the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce, Mother Goose Parade, and Miss El Cajon/ Teen Pageant.

Mark, a 4th generation Jeweler worked in the family business during his entire career starting in 1977. Graduating from UC Santa Barbara, he had a love for jewelry design and repair and eventually moved into sales and management. He became president of the company in 2001 until he made the difficult decision to retire the family business early this year. Mark stated, "It was a tough decision to sell or close down the business. In the end, to sell a family business and not know if subsequent owners had the level of integrity my family embraced, did not feel right." He also noted that the industry has been tougher on the small business owner during this long recession. Bottom line? It was time to retire!

What does Mark plan to do in retirement? "At this point, I just really want to enjoy my retirement. I recently travelled to San Felipe, Mexico and look forward to an upcoming family reunion in Maysville Kentucky. I've been so tied to the business so long, I'm enjoying living in Crest, taking my daily runs, and going to St Louise Church. I might explore the possibilities of working a bit more; maybe with jewelry, maybe not. Who knows? The world is my oyster".

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