



Newsletter for Crest

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Crest's 68th July 4th event planning is in the works, and promises to be the best one ever. The CCA Board has been fervently working to

get the word out. Due to a change in this paper's publication dates this year, there is a little extra time to spread the word to the community about the festivities. This will serve as a reminder to start working on your parade float, sign up to volunteer or create a basket for the super raffle, or invite some "city folk" up the hill to join in our *Norman Rockwell-like* event. There is a plethora of information in this issue on how you can help out and/or join in the festivities. **Be sure to note the road closures on July 4th as well as the parade route. See pages 5-8 for event specifics.**

Remember this is also the time to renew your CCA membership. Complete the form on page 27 and mail it in or bring it to the park on the 4th.

Did you happen to attend the fabulous Mother's Day brunch held at St Louiise Church annex? What a treat - the ladies were treated to a lovely brunch, and a long stem red rose. Special thanks to Sycuan, St Louiise and CCA for their participation to make it a special day for moms in Crest. .

The Kiwanis once again came through for the kids of Crest with their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast starring the Easter Bunny. It's so fun to watch those little kids! As an added treat, our very own Miss California USA 2014, Cassandra Kunze, was in attendance to greet the

community (shown with Kiwanis member, Karen Nelson.) Speaking of Cassandra, she will be competing this month for the Miss USA title. We wish you the best of luck, Cassandra.

Another Crest star is our very own Crest super teacher, Mrs. Sharon Keffer, who is retiring this year. Many Crest residents had Mrs. Keffer for a teacher over her 30 plus year career. The upcoming June Kiwanis breakfast is dedicated to Mrs. Keffer. Stop by and wish her a very happy retirement. There is also rumor we will see her in our Crest parade, along with lots of Crest kids.

Parents, mark on your calendars for the Earth Discovery Institute Camp Crestridge held in June and July again this year. It's not too late to sign your kids up for this fun adventure (page 17).

With school quickly coming to a close, you might want to check out the Crest Library schedule on page 2 for all the kid friendly activities that the library has planned for this summer.

With our strange weather patterns, it seems we need to be ever so aware of fire danger in our area. Check out information in this issue regarding our emergency call system (page 15).

Looking for a little summer entertainment in our area? Check out the free concerts in the park venues around the county shown on page.18

Another entertaining Silva and Baird music night at the clubhouse is scheduled for July 12. See page 8 for details.

Crest School is winding down for the year with an end of year BBQ on June 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Fifth grade promotion will be held on June 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with the last day of school for Crest being June 19th.



vacation.

Congratulations to all our graduating 5th graders. Kids, have a wonderful summer

Crest Library Calendar

June and July 2014



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Story-time Fridays at 10:30 am

Bilingual Story-time Thursdays at 3:00 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Video Game Fun! Daily / Teen Crafts on Fridays at 3:00 pm

FAMILY CRAFTS Saturdays at 11:00 am

6/7 Friendship Bracelets, 6/14 Scrapbooking, 6/21 Hippie Swirls, 6/28 Beeswax Candles
7/5 Glass Etching, 7/12 Knitting, 7/19 Card making, 7/26 Friendship Bracelets,

BINGO at 4:00 pm Second Thursday of the Month

IN-STITCHES SEWING CLUB Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm

Call 619-442-7083 for an Appointment

BOOK FOR JUNE/LIBRO PARA JUNIO

The Memory Keepers Daughter / Hija de la Memoria ~ Kim Edwards

Post your comment At: <http://crestlibrarybookclub.blogspot.com>

BOOK FOR JULY /LIBRO PARA JULIO

Chronicle of a Death Foretold / Cronica de Una Muerte Anunciada ~ Gabriel Garcia-Marquez

Fun Activities for Summer

Rose Presentation		Mad Science	7/8 at 6:00 pm
By a Master Gardener	6/3 at 6:00 pm	Pet Treats	7/10 at 2:00 pm
Radical Reptiles	6/10 at 6:00 pm	Alpaca Presentation	7/15 at 6:00 pm
Mutt-i-grees Craft/Story	6/20 at 2:00 pm	Scavenger Hunt	7/17 at 2:00 pm
"All About Bees" Workshop	6/24 at 6:00 pm	Mutt-i-grees Craft/Story	7/18 at 3:00 pm
Dog Bite Prevention	6/26 at 4:00 pm	Raising Goats Workshop	7/22 at 6:00 pm
Pet Rock Craft	6/27 at 3:00 pm	Bookmark Craft	7/24 at 2:00 pm
		Ronald McDonald Show	7/29 at 6:00 pm
		Fish Bowl Craft	7/31 at 2:00 pm

Summer Reading Club Begins June 1st

Crest Contacts

Crest Community Contacts		
Crest Community Assn. crest@rblakeonline.com	Richard Blake	201-4161
New Seasons Church - Crest nscrest@gmail.com	Kerri Lambert (email)	442-3736
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	Mary	447-7199
Clubhouse Rentals rentals@thcrestsun.com	Deborah Blake (email)	729-4272
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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
	(858)	974-2020
San Miguel Fire Dst Crest Fire Office Public Info Officer Fire Chief www.smgfire.org	Business office.	670-0500
	Burn Permits	588-8112
	Leonard Villarreal	660-5356
	(website)	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. 10	444-8132
Rainbow Farms Mrkt	Mark -pg.26	444-7504
Sonora Mexican Food	Ron - pg 20	938-4815

Businesses

Job Wanted	Jonathan pg 24	733-1007
Central Heating	Charles pg.24	444-9955
Kathy Kuts	Kathy - pg,24	447-1945
Knox Reprographics	pg. 28	230-6300
Moreno Brothers Painting	Alex pg 8	743-7359
Notary on the Spot	Betty - pg 24	820-3062
Simply Marvelous Organizing	Risa - pg. 20	440-1235
Real Estate & Loans SD Homes	Rayna - pg. 9	922-2524
Rock A Betties	Brooke pg 12	579-0617



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

JUNE 2014

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Calendar of Events June-July 2014

5/31/14	10:30-2:00	Electronic Recycling Event in Crest - 10-2 Nancy Jane Park
		Registration opens for Camp Crestridge. info@earthdiscovery.org To register go to www.earthdiscovery.org or call (619) 447-4715 email
06/01/14		Summer Reading Program Starts at Crest Library
06/03/14		Election Polling Site @ Crest Clubhouse
06/03/14	1:00 Tuesday	Historical Society Meeting- Crest Library
06/04/14	6:- 9: pm	Food Handlers Class – Crest Clubhouse
06/11/14	5:30 pm Wed	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
06/12/14	6:30 pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting – clubhouse
06/12/14	6:30-9:30	Music Night w/ Silva & Baird @ Crest Clubhouse
06/16/14	7:00 PM	Sub Regional Planning Group – Crest Clubhouse
06/16/14	6:00 pm	Kiwanis Membership General Meeting @ Clubhouse – All Invited
06/17/14	11-2 pm	Jimmie Johnson @ El Cajon Centennial Plaza
06/19/14	6:00 – Thurs 7:00 pm	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse
06/28/14	8 – 11 am	Retirement Celebration for Mrs Keffer and Kiwanis Breakfast
06/29/14	10:00 a.m.	Family & Friends Day @ New Seasons Church
		Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast & Retirement Celebration for Sharon Keffer
07/01/14	12-1 pm	Live Well San Diego
07/01/14	1:00 pm- TU	Historical Society Mtg – Library
07/04/14	8:45-10:45 8:00- 3:00 9:30	Road Closure for July 4 th Event July 4 th Event Parade Step Off
07/10/14	6:30	Kiwanis Board Meeting
07/10/14	5:30 pm	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley http://www.smgfire.org/ for agenda
07/12/14	6:30-9:30	Music Night w/ Silva/Baird
07/14/14	7:00 PM	Sub Regional Planning Group – Crest Clubhouse
07/17/14	6:00 7:00	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting
07/21/14	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Membership Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse



FREE ELETRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, May 31 10am to 2 pm – Nancy Jane Park

Computers – Monitors –TVs – Cell Phones- MP3s – Ink & Toner Cartridges –
Printers – Microwaves- Cables & Wires – Laptops – All Electronics

Crest's 68th Year July 4th Event Information

Road Closures:

THE MAIN ROAD WILL TEMPORARILY BE CLOSED FROM 8:45 TO 10:45 on July 4 for the Crest Parade.. There will be detour signs posted. If there were an emergency and you needed to get in or out the fastest way possible, we will accommodate you. N, Park Blvd (the street where the clubhouse is located), as well as Burdette Way will be closed from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm. The two handicapped spots located on North Park Dr. will be moved to the opposite side of the park.

Parade Lineup:

The parade will step off at 9:30 this year. If you plan to participate in the parade, get to the park by 8:30 a.m. for lineup. The parade will line up on South Lane. Look for signs for your group either in the park or on the road. The parade steps off on Albatross, turns right on Suncrest Blvd/La Cresta Blvd (passes the library, Crest School, the fire station and Nancy Jane Park), ending one block past the park on Scenic Dr. The detour route is Eucalyptus Drive (dash line is parade route and dotted line is alternate route shown on the right).

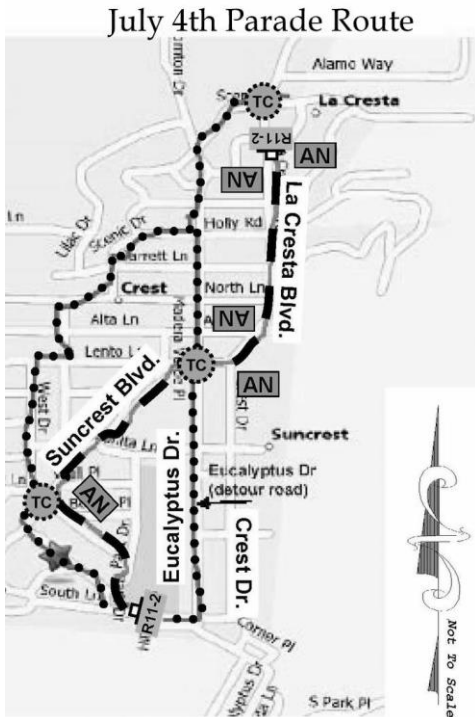
The general parade lineup this year is planned as follows: fire engines, medic truck, grand marshals and military, Pots and Pan Band, antique tractors, motorcycles, floats, bicycles, golf carts and rhinos and 3-wheelers or quiet quads, car clubs, lawn chair brigade, more floats, and horses. The parade will be followed by the trailer which will pick up the road barricades. Please enter South Lane by Crest Drive (by the Catholic Church) so you will be facing in the right direction when you arrive. There will be volunteers to help guide you to your places. It is important that we demonstrate that we can monitor ourselves like we have for the past 68 years.

Those wishing to be judged for an award will need to make sure they get there early enough to complete a form giving your entry information so judges know who you are as you pass Nancy Jane Park. Award categories this year include: Best Individual,

Best Group, Best Float, Best Motorized, Best Horse, Best Jeep, Best Off-Road, Best Golf Cart. Funniest/Most Creative, Best Theme, Most Patriotic, Sweepstakes.

Do you want to participate? Dress your horse, child, golf cart, pickup truck, or super homemade float in its patriotic best and join in. Haven't you always wanted to march in a parade? Rumor has it that we might see some favorites from the past years, The "The Pots and Pans Band" from Crest Elementary School led by Mrs. Keffer, one of our Grand Marshals will be in attendance.

Another favorite, "The Ladies Lawn Chair Brigade of Crest" hope to make a great come back if they can find enough "vintage" lawn chairs. A new entry this year is a local Crest motorcycle club, Stray Dogs, who will be riding in the parade, as well as helping with the pre-parade organization. The Patriot Guard Riders, another grand marshal will head up our parade and we invite any military folk to March behind the guard. For more information, email kandyfranklin@cox.net. The Patriot Guard Riders originated in Mulvane, Kansas in August 2005, at American Legions Riders Post 136. The Patriot Guard Riders stand guard for fallen soldiers of current and past wars who were killed in action or are casualties of war. Invited by the families, the Guard Riders show their deep and sincere respect at special events.. You don't need to ride a motorcycle or be a Veteran to be a part of The Patriot Guard Riders.





Park Activities:

- 7:00 a.m. Vendors begin arriving, check in at the clubhouse and start set up. Set up by 8:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Music starts at Nancy Jane Park
- 7:30 – 8:30 Parade participants arrive at South Lane Park – Look for signs for your designated meeting place (i.e. horses, motorcycles, floats, etc.)
- 8:45 a.m. Road Closures start at some locations for parade formation. Most roads close at 9:15.
- 9:30 a.m. Parade starts – all parade route roads closed
- 10:30 a.m. Parade ends, music starts up again
- 11:30 a.m. Parade winners announced
- 12:30 a.m.- Silent Auction/Raffle ends
- 1:00 p.m. Winners Drawn for Raffle and Music concludes

Vendors Booths: We once again will have some great vendors on site selling their wares. Vendors will be set up by 8:00 am. If you are interested in being a vendor for this event, complete the application on the following page and submit it by June 20th. After that date, call the vendor chair on the application to see if there are any available spots.

Food: Food will be sold in the park this year rather than the clubhouse. Burgers, dogs, drinks, snow cones, and other goodies will be available for purchase. Remember the drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in Nancy Jane Park.

Cool Zone: Stop by the clubhouse to see displays by our Historic Society and other organizations..

Games: The Crest PTA is working with the CCA to bring some game booths to the park this year.

Music: It promises to be another great year of music with Cathryn Beeks watching over our venue. Music will include the **Cowboy Angels** and more. Performances start at 8:00 a.m.

Super Raffle/Auction –Our auction/raffle is once again in the works. It's a great opportunity to support your community and win with some fabulous prizes. So don't forget to bring some money for the raffle.

Volunteers:

Yes, we still need your help in a variety of areas. Do you have an hour or two to spare during the event? Email Cathrynbeeks@aol.com if you can help:



- **Street Monitors:** - Watch the parade while watching over a street intersection. You will be assigned a street, receive a safety vest, and 15 minutes before parade kick-off (9:15)
- pull the barricade across the street and then make sure kids or cars don't cross the barricade. At the end of the parade, a truck will follow, pick up your vest and barricade and you are free to continue to the park to play.
- **Food Sales:** We need folks to help sell sodas/water or other snacks for an hour or two during the event between 8-1 pm. Can you help out? **Want to take the Food Handler's class?** See page 28 for info.
- **Super Raffle/Auction Donations:** Donate an item to Super Raffle (remember it doesn't need to be big... but it could be :) Call Linda Hjelle at 440-8540 517-9838 (cell) or email LindaHjelle@cox.net. Do you have a gift card you want to donate, or would you like to donate a basket to the raffle? Do you have extra Padre tickets, Sea World passes, Zoo passes, play tickets or some great craft item you have made? How about that extra \$5 McDonald's gift card? We sure could use your help getting some super prizes. If we can get them by the last week of June it will give us time to make them spiffy to entice you just a little more. I'd be happy to stop by and pick up your donation, no matter how big or small when you are ready.
- Can you help decorate the night before or the morning of the event? We could use your help for an hour or two.
- Give us the word and we can put you to work as needs arise. Email lindahjelle@cox.net and I'll forward your email on.



4th of July Family Festival
Nancy Jane Park, Crest CA
July 4th 2014 – 8am to 1pm
Free to attend



VENDOR INVITATION

The Crest Community Association would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in this year's 4th of July Family Festival. This parade and picnic has been going on for 68 years in the community of Crest which is located in the southeast hillside of El Cajon. We gather at Nancy Jane Park with chairs and blankets to watch the parade, listen to music and wait for our raffle number to be called. Straight out of a Norman Rockwell painting, this event is the perfect way to begin your 4th of July festivities.

Besides parade participants, raffle donations and various volunteer opportunities, we are seeking family friendly and unique crafters, vendors and artists. The event runs from 8am to a little after 1pm. 12 x 12 areas are \$35.00. Crafters need to arrive by 7am latest to select a spot. **Each vendor must provide a seller's permit. They are free but must be applied for at least 2 weeks before the event.** Our vendors have enjoyed crowds of over 1000 attendees in year past, and because we eliminate the competition factor by accepting only 1 of each type of vendor, it is a very profitable morning for most. Interested parties please contact kandhyfranklin@cox.net or call her at 619-444-4996 for a registration form.

Please come and enjoy the best kept secret in San Diego! Bring your family and friends to enjoy the community spirit we share up here in Crest, Ca.

Crest's 4th of July Chairperson
 Kandhy Franklin
 619-444-4996
 cell 977-1566
 kandhyfranklin@cox.net

4th of July Promotions and Music
 Cathryn Beeks
 858-353-5317
 ListenLocalsd.com and 102.1 KPRifm
 Cathryn@ListenLocalsd.com

Crest Community Association 4th of July Celebration Vendor Registration Form

Name of individual in charge: _____
 Name of Company or Organization: _____
 Address of individual or organization: _____
 Permit number: _____
 Phone Number : () _____
 Fax Number: () _____
 Email: _____
 Craft Type : _____
 Rental of booth: Cash _____ Check No. _____
 Special Assistance: _____
 Comments: _____

SELLER'S PERMIT IS NEEDED: Permits can be obtained to State Board of Equalization sight by going to <http://www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/boe400spa.pdf>. Click on forms and applications and download form **BOE-400-SPA**. at (You may take this form to the downtown San Diego office at 1350 Front Street, Rm 5047, and get your license the same day.)

Parking at the event in Crest is free and available. Please note that there is no parking on North Park Street. North Park Street will be open for loading and unloading only.

**Live Well San Diego Open Meeting at Crest Clubhouse:
July 1 – 12:00 –1:00 pm**

“The *Live Well San Diego* East Region Leadership Team was formed to assist in the implementation of the *Live Well San Diego* initiative. This long-term strategy is aimed at improving the overall health and well-being of San Diego County residents through community involvement. Guided by a community-driven plan, the leadership team meets monthly at various locations around East County from 12pm-1pm with three workgroups meeting from 11am-12pm before each meeting: Active Living, Healthy Eating, and Substance Abuse Prevention workgroups. These monthly meetings are open to the public and serve as a time and space for community members, organizations and key stakeholder groups to offer input and support for the community-driven strategic goals, network and share concerns and/or triumphs they see in their communities. ***The July 1 meeting of this group will meet at the Crest Community Clubhouse from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. and is open to all Crest residents.***

To learn more about the *Live Well San Diego* East Region Leadership Team or request the meeting calendar, please contact Angeli Cabal at angeli.cabal@sdcounty.ca.gov.”

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Music Night at the Clubhouse
Silva and Baird and Special Guests
Including
The Jamacha Project
July 12 – 6:30 – 9:30 pm

There will be a \$2 donation to CCA, a box to donate for snacks and drinks or BYOSW (Bring Your Own Sensible Whatever) and have a wonderful time.
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140025248	ACT	1327 Horsemill Road	4	3	2,701	1993	\$785,000	5/12/2014		
140023810	ACT	300 Thornton Drive 9	3	2	840	2005	\$87,000	5/5/2014		
140025212	ACT	319 Codorniz Lane	3	2	1,632	1978	\$375,900 - \$398,900	5/11/2014		
140026238	ACT	748 Bestview Drive	3	2	1,314	1961	\$399,900 - \$414,900	5/16/2014		
140015529	ACT	486 Alta Lane	3	2	2,040	1990	\$549,000 - \$579,000	3/22/2014		LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
140023065	ACT	297 CHICORY Lane	4	4	3,630	1993	\$849,000 - \$899,000	4/30/2014		
140015683	CONT	412 Mountain View Road	3	3	2,195	1996	\$355,000	3/25/2014		
140017539	PEND	236 Mountain View Road	3	2	1,736	1979	\$399,500 - \$419,000	4/3/2014		
140022665	PEND	871 Mountain View Place	3	2	1,710	1974	\$499,000	4/28/2014		SOLD BY RAYNA MACK
140025831	PEND	141 Sierra Vista Drive	2	1	1,358	1925	\$319,000	5/13/2014		SOLD BY RAYNA MACK
140013024	SOLD	1120 Hamlet Drive	3	1	960	1958	\$174,900	3/11/2014	\$177,500	5/2/2014
130060120	SOLD	748 Bestview Drive	3	2	1,314	1961	\$270,000	11/12/2013	\$295,000	4/30/2014
140015198	SOLD	171 La Cresta Heights Road	2	2	1,110	1975	\$349,000	3/22/2014	\$350,000	4/7/2014
140018837	SOLD	233 Alta Lane	3	2	1,549	1972	\$370,000 - \$410,000	4/10/2014	\$430,000	5/9/2014
		LAND LISTINGS	ACRES							
110037142	ACTIVE	0 Mountain View Road	2.75				\$75,000	6/27/2011		
140019667	ACTIVE	582 SENDA Lane	93.17				\$1,100,000	4/14/2014		
140026054	ACTIVE	538 Alta Lane	4.55				\$300,000	5/14/2014		
110037617	ACTIVE	0000 La Cresta Road 0	32				\$250,000	6/28/2011		
140011711	ACTIVE	140 Alamo Way Way	0.1019				\$219,900	2/27/2014		
130042314	ACTIVE	209 Scenic Drive	0.17				\$105,000	8/2/2013		LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130035864	ACTIVE	0000 Park Place S 0000	2.74				\$89,000 - \$99,000	7/9/2013		

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Thank you Crest Foods for donating to our July 4th Event

About Crest

A little about Crest from:

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Crest-California.html>

Population in 2010: 2,593. Population change since 2000: -4.5%

Males: 1,328 (51.2%)

Females: 1,265 (48.8%)

Median resident age: 44.8 years

California median age: 45.6 years

Estimated median household income in 2011: \$78,468 (it was \$56,728 in 2000)

Crest: \$78,468

California: \$57,287

Estimated per capita income in 2011: \$38,151

Crest CDP income, earnings, and wages data

Estimated median house or condo value in 2011: \$400,421 (it was \$191,200 in 2000)

Crest: \$400,421

California: \$355,600

Mean prices in 2011: All housing units: \$529,907;

Detached houses: \$529,907

Median gross rent in 2011: \$1,667.

Ethnic Breakdown:

White alone - 2,127 (82.0%)

Hispanic - 319 (12.3%)

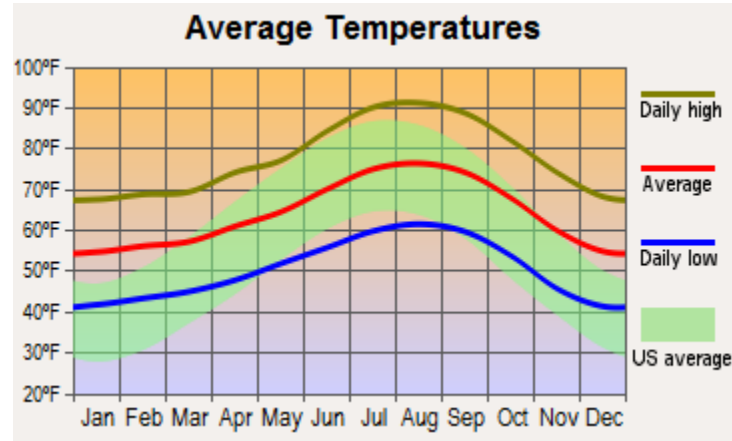
Two or more races - 60 (2.3%)

Asian alone - 38 (1.5%)

Black alone - 22 (0.8%)

American Indian alone - 20 (0.8%)

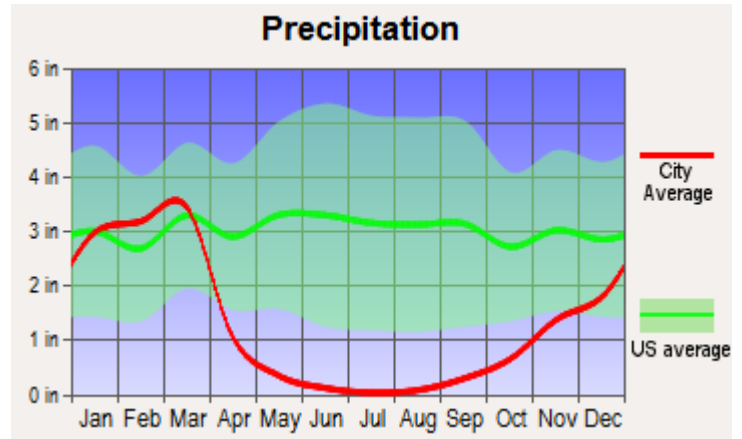
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone - 6 (0.2%)



For population 25 years and over in Crest:

- High school or higher: 87.3%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 22.0%
- Graduate or professional degree: 7.1%
- Unemployed: 4.8%
- Mean travel time to work (commute): 26.4 minutes

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Crest-California.html#ixzz2yhiH5nzg>



The Alpine Woman's Club is holding their last monthly luncheon, for the 2013-2014 seasons, on Tuesday, June 17th at 12:00 noon. At this meeting, we will have the installation of officers and a chance to meet the Alpine high school graduates receiving college scholarships. The Club celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2014, and our goal of having 100 members has been achieved, but we are still growing! Please come and enjoy good food, 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.



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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? Do you have a scoop that Crest wants to hear about? 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.

Jimmie Johnson to be Honored in El Cajon

A celebration for Crest's very own Jimmie Johnson will be held at the Centennial Plaza, 200 Civic Center Way, in El Cajon on June 17 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. The El Cajon City Council is recognizing Jimmie for his racing accomplishments and philanthropic to our community. Jimmie Johnson has won the NASCAR sprint Cup Series six times in the past eight years. In 2009, Jimmie visited Crest and awarded Crest Elementary School with a check for \$45,900 for various educational programs. Attend this celebration to thank Jimmie for his generosity and show your support for our very own superstar.

Gas Thief Still Active in Crest Area

A south Crest resident called the Crest Sun to report a description of someone in the process of stealing gas from their motorhome on 5/4 at 2:30 a.m and again 5/25.. Be on the lookout for this character as reported to the Sheriff: Male, 6', short reddish brown curly hair, 180 pounds, 25-30 years old, light freckles on his face.

Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant

Editor's Note: I wonder if I was the only one waiting for information on year two of SDG&E grant program to clear brush. I passed up the program last year and realized I missed a great opportunity. Unfortunately it's not going to happen. The Crest area was outside the area of eligibility for year 2014, plus the deadline has already passed. The 2015 Grants program information will be available in January 2015. The website will have the area of eligibility, information on the grants program and timeline details at that time. <http://www.sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com/Qualification>

Crest Mother's Day 2014

Thanks to all of you that helped make the return of our annual Mother's Day such a success. Special thanks to: Dennis, Frank, Ralph, Walt, Scott, Sil, and Judy! With donations from Sycuan and Allen's Flowers (Jamacha and Main) we were able to give bouquets' and roses. We served over 60 Mom's (and their families) with a menu of: biscuits and gravy; eggs including: primavera, mushroom, and California omelets; sausage and bacon; refried beans and hot sauce; pancakes and toast; coffee, mimosa's, OJ, milk, a variety of juices; and fruit salad! Editor's note: Also a big thanks to George!

Fire Prevention Fee due June 14 - Well it's that time of year again. This year there was a \$2.33 increase bringing the total to \$117.33. It is still suggested that the fee be appealed. The process and form to do this can be found at <http://www.calfirefee.com/appeal/> and checking the "other" box (cite the appeal is based on the fact that the tax is unconstitutional.) This must be done within 30 days of billing date (mine was dated May 14, 2014.) Do not mail the appeal form with your bill but send it to the address on the form. Cal-Fire will reject the appeal filed on these grounds, but the appeal is vital to ensuring you remain eligible for a refund should the lawsuit prevail.

San Miguel Votes to increase Fire Taxes. The Prop E tax was once again increased by 3% at the May 14 San Miguel Board Meeting. This 3% will be added on to the \$296.42 2013 parcel rate. The Paramedic Special Benefit Tax will also increase by 1.60% from the \$66.87 per parcel rate. For more information on these taxes, revisit the July-August 2013 online issue of the Crest Sun at www.thecrestsun.com.

San Miguel Fire Department will meet with the Prop E Oversight Committee on June 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

San Miguel Fire Department Chief Transfers to Cal Fire South Division

San Miguel Chief Gary Croucher is transferring to Cal Fire's south division. Chief Croucher will oversee Battalions 3 and 4 covering Dulzura, Potrero, Lyons Valley, Jamul, Campo, Jacumba, Pine Valley, Descanso and Boulevard. This transfer will not take place for a couple months to help with the transition. Chief Croucher will be replacing Augie Ghio.

RATTLESNAKE BITES

This is the time of year when we need to be aware of rattlesnakes in Crest. Here are a few awareness tips:



The Rattlesnake generally is not aggressive, but will strike when threatened or deliberately provoked. Rattlesnakes can cause serious injury to humans. Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors.

Precautions to lessen the chance of being bitten: Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. Most rattlesnake bites occur when a rattlesnake is accidentally touched or startled. When walking in open areas, stay on well-used trails and avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day. Rattlesnakes can be active at night during summer months. They will seek out shady places during the day. Reasonable watchfulness should be sufficient to avoid snake bites. Be especially careful when climbing rocks or around firewood piles. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down and do not reach under rocks, bushes or logs. Do not handle a freshly killed rattlesnake, it can still inject venom.

What to do in the event of a snake bite: The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. All rattlesnake bites require medical attention. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Immobilize the affected area and keep the bite area below the heart. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water and remove watches, rings, etc., which may constrict swelling.

What can you do to keep your dog safe from being bitten?

1. Get your dog the rattlesnake vaccine – the cost is \$25 compared to anti-venom which can cost between \$500 - \$1000 depending where you live.
2. Keep your dog on a 6 ft. leash.
3. If your dog is bitten by a rattlesnake - If you can, carry your dog to your car. If you can't carry your dog without either of you struggling, walk your dog to your car. Limiting the dog's activity will limit the venom moving around in their body, which is better. THEN GET THEM TO A VET IMMEDIATELY!

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Crest Fire Safe Council

One Call Now: Crest Emergency Call System

The One Call Now Emergency Call System is a service available to Crest residents to receive calls when there is an emergency or evacuation notification. Crest residents are encouraged to sign up and to tell their neighbors about it.

While there is no cost for Crest residents, each time a call is made, it costs approximately \$100. In the past, the CFSC has paid for this service with small grants. Grants are not always available, so we would encourage you to make a donation to the Crest Fire Safe Council which is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are tax deductible. Checks can be sent to Crest Fire Safe Council, 113 N Park Dr. El Cajon 92021.

There have been some questions regarding how this system works. When you get a call, there will be a tone, then an announcement that Crest Fire Safe Council is calling, a slight break, then the message. The caller ID will identify the caller as the Crest Community Clubhouse (442-7378). Note, this is an answering machine number only and messages are picked up every couple days so do not call back this number.

Some people answer so quickly that they interrupt the message and accidentally get disconnected. There are also occasional times when the connection causes the line to be garbled. If the call was not clear, you can call toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press button to hear our "latest message." This option is good for 48 hours after message is sent out. You may also use this number to opt out of receiving these calls

It should be noted that Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC) consists of volunteers who are dedicated to helping this community. They make every effort to be accurate and timely in the information that is sent out. CFSC is not responsible for any decisions you make with the information you are given nor can they guarantee that calls will be delivered with 100% accuracy. Please use this as a tool to help communicate information regarding your community.

Statistically, our last call reached 94% of the numbers. Kathy Fiedor and Debbie Milligan-Fox take the information from the report and research the calls that didn't go all the way through. They do an amazing job, and this procedure of making all these calls takes hours.

Our last fire message dated 5/14/14 went to:

1,478 members, 1,687 phone #'s were called of which 1,582 (94%) were completed.
105 numbers were not reached (phones are disconnected, busy or no answer,)

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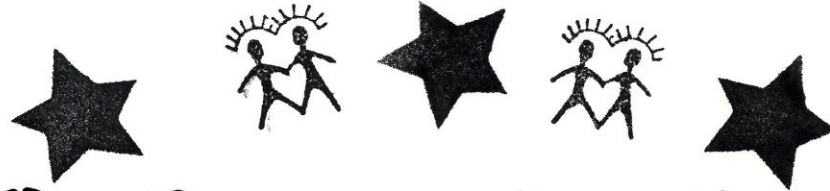
- 1.) Setting up your answer machine or voice mail to accept these calls
- 2.) Letting CFSC know when to add or remove phone numbers.

To sign up for the One Call emergency 911 system, email Kandhy at kandhyfranklin@cox.net or Kathy at kathyfiedor@gmail.com or leave the information on the 44-CREST (442-7378) with your name (include last name) and phone #'s. Generally, we can input 3 to 4 numbers. If you include your email address, you will receive Crest email notifications.

Stay safe, be prepared and remember- Your safety is your responsibility.

Additional resources for information:

- Tune to radio AM 600 and TV KUSI channel 9 for good coverage.
- Register with Alert San Diego <http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/#register>
- East County Magazine <http://eastcountymagazine.org/wild-fire-alerts>
- San Diego County Emergency <http://SDcountyemergency.com> Information on updates, shelters, etc.
- Facebook .– The Crest Sun Newsletter and Alpine Community Network



The Rumors Are True!

★ Mrs. Keffer is retiring from Crest School. ★

Celebrate her stellar teaching career and wish her well.



Saturday, June 28th, 8 am - 11:00 am

Crest Clubhouse 113 North Park Dr.

Crest Kiwanis breakfast will be available from 8:00 am - 10:00 am - \$5.00 donation



Kiwanis Dates to Remember:

- 6/12, 7/10 Board meeting
- 6/16, 7/21 general meeting
- No July Breakfast





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Summer Concerts 2014

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Downtown El Cajon 6-8 pm

- June 6: Next Generation – Bluegrass
- June 12: The Heroes – 90's Dance band
- June 20: Danielle Tucker Band – Country
- June 27: Jones Revival – Southern Rock
- July 3: The Jack Straws Surf Band –
(Beach Boy style Tribute)
- July 11: Thursday 80's All Star – Rock band
- July 18: Scot Bruce – Elvis Tribute
- July 25: Soul Persuaders – Classic Funk Soul
- August 1: Help –Beatles Tribute band
- August 8: Back to the Garden – Rock band
- August 15:Lightning Train –Classic Country
- August 22:Atomic Groove – Modern Dance
- August 29:Upstream – Caribbean/Reggae
- September 5: The Petty Breakers – Tom Petty
Tribute
- September 12: Eve Selis – This Rock Country
performer
- September 19: Silens Crush – Dance band
- September 26: Caliber – Classic Rock

Balboa Park Twilight in the Park

Spreckels Organ Pavilion Tuesdays-Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Info: (619) 239-0512.
 June 17: Damaru; June 18: Rey Vinole; June 23: NOTEables; June 24: Bayou Brothers; June 25: Corvelles; June 30: U.S. Navy Band Wind Ensemble; July 1: Earth Movers; July 2: Klezmeds; July 7: Stars on the Water; July 8: TINKU; July 9: Steel Monarchs; July 14: Cool Rays; July 15: Hillcrest Wind Ensemble; July 16: Diamond Is Forever; July 21: Cat-illacs; July 22: Cool Fever; July 23: San Diego Six; July 28: Bi-Nacional de Mambo Orchestra; July 29: Time Machine; July 30: 145th Street;

Coronado Summer Concerts-in-the-Park Spreckels Park

Orange Avenue, between 6th and 7th Streets. Sundays at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Info: (619) 437-8788.
 June 7: Cool Fever (Dave & Sarah Elhoff); June 14: Breez'n; June 21: Kearny Mesa Concert Band; June 28: Navy Band Southwest JAZZ; July 4: Coronado Community Band (4:30-7 p.m.); July 5: Tommy Price & The Stilettos; July 12: Lambs Players Theatre; July 19: Rockola; July 26: Sue Palmer; Aug. 2: Pacific Coast Concert Band

Pacific Beach Concerts on the Green

*Kate Sessions Park
 Lamont Street/Soledad Road just north of Beryl Street Sundays, 4-6:30 p.m. Info: (858) 483-6666.*
 July 19: Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra; July 26: Agua Dulce
Santee Summer Concert Series
*Trolley Square Amphitheater
 Cuyamaca Street at Mission Gorge Road
 Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., except July 2 Info: (619) 258-4100, ext. 201*

June 11: 80z All Stars; June 18: Lindsay Spurlock; June 25: The Cat-illacs; July 9: Southbound Jonny; July 16: Spectrum; July 23: Cash'd Out; July 30: Screamin' Primas;

Seaport Village

East Gazebo at Seaport Village, at W. Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway, adjacent to Embarcadero Park North. Concerts from 1-4 p.m., mostly Sundays Info: (619) 235-4014.
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June 11	Bike Nite
June 18	Funny Cars & Friends
June 25	Charger Steve's Starz Carz
July 2	American Muscle
July 9	Extreme Horsepower
July 16	Off Road Madness - FULL STREET CLOSURE
July 23	A tribute to El Cajon's Jimmie Johnson
July 30	Camaro -vs- Mustang
Aug 6	Vintage Police Cruisers & Fire Trucks
Aug 13	Cajon Speed Week
Aug 20	T-Buckets Galore
Aug 27	In Memory of Cajon Speedway
Sept 3	50th Anniversary Party for the Mustang
Sept 10	Corvette -Vs- Porsche
Sept 17	British Invasion
Sept 24	Charger Steve's 200th Cruise Celebration
Oct 1	Thunder On Main - FULL STREET CLOSURE
Oct 8	Truck Mania
Oct 15	Wagons Gone Wild
Oct 22	The Best of the Best
Oct 29	Trunk or Treat - FULL STREET CLOSURE

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CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP

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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. The June 9 meeting will be held at the DEHESA SCHOOL, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, 92019. The following are excerpts from the April 14th minutes.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Mary Manning reported on the 2 April meeting of the Rural Fire Protection District Board, which she attended. She provided Group members with a handout that was prepared for the District Board that reviews the process that governs the potential dissolution of the District, and the process for resolving a protest against dissolution by voters in the District. It will require 2,225 valid signatures from eligible voters of the District to uphold a protest against dissolution, and to cause a special election to decide the matter.

Chairman Wally Riggs reported on his attending a meeting of the County planning staff and Chairs of the Planning Groups. The focus of the meeting was to seek clarification of ambiguities in Policy I-1, by considering changes in Planning Group member eligibility, in public notices of Planning Group meetings, and in the definition of what constitutes the quorum required for a Planning Group meeting. It is estimated that it will be 1 to 2 years before potential changes to Policy I-1 will be ready for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Riggs announced that Jack Vandover is moving to Oregon shortly after the July meeting of the Planning Group, and called for getting the word out and advertising in Harbison Canyon for candidates for nomination to Seat 10 after the July meeting. Riggs mentioned that there is also the possibility that Jeff Myrick may leave Seat 12 in the near future.

G1a. Speed limit posting on Harbison Canyon Road. Chairman Riggs reported on two recent conference calls he joined, with staff from Department of Public Works and the Traffic Advisory Committee, to discuss future speed limit posting on Harbison Canyon Road. He emphasized that the community is adamantly opposed to a 50 mph speed limit; the Traffic Advisory Committee is willing to propose a 45 mph speed limit all the way along Harbison Canyon Road to its intersection with Dehesa Road.

G2a. Expense reimbursement requests. Chairman Wally Riggs requested Planning Group approval for a reimbursement of \$128.00 to him, for his payment of the annual rent for the Group's official mailing address (P.O. Box 21489, El Cajon, CA 92021-1489). Bryan Underwood moved the Group recommends approval of a reimbursement of \$128.00 to Wally Riggs for his payment of the annual rent for the Group's Post Office mailbox. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G2b. Expense reimbursement requests. Chairman Riggs informed the Group that the County needs to provide a reimbursement of \$300.00 to the Crest Community Association, to pay for the Planning Group's use of the CCA building for the Group's January, February and April meetings. Bill Bretz moved the Group recommends approval of a reimbursement of \$300.00 to the Crest Community Association, for use of its building for three Planning Group meetings. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

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Thanks to Suzanne Mullins for sharing her photo of the mama and baby bluebirds in her yard.



Thanks to Linda Chase for sharing her baby hawks. Photo by Linda Hjelle.

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Crest Crime Report 04/01/14 – 5/26/14

Obtained from www.crimemapping.com website

Date	Time	Crime	Block	Street
3/27/14	7:00 pm	Vehicle Break in-theft	100	Beech Place
4/10/14	9:00 pm	Vehicle Break in Theft	100	Beech PI
4/11/14	2:35 am	Use/under use of Controlled Subst.	14100	Rios Canyon Ln
5/04/14	3:00 am	Attempted motorhome gas theft (report by resident)	200	Scenic Dr
5/04/14	12:00 pm	Residential Burlary	200	La Cresta Road
5/05/14	3:30 a.m.	Residential Burglary	400	La Cresta Hts Rd
5/09/14	8:00 a.m.	Residential Burglary	400	Canyon Rim Drive
5/17/14	10:00 p.m.	Fraud	15100	Picturesque Point
Be Aware - 5/26/14 Gas stolen once again near sign boards – same description – 6' tall reddish hair See page 13 for full description.				



A big thank you to those that have donated to our Super Raffle to date.
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Note: There are more folks who have committed to donate but I don't want to put them on the spot so I will send Kudos their way in our next edition!

REMEMBER IT'S NOT TO LATE TO DONATE, CALL LINDA 440-8540 OR EMAIL LINDAHJELLE@COX.NET
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New Seasons Church Crest

Tony Lambert, Senior Pastor

Join us for the 1st Annual Church Family and Friends Day 2198 Suncrest Blvd., El Cajon, CA 92021 Sunday, June 29th at 10:00 AM

Greetings from New Seasons Church Crest!

The New Seasons Church Crest would like to extend a personal invitation for you and your families to join us for services on Sunday, June 29th, 2014 at 10:00 AM. The church will be hosting a dedication ceremony recognizing the impressive achievement of the newly installed children's playground: *THE LORD'S PLAYGROUND*, and the 1st Annual Church Family and Friends Day.

There will be a fellowship lunch directly following Sunday services & the playground dedication. Please send your' RSVP to email raemarie@agcsd.org or you may call RaeMarie Blaha-Jonas at 619-504-8553 with your RSVP to attend or to ask questions.

First and foremost the church is the glue that keeps us together; it is a place for the assembly of believers to unite together in and with Christ, the Head of the Body. The joy that is associated with being with others of like faith is an important part of the life of the believer, and we want to encourage you to join us.

Colossians 3:14-16 *14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

We look forward to seeing you up on the hill. God bless you!

Walt Johnson, Dedication Event Sponsor

RaeMarie S. Blaha-Jonas, Church Event Coordinator



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The Amazing Ceanothus

By Paul Kemp

Paul Kemp, PhD has taught Biology Department at the University at San Diego since 1997. Paul received an award from the State of California Parks and Recreation to conduct an investigation at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (CRSP) to assess the contribution of Ceanothus to the soil fertility and nitrogen fixation at the site and recovery of the burned conifer stands at CRSP following the Cedar fire of 2003.

Growing up in Colorado, I often heard the expression “April showers bring May Flowers.” I don’t know if there is an equivalent expression for the remarkable blooms that brighten up the foothills and mountains of Southern California following winter rains, but much of the color can be attributed to the Ceanothus. This group is well known to horticulturists for the varieties of lilacs that have been derived from various species throughout the U.S. But it is probably less well known in its role as one of the most important native shrubs in the chaparral and woodland communities of California. There are more species of this shrub than any other (55 species, with 15 species in San Diego County,) with several occurring in and around Crest. The most common species in our area is *C. oliganthus* (hairy leaf ceanothus), which gets its name from the hairs that suddenly become quite prominent once you get the leaf close to your eye. This is the first species to break into a full bloom in our area, with the first ones arriving in January. The flowers are primarily blue, but a rarer white strain of this species gives rise to white and pale blues flowered shrubs

The importance of Ceanothus in the plant communities of California can be attributed to several features. First, virtually all species are well adapted to fire, which is an important force in shaping the fire-prone shrub communities that dominate the chaparral and woodlands of the coastal side of California. Most species are quite capable of resprouting after being burned to the ground. They resprout from a burl that is a nutrient storage structure protected below ground. Species that don’t develop this structure are prolific seeders (such as hairy-leaf ceanothus), creating an enormous soil seedbank waiting for a fire to clear out the overstory so they can germinate and grow anew. Hairy leaf ceanothus has a remarkable ability to shoot seeds out of its pods as the temperatures begin to soar in late spring, with each shrub “going off” rather like a tiny popcorn maker. A second feature common to all *Ceanothus* species (which have been examined), is their ability to form a symbiotic relationship with a nitrogen-fixing bacteria, *Frankia*. They are among the first species to regrow after a fire (particularly a severe fire). Fires that are severe can burn off the

litter and duff layer on top of the soil (which contain much of the material that will provide soil nutrients), and can even, make soils quite nitrogen deficient. Thus, these species are well suited to nitrogen-poor soil, since they can “make” their own nitrogen.

One such example of a remarkable ceanothus response to a forest fire was seen following the Cedar fire of 2003. The Cedar fire was an intense fire as it burned into the mixed conifer forest of Cuyamaca-Rancho State Park, and it killed most trees as well as understory plants. In the first couple of years following the fire and normal succession of species began to occur, including herbaceous plants and small shrubs, many known to be adapted to growing after fires in Southern California. By the third year following the fire the shrub *Ceanothus palmeri* was found to be growing abundantly in the Park, especially in the parts that were severely burned. The species was not common in the Park prior to the fire, but was an occasional species of surrounding mountains. By 2008 it was forming dense stands in the Park that had eliminated nearly all other species and was growing over trails and fire roads. Since that time the Park and fire management groups have explored ways to thin this species so that the forest succession might get back “on track” with the growth of tree seedlings of species of the previous forest, such various pines, white fir, and incense cedar. Presently, these seedlings are not able to growing under the dense ceanothus canopy. Question that remains to be answered regarding what is happening in the Park are: 1) why did *Ceanothus palmeri* become so dominant so quickly, 2) is it important in restoring nitrogen to the soils, or is it just optimally adapted to this severely burned area, and 3) will the persistence of this shrub create a new chaparral-type of community in the areas that were once a forest (a distinct possibility given that the shrub community will create an enormous amount of above ground stem wood (fuel) over the next decade or two, making the area very fire prone, which, if it occurs, would likely restart a cycle of ceanothus regrowth.



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**Message from SUPERVISOR
DIANNE JACOB
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**4/15/2014 COUNTY EASES
HOMEOWNER PATH TO SOLAR
POWER**

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday (4/15) extended a solar energy financing program to homeowners, making it easier for consumers to tap into the sun and other energy-saving improvements.

The board voted to [expand an initiative](#) known as PACE, or the Property Assessed Clean Energy program, to homes in the region’s unincorporated communities. The program will allow homeowners to install or upgrade solar projects and make other energy-efficiency improvements with the help of private loans from designated vendors. The money is repaid through a surcharge on property tax bills. Under the expanded program, homeowners will be able to apply for PACE loans starting within the next few months. Information on the vendors can be found at heroprogram.com, figtreefinancing.com and californiafirst.org. The county program previously applied only to commercial properties

**COUNTY LAUNCHING REGIONAL INITIATIVE
TO TACKLE ALZHEIMER’S EPIDEMIC**

With the number of residents with Alzheimer’s disease on the rise, San Diego County is moving to tackle the growing public health menace. County leaders, joined by top researchers and health care experts, will announce the creation of The Alzheimer’s Project, a new initiative to address the impact of the deadly disease and to boost local efforts to find a cure. A meeting was held May 6. The death rate from Alzheimer’s in San Diego County is among the highest in California. More than 60,000 local residents have the disease. That number is expected to double by 2030

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County of San Diego



**Message from SENATOR JOEL ANDERSON
36th Senate District**

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**Anderson Honors Volunteer Medical
Providers for Selfless Efforts to Save Lives**
San Diego Senator provided Senate Certificates of Recognition to volunteers at Kaiser Permanente & San Diego County Medical Society Foundation’s annual “Surgery Saturday” event to provide life-changing care to those that need it most

Senator Joel Anderson was a featured speaker at Kaiser Permanente & San Diego County Medical Society Foundation’s annual “Surgery Saturday,” an event that provides surgical and other medical services to the uninsured. This was Senator Anderson’s second opportunity to participate in the event. He thanked volunteers and presented well over a hundred Senate Certificates of Recognition to volunteers.

“Surgery Saturday” is a one-of-a-kind partnership between Kaiser Permanente and Project Access San Diego. About 150 volunteers—including physicians, nurses, medical assistants and other Kaiser Permanente staff—provided health care services to 29 uninsured individuals. Without the generous provision of medical services to these patients, they would not receive the life-changing care they need to thrive and care for their families.

A Preparedness message from
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 Fr. Burnia

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 our July 4th Event**

CCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME - JULY 2014

July is almost here again; time to renew your memberships in the CCA for the 2014-15 year. The CCA and the Clubhouse is the hub for 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 future community events and a solvent community clubhouse. Please consider asking your neighbors to support as well. CCA memberships are the primary funds used to pay the clubhouse maintenance and utilities. Below is the membership form for 2014-15. 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. The July 4th Event marks the beginning of the Crest Community Association Membership Drive (July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015).

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

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

Name _____ Phone _____

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Membership Levels

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

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___ July 4th Event ___ CCA Dinners ___ Music Nights ___ Clubhouse Gardening
 ___ Clubhouse maintenance ___ Board Member ___ Call me for specialized events

Food Handlers Class

June 4, 6–9 p.m.

Cost \$15

Kiwanis will be hosting a food handling class at the CCA building. The class is open to anyone in the community who needs a food handlers class or re-certification of food handlers card to serve food to the public (community dinners, July 4th etc.). Please register in advance by calling Karen Nelson by May 25, 2014. 619-665-2636

Are you Ready In the Event of a Fire?

- Have you taken the time to made a video or take photos of you belongings as well as a copy of all your account numbers, insurance info and other valuable information? Now days it all fits on a small flash drive you can carry in your purse and the cost is just a few dollars.
- Have you signed up for Crest Emergency Call system? (See page 15)
- Please take the time to think about what you would take if you had only a half hour to go. If you need ideas, please contact Kandhyfranklin@cox.net or watch the DVD that was handed out last year. The American Red Cross also has a list of items to take.
- If you or a neighbor is a shut in with no transportation or if you have animals but no way to transport them in the event of a fire, contact Kandhyfranklin@cox.net.
- Kandhy has reached out to Granite Hills High School and Gillespie field as a temporary shelter for large animals in the event of an evacuation.
- Crest Cert Team should be ready to respond in the event of an emergency.

IF YOU SEE FLAMES OR SEE SMOKE IN OUR AREA. CALL KANDHY FRANKLIN (CREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL) AND SHE WILL VERIFY. 619-977-1566

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