



A Newsletter for Crest

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The Crest Clubhouse Returns



The four-year saga began with rummaging through ashes, cleaning them up, filling dumpsters, and forming a plan. Phil

Goettsch and his wife Debbie sat with members of the community in the Crest School library wondering where to go from here after the Cedar Fire and who would lead the charge? It was unanimous; Phil would be the coordinator of every volunteer available. Since so many in our community had lost their homes, rebuilding the clubhouse was thought to be a great challenge; who would have time? Nothing stopped Phil and Debbie. They organized construction meetings to gather all of the needed trades, discussed the plans and type of building, and listened to the community's wish list. Phil presented the concept of having a timber frame building. Why not put Crest on the map with a spectacular piece of



artisanry to make our community proud? Little did we know how unique and special this building would become. After months of waiting for plans and getting plans accepted by the county, the project began. Think of how your life would be affected if you gave up every Saturday and sometimes Fridays, Mondays, and Sundays, for four years! Phil also

took a semester off to make sure the building kept on course, not always easy when you depend only on volunteers.

The roof and timber frame were built in Washington, disassembled, and then transported



to Crest where the assembly started all over again. As the roof was lifted into the air, Crest residents came to take pictures of the event. Workers quickly raised the walls to fit under the roof. Phil wanted everybody to have a good time as well enjoy the experience of creating a community building that will be mentioned in the Timber Framers' Registry. He told the crew that he wasn't going to shave or cut his hair until the building got "final." Good thing his hair grows very slowly. Phil asked for volunteers and donated items everywhere he went. He was great at getting volunteers from Palomar College; over 90% of our volunteers came from there to help. No one knows for sure how he did that; maybe a project grade? Phil also managed to get the most amazing items donated. Because of his talent, we have a valuable building built for less than half the cost if we had contracted the work out.

The Crest Community and the Crest organizations are grateful for the hard work and labor that everyone donated. It is the plan of the Crest Community Association to honor Phil, his family, and all his volunteers and companies that made this possible for Crest. Watch for the date and time on the signboards as well as email notices. Thank you Phil and Debbie for your generous gift to us.



Crest Community Clubhouse

Thanks to the many
volunteers that helped to
rebuild our Crest Community
Clubhouse.



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Events and Contacts

| Crest Calendar of Events March/April 2008 | | |
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| 03/01 | 10:00 am | Crest Siren Test |
| 03/01 | 10-12 am | Composting Wkshp Anza Borrego Nature Cntr |
| 03/04 | 7:30 pm | Fire Board Meeting -station |
| 03/04 | 1:00 pm | Crest Historical Society - Meeting – Library |
| 03/08 | 3:30 pm | Kiwanis Mtg - Clubhouse |
| 03/08 | 10-12 am Crestridge | Rick Halsey presentation Living in Harmony |
| 03/10 | 10:00 am | Crest Garden Club- Clubhs |
| 03/11 | 5:30 pm CCA | New Construction Group |
| 03/11 | 5:50 pm | Adult Softball game |
| 03/12 | 5:30-7:00 | CCA Community Dinner |
| 03/15 | 9am-3pm | CA Friendly Plant Sale 12122 Community Col Dr. |
| 03/15 | 7:30 am | Kiwanis Mtg – Clubhouse |
| 03/11 | 7:00 pm | Sub-Regional Planning Group - Clubhouse |
| 3/17 | 6:00 pm | Kiwanis Meeting |
| 03/18 | 7:00 p.m | CCA Meeting – Clubhouse |
| 03/21 | 7:00 am | MDA Boot Drive |
| 03/22 | | Kiwanis Breakfast |
| 03/25 | 6:30 Library | Propogate Drought Plants |
| 3/28-29 | 2 & 7pm | Cinderella - SDCC |
| 04/03 | 1:00 pm | Crest Historical Society Mtg – Library |
| 04/04 | 7:30 pm | Fire Board Meeting – Crest Fire Station |
| 04/04 | 10:00 am | Test of Crest Siren |
| 04/05 | 2 & 7 pm | Cinderella - SDCC |
| 04/07 | | Padre Contest Deadline |
| 04/12 | 1 pm – Lib. | SD Children’s Choir |
| 04/12 | 7:30 am | Kiwanis Mtg.- Clubhouse |
| 04/14 | 10:00 am | Crest Garden Club - TBA |
| 04/14 | 7:00 pm | Sub-Regional Planning Grp Clubhouse |
| 04/15 | 7:00 pm | CCA Meeting – Clubhouse |
| 04/21 | 6:00 pm | Kiwanis Mtg - Clubhouse |
| 04/20 | 5:00 | Deadline May-June issue |
| | 6:30 pm | E-Crest-rians - clubhouse |
| 05/03 | 11-4 | Crest Adult Softball |

| Crest Community Contacts | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| CCA | Noelle Carranza | 447-6269 |
| Community Church | Anna Johnston | 442-3736 |
| Cornerstone Church | Pastor Dennis | 579-5633 |
| Crest Black Board | Friends of Crest | 44-Crest |
| Clubhouse Rentals | Debbie Fox | 442-8058 |
| Crest Garden Club | Arlene Palmer | 441-0187 |
| Crest Historical Scty. | Dorothy Miller | 444-0968 |
| Crest Kiwanis | Andy Knutson | 442-3349 |
| Crest Library | Rosi Mejia | 442-7083 |
| Crestridge Reserve | Cathy Chadwick | 749-5767 |
| Crest School | Office | 588-3128 |
| Crest Newsletter | Linda Hjelle Chris Seebold | 440-8540 447-5826 |
| Crest Sun Website www.thecrestsun.com | Karin Weiss | 579-3951 |
| E-Crest-rians | Kandhy Franklin | 444-4996 |
| East County Fire Dept | Business | 579-6034 |
| Friends of Crest | | 44-Crest |
| Sheriff | Dispatch (858) | 565-5200 |
| Snake Removal Svcs | Graham | 444-7797 |
| St Louise Church | Father Languille | 444-3076 |
| Sub-Regional Plan. | Judy Bowen | 440-0783 |
| Stores | | |
| Crest Foods | Tony | 444-8132 |
| Lenardo Pizzeria | Sam | 444-1389 |
| Rainbow Farms Mrkt | Mark | 444-7504 |
| Advertisers | | |
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| Arbonne Int'l | Kia Maize | 518-9504 |
| Avon | Yvonne Daley | 449-8556 |
| Century 21 Award | Connie Gipson | 606-2400 |
| George Bowby Electric | George Bowby | 440-3051 |
| Jim Kelly Realty | Rayna Mack | 922-2524 |
| Kathy Kuts | Kathy Kaderabek | 447-1945 |
| L & M General Eng. | Matt Johnson | 588-8806 |
| Piano Lessons | Amanda Shadrick | 588-8862 |
| Quinta Cordova Andalusians | Rebeca Cordova | 846-6742 |
| Right Hand Ladies | Marie | 328-1157 |
| Simply Marvelous | Risa Goldberg | 231-1113 |
| Snake Solutions | | 445-5764 |
| Sullivan Browne | James Neal | 440-1036 |
| Therapeutic Massage | Mary Kay Vega | 443-2844 |
| TNT Carpet Care | Troy Billet | 208-2708 |
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School Calendars

Cajon Valley Union School District Crest School Holiday Schedule 2007-2008

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|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 08/20 | First Day of School | 02/11 | President's Day (Lincoln) |
| 9/3 | Labor Day | 02/18 | President's Day (Washington) |
| 11/12 | Veterans Day | 03/17-03/28 | Spring Break |
| 11/21-11/23 | Thanksgiving Holiday | 05/26 | Memorial Day |
| 12/15 – 01/06 | Winter Break | 06/12 | Last Day of School |
| 01/21 | Martin Luther King Holiday | | |

Grossmont Union High School District Granite Hills Holiday Schedule 2007-2008

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|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 08/20 | First Day of School | 02/11 | President's Day (Lincoln) |
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| 01/21 | Martin Luther King Holiday | | |

East County Fire Protection District News

By Dawn Hubert

As president of the East County Fire Board, I want the Crest residents to understand a very complicated process that has been taking place.

The Fire Board, District staff, and community members have worked tirelessly to save our district's level of service with resounding success. Because of prior financial difficulties, the ECFPD had received audits which could have resulted in not only closure of our fire department but legal problems resulting from financial difficulties. With the successful fund raising efforts by the Crest community, the district finished in the black and the most recent audit passed with flying colors, a great first step to long term solvency.

While the passing of Proposition E assured the district would remain fiscally solvent for some time, it is a well known fact that the fire industry costs will continue to escalate. At the same time, the County of San Diego began a drive to consolidate smaller districts. The East County Fire Protection district had signed on to this County consortium several years earlier while seeking a solution to its financial problems and before the passage of proposition E. It soon became apparent that ECFPD might be forced into a County consortium that would not benefit our district.

It was the Fire Board's responsibility to take steps to assure that the East County Fire Protection District find a solution to these issues immediately. The Board formed a sub-committee to explore options available to our

district and look at the long term financial picture. It was the sub-committee's objective to explore solutions which would ensure the district receives the greatest benefits available. The Board's objective is to select with whom, and under what terms and conditions the ECFPD would merge if that was our best solution. With the passage of Proposition E, nearby districts were now interested in merging with ECFPD because we were no longer a financial liability.

The sub-committee and board have held over 30 meetings exploring all of the district's options. Each step of this process has been discussed in open public board meetings. After much research, as well as entertaining several different offers from our neighboring fire districts, it was felt that merging with San Miguel Fire District would be the greatest benefit to the ECFPD.

At a special meeting in January a resolution of intent was adopted to merge with the San Miguel Fire District. The next step in the consolidation includes the labor groups reaching tentative agreements, and the Terms and Conditions of the two boards coming to consensus. Once the Terms and Conditions are agreed upon by both Boards, a resolution can be drafted and voted on. An application to LAFCO will be submitted for consolidation of the districts.

Check the Community Chalk Boards for the Town Hall meeting(s), Board meeting, and Special Meeting regarding the consolidation process.



March 2008

Crest Branch Library

105 Juanita Lane-El Cajon, CA 92021

Children's Programs

Rosi's Coloring and Crafts Table

Every Tuesday during open hours

PJ Storytime & Craft *Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 pm*

Baby Storytime *Wednesday, March 19, 10:30 am*

Teen Programs

"Make It and Take It Crafts"

Every Saturday at 11 am Free supplies provided.

Video game fun! March 1 to March 8 all day!

Saturday Family Craft Program at 11 am

Beginning Embroidery *March 1*

Beginning Knitting *March 8 and 15*

Card Making *March 22*

Scrapbooking *March 29*

Adult Programs

"FREE COMPUTER CLASSES"

Thursdays, 11:00 am call Rosi for appointment

Phone 619-442-7083

Crest Mystery Book Club

Discussing Serpent's Trail by Sue Henry

Thursday, March 6, 12 pm

Club de Lectura

Disfrute de conversación acerca del libro del mes;

Extraño y Cruel por Patricia Cornwell

Jueves, 6 de marzo 11 am

Program presented by

Clara Arvai

San Diego Master Gardener:

"Propagation of Drought Tolerant Plants"

Tuesday, March 25th, 6:30 pm

Library open hours: Tuesday 12-8 pm

Wed & Thursday 9:30-6 pm Friday 9:30-5 pm Saturday 9:30-3 pm

For more information, please phone the Library: 619-442-7083

All Library Programs are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Todos los programas de la biblioteca están sujetos a cambio o cancelación sin aviso.



April at Your County Library



Crest Branch Library

Children's Programs

Rosi's Coloring Table and Crafts

Every Tuesday during open hours

Baby Storytime *Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.*

Free 'First 5' Developmental Screening, *Wed. April 16, 11am*

PJ Storytime and Craft *Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.*

Teen Programs

"Make It and Take It Crafts"

Every Saturday at 11 a.m.

Free supplies provided

Video Games! *April 12-26 all day*

Saturday Family Craft Program at 11 a.m.

April 5 Scrapbooking fun!

April 12 Beginning Knitting

April 19 Ribbon Jewelry

April 26 Beeswax Candle making

Adult Programs

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES!

Basic 11 a.m. Intermediate 11:30 a.m.

Thursday call Rosi for appointment

Phone 619-442-7083

Crest Mystery Book Club; Mystery lovers

meet over refreshments to discuss

High Five by Janet Evanovich

Thursday, April 3, 12 p.m.

Club de lectura: Disfrute de un refrigerio gratis y de

conversación acerca del libro del mes;

Sobre la Pista por Janet Evanovich

Jueves, 3 de abril a las 11 a.m.

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Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m.



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Crest Real Estate Update



Residential

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 224 North Lane | \$224,900 |
| 107 Wall Pl | \$258,900 |
| 360 Lento Lane | \$260,000 |
| 1432 La Cresta Blvd | \$275,000 |
| 227 Loma Vista Pl | \$280,000- \$305,000 |
| 112 Park Blvd | \$330,000 |
| 111 Albatross Pl | \$334,000 |
| 2136 Eucalyptus Dr | \$339,000- \$369,000 |
| 226 Lilac Dr | \$430,000- \$459,900 |
| 137 Scenic Dr | \$449,000- \$469,000 |
| 2527 Eucalyptus Dr | \$529,000 |
| 1205 La Cresta Blvd | \$549,000 |
| 2810 La Cresta | \$589,900 |
| 786 Mountain View Pl | \$699,900 |
| 1340 La Cresta Blvd | \$725,000 |
| 1042 Old Mountain View Rd | \$799,000 |
| 1214 La Cresta Blvd | \$799,000- \$899,000 |
| 1378 Ryan Ridge Road | \$899,000 |
| 3019 La Cresta Blvd | \$925,000- \$995,000 |
| 14914 Montana Serena | \$949,950- \$989,950 |
| 1090 Stoneridge Rd | \$999,999- \$1,099,999 |
| 1198 Mountain Top Dr | \$1,499,800 |

Pending In Escrow

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 240 Loma Vista Place | \$269,900 |
| 319 Codorniz Lane | \$359,900 |
| 2902 Suncrest Boulevard | \$499,900 |

Recently Sold

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|------------------|-----------|
| 229 Lilac | \$263,500 |
| 2228 Crest Drive | \$574,000 |

Vacant Land

Now On The Market

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2135 Crest Dr | \$195,000 |
| Crest Dr | \$229,000- \$249,000 |
| 2737 La Cresta Rd | \$239,878 |
| Senda Lane | \$249,000 |
| Suncrest Blvd | \$254,000 |
| 0002 Saxton Lane | \$295,000 |
| 0003 Saxton Lane | \$295,000 |
| 210 Sage Rd | \$299,000- \$325,000 |
| Stoneridge | \$349,000 |
| 2240 Crest Dr | \$350,000 |
| South Park Pl | \$370,000 |
| 550 Alta Lane | \$395,000 |
| 001 Saxton Lane | \$399,900 |
| Saxton Lane | \$499,900 |
| 1909 La Cresta Rd | \$450,000 |
| La Cresta Rd | \$450,000 |
| 526 Alta Lane | \$495,000 |

Pending In Escrow

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| 2221 Eucalyptus Dr | \$150,000 |
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**East County Fire Protection District
Statistics by Incident Type
January 01 – 31, 2008**

| | | |
|-----|---|------------|
| 116 | Fuel Burner/boiler Malfunction, fire confined | 1 |
| 140 | Natural vegetation fire, other | 1 |
| 160 | Special outside fire | 1 |
| 300 | Rescue, emergency medical call EMS other | 107 |
| 311 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 1 |
| 322 | Vehicle accident with injuries | 1 |
| 323 | Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV ped) | 2 |
| 400 | Hazardous condition, other | 2 |
| 412 | Gas Leak (natural gas or LPG) | 2 |
| 442 | Overheated motor | 1 |
| 445 | Arcing, shorted electrical equipment | 1 |
| 450 | Accident, Potential accident, other | 1 |
| 463 | Vehicle accident, general cleanup | 1 |
| 511 | Lock-out | 1 |
| 554 | Assist invalid | 1 |
| 571 | Cover Assignment, standby, moveup | 1 |
| 600 | Other | 3 |
| 611 | Dispatched, cancelled on route | 6 |
| 650 | Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other | 1 |
| 651 | smoke scare, odor of smoke | 1 |
| 653 | Barbecue, tar kettle | 1 |
| 700 | False alarm or false call, other | 5 |
| 900 | Special type of incident, other | 1 |
| | Total | 143 |

**East County Fire
Department Sponsors
MDA Boot Drive
March 21 – 7:00 am**

The East County Fire Protection District will be sponsoring a Boot Drive to raise money for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) on March 21st, starting at 0700 hours.

The Fire Department will have volunteers at the bottom of the hill with Fire Boots in their hands to collect donations. You can also donate by check or cash and drop it off at the Fire Station in Crest in an envelope and address to Captain Brian Bayne.



Captain Brian Bayne
Station 18B

Crest Fire Safe Council

If you have not been receiving e-mails from CFSC regarding RED FLAG WARNINGS, ways to protect yourself and home, community meetings and events, it might be for one or two reasons. First, if you are an sbcglobal.net user, the messages may be in your spam folder or blocked, please check. Second, you haven't signed up or told us of your e-mail address change. Contact us at: crestfiresafecouncil@yahoo.com to sign up or call 44-CREST.

One Call Now System

Crest has a population of approximately 8,000 residing in 2,634 households. As of December, only 700 households in Crest have signed up for OneCallNow, Crest's emergency call system. That is just 27% of the total households. This service is free – a Crest Community Services funded by donations of citizens. In the event of a fire or other emergency affecting our community, an automated system will call your phone to update you on the location and particulars of the emergency.

If you wish to sign up, you can designate up to three emergency numbers and send them to editor@thecrestsun.com or call Kandhy @ 444-4996 for further information. You can also submit an e-mail address and you will be notified of upcoming community events by e-mail.

1228 phone #'s (all #'s) to call in an emergency= cost \$86 each time

700 phone #'s just for info.= cost \$49 each time

Up front cost of OneCallNow= \$700 for 10,000 calls= \$.07/call

A special thanks to those that have donated to OneCallNow!

Crest Fire Safe Council



By Kandhy Franklin-Collins

South Lane Park

South Lane Park is getting spruced up! County Probation is allowing their crews to come into South Lane Park and do weed abatement and general clean up. They will work on some erosion control as well. We are hoping to get the entire 10 acres done. The Friends of Crest has graciously donated a green dumpster for all the debris - A big "Thank You" to them for their service to the community. The Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is also helping with grading the pad for the CFSC building and getting the electrical pole in. The Girl Scouts will be painting the benches at the park, so we will be ready for spring activities. If you want to help, please contact us at 44-CREST.

Brush Removal

You may have noted a recent posting on the Community Bulletin Board regarding FREE Weed Abatement. The Fire Safe Council in conjunction with San Diego Fire Safe Council has received a grant to help with weed abatement for Crest residents with low income, the elderly, or those with disabilities. We are in the grant stage of collecting names and interviewing. Several residents have already called and placed their name on a waiting list. Watch the bulletin board, www.thecrestsun.com, and your emails from Crest Safe Council for additional information in the event there are more openings.

Crest Fire Safe Council has just submitted another grant for brush abatement using goats, hand crews and machinery for the most vulnerable areas to our Crest residents and along the grade. Our goal is to reduce the fuel load by 50% in 150 acres surrounding us. Home owners may call 44-CREST and email crestfiresafecouncil@yahoo.com to let us know your thoughts, for more information, or to put your name on that list. We will be making a presentation on this project to the community at the March CCA meeting. Feel free to contact crestfiresafecouncil@yahoo.com at any time.

E-Crest-Rian News



By Kandhy Franklin-Collins

The E-Crest-Rians want to meet, eat, and plan more fun events and day trailering trips. They are interested in getting those with emails signed up for notices from other clubs about camp outs, clinics, and special events.

Challenge Ranch near us could always use volunteers. Their students put on horse shows for all to participate. Please look on the sign boards as to when there will be a bonfire, smores, and planning meeting at the clubhouse. Bring the whole family. This group is for everyone, even those without horses!

Crest Community Church

Adult Softball

& Youth Kickball

Saturday May 3rd

1 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Meet @

Crest Community Church

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Crestridge Ecological Reserve

News for Spring 2008

The staff and volunteers of the Endangered Habitats Conservancy, the Earth Discovery Institute (EHC/EDI) and the California Department of Fish and Game welcome community input and involvement in the stewardship of the Crestridge Ecological Reserve. Contact information is published in every issue of the Crest Sun. Following are responses to some questions/issues raised recently:

Gates: There are several gated entrances to the Reserve. In addition to reserve workers, other agencies with access include the California Department of Fish and Game, San Diego Gas and Electric, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, East County Fire Protection District, CalFire, and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. EHC/EDI workers keep a watchful eye out for unlocked gates but do not have the resources to constantly monitor all of them. The gate immediately behind Von's/Walmart off Los Coches Rd. is not presently within the boundaries of the reserve. However, due to ongoing concerns with access from this area, EHC/EDI staff met in January with several of the relevant agencies to address the issues at this and other gates to the Reserve.

Trail Marking and Closing: Areas identified for restoration to native habitat will be marked and closed as needed for the time required for the habitat to recover according to protocols established by the California Department of Fish and Game. Certain areas require the planting of natives and active management of non-native invasive weeds. Past issues with hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and motorized vehicles (as evidenced by their tracks) blazing new trails through native habitat, has and will at times require closing these areas to allow for recovery.

Barbed Wire: Removal of barbed wire that remains from decades of use of the area for livestock is included in the Management Plan.

Dogs on Leash: As an exception to standard rules for a State Ecological Reserve, the California Department of Fish and Game has

agreed to allow dogs on the Reserve, however to protect wildlife dogs must be leashed and under control at all times.

Inappropriate use of the Reserve after hours: Consistent with California Department of Fish and Game code, the Reserve is closed to the public after dark. Management plans for the Reserve include 24-hour security. A hot line will be established this year for residents to report unlawful or inappropriate activity on the Reserve.

Oak Tree Health: Some oaks in the reserve have died or lost very large limbs in the last few years. A San Diego County plant pathologist recently examined trees in the grove near Horsemill Rd. and determined that no disease is present. However, years of drought and stress from the Cedar Fire have made them susceptible to bark beetles which seem to be primarily responsible for the losses. There is no known 'cure' for the beetles, but healthy trees often survive infestation. Based on the recommendations of the plant pathologist, several steps will be taken to mitigate the stress on the trees including closing some of the trails in the grove and application of additional mulch to help the trees recover from decades of soil compaction which impedes their root systems, limits their access to water and nutrients, and interferes with their ability to fight off beetle infestations.

If you have concerns about the Reserve, consider how you could get involved to bolster the resources available to deal with the many priorities of caring for this special 3,000-acre protected area.

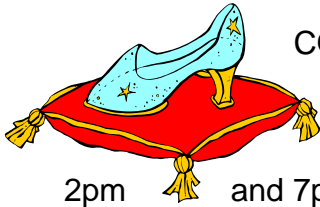
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Critters in Crest - Mockingbirds

By Stanley A. Shelton

There has been many a night in my life that I have felt like I wanted to kill a mockingbird.

During the spring months they have a tendency to sing all night long. In warm spring weather, with open windows, trying to sleep, one seemed to be perched just outside of my window singing its ever changing songs. I was sure it was doing that just to keep me awake. And, of course, last spring we had one here in Crest keeping me awake.

The male Northern Mockingbird, *mimus polyglottos*, marks its territory with song, hopping from high perch to high perch singing nearly incessantly. The male sings much more than the female does and will fly from telephone pole to tree and perch to perch singing, both night and day during the breeding season. The territory they mark in this manner can be anywhere from one to two acres in size. The breeding season starts in late February to March. A mating pair is monogamous for the season and often for life. Their average lifespan is eight years in the wild. Like some other birds, they raise two or more clutches in a season, often caring for fledglings while incubating the next set of eggs.

Mockingbirds like suburban areas for their smorgasbord of grassy lawns and fruiting plants and trees. They are omnivorous and will eat beetles, ants, grubs, moths, butterflies, bees, wasps, small lizards, worms, grasshoppers and other arthropods. And fruit, both wild and cultivated. They are voracious eaters and can often be observed hopping up and down on a perch taking insects flying around them or even chasing a grasshopper across a lawn. Because of their diet, they are useful to us as natural pest controllers.

Mockingbirds are gray on top, pale gray on the bottom and have white patches on their

wings and outer tail feathers. They grow up to nine inches long and weigh about two ounces. They lay two to four pale green or pale blue eggs with little brown spots on them. They usually lay three eggs per clutch.

They like to build their nests in shrubs and bushes, preferably with thorns, at a height between three to ten feet above ground. They aggressively defend their nesting site from all intruders when the fledglings are still in the nest. They are known for dive-bombing dogs, cats, humans and other creatures that get too close to their nest during this time. They will sometimes join forces to dive-bomb and otherwise menace crows and hawks that wander into their territory. It is usually advisable to avoid their nesting area while they are tending their fledglings. (But no one has ever been injured by a mockingbird attack that I have heard of.) The young leave the nest about 12 days after hatching, but are still fed by the parents until they can forage on their own. Don't worry that the next brood will be in the same nest though, they often build and use several nests per season.

Reports of how many songs are in a mockingbird's repertoire vary, but most sources say around 200. They can also mimic dog barks, meows, squeaking hinges, music and other sounds, but I have never heard any of those come from a mockingbird. As a matter of fact, I don't think I've ever been able to count more than about two dozen different songs sung by *any* mockingbird I've ever listened to on those sleepless nights.

Mockingbirds range all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the Bahamas. There is even a species indigenous to the Galapagos Islands. I hope no male claims the area around my house again this year. I'm sure I would be entertaining thoughts of killing it on those nights I find it hard to sleep, but I wouldn't do it. Though not migratory birds, they are protected by the Migratory Bird act of 1918 and other more recent laws. Before that, the males were often kept as song birds in cages in people's homes.



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Below is a very popular article I have received many times. According to www.snopes.com this is a relatively accurate article.

Recognizing A Stroke

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

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Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

What does www.snopes.com say about this e-mail?

While Snopes copyright laws prohibit me from copying the information directly from the website, it indicates that the e-mail appears to be sound. It pointed out, however, that it has yet to be endorsed by American Stroke Association. The information was obtained from a report presented in February 2003 at the American Stroke Association's (ASA) 28th International Stroke Conference (they even

provide a link to the site.) The ASA site indicates that the report was not endorsed because the results, though positive, arose from a very small study. Check out the site for yourself.



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Zipcode Census Data:

www.zipskinny.com

This site was created as a web development "hobby" project using Census 2000 data obtained from the [Census website](http://www.census.gov). Put in a zip code and obtain generalized census data for the area. Interesting, but take heed of the disclaimers written in the website as to its accuracy

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About Crest.

“The Store”

The Suncrest

(Excerpts from articles written by Beverly Nerbonne and Mildred Black Zimmerman)

In the late 20's the first store on the “Hill” was built by Jim Coates. It was in a log house, opposite what is now the Community Church (which was then the Suncrest Clubhouse.) This store had only the bare necessities as everything had to be hauled up from El Cajon.

In 1929, Gertie and William Black built The Suncrest Store where the library is now. Beverly Nerbonne wrote, “Mr Black was always known as Daddy Black and as a kid I remember him always smoking a big cigar. He was also the caller for the square dances held at the Clubhouse. They had twins, Melvin and Mildred. People liked to sit on the porch of the store under the umbrella and look down the street to see the people swimming in the local plunge which was located on what is now the “lower field” of the Crest School.

Mildred (Black) Zimmerman wrote, “The store was in the front of the building with a bell on the door, so we knew when customers entered. The living quarters were in the rear. My dad would travel every other day down the old grade to El Cajon to pick up fresh bread and milk. On Saturday, the best treat of all was ice cream for the weekend. If the ice cream did not all sell, we HAD to eat it since it was packed in dry ice.”

In 1934 they sold the store to Mr and Mrs. Claude Crotzer who ran it until 1937. They then sold it to Al & Marie Teubert. In 1938 Clark & Delma Woodland and their children, Thad & Lee Ann bought the store. In 1940 the Woodlands sold the store to Beatrice & Edmund Dupuis. In 1944 the Dupuis remodeled the building, adding a meat department. In 1945 the store was sold to Mr & Mrs. Sal Arbassio who owned it for several years and called it Sal's Suncrest Market before selling it to Celia & John Scheutenhelm.

In 1964 Wendell & Martha Ducher were the owners. On October 14, 1976, what had been known for years as “The store” was converted into the present day library.



The Suncrest Store with Daddy Black 1929



Sal's Suncrest Market 1948 (Remodeled in 1944)



Now the Crest Library – 2007 (converted 1976)

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

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By Christina Seebold

Would you like to help create a cleaner Crest? Friends of Crest would like input from residents interested in a "Clean-Up Crest" campaign. There is a lot of scrap metal lurking in the corners of many properties, some of it in the form of non-operating vehicles. The price for metal is high right now, and many wrecking yards will pay to pick up your car, working or not.

There are multiple environmental hazards associated with abandoned vehicles stored on residential properties (particularly those parked on unpaved ground). Mercury, acid, gas, and oil can leak into ground water and soil (bad for everyone, especially small animals and children). Glass (broken or not), and rusting metal also pose a hazard. In addition, piles of junk and old cars can become a breeding and nesting ground for rats, mice and other vermin.

This project could not only help make the community safer, and more beautiful, but help owners turn cars and junk into cash for themselves, or a community cause that could be donated to. If this issue interests you please call 44C-REST, or send us an email with your thoughts.

Crest Garden Club News

At the January meeting, Crest Garden Club volunteers worked on grading, painting, and planter building at the CCA Clubhouse. In February the group met to discuss the current status of the Clubhouse landscaping. Information about upcoming garden events was shared, there was a plant exchange, and each member also brought a favorite plant for discussion. Judy Dunning brought a couple of wonderful recipes using rosemary. The February meeting will be at 10:00am on Monday the 11th at the home of Christina Seebold.

Please bring anything you would like to share/exchange. There has been no confirmation of the April meeting itinerary as yet, but the club is hoping to visit the shelter-in-place concept homes in Rancho Santa Fe. The club meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00am. For additional information contact Arlene Palmer at 441-0187.

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Kiwanis Meetings

Location: Crest Community Center

March 8 - 7:30am

March 15 - 7:30 am

March 17 - 6:00 pm

March 22 - 8:30 - Pancake Breakfast

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Remembering our Crest Friends

Russ Bolton

September 21, 1954
to January 23, 2008

Russ Bolton, a
Crest resident since

1990, lost his short courageous battle with pancreatic cancer on the morning of January 23rd with his family by his side.

Russ was born on September 21, 1954. He graduated from Patrick Henry High School, Class of 1972. He then received a degree from national Technical School in HVAC, heating and air conditioning.

In the summer of 1973, Russ met the love of his life, Angie. They married in 1975 and bought their first home in 1977. They spent the first five years of their life traveling before they had children. Amber was born in August of 1980 and Kyle was born January 1983.

He spent the last 35 years working locally, most recently for A.O. Reed, exclusively at Barona Casino. He was well respected in his field and was known as the "go to" guy, aka MacGyver. He was always willing to lend a hand when called upon.

Russ lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed spending most of his weekends at the desert or river with his loving wife Angie. They also traveled to many far away places.

He was preceded in death by his sister Debbie. He is survived by his wife Angie of 33 years, daughter Amber, son Kyle, loyal dog Penny, parents Sonny and Carol, brother Ray (Susi), sister Denise (John), brother-in-law Rick, and many nieces and nephews. He leaves behind many close and devoted friends.

A celebration of his life was held on Saturday February 23, 2008, at the Palisades Presbyterian Church. Donations may be made to Sharp Hospice Care and John Moores Cancer Research at UCSD.

The entire Bolton family would like to thank everyone for their continued love and support. Russ will be missed dearly by all who knew him.



Jack Reynolds

August 19, 1930 to
February 5th, 2008.

Jack Reynolds, long time Crest resident, passed away at the age of 77 on February 5, 2008 at Kaiser Hospital in San Diego from

cancer and other health related complications.

Jack was born August 19, 1930 in Gothenburg, Nebraska. He moved to Crest in 1957 where he raised six children that all attended Crest Elementary School. He also served on the Crest Fire Board. Jack worked at NASCO for 34 years, retiring as an assistant superintendent in the outfitting department. After his retirement in 1987, he treasured his home and family life.

He was preceded in death by his Sister, Joanne. He is survived by his wife, Sharon of 40 years. He is also survived by his daughters, Kathy Younghusband (Norman) of Kingman, AZ, Lynn Bublitz (Randy) of Santa Maria, CA, Anne Hardy of Redding, CA, Tammy Lynn Gentry (Ron) of Crest, Gwenn Da Lynn Spethman (David) of El Cajon, and his son, Samuel Wright of El Cajon. Jack will be missed by his 8 grandchildren (Danny, Winnona, Roma, Tommy, Timmy, Kyle, Scott and Blake) and six great-grandchildren (Trevor, Chris, Faith, Austin, Jessica and Chase.)

A family gathering was held February 8th at his home. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Note from editor: As neighbors, we always enjoyed Jack's stories of "old" Crest which he told with a smile and twinkle in his eye. We will miss you Jack.



Letters to the Crest Sun

Beware Bogus Contractor in Crest Area

I would like to warn Crest residents about a contractor I hired who is working in the Crest area who ripped me off. He had a valid contractor's license at the start of my job but had it suspended during my job. He never finished my job to my satisfaction and demanded full payment or he was going to put a lien on my house. I have a lawsuit pending. I've seen him working in my neighborhood and he does awful work. I called the Sheriff about him working in our area without a contractor's license and they wouldn't do anything about it. If you are approached by a contractor looking for work in Crest, be sure to check for a valid license.

Robert Lewis

crestmann@cox.net

Letter Regarding Crestridge Ecological Reserve

An unsigned letter to the editor was received regarding the Crestridge Ecological Reserve. Since all letters to the editor must be signed and we could not locate the author, it was not printed. The letter was forwarded to the Crestridge Reserve and they have addressed concerns in this month's newsletter.

Please follow the guidelines below for submitted letters:

The Crest Sun welcomes letters to the editor. Space is limited so we offer these tips and guidelines.

- Our suggested length is 200 words. Letters may be edited for space, grammar, clarity or other reasons.
- All letters considered for publication will be verified for authenticity. Letters must include a full name, address, daytime phone number.
- E-mail submission is preferred and can be sent to editor@thecrestsun.com. Letters can be mailed to The Crest Sun, 113 North Park Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021

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**State Budget Mess, Sunrise
Powerlink Proposal Spell
Challenging Times Ahead**
By Vice Chairwoman Dianne Jacob

Surviving the State Budget Mess

As Yogi Berra famously said, "It's like déjà vu all over again." Four years after California narrowly averted a budget meltdown, the State is once again in dire financial straights and facing an estimated \$14 billion budget shortfall.

Unable to tame the wild spending habits of the legislature, the Governor is proposing across-the-board cuts for all departments, a desperate maneuver that is sure to make waves here in San Diego County.

We don't yet know the extent of the cuts or what programs might be impacted. We do, however, know that the Board of Supervisors has been here before and prepared to handle what will likely be a very big hit.

Residents need to know that the cuts may be painful. Layoffs are possible and services could be scaled back. Taxpayers need to know that the County won't jeopardize our long-term fiscal health by dipping into funds set aside for emergencies. Those funds keep costs down by keeping our credit rating high.

Compare the County's budget structure to the chaotic budget practices of the State, and it's easy to see how the County is stable while the State is on the ropes, continuing to spend more than it takes in. The County uses stable, ongoing revenue streams to pay for core services like public safety, parks and libraries. Just like a family planning its finances, we wouldn't count on our savings as a funding source for our monthly mortgage.

In addition to engaging in deficit spending, State lawmakers pay bills in reckless ways, frequently stealing from our County to fund education or dangerously robbing from the State's fire and public safety budget to make up for shortfalls elsewhere.

It's a doomed budget structure that can only be solved with a wholesale overhaul. Until then, expect the State's monster deficit to balloon, particularly when the national economy slumps and property taxes dip.

The State could use a budget lesson from San Diego County. Four years ago, I handed the governor a copy of the County's budget playbook, our award-winning General Management System,

in hopes he'd study up. Now, as history repeats itself, maybe it's time to send another copy.

**Sunrise Powerlink Stokes
Backcountry Fire Fears**

San Diego Gas and Electric likes to say that its proposed Sunrise Powerlink will bring greater energy reliability to the region. In studies justifying the project, the utility argues that the region only has one existing 500 kilovolt transmission line—the so-called Southwest Powerlink in the southeastern part of the County—and needs a second line in case of an emergency.

Yet, an emergency is exactly what happened during the recent October 2007 firestorms when the deadly Harris Fire forced the Southwest Powerlink out of service. Transmission experts warn that had Sunrise been operable, the line would have been threatened by the Witch Fire. That blaze charred areas in Sunrise's proposed path including parts of Santa Ysabel and Ramona. So much for the reliability argument!

Many Backcountry residents, including me, have questioned the wisdom of stringing hulking wires and massive poles through miles of fire-prone Backcountry. Compounding this fear is the fact that at least two of the October 2007 fires were caused by the lethal combination of power lines and fierce Santa Ana winds. Power lines don't just spark fires. Because fire crews cannot work around active lines, projects like Sunrise inhibit the ability of firefighters to slow the spread of flames.

It is simply unconscionable that a local company, who witnessed firsthand the misery caused by its own power lines last October, continues to promote Sunrise as the best way to keep our lights on. The project's environmental documents identify nearly a dozen cheaper, less intensive ways to meet future energy demand while transitioning from dirty fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.

This month, the public will have its best chance to weigh in on the Sunrise Proposal at numerous hearings throughout the region held by the California Public Utilities Commission. I'll be there to further explain my opposition to Sunrise and I strongly encourage others to do the same.

Dianne Jacob is Vice Chairwoman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and represents the people of the Second District which includes all of East County, the City of Poway and the Ramona and Julian areas.



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Property Tax Relief

County Assessor, Gregory J. Smith, wishes to notify property owners that tax relief is available if their property's market value has fallen below its assessed value.

Under State Law, (Proposition 8) a temporary reduction in assessed value can be made when the market value falls below the assessed value.

Property owners who believe their property's market value has fallen below its assessed value should file an **Application for Review of Assessment** with the Assessor's Office as soon as possible but no later than May 30, 2008. They should provide their opinion of value and supporting documentation, such as comparable sales, current listings, or a recent appraisal. This application is available on the Assessor's Website at www.sdarcc.com, in all the Assessor's branch offices, or by phoning the Assessor's Office at (858) 505-6262. When complete, please return the application to Gregory J. Smith, County Assessor, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 103, San Diego, CA 92101.

Property owners who apply for this temporary reduction will be notified in early July of the results of their request. If they still disagree with the value, a formal assessment appeal process is available. This application must be filed with the Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board between July 2 and November 30.



*Call Connie Gipson for
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sold properties in your
area.*

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Crest Community Association



July 4th Planning:

Believe it or not, we are in the planning stages for the July 4th activities in Crest. Thanks to **Judy Becker** for stepping in to assist with seeking out those unique and interesting crafters. We hope to invite about 46 crafters this year. If you are a crafter, artist, or have a home business, please contact Judy or myself at 44-CREST or 444-4996 so we can send you an application. The 4th of July committee works very hard to not duplicate artisans so that everyone will be successful. Thanks to those in the past that have made an extra donation to the CCA in addition to the \$35.00 booth space rental.

We Need Your Help:

- Our committee is interested in finding a team who will handle the Crest Young People's Pageant. If interested please call 44-CREST.
- Is there a Boy/Girl Scout group who is interested in presenting the colors after the parade and setting up can recycling? Call Kandhy at 444-4996.
- We need the brave and loud to help manage the parade route, the start and the assembly of folks at South Lane Park from about 7:30 am to 9:45. Food and snack tickets will be given out to those who help. How about some high school guys?
- Cone Heads are needed!!! Not really, we just need a few folks who will put up the road signs, parking signs, and move them after the parade. You know where to call.

More of the 4th will be in the next newsletter especially the revival of some safety precautions for the parade and other activities in the park. This year we have invited the Sherriff to have a presence as well as hire security. All churches and organizations are invited to the April meeting of the CCA to share the things they want to cook or make for the community that day. Any questions call 44-Crest.

Clubhouse Rental

The Crest Community Clubhouse is available for rent for your next community or family activity. The cost is \$175 per event (example: 1:00 pm Wednesday through 1:00 pm Thursday.) There is a security deposit of \$175 and a cleaning deposit of \$75, both of which will be refunded if the building is left clean and undamaged. The clubhouse rivals rental halls in San Diego County and has the added benefit of a park nearby and small-town atmosphere. The proceeds from the rentals pays for the upkeep to our new community center. Contact Debbie Fox at (619)-442-8058 for more information

Crest Community Forms a New Construction Group with Your Help

After 4 years of incredible devotion to a wonderful and unique project, Phil Goettsch has resigned from coordinating the volunteers who were designing and building the Crest Clubhouse. The building is so very close to being finished, but we need everyone to come to the clubhouse **MARCH 11TH at 5:50 pm** to create a "finish" punch list for both the interior and exterior for the community building. We need electricians for outside and inside lighting issues, people for irrigation, painting, fencing, flagstone, and finish carpentry. We hope to establish a time line of completion, schedule volunteers who can donate a few hours here and there any day of the week, and finally set the date for the grand opening. Our goal is to be totally finished by the fourth of July. Please call 44-CREST if you want to be involved but can't make the meeting, otherwise, we will see you there.

Crest Community Association Chili & Soup Dinner

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, March 12** for a **community dinner**. The menu is chili, soup, vegetarian soup, cornbread, and salad. At the bargain of a \$5 donation per person, what a deal! See you 5:30 – 7:00 at the clubhouse. Bring the entire family..

CCA Meetings – Mark your Calendars:

March 18, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

April 15, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Join CCA and Support your Community
(application on page 34 of this newsletter)