



Newsletter for Crest

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Number 1

Welcome back to the Crest Sun. There was no January-February issue due to the fact there was so little news to report. With that said, it looks like spring has brought the community to life! All the Crest organizations have been busy planning fun activities; so pull out your calendars and get ready for some fun and informative events. Aren't you glad you don't live in Boston?



Do you know much about the history of Crest? The Crest Historical Society has just completed a book that will give a great overview of our community from Crest's earliest Native American residents right up to the present decade. See page 5 to see how you can get one of the limited edition copies.

The Crest Fire Safe Council has been hard at work once again making the community a safer place to live. Working with our local politicians, fire agencies, and environmental agencies, the CFSC has made the Crest evacuation route project a reality. See page 13 for the progress to date.

The Crest Library has scheduled two informative presentations in April. If you are interested in raptors, butterflies, or hummingbirds, you won't want to miss these great programs. Check page 2 for details and more.

Kiwanis, has several events which are of interest including their April 4th annual kid's Easter egg hunt. They have also scheduled an informative presentation on scams and identity theft on March 16. Check out page 19 for the complete schedule of

events.

A terrific Garden Tour has been planned by the Crest Garden Club and everyone is invited! Six local gardens will be highlighted on this tour. See page 20 for the schedule of this April 18th event.

We want to welcome a new restaurant to Crest. Gabriel's Taco Shop is open for business with some great authentic Mexican cuisine. Stop by and greet our new neighbor and give them your support.

New Season's Church - Crest is presenting the community with a great shopping/selling opportunity. See page 15 for specifics on their upcoming March 14th White Elephant Sale.

The Alpine sheriffs attended the recent CCA meeting to give an update on crime, plus tips on safety for the Crest community. To find these statistics and more, read the article on pages 13-14. They also invite you to attend an open house on March 21 at the Alpine substation from 9-11 a.m. In fact, bring the entire family.

Are you signed up for email updates through the Crest Fire Safe Council. Send your email to kandhyfranklin@cox.net to get the latest information and reminders regarding Crest activities that occur between editions of *The Crest Sun*. While you are at it, send your phone numbers to be included on the One-Call Now emergency call system if you have not already done so.

The Crest Community Association has planned a great community spaghetti dinner for March 18th that you do not want to miss. Stop by, enjoy a great meal and listen to a bit of music (pg 11).



David Silva returns with another great Music Night on March 7 (page 12). Finally, don't forget to check out Earth Discovery (page 7) events, especially the March 28th program on the Birds of Crestridge.



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Crest Branch Library

105 Juanita Lane
El Cajon, CA 92021
Phone: (619) 442-7083

APRIL & MAY 2015

Library Hours

Tues. Noon-8PM
Wed. 9:30AM-6PM
Thurs. 9:30AM-6PM
Fri. 9:30AM-5PM
Sat. 9:30AM-3PM

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

FAMILY EVENTS: CRAFTS Fridays at 3:00 pm **GAME DAY** Saturdays at 1:00 pm

NUTRI-FRIDAY the first and third Friday of the month at 3:00 pm Sponsored by Crest Kiwanis

INDIVIDUAL BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 am
Call 619-442-7083 for an appointment

IN-STITCHES SEWING CLUB Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

BOOK OF THE MONTH *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
Post your comment: <http://crestlibrarybookclub.blogspot.com>

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<p>3rd <u>Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration</u> Stories, Crafts & Refreshments @ 3:00 pm</p> <p><u>Parenting Classes</u> in Spanish/Platicas de Vida: Temas</p> <p>3rd-Educación, 10th-Salud Mental, 17th-Gestión del Tiempo, 24th-La Dinamica de la Familia Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm</p> <p>27th <u>Photo Booth Fun</u> @ 3:00 pm</p> <p>31st <u>Cesar Chavez Day</u> Library Closed</p>	<p>2nd <u>Master Gardener</u>: Attracting Hummingbirds & Butterflies to your garden @ 4:00 pm</p> <p>3rd <u>Photo Booth Fun</u> @ 3:00 pm</p> <p>14th <u>Raptor Institute Presentation</u>: Featuring live birds of prey @ 5:30 pm</p> <p>21st <u>Dia de los Niño's Celebration</u>: Join us for crafts, story-time & refreshments, also all children in attendance get a FREE book! @ 3:30 pm</p>

Like us on Facebook to keep up with what is happening at the library.
<https://www.facebook.com/CrestLibrary>

Your library offers hundreds of free events and classes. Find them at www.sdcl.org



Crest Contacts

Crest Community Contacts		
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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
Emergencies Sheriff (non-emergency) Alpine Station Licensing Division	Dispatch (858)	911 565-5200
	(619)	659-2600
	(858)	974-2020
	Business office. Burn Permits Leonard Villarreal lvillarreal@sanmiguelfire.org (website)	670-0500 588-8112 660-5356 660-5359 660-5351
Adult Protective Svs	(800)	510-2020

Child Abuse Hot Line	(800)-334-6000	
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. 8	444-8132
Rainbow Farms Mrkt	Mark - pg.10	444-7504
Gabriel's Taco Shop	- pg 6	631-7531

Businesses

Abbey's Home Improvement	Carla & pg 15 Marlena-pg 1	438-2128
Brite Energy	Ryan - 26	801-879-1442
Central Heating	Charles p 18	444-9955
Century 21	Becky pg. 25	760.835.9281
Glen Mitchel Realtors	Kandhy pg - 22	977-1566
Kathy Kuts	Kathy pg 25	447-1945
Knox Reprographics	pg. 27	230-6300
Listenlocalsd.com Green Room	Cathryn pg 18 Listenlocalradio.com	
Notary on the Spot	Betty - pg 12	820-5458
Simply Marvelous Organizing	Risa - pg 16.	440-1235
Stan Upholstery work	Stan - pg 18	561-3403
Sosey Bookkeeping/Tax	Lisa - pg 21	806-0844
Real Estate Rayna Mack	Rayna - pg.9	922-2524

Rent the CCA Clubhouse for your next special event!
www.thecrestsun.com

MARCH 2015

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Calendar of Events March-April 2015

03/03/15	1:00 Tuesday	Historical Society Meeting– Crest Library
03/05/15	9-12 a.m. Th	Marie’s Painters – Call Jackie for more info: 442-1018
03/07/15	6:30-9:00 p.m.	Music Night with Silva/Baird –
03/09/15	7:00 p.m.	Sub Regional Planning Group – Crest Community Center
03/11/15	5:30 p.m.	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
03/12/15	6:30 p.m.	Kiwanis Board Meeting – clubhouse
03/14/15	7-1 p.m.	New Seasons Church White Elephant Sale
03/16/15	7:00 p.m.	Kiwanis Membership General Meeting @ Clubhouse – All Invited BBB Presentation on Scams and Identity Theft
03/18/15	5-7 p.m.	CCA Spaghetti Dinner at the clubhouse
03/19/15	6:00 – Thurs 7:00 p.m.	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse
03/19/15	9-12 a.m.	Marie’s Painters
03/21/15	9-1 a.m.	Open House – Alpine Sheriff Substation
03/28/15	7:30-10:30 a.m	Birds of Crestridge –Talk at Crestridge Ecological Reserve
03/28/15	8-10 a.m.	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
03/28/15	10:00 a.m..	Garden Club – Weeding at the clubhouse following the Kiwanis Breakfast – why not join in.
04/02/15	9-12 a.m.	Marie’s Painters
04/02/15	4:00 p.m.	Crest Library – Master Gardener – How to Attract Butterflies & Hummingbirds
04/04/15	8:30 a.m.	Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt – Nancy Jane Park
04/07/15	1:00 p.m.	Historical Society Mtg – Library
04/09/15	6:30 p.m.	Kiwanis Board Meeting
04/13/15	7:00 p.m.	Sub Regional Planning Group – Crest Clubhouse
04/14/15	5:30 p.m.	Library – Raptor Institute Presentation with Live Birds
04/16/15	9-12 a.m.	Marie’s Painters
04/16/15	6:00 – Thurs 7:00 p.m.	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse
4/18/15	9-1 a.m./	Crest Community Garden Club Tour pg. 20 For info call Marsha 440-1167
04/20/15	6:00 p.m.	Kiwanis General Membership Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse
04/25/15	8-10 a.m.	Kiwanis Breakfast
04/30/15	9-12 a.m.	Marie’s Painters – CCA Clubhouse
4/21/15	7:00 p.m	CCA Meeting – Topic Neighborhood Watch – Alpine Sheriff



Mother’s Day Brunch
St Louise Hall – 9-11
May 10, 2015



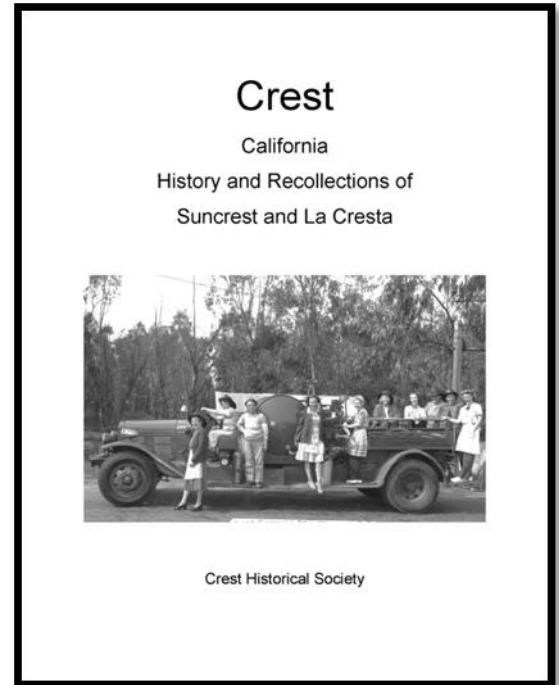
The Crest Historical Society

From the archives of the Crest Historical Society, we are pleased to share the history of Crest in a new book. This 110 page book is a compilation of history, stories, and photos of Crest from its first settlers in the late 1890s to the present day. A special thanks to Linda Hjelle, Kathy Fiedor and Dot Miller for their many hours of work on this publication over the past three years.

We have a limited first printing of the book of 225 copies. If you would like to obtain a copy of the book, you may get one by **donating \$10 to the Crest Historical Society**. The book will be made available in Crest at upcoming community events as well as a few specified locations throughout the community over the next few weeks. Watch the blackboard for Crest locations.

If you wish to have a copy mailed to your home, the donation is \$10 plus \$4 mailing charges. Please send your \$14 check per copy (no credit cards) to:

Crest Historical Society
P.O. Box 2182
El Cajon, CA 92021-0182



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LOOK FOR US SATURDAY, MARCH 7 AT NANCY JANE PARK FROM 9-12 A.M.

(Note: If it is cold, we will be in the CCA clubhouse located across from the basketball courts.)

About the Crest Historical Society

On May 17, 1989, a group of dedicated Crest residents recognized the need to preserve the history of Crest. The Crest Historical Society was founded during Historic Preservation Week. Today, the Crest Historical Society (CHS) continues to work to preserve and share Crest history with the community. CHS is always looking for new members. There is one general meeting a year. An informal monthly workshop meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Library. We welcome folks dropping by and asking questions or sharing history regarding our community. Members receive the *ECHOES Newsletter* several times a year. For information call Dorothy Miller 444-0968 or check out page 25 for additional information about joining the Crest Historical Society.



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<h3>TORTAS</h3> <p>Carne Asada \$5.50 <small>Carne Asada, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>Pollo Asado \$5.50 <small>Pollo Asado, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>Adobada \$5.50 <small>Adobada, Queso, Salsa</small></p>		<h3>CHIPS & FRIES</h3> <p>Carne Asada Chips \$7.00 <small>Carne Asada, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>Carne Asada Fries \$7.00 <small>Carne Asada, Fries, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>Carne Asada Nachos \$7.50 <small>Carne Asada, Nachos, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>Chips & Mexican Salsa \$3.99</p> <p>Chips & Guacamole \$4.50</p>									
<h3>ROLLED TACOS</h3> <p>3 Beef \$3.00 <small>Beef, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>3 Beef \$3.75 <small>Beef, Queso, Salsa, Lettuce</small></p> <p>5 Beef \$4.75 <small>Beef, Queso, Salsa, Lettuce</small></p> <p>12 Beef \$9.00 <small>Beef, Queso, Salsa, Lettuce</small></p> <p>2 Flautas \$5.00 <small>Beef, Queso, Salsa, Lettuce</small></p>		<h3>QUESADILLAS</h3> <p>Cheese \$3.75</p> <p>Carne Asada \$5.75</p> <p>Pollo Asado or Adobada \$5.75</p> <p>Special Quesadilla \$6.25 <small>Four Cheese, Queso, Salsa, Lettuce</small></p>		<h3>KIDS MENU</h3> <p><small>NTB 9:30</small></p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla \$3.00</p> <p>Bean & Cheese Burrito \$3.00</p> <p>2 Rolled Tacos \$3.00</p> <p>Carne Asada Fries or Chips \$3.50</p>		<h3>COMBINATIONS</h3> <p><small>With rice and beans</small></p> <p>#1 1 Beef Taco & 1 Cheese Enchilada \$5.50</p> <p>#2 1 Beef Tostada & Beef Taco \$6.00</p> <p>#3 1 Cheese Enchilada & 1 Tostada \$5.50</p> <p>#4 Carne Asada Plate \$6.00</p>		<h3>TOSTADAS</h3> <p><small>Choose meat, Queso, Salsa</small></p> <p>Carne Asada \$3.50</p> <p>Pollo Asado \$3.50</p> <p>Shredded Beef \$4.50</p> <p>Shredded Chicken \$4.50</p> <p>Beans \$2.75</p> <p>Flying Saucer \$4.50 <small>with choice of meat, Queso, Salsa, Lettuce</small></p>		<h3>SIDES</h3> <p>Rice & Beans \$2.50</p> <p>Rice or Beans \$1.75</p> <p>French Fries \$2.75</p> <p>Chips \$2.75</p> <p>Guacamole \$2.00</p> <p>Sour Cream \$1.50</p> <p>Mexican Salsa \$1.50</p>	
				<h3>ENCHILADAS</h3> <p><small>Topped with lettuce and cheese with rice and beans</small></p> <p>2 Beef \$6.00</p> <p>2 Chicken \$5.00</p> <p>2 Cheese \$4.50</p>		<h3>DRINKS</h3> <p>Regular \$1.75 Large \$2.25</p>					



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The Earth Discovery Institute

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Greetings from the Earth Discovery Institute and Crestridge Ecological Reserve. EDI and our conservation partners bring people together to learn about and support our amazing and precious local habitat. This newsletter shares updates on projects underway and opportunities to get involved. Celebrate what you have helped us accomplish, be inspired by the contributions of others, and consider your options for involvement in the coming months!

March Conservation Events:



Saturday, March 7, 2015, 8:00 – 11:00am: Guided Hike, Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve

Join us to hike the trails of this environmentally important and historically significant property. You'll get to see and learn about ongoing habitat restoration projects and see some of the historic features of the property. Be prepared to hike 5-6 miles over 3 hours. The hike will end at 11:00am at the ranch house where you are welcome enjoy your own picnic lunch until 12pm with EDI staff. RSVPs are required by Thursday, March 5, 2015.



Saturday, March 14, 2015, 9:00am – 12:00pm: Oaks, Oak Propagation, and the Gold-spotted Oak Borer, Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve

Join EDI staff and US Forest Service biologist Tom Coleman to learn about the central role oaks in our local habitat and how they are being effected by the invading Gold-spotted Oak Borer. Help by planting acorns in pots that will be used in restoration projects in the fall.



Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:00am – 12:00pm: Neighborhood Nature Hike and Schoolyard Habitat Installation, Anza Elementary School El Cajon:

EDI is working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to create a native habitat garden on the campus of Anza Elementary School in El Cajon. This project aims to support academic achievement, build a corps of young people who see themselves as scientists and environmental stewards, help urban children and families connect to safe, healthy, nature-based activities, and build the ethic of conservation. This project needs LOTS of volunteer support to succeed. Please join us!



Saturday, March 28, 2015, 7:30-10:30am: Birds of Crestridge, Crestridge Ecological Reserve

Did you know that over 90 kinds of bird live in or migrate through Crestridge? Giant

golden eagles, acrobatic kites and kestrels, vocal acorn woodpeckers, and 5 kinds of hummingbirds have all been spotted at the reserve. Join EDI, bird experts, and the Crestridge Reserve Rangers for bird exploration and education. Bring binoculars if you have them, as well as water, sturdy shoes, and a hat. Meet at the reserve entrance: 1171 Horsemill Road, Crest, CA 92021.

For any of the above events; to RSVP, for directions, or for more information contact info@earthdiscovery.org or 619-654-3793. For more events, visit us at <http://earthdiscovery.org/index.php/future-edi-events>

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REASONS TO USE RAYNA MACK WHEN BUYING OR SELLING A HOME IN CREST



I've been a Crest resident for 17 years



I am familiar with the unique issues of buying and selling homes in our community i.e. septic, wells, community activities and business'



I always have multiple buyers looking to purchase a home in Crest



I have closed over 200 homes sales during my career

My extensive experience and expertise in the San Diego real estate market will benefit you whether you are looking to buy or sell! Check my 5 star reviews on REDFIN and Zillow! My goal is to assist with 100% customer service

Crest Real Estate Activity for October 2014- February 14, 2015

MLS #	Status	Style	Full Address	Beds	Baths	EstSF	YrBlt	ListPrice	List Date	Sold Price	COEDate	
140050289	ACT	DET	2223 Suncrest Boulevard	3	3	1,452	1955	\$379,000	9/12/2014			
150007516	ACT	DET	2147 Eucalyptus	3	2	1,600	1976	\$429,000 - \$449,000	2/10/2015			
150007068	ACT	DET	825 Via La Cresta	3	3	2,300	1984	\$439,000 - \$489,000	2/8/2015			
150007682	ACT	DET	112 Sierra Vista Dr	3	3	1,822	2006	\$510,000 - \$520,000	2/11/2015			
												LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
150008140	ACT	DET	2426 EUCALYPTUS DR	3	3	2,492	2007	\$580,000	2/10/2015			
150005340	ACT	DET	761 La Cresta Blvd	3	2	1,812	1977	\$590,000	1/28/2015			
140060532	ACT	DET	408 Alta Lane	4	4	3,722	2001	\$699,900	11/8/2014			
150005200	PEND	DET	102 Park Boulevard	3	2	1,393	1943	\$375,000	11/13/2014			
140050577	PEND	DET	1812 Alta	3	3	1,710	2005	\$380,000 - \$399,500	9/13/2014			
140029753	PEND	DET	359 La Cresta Heights Road	3	2	2,000	1978	\$485,000	6/2/2014			
												LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
140065400	PEND	DET	1243 LA CRESTA BLVD	3	3	1,728	1968	\$489,000	12/3/2014			
140028610	SOLD	DET	102 Park	2	1	1,393	1950	\$200,000	5/28/2014	\$230,000	10/30/2014	
140054101	SOLD	DET	122 Wall	3	2	1,230	1932	\$264,300	9/29/2014	\$225,750	1/30/2015	
140050801	SOLD	DET	109 Scenic Dr	1	1	616	2003	\$299,000	9/15/2014	\$285,000	10/29/2014	
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140035088	SOLD	DET	281 LILAC DRIVE	3	2	1,800	1950	\$325,000	6/12/2014	\$300,000	12/29/2014	
140048659	SOLD	DET	147 Highline Trail	2	2	1,053	2001	\$319,000 - \$329,000	9/4/2014	\$309,000	12/11/2014	
140058334	SOLD	DET	2045 Crest Drive	3	2	1,044	1958	\$299,000 - \$349,000	10/27/2014	\$330,000	12/12/2014	
140056220	SOLD	DET	235 Mountain View	3	2	1,814	1972	\$299,900 - \$349,900	10/15/2014	\$322,000	1/2/2015	
140059167	SOLD	DET	500 La Cresta Blvd	3	2	1,991	1988	\$429,900	10/31/2014	\$405,000	12/24/2014	
140051327	SOLD	DET	297 Chicory Lane	4	4	3,630	1993	\$757,000 - \$777,000	9/17/2014	\$770,000	11/20/2014	
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140052318	ACTIVE	LAND	222 Lilac Drive 60-63					\$60,000 - \$79,876	9/19/2014			
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140052916	ACTIVE	LAND	209 Scenic Drive			0.17		\$107,500	9/25/2014			
130065529	ACTIVE	LAND	2946 La Cresta Road 1			9		\$134,900	12/29/2013			
140026054	ACTIVE	LAND	538 Alta Lane 0			3.6		\$300,000	5/14/2014			
140045696	ACTIVE	LAND	00 La Cresta Road 4			24		\$489,000 - \$549,000	8/19/2014			
140030434	PENDING	LAND	00 Suncrest Blvd. 28			1.73		\$189,900	6/5/2014			



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Crest Community Association

By David Burnight, President CCA

Community Survey: “We like being Neighborly”

Residents who responded to the survey conducted in November by the Crest Community Association gave plenty of evidence that they care about their neighbors. Comments ranged from wanting to get together more, to critical notes about speeding cars and messy yards.

Besides the appeals for people to be more conscientious about their yards and litter, there were calls for public construction: “fix La Cresta Blvd,” “sidewalks,” “a safe walkway from S. Crest to N. Crest,” “street lights,” “repair the roads.” A number of folks wished cars would slow down, but the most severe was “reduce the speed limit to 10 mph!”

More uses of the park were proposed: “Christmas at the Park,” “yard sales at the park,” “craft sales at the park,” community pot-luck picnics at the park in summertime with live music.” Some thought there might be pot-luck dinners at the clubhouse, or “senior lunches, like years ago.”

It is striking, that while only a few reported existing neighborhood BBQs or pot-lucks, almost all said that “if they were invited to one, they would attend.” And there was considerable enthusiasm for “a nice dance” among both old and younger folks.

Your Community Association Board will be looking into these things, and looking for people who are ready to make some of these things happen. If you have an idea, talk about it with friends, or call one of the CCA Board members, or come to a CCA Meeting.

Spaghetti and Bluegrass

The first Wednesday night community association dinner of the new year will be held at the clubhouse on March 18 from 5-7 p.m.

A new feature of this first 2015 gathering will be a short “musical intermission” in the middle of dinner about 5:45. Guests will put down forks for a few minutes to be entertained by a musical group new to Crest, the five-member “Shirthouse Band.” Dinner planners have been looking for a way to add some fun and spice to the spaghetti and conversation. The leader of the band, Peter Lauterbach, just recently moved, with wife Barbara, into a house on Mtn. View Place. Peter offered to bring the band to dinner, so this experiment will get a lively start.

Also new will be some of the volunteers who cook and serve, including new residents Wendy White (Highline Dr.), Brandi Auble (Lila Lane), Barbara Lauterbach (Mtn. View Pl.), and Rolynn Pawlowski (Lathrop Lane.) There will be name tags for all, so new neighbors can acquaint more easily. Join us! We can’t wait to meet you.

New CCA Board

Welcome to the new Crest Community Association Board: David Burnight, President; Jen Coates, Vice President; Kevin Wadhams, Treasurer; Secretary (vacant); and Richard Blake, 5th Board Member. Their slogan? **Support the Spirit. Affirm the Vision!**

Additional thanks goes to the 100 plus Crest residents that have renewed their CCA memberships to date. Your support is appreciated. Finally, a huge thank you to outgoing CCA Board Member Kathy Sawaya and Karen Burnworth who stepped in to take the minutes. Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication.

JOIN THE CREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

CCA Membership Form: Send this form in with your check made out to the Crest Community Association (CCA)
Mailing Address: CCA 113 No Park Dr. El Cajon, CA 92021 Membership Year: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015

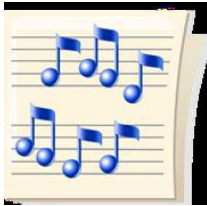
Name _____ Phone _____ Cell: _____

Address _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Membership Levels

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

Interested in volunteering a little or a lot? Check area of interest: ____ July 4th Event ____ CCA Dinners ____ Music
Nights ____ Clubhouse Gardening ____ Clubhouse maintenance ____ Board Member ____ Call me for
specialized events



Music Night at the Clubhouse
Silva and Baird and Special Guests
March 7, 6:30 – 9:00 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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*****Please note the new phone number!*****

San Diego Firefighters Annual
Boot Drive - March 4

This annual firefighter boot drive is sponsored by the San Diego-Imperial County Firefighters Advisory Council to the Burn Institute. Firefighters collect money in their boots during the morning and evening commutes at 100 intersections throughout the county. This is the Burn Institute's largest one-day fundraiser of the year





Crest Fire Evacuation Routes

By Kandhy Franklin

On October 14, Crest Fire Safe Council invited 14 agencies to attend a meeting in order to approve the final evacuation routes for Crest in the event of an emergency. As you may have read in the November/ December issue of *The Crest Sun*, residents were very upset and discouraged with the outcome of the meeting when they were told there would be no routes available in the event of an emergency.

Happily, since that announcement, our community is back on track. A meeting was held with Supervisor Dianne Jacob, Cal-Fire and San Miguel fire agencies, various other involved agencies, and the Crest Fire Safe Council. An agreement has been reached to create a plan for alternate route(s).

So where are we now in the process? A draft evacuation document as well as a map defining the alternate route(s) have been generated by Cal-Fire and given to the Crest Fire Safe Council for evaluation before going to print. The Suncrest Truck Trail has basically been approved and other alternate routes on the north side of Crest are close to finalization. We are anticipating final approval by the end of March. Our Crest Fire

Safe Council will present the final details at the next CCA meeting.

Follow Cal-Fire on Twitter

How to get set up with a Twitter Account and follow CAL FIRE.

Twitter is an excellent way to stay current with active CAL FIRE incidents. To set one up, you will first need to set up a Twitter account. You can do it from a computer or from a smartphone. If you are setting up an account from a computer, you will need to go to <http://twitter.com>. Fill in the blanks under "New to Twitter? Join today!" Click "Sign Up" to set up an account. Upon clicking the button, you will be brought to the "Create a Twitter Account" page. Enter your full name, password and an email address. You will also need to choose a username. A username is the name by which other Twitter followers will recognize you. Read the terms of service and click "Create my Account."

After you set up your account, you will be taken to a page that will ask you if you'd like to see if your friends are on Twitter. This is an easy way to add "CALFIRESANDIEGO" right away. You will then be taken to the page that will ask you if you would like to find more people to follow. The way you follow someone is simply to click the little "follow" window on the right side of their page. Your new Twitter account is all set up and ready to go. You can begin "Tweeting"! If you don't like the way your account looks, you can change the configuration by clicking on the settings tab.

Text Alerts on your phone

There is a way to get Cal-Fire "Alerts" from CALFIRESANDIEGO on your cell phone. Set up your phone like you are going to send a text message. In the area where you would put someone's phone number, type in; **40404**. In the area where you would type a message, type in; **Follow CALFIRESANDIEGO** (Be sure and leave a space between Follow and CALFIRESANDIEGO.) After that, hit "Send". That's it. You are now set up to receive text messages from CAL FIRE SAN DIEGO. The alerts are free from CAL FIRE, but standard text messaging rates do apply. Note, you do not need a Twitter account to receive text messages. Still confused? Cal Fire has volunteered to come to a future meeting to help you set up your phone account or computer.

Alpine Sheriff Department News

Alpine Sheriff Attends Crest Community Association Meeting

Captain Kellie Martinez and Lt. Mario Zermeno attended the February 19 CCA meeting to speak to the community about the crime trends and statistics in the Crest area. A new team is now in place with a new

philosophy – personal involvement with the community. If you would like to meet the Alpine team there will be a **“Coffee with the Community” open house on March 21st at the Alpine Station from 9-11 a.m.**

Highlights from this informative meeting included:

- The Alpine Substation has three patrol officers or a total of 17 deputies, a Captain, Lieutenant, three detectives, and four sergeants, covering 125 square miles. As a department they also have many additional resources available including an undercover narcotics unit, swat team, helicopters, human trafficking division, stolen property division, detectives, crime analysts, and valuable computer resources to name a few.
- There are 21 senior patrol volunteers at the Alpine Station. They provide many valuable services including vacation home security checks, visit the homebound, enforce handicapped parking regulations, patrol in marked SVP vehicles, assist crime prevention with public presentations, conduct residential and business security surveys, and assist in locating Alzheimer’s patients. A new academy will be taking place soon. If you are 50 years or older and interested in becoming a senior volunteer, contact Bill Gunter at 659-2609.
- Statistics shared with the community include 1) In 2013 they received 782 resolved calls for service in the Crest area from barking dogs to burglary or assault. In 2014 this number was reduced to 745, a 5% decrease. 2) The deputies initiated 1029 contact only violations in 2013. 3) There were 66 arrests including 24 drug related issues for 2014. They reported that there was a big drop in drug incidents from 2013 to 2014 as a result of the efforts of the department.
- Although traffic issues are the primarily the responsibility of Highway Patrol, the Sheriff also enforces; there were 16 traffic tickets issued.
- The officers noticed the high speed of cars entering the Crest Community and will look into bringing a speed display monitor to the top of the hill to help slow the traffic down. CFSC will also contact the traffic advisory committee to look into options to slow the speed down on the hill and in the village.

What can the community do to help?

- Keep the Department informed of incidents. Report minor theft, vandalism, and other crimes to the Sheriff Department so they can be aware of the trends.
- Call 911 when it is an emergency requiring immediate response. Call the Sheriff Dispatch at 858-565-5200 which is the Alpine Sheriff Substation to report incidents needing an officer to respond. Call the Alpine Substation at 619-659-2600 for business inquiries M-F 8-5 (licensing, officers assigned to a case, senior patrol requests, etc.)
- Contact Holly Conroy, Prevention Specialist regarding neighborhood watch and crime prevention issues. Kandhy will be inviting Holly to a future town hall meeting to talk about the Neighborhood Watch Program in our area.
- Final words of advice: Lock your car and remove valuables from your car so as not to create a crime of opportunity.

Crest Crime Report 11-1-14 to 2-20-15

Obtained from www.crimemapping.com website

11/03/14	3:55 p.m.	Battery: Spouse/ex-Spouse etc.	600 Block	Calle De La Sierra
11/04/14	3:00 p.m.	Petty Theft	3100 Block	La Cresta Rd
11/13/14	3:00 p.m.	Vehicle Break-In / Theft	300 Block	Sunnybrook Lane
11/13/14	7:00 p.m.	Take Vehicle w/o Owner’s Consent	200 Block	Sunnybrook Lane
11/25/14	7:50 a.m.	Residential Burglary	300 Block	Al Bahr Rd
12/10/14	4:30 p.m.	Possess Unlawful Paraphernalia	200 Block	Mtn View Rd
12/13/14	11:50 p.m.	Petty Theft	500 Block	Alta Lane
12/15/15	2:56 p.m.	Grand Theft	100 Block	Mtn View Rd
12/21/14	9:00 a.m.	Use/ Under Infl of Controlled subs	1100 Block	La Cresta Blvd
01/14/15	7:30 p.m.	Vehicle Break-in Theft	100 Block	Wall Place
01/20/15	1:30 P.M.	Vehicle Break-in	1900 Block	Suncrest Blvd
01/24/15	2:00 p.m.	Petty Theft	200 Block	La Cresta Hts Rd.
02/08/15	8:00 a.m.	Fraud	300 Block	Highline Trail
02/18/15	9:00 p.m.	Vehicle Break-In /Theft	200 Block	Lento Lane



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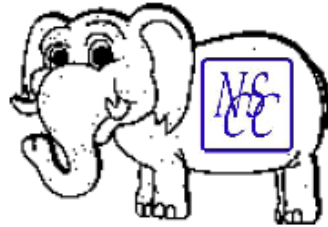
Saturday, March 14th 2015, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The sale takes place in the church parking lot
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This is the exhibit's ONLY stop in San Diego County.

Feb 23 to March 7 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Blvd, Alpine California
 Also be sure to check out **Alpine Kiwanis' Wall of Honor** outside the Community Center



Alpine Women's Club

March 17, 2015 AWC Luncheon –Do It Yourself Nutrition and Health

The Alpine Woman's Club's next monthly luncheon is on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Our Speaker will be Nancy Crain, a licensed nutritionist who will share nutrition and cooking tips to improve overall health and immune strength. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please contact Joanie Bogle at (619) 328-5728. The AWC is open to all East County women. We are located at 2156 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901. Our website is www.alpinewomansclub.org

Save the date! Alpine Woman's Club Annual Victorian Tea and Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2015. There will be two sittings. Tickets will be \$50.00, with approximately 50% being tax deductible as a 501 (c) donation.



Crest Tidbits:

Do you have a Crest Tidbit? Email editor@thecrestsun.com or leave a message at 619-517-9838

Lost and Found:

Found: A pair of prescription glasses found on South Lane across the street from South Lane Park. They appear to be men's glasses in a black case. Email editor@thecrestsun.com if these are your glasses.



Greetings from Father Ben:

Greetings to the Crest Community and a Happy New Year to Crest. The costume you see is used in various celebrations. One such celebration is welcoming back boys into the community after their initiation rites. (During that time they are not allowed to be seen by people.) It is also used in celebrating a newborn child or during marriages. The costume is made from a Columbus monkey skin, cowrie shells and beads and sewed using a thin goat skin.

God bless,
Father Kanda

(Editor's note: Father Ben visited Crest last summer as the interim Catholic priest filling in at St. Louise for Father Burnia. Father Ben lives in Kenya. Thanks Father Ben for keeping in touch.

A Note from the UCCE Master Gardeners of San Diego County

2015 Master Gardener Spring Seminar Program "Earth Friendly Gardening"

Location – San Diego County Operations Center 5520 Overland Ave, SD 92123

March 21, 2015 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Classes, Demonstrations, Garden Marketplace

Gardening or Pest Questions? Sign up for email notices about seminars, plant sales and special events at help@MasterGardenerSD.org or visit their website at MasterGardenerSD.org. Hotline 858-822-6910

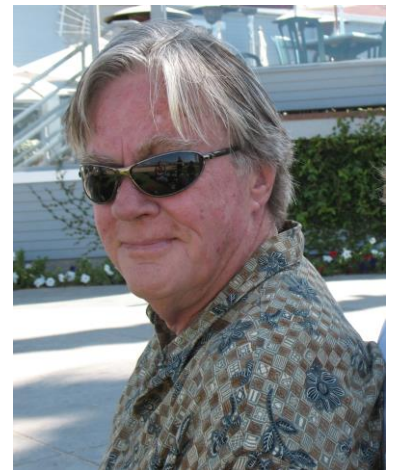
Remembering our Crest Friends.

Lee Slaughter 1/24/1940 – 11/1/14

Lee Slaughter passed away on 11/1/14 at 3:30 a.m. with family and friends present. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's as well as kidney failure for several years. It was the kidney disease that he finally succumbed to painlessly with family and friends present.

Lee was born in Yankton, South Dakota on January 24, 1940. He moved to Crest in 1996 and lived on Beech Place until moving into assisted living last year. His interests during his Crest years were motorcycle riding, his participation in St Louise Catholic Church, and his work for the Navy. Lee retired in 2011, and was especially proud of receiving a special commendation from the Navy Admiral for his work on software radios that is currently in use by the fleet.

Two services were held for Lee. The first was at the St Louise de Marillac Church on 8th of November: A second service was held in Yankton, South Dakota where Lee was put to rest alongside other family members.



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CREST KIWANIS

Better Business Bureau Visits Crest March 16th

Crest Kiwanis invites all interested residents of Crest to attend a presentation by a Better Business Bureau (BBB) representative on Monday, March 16, 2015 @ 7:00pm at the Crest Community Center, 113 Park Drive, Crest, 92021

Topics include: Scams Targeting Seniors, Identity Theft, Top Scams of 2014, and Internet Scams. Interesting information for everyone to know about.

Handy Crest People Wanted

Crest Kiwanis is looking to partner with "Jewish Family Services (JSF) Fix-It Service" to assist older adults with Free Minor Repairs and modifications of their homes.

In order to be able to respond to our neighbors need for these services, we need a cadre of local "talent" to provide these minor repairs. You do not need to be a member of Crest Kiwanis to volunteer. Rest assured, you will not be doing any major repairs, painting, gardening, moving heavy items, or roof repairs. This is a volunteer effort, but you will be reimbursed for mileage. If interested, please contact Jim Weselis @ 619-447-4121, or weselis@sbcglobal.net. Once we get some names, he will contact JSF Fix-It for a detailed briefing prior to any repair assignment.

Work that may be performed includes:

Installation of Safety Handrails and Bars; installation of wireless doorbells, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors; hand held showers; a repair of window screens; and four-point safety inspections completed during every repair.

Crest Neighborhood Seniors, Need Something fixed?

To qualify for this service, the residents must be 60 years of age or older, live in the service area, and answer a short questionnaire. If this is a service you're interested in, please contact Melissa (JSF Fix-It Manager) at (858) 637-3354, or on-line at fixit@ifssd.org.

Saturday, March 28th

Kiwanis Community Breakfast 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Saturday, April 4th
Easter Egg Hunt 8:30 am for Toddlers to 5th grade
Coffee, Juice, Pastries, Fruit
50/50 Raffle after the kids' prize drawing
Must be present to win



Crest Garden Club

Crest Garden Club

The Crest Garden Club is sponsoring a free garden tour on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. All six featured gardens offer creative ideas for utilizing the natural chaparral, granite outcroppings, and hilltop views that typify our unique community. Colorful plants that thrive on little water attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Owners continue to shape their landscapes to meet the challenges of drought, pesky critters, fire danger, heat and wind. As an added bonus, attendees will be able to view the Crest Clubhouse garden and the native plant display at the Crestridge Ecological Reserve. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us. Maps and directions will be available during the first hour of the tour, from 9 to 10:00 am, at the Crest Community Clubhouse; 113 N. Park Dr. Carpooling from the clubhouse is suggested. For additional information, contact Marsha at (619) 440-1167

Crest Community Garden Tour Sat. April 18, 2015 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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As all of us who live in Crest know this village is a San Diego gem! We are a tight-knit community, many who have two and three generations of family living here. Next month we will even have our own book about Crest on sale! We have a community clubhouse where we have a monthly breakfasts, dinners, and meetings to keep the community informed. Crest will have evacuation routes in place, grants in the pipeline for fuel breaks, red flags for wind warnings, and signs to mark our way. Where else could you live with so many resources at your fingertips? As your neighborhood friend, fire safe council facilitator, and hopefully your realtor, I look forward to talking with you as you plan your next adventure. Call any time and let's chat!

Apps and Websites of Interest



Walmart Savings Catcher App

Do you have a smart phone or tablet? The Walmart App, Savings Catcher is an app you might want to explore. How does it work?

- 1) Scan your store receipt using the Walmart app.
- 2) Savings Catcher compares the prices of eligible items on your receipt against the advertised deals offered by top competitors in your area.

3) If a lower advertised price is found, we'll give you back the difference on a Walmart Rewards eGift Card.

What else does it do? For one, customers can use the app to (re)fill prescriptions. Customers can also use it to find local stores; it also has ability to create smart lists that facilitate navigation to specific aisles within the store to find exactly what they are looking for.

GoodRX.com

Prices for prescription drugs vary widely between pharmacies. U.S. drug prices are neither fixed nor regulated. The cost of a prescription may differ by more than \$100 between two pharmacies across the street from each other! If you're uninsured, it's easy to get a better price. While prices for most drugs at pharmacies are very high for the uninsured patient, there are many ways to save 80% or more – coupons, savings tips, pharmacy or manufacturer discounts, cheaper alternative drugs, or just asking for a better price. Note: this is just one of many apps/websites that accomplish this task. (LowestMed.com is another). I chose GoodRX because it tracks dog meds which is what I needed. As an example, my 16 year old dog Hoolie takes Metacam for his arthritis. Using this app, prices ranged from \$129 to \$189. I have to admit, however, I found the lowest cost was at the Costco pharmacy for \$98.

MapMyWalk

If you're a person who walks regularly for exercise, or if you're a dog owner whose pooch likes to get out and explore the neighborhood, the MapMyWalk app can help you get more out of those walks. It's available for iPhone, Android and Blackberry users. With this free app, you'll find out precisely how much time your walks take and the distance traveled. The app also provides elevation statistics from start to finish. It uses GPS technology to calculate your pace, estimate calories burned, etc. It also provides you with a real-time map of your route.



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

Mailing address: P.O. Box 21489, El Cajon, CA 92021

E-mail: wrplanning@gmail.com

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. Crest Planning Representatives are: Judy Bowen, Pat Ulm, Ralph Slagill, and Karla Carroll

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 November meeting will be held at the Old Ironside Park on 326 Harbison Canyon Rd...

The following are excerpts from the November 10 minutes pertaining to Crest:

F1. AD-14-054, Proposed open space encroachment for the purpose of 100 foot clearing for fire fuel buffer zone, at 1903 Saxton Lane and Old bend Road in Crest.

Chairman Riggs introduced the applicant, Mr. Baji, and his consulting civil engineer, Mr. Eliot May, who explained to the Group the reason for the proposed encroachment request. Mr. Baji was unable to obtain fire insurance while attempting compliance with local fire department standards for creating a fire fuel buffer zone next to his residence on his property (APN 508-180-25 & 26). The insurance companies he approached demanded complete clearing for a 200-foot distance, which would require 170 feet of clearing into dedicated Open Space containing San Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub habitat. Mr. May conferred with County Department of Planning and Development Services staff and designed a plan for a 100 foot buffer zone that features selective, partial clearing of a 70 foot encroachment into the Open Space, plus an automated water sprinkler system. This plan would be acceptable for obtaining fire insurance, and would likely meet with County approval, and would minimize encroachment into the Open Space to a 70 foot zone of selective fire fuel removal. Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group recommends approval AD-14-054 as proposed. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

After the Planning Group action, Karla Carroll suggested that when the County creates designated Open Space it could write in agreement about possible appropriate wild fire defense activities.

G3a. PLDO project priority list. Judy Bowen distributed a draft 2014/2015 PLDO Projects Priority List for the Group to review. She informed the Group that the list does not include any updated information from the CCA; she reminded the Group that PLDO funds cannot be used for maintenance of facilities at the parks; that maintenance for facilities at Old Ironside Park can be paid from the County General Fund; and that any new facilities at South Lane Park can only be created with PLDO funds if the County has an established contract with an approved Maintenance Entity (which will be responsible for ongoing future maintenance of the new facility). She also reported that as of August 31, 2014, the PLDO fund balance available for the Subregion's parks is \$160,513.

Group review and discussion of the draft list resulted in the request to change "weight training station" to "circuit training stations" in the project proposed for Old Ironside Park. The Group acknowledged that the tennis court renovation project proposed for Nancy Jane Park would probably be considered an ineligible maintenance project; and that since there is no approved Maintenance Entity for South Lane Park, the proposed walking/jogging path with circuit training stops would likely not be approved for that park.

Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group approves the 2014/2015 PLDO Projects Priority List, with suggested changes, for submission. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G5. Meeting updates. December 10, Supervisor Diane Jacob will convene a meeting of representatives from relevant community groups, agencies and fire departments to consider the issues related to emergency "evacuation", or egress, from Crest.

(The above meeting update prompted Pat Ulm to report on the Crest Emergency Egress Summit organized by Kandy Franklin, Crest Fire Safe Council Coordinator, held on October 17, in Crest. Cal Fire representatives stated that Suncrest and Rios Canyon Road would be used for moving firefighting equipment, so that these routes would not be available for community egress during a wildfire emergency. The Crest community challenged the Cal Fire plans, and the agency seemed to change its position. Rios Canyon Road is recognized as an unsuitable emergency egress route for Crest in its current condition. There are no other options for a second emergency egress route for Crest until the Crestlake subdivision is developed.)

The following are excerpts from the December 14 minutes pertaining to Crest:

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Kandy Franklin invited everyone to attend a meeting on 10 December 2014, 2:00 PM, convened by County Supervisor Diane Jacob at the County Building in El Cajon, on the topic "Alternative Route for Crest Emergency Egress."

F1. Discussion and action on Traffic Advisory Committee's recommendation to continue temporary closure of Camino Monte Sombre, in Crest. Chairman Riggs informed the Group that the Traffic Advisory Committee will consider a renewal of the temporary closure, by locked gate with controlled access, of a portion of Camino Monte Sombre road in Crest. He reviewed for the Group the history of the road's temporary closure, which was initiated 1 December 2001 by action of the Board of Supervisors, following the 10 October 2001 recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Committee. This closure was recommended and approved in order to deter significant dangerous and criminal activities (e.g., illegal fires, car stripping, etc.) occurring there. According to California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, this type of temporary road closure may be continued, once initiated, for eight periods of 18 months each, but no longer than that. The currently proposed continuation of temporary closure is the final 18-month period allowed by Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, and no succeeding extensions are permitted.

Members of the Group expressed concerns that if the locked gate is not there, it is likely that there would be unsafe, illegal and criminal activities on the end of Camino Monte Sombre and Suncrest roads. The possibility of a permanent closure of some sort was also questioned and discussed.

Bill Bretz moved that the Planning Group recommends the Traffic Advisory Committee approves a renewed, continued temporary closure of the portion of Camino Monte Sombre road in Crest as proposed. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

From the Office of Senator Joel Anderson



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From the Office of Supervisor Dianne Jacob

Dianne's corner



Public safety: Several major public safety improvements are under way across our district, including a new fire station opening this spring in Boulevard, on Ribbonwood Road near Interstate 8.

Other projects include a new fire station in Pine Valley and a new Sheriff's Department station at Parkside and River streets in Lakeside. The county is remodeling a building at that location to replace a smaller Sheriff's facility nearby. Since 2003, the county has invested about \$320 million in fire protection improvements across the region. The threat of wildfire is always with us, but our region has never been better prepared.

New library: Construction will start this spring on a new library in the heart of Alpine.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. March 6 at 1830 Alpine Blvd. Since I joined the Board of Supervisors, eight county-run libraries in East County have undergone major remodeling, while a dozen others have been constructed.

Fighting crime: I recently joined Sheriff Bill Gore, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and other law enforcement leaders in announcing the creation of a special task force to tackle the scourge of human trafficking.

We need to double down in our efforts to end this horrendous crime.

Helping our youth: Students, teachers, community leaders and others recently celebrated the opening of a new track and field complex at Oak Grove Middle School in Jamul (*see photo*). The county contributed a \$200,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment grant to help pay for the project.

For more information on these projects and for other District 2 news, go to www.diannejacob.com or follow me on Facebook and Twitter. If I can assist with a county issue, please call my office at 619-531-5522 or email dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov

Have a great East County day!



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 Pastor Tony Lambert

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 Friday Evening: Home Fellowship in Crest 6:30 PM



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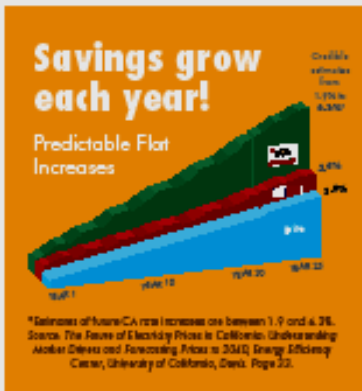
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Chorisia Tree (The silk floss tree or Ceiba speciosa)

By Linda Hjelle

Those of you that know me realize I get excited over a discovery I've yet to experience at my senior age. My last tangent was discovering the luffa plant. I've spent the last couple years growing them because of their uniqueness and kitchen luffa sponges. Well, my friend Dot in Crest recently introduced me to the Chorisia tree in her front yard and I became an instant fan. She showed me the tree in its most comely state – naked with a half a dozen big old powder puffs hanging off the tree. But she teased me with a sample of its hard seed pod and cotton like puffs and gave me a few seeds to carry home to plant. I went home and promptly "Googled" the tree.

How could one not love this tree? This rounded, deciduous tree eventually has wide spreading branches which are green when young and covered with spines, often becoming grey and sometimes losing their coarse, sharp spines. The spiny trunk is unusually thick and remains green even on older trees. Floss-Silk trees can reach 50 feet in height with an equal or greater spread, and grows rapidly the first few years, then more slowly. The large, showy, pink and white, five-petaled flowers, which somewhat resemble narrow-petaled hibiscus, are produced in small clusters in fall and winter when the tree is nearly bare. The fruits are large, eight-inch-long, pear-shaped, woody capsules, filled with silky, white, kapok-like floss and pea-like seeds. Floss from the seeds was used for stuffing pillows and thin strips of the bark have been used to make rope. From the seeds it is possible to obtain vegetable oil (both edible and industrially useful). This deciduous tree is native to tropical and subtropic forests of South America. It is resistant to drought and moderate cold. It is studded with thick conical prickles which serve to store water for dry times. The branches are also covered with prickles. The leaves are composed of five to seven long leaflets. The flowers burst open like magic popcorn you might buy at a novelty store. Color is reminiscent of cherry blossoms. Their nectar is known to attract insects such as monarch butterflies, which perform pollination. **HMMM. I wonder what my husband will think of cotton puffs all over the backyard when we are 80? Talk to me in a few years and I'll let you know the end of this story.**

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