



A Newsletter for Crest

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May-June 2011

Number 3

Excitement was in the air at the recent Kiwanis sponsored breakfast and Easter egg hunt at the Crest Clubhouse on April 23rd. While the preschool kids collected eggs on the clubhouse grounds with the help of the Easter Bunny, the older kids searched throughout the park for these treasures. Thank you Kiwanis for the fun-filled morning!



Did you attend the CCA spring dinner in April? Yum! Paul Johnson, CCA president cooked a great dinner which included ham, homemade mashed potatoes (I know I watched him peel enough potatoes for an army) with gravy, and salad – all for \$5. **Mark your calendars for the upcoming dinner scheduled for May 4th!** In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, they will be serving enchiladas

(both meat and cheese), rice and beans; and don't forget there is always yummy dessert for only \$1. Support your community clubhouse by attending these dinners and get to meet your neighbors as well. Do you have a menu idea for an upcoming



dinner? If so, send it on to editor@thecrestsun.com and I'll pass it on to the CCA. Are you willing to help serve dinner, clean up, donate an ingredient or dish? Call Sally Bruner at 579-9862- she'd appreciate your help!

Marie's Painters is sponsoring its 2nd annual Art show on May 7 from 9-3 pm at the clubhouse. Admission is free to attend this delightful showing of our local talented artists. Stop by and browse, you might even find that perfect present for Mother's day!

We want to thank the The LDS El Cajon Stake for coming to South Lane Park on Saturday, April 30th to help clean up the park. Their plans include cutting and removing heavy vegetation throughout park, updating the trail, painting the existing park sign, planting trees; in other words they plan to generally spiff up the park for Crest residents. **Thank you from the Crest community for your volunteer efforts to make Crest a better place!**



Music night at the clubhouse is once again on the calendar for Saturday, May 14th from 7-9:30 pm. In addition to Dave Silva and Tom Baird performing, this will be an **Open Mic night.** See page 8 for more information.

HELP! Do you want a 4th of July celebration in Crest this year? The event is in serious jeopardy without your help! It's up to you! Mark your calendar for May 21st planning meeting at 9:00 at the clubhouse. If you cannot attend, but are willing to help, send your contact information to editor@thecrestsun.com and I will forward it on to the CCA. See page 8 for additional information.





May & June at your Crest County Library



Summer Reading Programs

Rosi's COLORING TABLE TUES - KIDS CRAFT TABLE WED!
 Peek-A-Boo Baby Storytime Friday, May 20 & June 17, 10:30 a.m.
 PJ STORYTIME Tuesday, May 31 & June 22, 6:30 p.m.

SDCL PUPPETEERS PRESENT: THE RUMOR
 PUPPET SHOW & SUMMER READING CLUB SIGN UP!
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 6:30 P.M.

Healthy Eating by our Chef Margot Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 PM
 Video Game Fun all month! – PS3 & Wii

“Make it and Take it Crafts” Every Friday - Free supplies
 B.A.R.K. Bite Prevention Program Presented by San Diego
 Animal Services, Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES Every Thursday Basic 11 a.m.~
 Intermediate 11:30 a.m. call Rosi for appointment - phone 619-442-7083
 Club de lectura 'Leyendo Juntos' en mayo: Golpe de efecto de
 Harlan Coben, En junio: Matar por Contrato de Linda Howard
 Crest Blogger Mystery Book Club ~ *designed* for those who don't have time
 to go to book club meetings! Follow the link and submit your comments: for
 May: Drop shot by Harlan Coben & June: Kill and Tell by Linda Howard
<http://crestlibrarymysterybookclub.blogspot.com>

Celebrate Older American Month - S D Master Gardener
 Learn all about growing Roses
 Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.
 Strand Braiding by Terry Andrews
 Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.

Saturday Family Craft Program 11 a.m.

Card Making June 15 to 18 – Pet Treats June 4
 Puppet Fun May 14 & June 11 – Ribbon Jewelry June 25
 Gift Soap for Mom & Dad May 7 & June 18 - Scrapbooking May 28

Please visit our Okinawa Doll Exhibit

In June check out our Russian Toy Exhibit

All library programs are subject to change or cancellation without notice.
 Todos los programas de la biblioteca son sujeto a cambio o cancelación sin aviso

Crest Contacts

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Sub-Regional Planning. crestplanning.org	Father Languille	444-3076
	Judy Bowen (website)	440-0783
Help Lines		
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Highway Patrol: Traffic Related	(858)	637-3800
Abandon Vehicles	(619)	441-4264
Sheriff (non-emergency)	Dispatch (858)	565-5200
Alpine Station	(619)	659-2600
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San Miguel Fire Dst Crest Fire Office Fire Marshal Public Info Officer Fire Chief www.smgfire.org	Business office. Burn Permits Marsha Larsen Leonard Villarreal August Ghio (website)	670-0500 588-8112 660-5356 660-5359 660-5351
Adult Protective Svs	(800)	510-2020
Child Abuse Hot Line	(800)	344-6000
Animal Control	(760)	438-2312
Auto Repair, Bureau	(800)	952-5210
Border Patrol	(619)	662-7321
CALTRANS	(619)	688-6785
Code Enforcement	(858)	694-2705
Contractors Board	(Fraud) (800)	321-2752
Crime Stoppers	(619)	531-1547

FBI (telephone scam)	(858)	565-1255
Fish & Game	(951)	443-2944
Illegal Dumping	(858)	495-5143
Noise Abatement (dogs), abandoned vehicles, solid waste complaints	(858)	694-3741
Planning & Land Use	(858)	694-3741
Poison Control	(800)	876-4766
Postal Police (mail)	MailFraud(877)	876-2455
Real Estate fraud/info	(619)	525-4192
Road Conditions	(800)	427-7623
Secret Service -Fraud	Currency/Credit	557-5640
Social Services	(619)	401-6000
SD Regional Center	(858)	576-2938
US Forest Service	(619)	445-6235
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Prudential CA	Pam pg 16	337-3174
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Xango	Marie – pg 10	328-1157
Yard/Repairs/ Bee Removal	Al – pg 19	442-4879 933-9348
Other Services		
Just Runs Jeep Club	Roger	579-7120

**Next Crest Sun
Deadline:
June 20 - 5PM**

**Advertisers:
See page 27
for additional
information.**



(Thanks to the Fiedors for this great photo!)

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May 2011

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June 2011

Calendar of Events May-June 2011

05/03/11	1:00 Tuesday	Historical Society Meeting– Crest Library
05/04/11	5-7 pm Wed	CCA Dinner – Enchilada, Rice and Beans
05/07/11	9am-3 pm	Marie’s Painters Art Show at Clubhouse
05/09/11	9:30 - Mon	Crest Garden Club -- Call Marsha for Details 440-1167
05/09/11	7:00 pm	Sub Regional Planning Group –
05/10/11	5:45 – Tues	Crest Community Association – Board Meeting – Clubhouse
05/13/11	6:00 pm -Thurs	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
05/14/11	7:30 am – Sat	Kiwanis Board Meeting – Clubhouse
05/14/11	7-9:30 pm	MUSIC NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE – OPEN MIC NIGHT
05/16/11	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse (page 15 for speaker info)
05/16/11	9:30 am Mon	Crest Garden Club – Call Marsha for Details 440-1167
05/17/11	7:00 pm – Tues	Crest Community Association – General Meeting & Elections
05/21/11	9:00 am	July 4 th Planning Meeting – Clubhouse
05/28/11	8:30-10:30 Sat	Kiwanis Community Breakfast - Clubhouse
06/01/11	5-7 pm Wed 6:30 pm	CCA Community Dinner Library Presentation: SDCL Puppeteers Presents The Rumor -
06/04/11	10am- 1 pm	Crestridge – Celebrate Students, Service, and Nature
06/07/11	1:00 pm- Tues	Historical Society Mtg – Library
06/09/11	6:00 pm - Thurs	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
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06/14/11	5:45 – Tues	CCA Board Meeting – Clubhouse – Board Meets
06/14/11	6:30	Library Presentation – Eating Healthy
06/17/11	6:30 pm	Crest Community Church – Movie Night – everyone invited!
06/20/11	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Meeting Speaker
06/21/11	7:00 pm Tues	CCA General Meeting
06/21/11	5:00 pm	Deadline for Crest Sun Submissions
6/25/11	8-10:30 AM	Kiwanis Breakfast
07/04/11	Mon	July 4 th Event – Parade and Park Festivities.

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JustRuns 4 Wheel Drive Club sponsored a one day class in Crest on April 30th at Crest Elementary School to obtain their Amateur Radio (Ham) license.

Ham radio is a great tool in case of emergency when traveling or hiking and no other means of communication are available. Virtually anywhere in San Diego, Imperial, Riverside or San Bernardino Counties, one can get help via Ham radio.

If there is enough interest, another class may be offered in the fall at the Clubhouse. If you are interested in a Fall 2011 class, email Roger Mullins (mullinsr@cox.net) . Put "Fall Ham Class" in the Subject.

The class lasts 8 hours. Immediately following the class the test will be given for the license. Over 90% who take the class pass the test the first time. Morse Code is no longer required for Ham radio.

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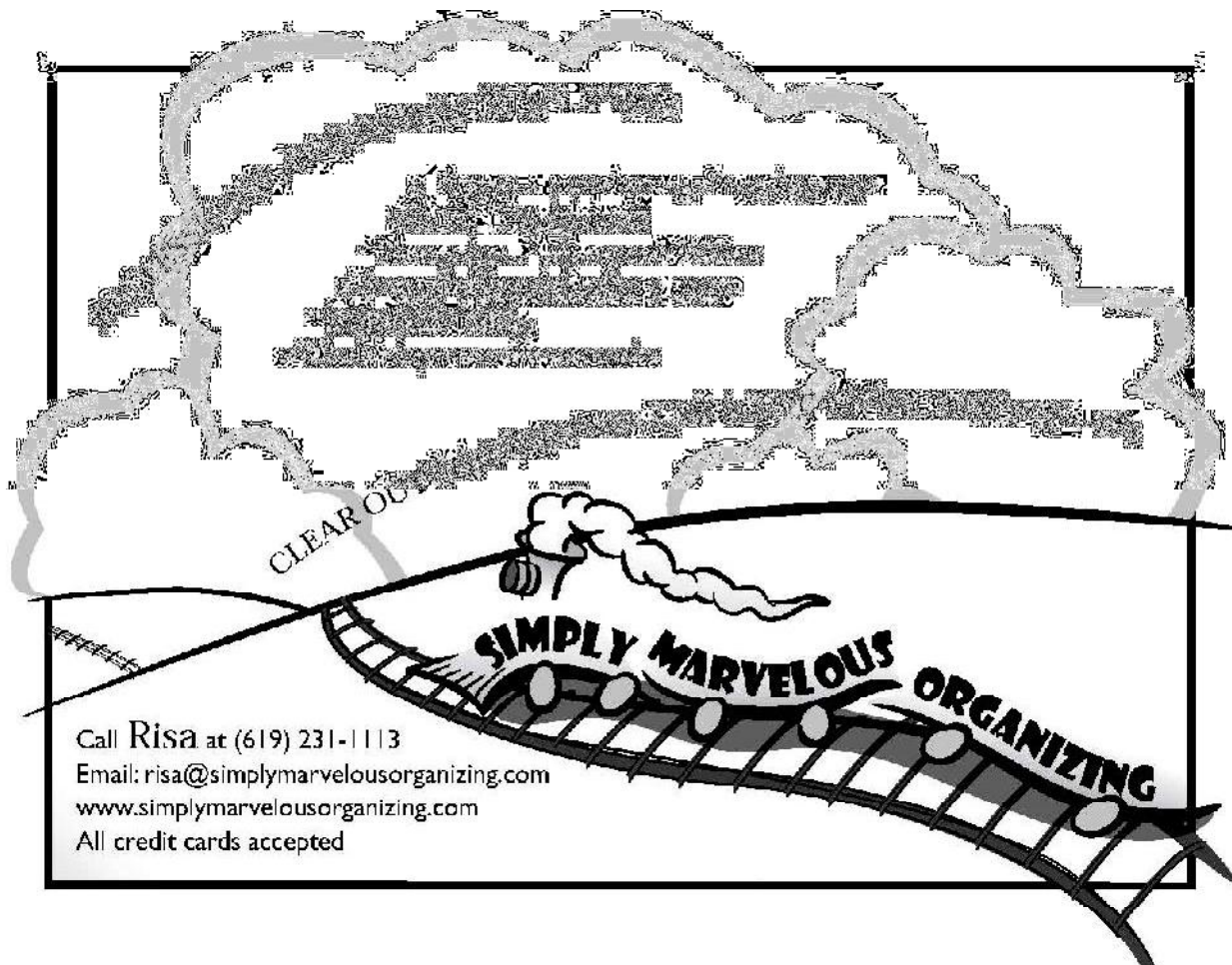
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Crest Community Association

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Should we or should we not have a 4th of July Celebration? After much discussion at the last CCA meeting, it was voted that we take the decision to our residents whether to have a 4th of July or not. This community event only comes off with a lot of volunteers, and these numbers have dwindled to where there are only a handful of people are doing all the work. There are permit expenses, meetings to attend, health permits for the food vendors, classes for the volunteers, and this year there may be added expenses from Highway Patrol if we are unable to obtain Highway Patrol volunteer services. If we cannot bring this together in an organized effort, it will be up to the community individually to plan their own family picnics. Groups would have to get their own permits for selling food, and without leadership a parade could not be sanctioned.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A VOLUNTEER AND HELPING WITH THIS EVENT, THERE WILL BE A MEETING MAY 21ST AT 9AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE. WE NEED INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO VOLUNTEER, AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES AND GROUPS THAT ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING.

CCA is now sponsoring not one but two contests! The first one is to submit your idea for a street name celebrating Jimmy Johnson's career and his contributions to this community and school. His foundation has approved of the idea to change the name of North Park Street (right in front of the clubhouse). The neighbors are onboard, and the county just wants us to fill out the right forms and go through the process. We hope that everyone will be excited and start thinking of a great street name! The winners will be announced on the 4th of July. You may submit your ideas to: kandyfranklin@cox.net or call 619-444-4996 and leave your name number and your suggestion of the new street name on the machine.

The second big contest is to come up with a new slogan for our license plates and stationary. At the present we have, "Crest, Reaching New Heights". This had been a very popular contest for all members of the community and we hope it will be again. Please submit your ideas in the same manner as the first contest methods. It is our community and we should have everyone's input.

MUSIC NIGHT

will be held Saturday, May 14th from 7-9:30 pm. Tom Baird and David Silva will be hosting the evening as well as playing their great music. As an added bonus, this will be an Open Mic Night at the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite snacks to munch on and your drink of choice since there will be little or no refreshments for sale this time. We are leaving it up to you to BYOE (bring your own everything!) Any questions regarding the May 14th event, call Tom at 619-444-9697

We are looking for some help to continue to have future music nights. Help is needed for set up, clean up and refreshment sales. **Karaoke Nights** and **Open Mic Nights**, are being considered so if you are interested contact kandyfranklin@cox.net or by phone to Paul and Jeanne Johnson at 442-4022.

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Out and About in San Diego County



Next time you are visiting the Borrego Springs area look for these Gomphotherium free standing art structures. Dennis Avery, land owner of Galleta Meadows Estates in Borrego Springs envisioned the idea of adding 'free standing art' to his property with original steel welded sculptures created by 'Perris Jurassic Park' owner/artist/welder Ricardo Breceda based in Perris, California. There are 54 of these sculptures; some as big as 20' high and 35' long.

Go to <http://www.galletameadows.com/> and get directions for this interesting trip through the desert. You can watch a video at this site which will explain the history of these magnificent creatures. There is no cost to wander around this interesting, privately-owned desert estate. The estate welcomes hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, photographing, bicycles, and even camping (limit 3 days).



14th Annual Sage & Songbirds Festival & Garden Tour - "Just Wing It!"

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More Info: www.chirp.org or 619-445-8352

For Garden tour tickets: http://www.chirp.org/s&s_festival&garden_tour.html



Reminder:

Rattlesnakes are now out and about. I've received several notes from Crest residents and their recent encounters with these critters. Pictured are rattlers spotted while hiking in the Crestridge Reserve last month.





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Crest Garden Club Garden Club News



Two Great Garden Tours

Kudos to all who slaved over their special piece of ground and gave us wonderful gardens of all different

sizes, shapes, and styles to view. It was a great pleasure. Plus the food at the potlucks was wonderful as usual.

Upcoming Meetings

May's meeting will be a field trip to Padre Dam's Drought Tolerant Garden on May 16. We will meet at the club house so we can carpool. Bring with you a snack & something to drink. More info on this trip to come later. The June meeting is scheduled for June 13. Starting in June we will once again have the plant swap at each meeting which can include seeds, cuttings, garden related items such as garden books & of course plants. Please RSVP to meetings.

The Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month at 10:00 am. Members take turns hosting and providing refreshments. Activities include field trips, creative garden projects and both formal and informal sharing of garden tips. If you would like information regarding joining the Garden Club, contact Arlene Palmer at 441-0187.

MARIE'S PAINTERS
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112 Park Blvd.	\$210,000
255 Alta Lane	\$220,000
2112 Crest Drive	\$254,000
295 East Lane	\$258,000
314 South Lane	\$290,000
134 Sierra Vista Drive	\$295,000
2165 Suncrest Blvd.	\$295,000
2505 Suncrest Blvd.	\$342,550
2030 Crest Drive	\$355,000
2794 La Cresta Road	\$357,900
1038 Old Mountain View Road	\$369,000
2135 Crest Drive	\$380,000
2112 Crest Drive	\$410,000
105 N. Park Drive	\$439,000
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Vacant Land

Recently Sold

No vacant lots/land have recently sold

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THE CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING PREVENTION ACT OF 2010

It requires carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in every "dwelling unit intended for human occupancy". Every owner must install an approved carbon monoxide device in each existing dwelling unit having a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage. The applicable time periods are as follows:

1. For all existing single-family dwelling units on or before **July 1, 2011**
2. For all other existing dwelling units on or before **January 1, 2013**

This new law requires the owner to install the devices in a manner consistent with building standards applicable to new construction for the relevant type of occupancy or with the manufacturer's instructions, if it is technically feasible to do so. For further information, contact your local Fire Department or Health & Safety Code Agency.

Data from Sandicor, Inc. and the San Diego Recorder's Office effective April 13, 2011 represents properties listed or sold by various brokers. While believed to be reliable, it cannot be guaranteed. If your property is currently listed, this is not meant as a solicitation.

New Local Book Review: "Campo - The Forgotten Gunfight"

by Carlette Anderson

I had the pleasure of reading Bryon Harrington's new book about the gunfight in Campo titled. "Campo The Forgotten Gunfight." Bryon lives in Alpine and is enthralled with western history. This gunfight was as notorious as the "OK Corral Gunfight" but there has never been a factual book written about it. That is not until now. This is a book you won't want to put down. If you want to learn about the history of the banditos in californio I suggest you pick up Bryon's book. As you turn each page you can see the scenes vividly in your mind and picture this story on the big screen. The banditos are planning to take on a whole town and kill every gringo in sight. Learn about the brave Gaskill brothers and how they reacted to this brutal attack on Campo. You can get a copy through the Alpine Historical Society email edmor@cox.net or call 619-445-2544



The Crest Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the library. Are you interested in helping to put a publication together regarding Crest History? This project, a joint venture between the Crest Sun and the Historical Society is in the works. If you are interested in this project or if you have Crest history to share, join us May 3 at 1 pm at the library.



(Do you have old photos or stories to share?)

Join the Crest Historical Society

The Crest Historical Society (CHS) works to preserve and share Crest History with the community. CHS is always looking for new members. There is one general meeting a year. A monthly workshop meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Library.

Members receive ECHOES, the newsletter, 4 times a year. For information call Dorothy Miller 444-0968

Did you know...

This is a photo of George O'Dell and his 1938 Nash Lafayette parked in front of Sal Arbassio's Suncrest Market. George bought the Nash at Sailor Mains for \$35.00.

Support the Crest Historical Society, Inc

Membership Form includes a monthly newsletter

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June 4, 2011 – 10a.m. to 1:00p.m.



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- 🐿 Free Goody Bags for Kids!
- 🐿 Bird Hike!
- 🐿 Native American Plant Uses Hike!
- 🐿 Family Fitness Hike!
- 🐿 Science Displays and Demonstrations!
- 🐿 Mountain Biking Info and Demonstrations!
- 🐿 Roots and Shoots Clubs!
- 🐿 Food by Crest Kiwanis Club!
- 🐿 Prizes for Cajon Valley Classes with Most Kids and Family Members Attending!

Contact us at www.earthdiscovery.org,
info@earthdiscovery.org or 619-447-4715

**COME AND
HAVE FUN!**

Who: Earth Discovery Institute
at Crestridge Ecological
Reserve

What: Annual Festival
celebrating Cajon Valley Kids
and their contribution to
helping the environment.

When: June 4, 2011
Time: 10a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Where: Outdoors at Crestridge
Ecological Reserve: 1171
Horsemill Road, Crest, CA,
92021. Look for signs on La
Cresta Road, Mountain View
Road and Horsemill Road.





News from Crest Kiwanis

By Suzanne Mullins

Crest Kiwanis and Sponsored Youth Clubs go to Special Olympics.

Crest School K-Kids and Los Coches Creek Middle School Builder's Club- were enthusiastic supporters and cheer leaders at Special Olympics held in March. Thank you all for coming out and supporting the Special Olympic Athletes! Our very own Suzanne Mullins and Karen Nelson were referees at the Shot Put event. Dennis Plunkett, Dick



Sutton and Patrick Bunsold gladly served up hot dogs and hamburgers for the hungry crowd.



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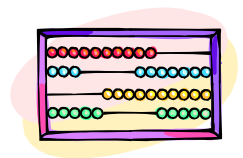
Kids

Garber	Rm. 7	Grade K-1 :	Trey Luman, Lucas Wood, Nathan Johnson, Jason Schnetzer
Harless	Rm. 3	Grade 1-2:	Tye Bush, Haley Ferguson, Reilley Detellem-Goff, Juliana Heilig
Pannasch	Rm. 2	Grade 2-3:	Gladis Guzman, Kaylin Passiglia, Daniel Rodriguez, Joseph J.D. Hubarth
Geisel	Rm.9	Grade 3-4:	Charli Beck, Preston Saccone, Ashton Ford, Kristy Sturk
Keffer	Rm. 10	Grade 4-5:	Tanner Askey, Delaney VanHorn, Sydney Hitt, Katy Gerva

Calendar of Events for Kiwanis Activities at the Crest Clubhouse

5/14	7:30 am	Board Meeting
5/16	6:00 pm	General Meeting – Topic: Junior College systems Academics Speaker, the Chancellor, Dr Miles – The community is invited to attend.
5/28	8:30-10:30 am	Community Breakfast
6/11	7:30 am	Board Meeting
6/20	6:00 pm	General Meeting – Topic: the Salvation Army, group home, The Haven Speaker, CAPT. Suzanne Mondell – all invited
6/25	8:30-10:30 am	Community Breakfast

Crest Census Data for 2010



By Linda Hjelle

Wondering how Crest has changed in the last 10 years? This is what I've found while comparing the 2000 census with the recently released 2010 data. Based on the Crest CDP data from <http://newsapps.pe.com/pe/census/place/Crest+CDP/> (Check it out, it seemed to me their definition of Crest seemed to leave out part of North Crest).

Data: http://factfinder2.census.gov/main.html	2010	2000
Population (minus 4.5%)	2593	2716
% under the age of 18	19.1%	36.5%
Housing Units	997	964
Racial breakdown:		
White	89.8%	92.8
Black	08.0%	0.33
Asian	1.4%	0.7
Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.26
American Indian	0.8%	0.81
Other	3.4%	1.88
Two or more	3.2%	3.13
Hispanic or Latino	12.3%	7.8

<http://www.muninetguide.com/states/california/crest/> compares income estimates based on census data from 2006-2009 at \$59,123 with the 2000 census figure stated in Wikipedia as \$56,728.

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4. Landscaping for Curb Appeal - add bark mulch, bushes, and flowers and ensuring current plants and grass are well-cared for and manicured.
5. Fix electrical and plumbing - Get rid of the leaks under the sinks, remove any mildew stains, and ensure all plumbing is in good working condition.
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Crest School News



Best Kept Secret in Crest !

By Suzanne Mullins

Crest Elementary School serves students Kindergarten – 5th grade. Classes are small with a caring staff. It is truly a Community school. Thanks to a dynamic teaching staff, Crest students are afforded many opportunities beyond just classroom and standards-based learning. NASCAR record holder and Crest School alumnus, Jimmie Johnson, provided the resources for the Champs Lab. This lab, the brainchild of teacher, Sharon Keffer, allows students to go beyond the textbook in science and physical fitness. Crest Kiwanis has donated funds for the audio/visual equipment used for the weekly CRST morning broadcast under the watchful eye of teacher/director, Kevin Pannasch.

There is a Kiwanis K-Kids afterschool club and Crest students participate in community service learning projects throughout the school year. Additionally, Crest Kiwanis has provided classroom equipment for teachers and certificates/ stickers for “Terrific Kids” selected by teachers every month.

Enrollment is now open for the upcoming school year.

The school phone number is **588-3128** and the Principal, Maria Kehoe, is available to meet with any parent who requests a meeting. Parents may also visit Crest school and K class during the last few weeks of school. Arrangements can be made through the school office. Parents need to contact the school office and pick up a registration packet. The office is open from 8:30 until 4:00 and you can make arrangements for parents who need to pick up materials after 4:00.

Cajon Valley Union School District

Crest School & Los Coches Creek School Schedule 2010-2011

2010-2011 Schedule			
08/16/10	School Opens to Public	01/17/11	Martin Luther King Holiday
08/23/10	First Day of School	02/14/11	President’s Day (Lincoln)
09/06/10	Labor Day	02/21/11	President’s Day (Washington)
11/11/10	Veterans Day	04/11-4/22	Spring Break
11/22-11/26	Thanksgiving Holidays	05/30/11	Memorial Day
12/20-01/07	Winter Break	*06/16/11	Last Day of School

Grossmont Union High School District

Granite Hills Holiday Schedule 2010-2011

2010-2011 Schedule			
09/07/10	First Day of School	02/07/11	President’s Day (Lincoln)
11/11-12	Veterans Day	02/21/11	President’s Day (Washington)
11/22-11/26	Thanksgiving Holiday	04/18-22	Spring Break
12/20 – 12-31	Winter Break	05/30/11	Memorial Day
01/17/11	Martin Luther King Holiday	06/22/11	Last Day of School

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Philly Chicken Combo (Breast chicken, mushroom, onion, green pepper, & cheese).....	\$7.49

E-Crest-rians

By Kandhy Franklin

Riding Trails....

Where can you go if and when it stops raining? There have been a few hardy folks checking out that information for you. One surprising place is here right in our own backyard: Crestridge trails are holding up well to the rain. There are flowers and sage is blooming out there now.

Fiesta Island during the week is another great place to go. The crowds are polite to the horses and really enjoying seeing them on the sand. There is no fee to park or ride. In total the ride can cover about 7 miles. If your horse has never been to this area, here are a few suggestions to having a safe ride: First, drive your rig all around the island to give the horse a chance to get used to the smells and sounds. If this is your first, then you might go around twice. Tack up your horse and walk alongside the road, then gradually go down toward the water. When that seems ok, mount your trusty steed! The first ride should probably be a short one as you don't want to stress out your horse too much. Another ride is up in Ramona in the backside of Ramona Country Estates. Mount Gower Park has great trails and will take you way back into the hills. Santa Isabel has two ride areas to visit, especially if you want to play with cows! Travel to Honey Springs Road, in Jamul out 94 towards México; there is a staging area there. Great rolling hills and a few water crossings with trees and shade are out there, so bring a lunch. You could have a four hour ride there. The last ride to report on is out of Trout Pond in Cuyamaca. There is water, but the reward to see 20-30 deer is the best part. Remember, Green Valley Falls is open to horse camping. We are working on an area in Laguna to camp, but right now there are some great trails on the desert side of the mountain to ride. Have fun, call someone to go with, or experience a great ride with a new friend. If you have any great places, please email Kandhy and she will send out the information.

Cleaning Up South Lane Park

South Lane Park will be brushed and trimmed soon. We need the group who is letting horses graze in the large arena to please put the corrals back up where they belong. There is no money in the budget to replace these corral pieces. It would be great to have a weed-whacking day with the folks who use the arena, especially around the

large arena so the horses won't be tempted and at the same time work on the drainage going out the front of the arena. There had been a drain put in, but the arena has an underground spring where the water flows and the drain and dirt have been washed out. Please help to take care of the arena that you use. As the bank account is now closed, water and electricity will be shut off until we get a horse group going again. The E-Crest-Rians have picnic benches to donate. They are heavy metal frames but will need the wood to be attached. If there is anyone who can weld any of the gates to fix them, please help yourself or ask a friend to come help. **Crest has one of the last arenas in the entire county. We need to take care of it before we lose it.** Kandhy cannot apply for a grant for a bathroom, horse-waterers, or announcer's booth until the E-Crest-Rians can show proof of a viable group and get insurance. Email Kandhy or Jan Rosander if you are interested in starting a group.

Saving America's Horses – A Nation Betrayed

This is the first ever official selection for the **Los Angeles Women's International Film Festival** in the documentary category that centers on animal causes. **Festival director, Diana Means** also cares about animal causes and she said that this was a film that shook her to the core when she screened it for the festival. The festival is centered around causes for women and provides women platform to share their unique stories.

The film screens next at the **International Wildlife Film Festival** in Montana **May 7th and 10th, 2011**. Production seeks to continue showcasing the film through select festivals in the US and abroad while various levels of distribution are developed and considered.

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PARENTS AND THEIR TEENS

Responding to an alarming teen fatality trend in San Diego County

Alpine Sheriff's Station will be hosting

"Start Smart"

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 7:00 pm

Viejas Training Center, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, CA 91910

(Past the Casino, first driveway on the left)

The goal of the program is to reduce the number of teen driving related injuries and death due to drunk and distracted driving. This class will address teen and parental responsibilities related to driving, risk factors for collisions, including texting while driving, automobile insurance implications and applicable Vehicle Code sections.

Parents with their teens, aged 15 – 20 years old

Seating is limited! RSVP no later than Tuesday, May 10, 2011

R.S.V.P. Crime Prevention Specialist Paula Dickenson, 619 659-2608 or paula.dickenson@sdsheerif.org

Class space is limited and **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

A PARENT MUST ACCOMPANY their TEEN DRIVER throughout the presentation.

Vacation Check Request Form

We have added a link to our Alpine Sheriff's public website allowing the community to click and obtain a **Vacation Check request form**. The user can complete the form, print, sign, and then submit it to the Alpine Station. The icon can be found along the right side of the page in the narrow column under the sub-navigation menu. To see an example, please click here:

<http://www.sdsheerif.net/patrolstations/alpine.html>

The Alpine Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Patrol offers, free of charge, home vacation security checks. An empty house is a tempting target and opportunity for a burglar. The vacation home security check becomes an extra pair of eyes while you are gone. Your property, doors and windows are checked to ensure they are secured. Should an entrance appear open, our Senior Volunteers immediately contact your Alpine Deputy to access the situation.

Crest Crime Log - www.crimemapping.com		
2/23 12:01 am	Burglary	2800 BI Dehesa Rd.
2/25 8:00 am	Grand theft	1700 BI Harbison Cyn Rd
2/27 5:00 pm	Petty Theft	600 BI Harbison Cyn Rd
2/28 9:00 am	Burglary – residential	1000 BI Old Mt View Rd.
3/01 7:00 pm	Grand Theft / firearm/ Animal	100 BI Highline Trail Rd.
3/04 11:35 am	ADW:not firearm	900 BI Harbison Cyn Rd
3/09 12:00 pm	Petty Theft	2400 BI Suncrest Blv
3/13 9:25 am	Burglary Residential	1700 BI Harbison Cyn Rd.
4/8 12:01 am	Credit/ID theft	200 BI Highline Trail
4/10 3:30 pm	Burglary	1300 BI Horsemill Rd
4/11 11:00 am	Battery on Person	1100 BI Old Mt View Rd

Crest Fire Safe Council

Interested in Becoming a Member of the Crest Fire Safe Council?

Crest Fire Safe Council is looking for new members who are looking to participate in programs for Crest, grant writing, and working on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We cannot apply or receive any more monies from the various agencies unless this committee is in place. There are not a lot of meetings to attend; most of the communication is within the Council through emails and calls. If you can volunteer for 3-5 hours a month (unless we are in a grant writing frenzy), then we would love you to be a part of the group. It is always valuable to have a fresh view point and ideas to discuss. Additional interests of the Board includes surveying the needs of the community, keeping the "OneCall Now" system in place, adding to the email data base, and soliciting support for a possible fuel break for the North, West, and South part of Crest. Call or email Kandhy today if you are interested in serving on this important committee. Kandhyfranklin@cox.net call 444-4996

Grant News

Crest Fire Safe Council has officially completed the grant that creates a 50% shaded fuel break around the back side of Crest. It was very fulfilling to create a project of this size with so many supporters and community residents cheering us on every step of the way. We thank everyone for their efforts. We are very proud of the agencies that worked with us and monitored the project, as well as the contractor, Johnny Gonzales of Environmental Land Management who did an amazing job with his men, machinery and of course, the popular goats.

We want to remind you of the importance of maintaining your defensible space. With all of the rain and now warm temperatures, the threat of fire will become real with the new growth. It is lovely now to see the green hills and yards, but remember to be prepared.

It has come to the attention of the CFSC that individuals want the goats back to do work on their private properties. We encourage and thank these residents, but want to remind all that CFSC is not a

part of this nor has any liabilities related to this maintenance.

New Grants

CFSC has also been awarded \$6,700 for a generator and transfer switch for the Crest clubhouse. We will need help in installing it and testing it. The grant was awarded to us from Supervisor Jacob and her redevelopment grant.

The next grants we are seeking out will be for furniture, such as tables and chairs as well as a flat screen TV (for teleconferencing with San Miguel Headquarters); satellite dish (for redundancy); and a shade structure for the back porch. If you have any ties to any companies that we may approach, please contact Kandhy

Contacts for Creating that Defensible Space

The CFSC wants to remind you to create a 100 foot defensible space around your home.

Tracy Mues, Crest resident, is willing to work with Johnny Gonzales of Environmental Land Management to help coordinate an effort to bring the goats back to Crest if there are interested residents willing to split the cost. You may contact her at yourmues@gmail.com.

The East county Transitional Living Center is also available to help create defensible space at a very reasonable cost to our community. They will also work with you if you are on a fixed income or are dealing with financial difficulties. Call Kandhy Franklin for more information at 444-4996.

There are many programs for planting a zeroscape garden. Please notice when sales are going on at Crestridge Reserve. There is a lot of information for you while planning your planting.

It is time to check your phone numbers and emails that have been submitted to the Crest Fire Safe Council "one call now" database and email list. Have they changed or do you have any information to add? Summer is coming and we want to be prepared. Email changes to Kandhyfranklin@cox.net

The San Miguel Firefighters 11th annual Charity Golf Classic and Fashion Show on Thursday May 19th at Cottonwood @ Rancho San Diego Golf Course,

The proceeds for this year's event will go toward helping families who have losses related to fire, as well as supporting local sports and youth activities. In addition, 50% of the final proceeds will be going to The Seth Foundation (www.TheSethFoundation.Org) to help them with their ongoing fight to reduce teenage Heroin addiction. For an online brochure, go to www.sanmiguelfirefighters.org/doc/golf%20brochure%202011.pdf

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Survey

A Crest Town Hall meeting was held April 19 for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. It was a Q&A as well as giving out information on where we are as a community in terms of fire protection and evacuation. Crest Fire Safe Council is working on our evacuation plan and tying down details while working with the agencies. Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey at the meeting for what issues they have. We are including the survey below for the community to fill out. We need a more complete picture as we go forward with Crest's plan. **Please complete it and return it to Kandhy Franklin at 384 Paloma Lane, Crest, CA 92021-4240 or email kandhyfranklin@cox.net by May 30th or before.**

If you did not complete the following survey at the April 19th meeting, please do so now and mail it to address above by May 30th or before. (You may answer on another sheet of paper or email to allow you please of room.)

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Survey for Crest Residents:

1. What have you been doing or have you been involved with in regarding the CWPP or fuel abatement in Crest?
2. What questions would you like to see answered regarding the community's CWPP or being fuel safe?
3. Do you feel safer with the OneCall Now system, siren, fuel break, and fuel abatement programs? What is missing?

Community Worship in Crest



Crest Community Church

2198 Suncrest Blvd,
Phone: (619)-442-3736
Pastor Tony Lambert

Services:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 a.m. Worship Services - Sunday
6:00 p.m. Sunday evenings
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study/Awana

Movie Night at Crest Community Church

Mark your calendars for Movie Night on June 17th. This family event will be held on the lawn at the church around 6:30 or 7:00 (depending on the daylight.) Bring your chairs or blankets to sit on. Watch for more information

St Louise de Marillac Catholic Church

2005 Crest Drive –
Phone: (619) 444-3076,
Fax: (619) 440-1325
Fr. Justin Langille, Pastor

Regular Weekend Services (SEP-MAY):

Saturday..... 5:30 PM
Sunday..... 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Daily Mass: 8:00 AM (Mon-Thu)





CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP.

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

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

The Following are segments from the March 14, 2011 minutes regarding Crest. For a full copy of the minutes go to www.crestplanning.org:

Kandhy Collins announced that the Crest Community Association has received a grant for purchasing an emergency generator and power transfer switch for upgrading the Crest Community Center's emergency response preparedness
3) the April Planning Group meeting will be at Crest, but beginning in May the meetings will be held at Dehesa School;

Item 5c. Private Project Proposal. Request for approval for retail vehicle sales business located at 1329 La Cresta Road, Crest. Chairman Riggs explained that the Rainbow Market property in Crest, where the retail vehicle sales project is proposed, is a Special Use Restricted Area. This means that Planning Group approval is necessary for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue its permits for the business proposed. The project applicants, Carl and William Cash, described their proposed business to the Group. An existing empty office space in the Rainbow Market building would be used for conducting car sales transactions according to DMV requirements; three of the existing parking spaces on site would be dedicated for the car sales display and operations. DMV registration activities would not be offered, and there would be no car repair or detailing conducted at the sales site. Vehicles for sale would be brought from elsewhere to display at the site, and would probably not be parked overnight. Members of the community and the Group expressed concerns about the impacts of relatively unregulated auto sales occurring at the nearby Jerry's Auto Repair business. Jason Harris moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the proposed retail vehicle sales business project at Rainbow Market, conditioned on its conformance to the three vehicle limit presented by the applicants. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 8a. New Business. Discussion and action on the preservation of the Stone Monument at La Cresta Road and Park Drive. Chairman Riggs asked Judy Bowen to explain this issue. Judy Bowen was contacted by an individual who saw the Stone Monument being dismantled, and who had requested the homeowner to stop its deconstruction because of a belief that the Stone Monuments at the edges of Nancy Jane Park have historical value and were perhaps constructed as a Works Projects Administration project. Judy mentioned that the Crest Historical Society had also been contacted, and it has sent a letter to the property owner requesting the Stone Monument be saved. Jennifer Williams, property owner where the monument is located, explained that the Stone Monument blocks visibility and the sight line for leaving her driveway and entering La Cresta Road, which is especially hazardous due to speeders on the road. Dave Williams, who purchased the property, researched history of the Works Projects Administration at the Library of Congress as there are no local records of the Stone Monument, but the WPA records do not include 4 the Nancy Jane Park monuments. His conclusion is that they are local sentimental structures without WPA historical associations. Chairman Riggs said that it appears the Stone Monument is located on the public right-of-way for La Cresta Road, due to its alignment with utility poles and planted trees along the road, but that the question of its location is being researched to determine exactly what property it is located on. Kandy Collins (Crest) suggested that the monument could be moved to Nancy Jane Park property. Jennifer Williams stated that she and her husband would give the community the opportunity to move the monument if it is in fact located on their property. Judy Bowen proposed contacting the Department of Public Works to check on the right-of-way situation. Mark Gabler commented that it needs to be moved, so the question is who will move it. The Group postponed a final recommendation about what action to take, and the issue is continued to the agenda of the next meeting.

Item 8b. New Business. Supervisor Roberts's attempt to subordinate Community Plans. Chairman Riggs reported to the Group that Supervisor Ron Roberts thinks that individual Community Plans cause too many problems for the General Plan Update, and that individual, unique Community Plans for the different County areas are not necessary or desirable. Supposedly the other four Supervisors do not share Roberts's view. Pat Ulm and Judy Bowen both emphasized that the differences in the County's communities regions require that there be separate, individual Community Plans. Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group sends a letter to the County in response to Supervisor Roberts's proposal, stating the Group's opposition to any action that would eliminate our unique Community Plan for the Crest-Dehesa- Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregion. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).



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Griselda's Corner

By Griselda Layman

WHO IS YOUR MOM?

Teresa was born in Mexico in one of the many counties of that big city. At an early age, her only brother and she were placed in an orphanage that left life long scars forever. She went to school and at 18, left the institution to work at a bank and later on marry my father.

Lacking her own family pattern to emulate, she definitely knew what and how she wanted to raise us kids. She was a strong-willed woman with high standards, values, and morals; she worked and sacrificed for all of us.

Besides being a mom, she worked as a seamstress sewing for the neighbors and sold beautiful embroidered kitchen towels etc.

She went back to school and became a teacher starting when we lived up on the hill (remember from my column, last edition?) This is where the families were so poor, the children had to write on the tortillas wrappings; at that time they used to wrap them in butcher paper. She was charging the equivalent to \$2 U.S. per month, and that was hard to come by so parents paid in whatever they were making a living at, say sweet potatoes, eggs, chickens etc.

She would often visit the neighbor's homes and plead with the girl's parents to allow them to come and be educated. The prevalent way of thinking was "Why waste the girl's time if she is going to be a wife and mother. Why would she need educating; best if she learned how to clean and cook, sweep and wash."

Mom suffered and felt just like any other parent to see us lacking food, clothing, etc. Our breakfast was often a piece of bread and a banana. There were so many of us to feed.

She was a fighter and always strived to provide a better living for us children. She moved to another city and continued to use her time wisely by going back to the University. She graduated with a Doctorate in Education.

I remember the first time she was paid with a government check. She took all of us kids to the grocery store and each one of us chose a food item of our choice with the understanding that whatever it was, it would be shared among us. I chose a box of Kellog's Cornflakes, someone else a jar of strawberries preserve and someone else a gallon of milk. Yum! We had the best meal. (There were seven of us kids.)

I could go on and on about all the girls she helped along her life and their life's journey by opening her own Secretary Career School.

Sadly she is gone now and I do miss her. She gave the best of what she knew, what she had, and who she was. When I ask, "who is your mom?" Do you know her or do you only know about her? Let's appreciate those we love. Happy Mothers Day



Earth Discovery Institute/Crestridge April 2011 Volunteering: A Critical Resource to Crestridge, a Gift We Give to Each Other

Volunteers have always been an essential element at Crestridge. From the time when Crest Open Space Supporters formed to save the beloved Oakridge Park from development, concerned and committed community members, giving generously of their time, have helped to make the reserve a better place. From picking up a piece of trash, to sending information about a problem, to showing up to help hundreds of hours per year, each act by one person gives a gift to every other reserve user. This month, we feature our volunteers and invite you to join any of our current efforts, or the newly forming Reserve Rangers, our volunteer patrol.

Reserve Rangers

With nearly 3,000 acres to care for, the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC), land managers of Crestridge for the California Department of Fish and Game, needs all of the well-informed eyes and ears it can get to keep the reserve healthy and safe for its users. Informally, neighbors, hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers have already been sharing information when they make observations or have concerns. Several new plant and animal species, as well as numerous safety issues have been identified by observant folks on or near the reserve. Reserve Rangers will organize these efforts and provide training to members. Please join us for a Reserve Range Orientation Meeting, Saturday, May 21, 2011 9:30a.m – 12:00 noon at the Hubbell Adobe visitor center just inside Horsemill entrance to Crestridge Ecological Reserve (search on 1171 Horsemill Road, El Cajon, CA 92021). RSVP to Cathy at chadgroup@cox.net or 619-277-3605. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in joining the effort, please RSVP with that info. We will add you to the list and keep you up to date.

The Friday Crew

Each Friday morning, a small but very productive group of volunteers shows up at the reserve to help with anything and everything. Andrea Johnson, Kirk Keel, and Mickey Johnston arrive, ready to enthusiastically assist with everything from planting, weeding, and watering, to trash pick-up, patio, wall, and bench building. ***Want to Help? Meet at the Horsemill entrance, any Friday at 8:00 a.m.***

The Trail Gang (aka, San Diego Mountain Biking Association)

For the last year, EDI has been forging a remarkable partnership with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA). With the leadership of EDI Board Member Kevin Mortensen, an avid rider and SDMBA member, we have received a joint grant with REI to involve students and the community in trail improvements. SDMBA President Gardner Grady, and stalwart member, Everett Neuman have volunteered at the reserve every day that 5th and 6th grade students have visited. That's about 20 days! ***Want to Help? Watch the newsletter for announcements of upcoming trail projects and show up, or suggest to your club or organization that they spend a day improving the trail conditions at Crestridge. We can also plan a project just for your group!***

The Students

Contributing in many ways to the well-being of the reserve are the 3,000-plus students who visit over the course of the school year. This year, Cajon Valley Union School District students are assisting with trail building and native planting. ***Want to Help? Leave us a message that you'd like to work with students. There are many possible roles from helping with preparation to actual field instruction. Vicky, EDI's Education Coordinator will respond and find a place for you to assist.***

BetterGiving

EDI has recently enrolled with *BetterGiving*. *BetterGiving* provides portraits that contain information on the people, programs, financials and needs of local the nonprofits. You can also click on the "Donate Now" to make a one-time or recurring gift to your favorite organizations with your credit card. Here's the link to EDI on the Better Giving website:

<http://bettergivingsd.guidestar.org/NonprofitProfile.aspx?OrgId=31265>

Calendar:

Saturday, May 7, 2011, 9-11am: Butterfly Walk with entomologist Michael Klein; meet at Hubbell Adobe visitor kiosk just inside Horsemill entrance.

Saturday, May 21, 2011 9:30am – 12:00 noon; Reserve Rangers Orientation Meeting

Saturday, June 4, 10:00am – 1:00pm: Annual Student Celebration of Service; projects, hikes, goody bags!

Please RSVP to Cathy at chadgroup@cox.net or 619-277-3605 for all events.

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