



A Newsletter for Crest

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Crest - A Happening Place

By Linda Hjelle

It's exciting to see all the activities evolving as a result of the re-opening of the Crest Clubhouse. They are too numerous to mention all, but here are a few of the activities since the last edition of the paper

Where can get a quality meal for \$5 these days? The Crest Clubhouse! During September and October, the Clubhouse opened its doors to **monthly pancake breakfasts** sponsored by the Kiwanis. We hope to see you at the next breakfast on November 22.

The Crest Community Association (CCA) has resumed its **monthly community dinners**. Profits from these dinners pay the utilities and taxes associated with the Crest Center. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. An outstanding carne asada dinner was served in September followed by a chili and cornbread dinner in October. Don't miss the November 5 Spaghetti dinner.

The first **ever Crest Ladies Bunco Tournament**, was held at the clubhouse on September 20 and it was a resounding success! Lots of fun, great prizes, and good food! I met several of my Crest neighbors among the 25 participants. By popular demand, we are planning another event in 2009.



An **outstanding music venue** was held at the clubhouse in early

October. Thanks to Dave and Laurie Jones and Kandhy Franklin for bringing together a great group of musicians. Over 50 "Crestinites" showed up for the first event of this type since the opening

of the new clubhouse. There was a spectacular variety of music including everything from folk to jazz, from gospel to country. It reminded me of the good ole days at the Coyote Café. The musicians and audience alike agreed the acoustics were fantastic. The CCA will be bringing more music to the Clubhouse in the future. Watch the blackboard and this calendar for dates.



The arts are now represented in Crest thanks to the efforts of Jackie Grace. **A group of local artists** are renting the clubhouse twice a month to paint. Many of these artists have painted together for years attending Foothills Adult Center under the leadership of Marie Wordell. Sadly, Marie recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. Members of her class decided to continue to meet at the Crest Clubhouse to encourage one another. How could they not be inspired by Crest and our new facility? If you are an intermediate to advanced painter and would like to join this group which meets the first and third Thursday of the month in the mornings, call Jackie Grace for more information at 442-1018. The cost is \$5 per session.

Another great event recently held at the clubhouse was the **"Meet the Candidates" wine and cheese gathering**. Fifteen candidates introduced themselves to the 75 Crest residents that attended the event. Among those in attendance were candidates for the Assembly, Congress, the local school boards, fire and water districts, and health care districts.

Remember, clubhouse activities posted on blackboard and in the Crest Sun are open to all Crest residents. You do not have to be a member of CCA to participate in the activities. We look forward to seeing you!

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The Crest Calendar of Events for November and December have moved to the last pages of this newsletter.

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Crest Community Association

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Crest Community Association (CCA) recently paid the property taxes and liability insurance for the clubhouse for the upcoming year. This wouldn't have been possible without your continued support by renewing your memberships yearly. So we, the Board Members, thank you all very much. We would love to see more of the community involved in the Association. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining the group by completing the form below. Membership runs through June 30, 2009.



Nominations for a 2009 CCA Board are coming up in November. **We need your help members!** We need a nominating committee and people to run for the Board. The current board would love to see new faces and fresh ideas. These positions do not require as much time as you would think. Many items are taken care of on the phone or by e-mail. The monthly meetings are the primary responsibility of the Board members. Will you consider stepping up to the plate for next year? Please call Jackie Grace at 442-1018 if you are interested in doing this.

Dinners at the clubhouse continue to be scheduled on the first Wednesday of every month. On November 5 we will hold a spaghetti dinner from 5-7:30 pm. The cost is a very reasonable \$5. We will not hold a dinner in December due to busy holiday schedules. Give us some input as to what you would you like us to serve for future dinners? Send your suggestions to crestcca@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendars for November 13th from 8:30 – 10:30 for Coffee with Dianne Jacob. The community is invited to this informal gathering. Bring your concerns and questions for Supervisor Jacob.

At the November 18th CCA meeting, we will spotlight students from Crest School. This will be a monthly event. Paula Dickenson from the Alpine Sheriff's office will be listening to neighborhood concerns as well as introducing the new sheriffs in our area. The Crest Fire Safe Council will be presenting fire safe products for your home. One product is a third generation gel in a crystalline form, which has an indefinite shelf life.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Santa Claus. He will once again make his appearance at the Crest Clubhouse on December 17 at 6:30. Remember this is a potluck dessert night with Santa and songs. Volunteers are needed. Call 44-Crest if you can help.

Our special thanks to SDG&E representative, Don Parent, for his commitment in completing the siren extension project.

Join the Crest Community Association

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 Levels

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

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Address _____ E-mail: _____

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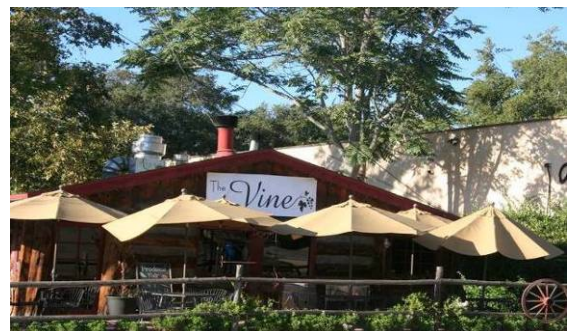
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Cheap Get-Aways

By Linda Hjelle

You don't have to spend a lot of money to travel the world. In fact, you'd be surprised the amount of money you can save by understanding a few basic travel concepts. While this may require booking airfare online, planning a vacation during the off season, or staying in a lesser known hotel, the result can be a savings of hundreds of dollars. Awareness and timing play a big part in snagging these bargains. **TIPS:**

- **Subscribe to Budget Travel Magazine**— I have a long “check-off” list of the places I'd like to see before I leave this grand planet so I don't always have a specific destination in mind when starting my vacation search. Budget Travel magazine is a great magazine to read to see which travel destinations are on sale at any given time. With a year's subscription for only \$12, it is also an inexpensive holiday gift for your friends and family (go to www.budgettravel.com or call 800-829-9161.) One of its featured articles each month is ” **40 Best Travel Deals.**” These deals, which usually include airfare and hotel accommodations, are a great starting place to locate websites offering reduced price vacations. They offer great pricing on all types of travel including all-inclusive, cruising, guided and self-guided tours.
- **Cruise Ship Travel Websites**- Cruising opportunities abound and is an exceptional opportunity for an all-inclusive, inexpensive trip. When booking a cruise, make sure the fuel surcharges, taxes, and port charges are included as they typically add an \$100 per person. Also take into account that tipping usually runs an additional \$10 a day per person. When checking out websites, take advantage of the senior and military discounts. The San Diego/Cabo and Long Beach/Catalina departures are great 3-5 day get-aways. **Websites to check:** www.vacationstogo.com (my personal favorite), www.BestCruise.com, www.travelzoo.com
- **Online Travel Agencies** – While there are hundreds of sites to explore, www.caravantours.com provides great escorted tours to Costa Rica, Copper Canyon, and selected tours within the United States and Canada (great value for the dollar). Try www.smartours.com if you are considering a trip to Asia.
- **Airfare:** - Most of my trips originate over an airfare sale and a get together with friends. Periodically check out some of the more popular websites for airfare deals. If you have a place in mind, these sites can notify you by email when the sales start. Try www.kayak.com for a good site that compares multiple websites for airfare pricing. They also give you the option to be flexible with your dates. Other sites to check out are Expedia.com, Orbitz.com, Travelocity.com, Sidestep.com, and Priceline.com (we've used them all with no problems.) Watch for the final pricing – many times the final pricing which includes taxes and fuel surcharges appear in small print (which can easily boost the price by \$100 or more.)
- **Car Rentals** – Any of the sites listed above for airfare sales also offer car rentals. A nice improvement is that these sites no longer require a credit card to hold the reservation. This makes it much easier to lock in a reservation but still allows you to keep checking for lower pricing right up to the date of departure. Reservations can be cancelled with ease. Again, look at the final pricing after taxes rather than the initial price boldly printed.
- **Hotels:** www.hotels.com, and www.travelocity.com are usually the first two places I look when booking a room. We once booked two rooms in Reno for \$24 each when everything else started over \$100 for a standard room. When we arrived, they were Jacuzzi suites. Why? Who knows and who cares! It was a deal.
- **House Swapping** – An avid traveler with a limited budget can trade apartments with people via the internet.. They stay in your place while you stay in theirs. This is an excellent way to save money. While I haven't personally tried this yet, my friends have successfully swapped houses (all over the world) with their one bedroom condo a few blocks from Pacific Beach. The place to look for house swaps include www.Craigslist.com, www.seniorexchange.com, www.digsville.com, www.intervacus.com, www/HomesExchange.com, www.homeslink-usa.com.
- **A few last travel tips:**
 - Travel with another couple – renting a car together or a condo can cut the rental expense in half.
 - Take advantage of happy hour or early bird specials for dinner. Make lunch your big meal of the day, it's less expensive. In France and Tahiti we found that \$15 for chunk of cheese, a baguette of bread, a bottle of wine, and a swiss chocolate bar replaced a high priced lunch in some of the most romantic locations.
 - Travel the United States. We split a timeshare with friends every year by first finding airfare that is on sale before booking the timeshare. For around \$250 per couple, we spend 7 nights in a two bedroom, 4 to 5 star resort condominium. We've visited Louisiana, Maine, North Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee and Florida. They weren't on our check off list, but I wouldn't have missed them for the world! Amazing places, every one of them.

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Going Green

GIVE A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT THE BAG!

From a recycling standpoint, it's a good idea to use a gift bag when giving a gift since a bag can be reused while wrapping paper can't. How about taking this recycling concept to the next step this holiday? Place some of your holiday gifts in reusable grocery bags. Made from heavy duty plastic or woven materials, reusable bags now come in every design imaginable and can be found in most stores. Now, your gift wrapping can be reused daily and you have subtly encouraged your friends and relatives to start eliminating plastic grocery bags.

You will be surprised at the variety of reusable bags available. A good place to look for a gift reusable bags is Trader Joe's. Their bags start at \$1 and are created in colorful Hawaiian designs. That is less than the cost of a gift bag! If you don't want to give a bag with a store advertising logo, you can purchase chic designer reusable bags at websites such as www.reusablebags.com or www.mixedbagdesigns.com. Remember:

- A plastic shopping bag can take anywhere from 15 to 1000 years to decompose. In a compressed landfill, deprived of atmosphere to help them biodegrade, paper bags don't fare much better.
- According to the Wall Street Journal, **only 1% of plastic bags are recycled world-wide**; the rest are left to live on indefinitely in landfills.
- The United States alone uses approximately 100 billion new plastic bags per year - the average person goes through between 350 and 500.

P.S. Speaking of recycling – be sure to share this newsletter with your neighbors and place it in the recycle bin rather than the trash!!

Safety TIP: PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house.

Recipes from the E-Mail Files:

DANGEROUS CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

1 Big Coffee Mug
4 tablespoons flour (that's plain flour, not self-rising)
4 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons baking cocoa
1 egg
3 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons oil
3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
some nuts (optional)
Small splash of vanilla
Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well.. Add the egg and mix thoroughly.
Pour in the milk and oil and mix well.
Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla, and mix again.

Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes on high. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool. While the consistency is a little different, once you top it with canned icing or crushed Heath Bars, it's great.
And why is this Dangerous? - Because now we are only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake.

Easy Omelets

All the goodies & eggs are put in a baggy and boiled till done. No oil, no grease and they don't burn. No Mess, No Mistakes, No Skillet required. Prepare the night before and cook in the morning. Great for camping, holidays, or large groups.

1. Cut, Chop, Shred ... prepare fillings you want in your omelet (Cheese, Tomato, Bell Pepper, Cooked Potato, Mushrooms, Onion, Salt/ Pepper, etc).
2. Boil water in a pot.
3. You need a one quart freezer bag for each omelet you are cooking.
4. Break two eggs into a bowl and then pour them into a freezer bag.
5. Place the omelet filling into the freezer bag.
6. Close the bag and smooch all of the ingredients and eggs together.
7. Remove air from the bag and zip.
8. Place the bag into the boiling water for about 12 minutes. Remove and serve. –FLUFFY!
9. Tips: Each egg should cook for 6 minutes. 3 egg omelet = 18-20 minutes. Put names on individual bags and cook 3 at a time in pot.

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2400 Eucalyptus Dr.	\$ 369,000
113 Burdett	\$ 395,000
420 Mountain View Rd.	\$ 399,900
310 Alamo Way	\$ 464,000
2527 Eucalyptus Dr.	\$ 449,900-\$489,900
2936 La Cresta	\$ 519,000
330 La Cresta Heights Rd.	\$ 499,000-\$549,000
2810 La Cresta Rd.	\$ 549,900
3233 Suncrest Blvd.	\$ 549,900
228 Sage Rd.	\$ 589,000 -LISTED by Connie Gipson
3015 La Cresta Rd.	\$ 595,000
210 Kens Rd.	\$ 765,000
15076 Montana Serena	\$ 920,000
1324 Tracey Ln.	\$ 965,000
1212 La Cresta Blvd.	\$ 985,000
14910 Montana Serena	\$1,075,000-\$1,225,000

Pending In Escrow

224 North Ln.	\$ 209,900
997 La Cresta Blvd.	\$ 399,000
1682 Mountain View Rd.	\$ 999,000-\$1,099,000

Recently Sold

226 Lilac Dr.	\$ 210,500
344 Mountain View Rd.	\$ 350,000 -SOLD by Connie Gipson
1042 Old Mountain View Rd.	\$ 725,000

Vacant Land

Now On The Market

Jarrett Lane	\$ 110,000
2135 Crest Dr.	\$ 159,000
152 Bonita Pl.	\$ 175,000
1424 Mountain View Rd.	\$ 199,000
Saxton Ln.	\$ 199,900
Senda Ln.	\$ 219,000
South Park Pl.	\$ 249,500
Saxton Ln.	\$ 249,900
2223 Crest Dr.	\$ 265,000
210 Sage Rd.	\$ 299,000
140 Alamo Way	\$ 299,000-\$349,000
Saxton Ln.	\$ 424,900
1909 La Cresta Rd.	\$ 450,000
La Cresta Rd.	\$ 450,000

Pending In Escrow

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Recently Sold

No vacant lots have recently sold

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San Diego Gas & Electric's Emergency Fire Preparedness Program

This proposal is on hold pending a review and more research by Supervisor Jacob, SDG&E and back country residents.

As part of the preparation for high risk fire season in San Diego, SDG&E has implemented an Emergency Fire Preparedness Program that involves proactively shutting down power in high-risk fire areas during certain extreme weather conditions. Crest is one of these designated high risk areas. The program is focused on conditions commonly associated with strong Santa Ana winds where it is very dry, extremely windy, and fire potential high. This differs from past practice in that under normal conditions SDG&E leaves the power on as long as power lines remain intact.

The conditions that need to be met in order to activate this program include all of the following:

- The National Weather Service calls a Red Flag Warning
- Wind speeds are sustained and greater than 34 mph or there are wind gusts greater than 55 mph in that area.
- The relative humidity is less than 20%.
- The moisture level in sticks, twigs and leaves (non-living materials) is less than 6 percent. The moisture level in living plants is less than or equal to 75%.

The likelihood is that 1,000 to 10,000 customers would be affected at one time. Approximately 45,000 of SDG&E's 1.4 million customers are located within this outage area. Notification prior to shutdown would be through County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services, local law enforcement, and media whenever possible.

This should be an infrequent occurrence since Red Flag warnings are typically only 15 to 20 days per year in addition to having to meet the other four extreme weather conditions mentioned above. SDG&E has taken steps to further reduce the potential fires including replacing more than 300 wood poles with steel poles and using heavier wire in certain sections of the system through rural areas.

What happens if this event takes place?

If you live in an area where the power is turned off, you will not have access to information from the television or radio unless you have a portable TV or radio running on batteries. An old-style,

corded telephone may possibly work and Crest's limited cell phone service will work. You most likely will not have an internet connection.

To prepare for such an event, it is a good idea to have a flashlight with fresh batteries and a battery-powered radio. Your water supply could be affected so consider filling your tubs and sinks with water so you can flush toilets. A portable generator can be used if you follow all safety procedures and ensure that it has been properly installed by a qualified installer. Make sure you let SDG&E know you have a generator by calling 1-800-411-7343.

The power could be out as long as the extreme weather conditions exist, plus the additional time for SDG&E to perform a safety check prior to turning the power back on. This could be several hours or a day or longer. In general the outages could last 12 to 72 hours.

If anyone in your home depends on medical equipment, call SDG&E at 1-800-411-7343. You should still develop an emergency plan in the event the power goes out for any reason.

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WalMart and the dollar Stores are great places to shop for inexpensive items and plastic boxes.

This project is sponsored by Samaritans Purse, an international nondenominational Christian organization that was one of the first to respond to our Community during the 2003 Cedar fires. They had a trailer in Crest for three months, assisting our community through the three local churches. Now it's our opportunity to give back. Drop your box(es) off at the Crest Community Church by November 17 along with a check for \$7 for shipping for each box. These boxes will be shipped all over the world to needy children. For hints on how to pack a box, pick up a flyer at our local stores or go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org> and click on Operation Christmas Child. Additional Questions? Call 442-3736 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9 and noon.

Crest Community Worship

**St Louise de Marillac
Catholic Church**
2005 Crest Drive 444-3076
Fr. Justin Langille Pastor



Services:

- Saturday Evening Eucharist (Vigil for Sunday Mass): 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday Morning Eucharist (Masses): 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Morning Eucharist (Mass): Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Crest Community Church

**2198 Suncrest Blvd,
619-442-3736**
David C. Wells, Pastor



Services;

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



**Cornerstone
Church**
205 Lento Lane
579-5633
Dennis Ottalogono,
Pastor

Services:

- Wednesday 7p.m. worship
- Sunday - 9:30a.m.

Travel Tip: Historic Tours of America

Thanks for a great travel tip provided by Kathy Fiedor

The link below is to get a Hometown Pass for free for the Old Town Trolley. Old Town Trolley Tours® offers the most comprehensive tour of San Diego with 8 stops, and on and off privileges so you and your guest can see San Diego at your own pace. One buys a ticket for \$32 and other rides free or \$16 each. "I've had one for years and a girlfriend and I use it." Kathy states, "We just did it on Monday and had a wonderful lunch at the Del and wandered around Coronado. Lots of fun if you've never done the trolley tour." <http://www.hometownpass.com/>

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Holiday Activities in San Diego

Activities for the Holiday Season

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11/23/08 - 10:00 am – 62nd Annual Mother Goose Parade - El Cajon - <http://www.mothergooseparade.org/2008/> - Our El Cajon Mother Goose Parade is the largest parade in San Diego County and the largest of its type west of the Mississippi. Each year, the parade attracts thousands of spectators to the streets of El Cajon to view the parade for free.

12/5-6/08 Balboa Park December Nights www.balboapark.org/decemberevents/ Friday, December 5, 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6, noon-10:00 p.m. In the spirit of the holidays, participating Balboa Park museums open their doors free of charge from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. both evenings. The largest free community festival in San Diego, December Nights is expected to attract more than 300,000 visitors over two days.

12/07/08 – Coronado Island Holiday Festival at the Ferry Landing Marketplace: 4-7 pm <http://www.ecoronado.com/holiday.shtml> Snow Mountain -Come frolic in Coronado's version of a snowy Christmas at the Coronado Ferry Landing. Santa Claus is Coming to Town. At 4:20 p.m. Santa leaves his sleigh at home and rides the ferry across San Diego Bay. Holiday Parade 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. down Orange Avenue. Catch a good viewing spot between Eighth Street and RH Dana Place. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Community Concert 7:00 p.m. by The Coronado Community Band.

12/08/08 Coronado Artisans' Alley Craft Fair - Over 180 Booths selling gifts, toys, art, jewelry, clothing, ceramics, baskets, holiday crafts and food.

12/10/08 – El Cajon Parade of Lights Show – For information go to: A parade of lighted and decorated vehicles will drive down Main Street for all to

see, including Santa Claus himself, who will make his way to the Prescott Promenade and be available for pictures. For more information:

http://www.downtownelcajon.com/event_ccc.shtml

12/13/08 – San Diego Mission Bay Parade of Lights – 7PM More than 60,000 people are expected at San Diego's Mission Bay Park for the annual Mission Bay Christmas Parade of Lights followed with a fantastic firework display at 9:00 p.m. This free, distinctly California celebration features more than 100 boats decorated for the holiday season that will sail around Mission Bay starting from the Quivara Basin area. The best viewing is from Riviera Shores, Crown Point, Santa Clara Point, the east side of Vacation Island and west side of Fiesta Island.

12/14/08 & 12/21/08 – 5:30-9:00 PM – 37th Annual San Diego Parade of Lights 2008 San Diego Bay <http://www.sdparadeoflights.org> Location: South end to the North end of Shelter Island - For viewing, the north and south ends of the Embarcadero as well as the pathway along Coronado are good spots as they tend to be less crowded. If you plan on viewing the parade from Harbor Island, get there early and be aware that parking is at a premium. Another good spot is the park behind Seaport Village.

12/29/08 – Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade Monday - 9:00 am – Downtown San Diego. Free street side viewing or \$15 grandstand tickets. America's Largest Balloon Parade. Go to www.holidaybowl.com for more information on the parade route. World-class marching bands, magnificent floats, entertaining drill teams, and a procession of enormous balloons can be seen. Over 100,000 street-side spectators will enjoy the parade along with a nationwide television audience. This is part of the Holiday Bowl activities.

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The mission of the subregional 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. The next meeting of the planning commission is 11/10/08.

- January, February March and April meetings are held at the Crest Community Center
- May, June, July, August meetings are held at the Dehesa Fire Station.
- September, October, November and December meetings are held at the Community Center, Old Ironsides Park, Harbison Canyon.

Meeting agendas, minutes, 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.

Note: Important Crest issues including the emergency disaster exit (Old Grade Road), South Lane Park, and the Hawkins property are on the November 10th agenda. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in Harbison Canyon.

San Miguel Survey Reply Needed :

San Miguel, in conjunction with Farmer's Insurance, created a DVD called "Before the Threat." Volunteers passed this out to all Crest residents last month. Also in the package was a CD for home inventory, to assist you in verifying the contents of your home.

San Miguel has mailed a survey to Crest residents inquiring as to the helpfulness of these materials. Please take time to review the DVD and CD and then complete and return the survey



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Crest School November/December 2008

Date	Event	Time	Comments
11/5	PTA Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Library
11/10	NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL
11/11	Veteran's Day		NO SCHOOL
11/12 – 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences		Minimum Days School Dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
11/18	School Site Council Mtg.	3:15	Library
11/26 – 28	Thanksgiving Break		NO SCHOOL
12/4/08	Winter Social Dance	4:00 p.m.	Coyote Hall
12/8 -12	Santa Secret Shop		Coyote Hall
12/22 – 1/9/09	Winter Break		NO SCHOOL
1/12/09	School Resumes		
1/19	NO SCHOOL		Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Dates and events are subject to change. If you have any questions regarding the school schedule call 588-3128 or e-mail gibsons@cajonvalley.net

School Calendars

Cajon Valley Union School District

Crest School Holiday Schedule 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

2008-2009 Schedule

08/25/08	First Day of School	12/22-01/09	Winter Break
09/01/08	Labor Day	01/19/09	Martin Luther King Holiday
11/10-11/08	Veterans Day	02/09/09	President's Day (Lincoln)
11/26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday	02/16/09	President's Day (Washington)
		04/06-17	Spring Break
		05/25/09	Memorial Day
		06/19/09	Last Day of School

Grossmont Union High School District

Granite Hills Holiday Schedule 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

2008-2009 Schedule

08/18/08	First Day of School	12/22 – 01/04	Winter Break
9/01/08	Labor Day	01/19/09	Martin Luther King Holiday
11/11/08	Veterans Day	02/09/09	President's Day (Lincoln)
11/27-11/28	Thanksgiving Holiday	02/16/09	President's Day (Washington)
		04/06-04/17	Spring Break
		05/25/09	Memorial Day
		06/04/09	Last Day of School

About Crest...

Stonescaping at its Best

By Linda Hjelle



If you like to explore Crest as I do, you find there is always something unusual around the next bend. It is especially true if you turn off the main drag onto Alamo Way. I have to admit I've seen lots of Xeriscaping in my day but never Stonescaping. As you can see from the photos, this landscaping is more like a maze of sculptures and areas of meditation incorporating drought resistant plants. Harry uses no mortar in his building efforts. Each design is built with a combination of artistry, balance, shape and the right combination of stones. Upon discovering this delightful phenomenon, I had questions for Harry and Janet, owners of this ever changing landscape.

Q. How long have you been working on your landscaping project?

A. Harry stated he has been working on this project for about four years. Harry, a self proclaimed "Rockologist", moved to Crest with his wife Janet shortly after the 2003 Cedar fire. He immediately saw great artistic potential in the many rocks surrounding his property and the surrounding properties in Crest. While he had a little experience with rocks from his previous home, this property had great potential to expand his efforts.

Q. Are all the rocks from your property?

While some of the rocks were from his property, the majority of stones were gathered from around the Crest area. Some of his pathways and stairs are made from recycled concrete removed from houses that had been destroyed in the fires. Residents welcomed his efforts to help clear their property and he found a great way to recycle the concrete. His neighbors have invited him to take rocks from their property after seeing his work in progress. His rocks range in size from small pebbles to 300 pounders.

Q. Do you have a master design?

A "No. each design is spontaneous. It's like a puzzle, you never know where each design will take you. It's not only a hobby, but a great stress releaser. I can use my artistic interpretation to achieve the end result. I find it not only therapeutic but spiritual, allowing me to use the great resources that God gave me."

When asking Harry when his project would be completed, he stated he has no end in sight. The project is ever-changing and is all about the beautification of Crest.

Additional information regarding Crest and its history can be obtained from the Crest Historical Society (CHS). CHS is always looking for new members. There is one general meeting a year. A monthly workshop meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Library. Members receive ECHOES, the newsletter, 4 times a year. For information call Dorothy Miller 444-0968.





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The Dangers of Wildfire Amnesia

By Marsha Larson, Fire Marshall, San Miguel Fire Protection District



The Dangers of Wildfire Amnesia

Why would the residents of Crest want to be educated about a Wildland Fire? Because the Cedar Fire burned through their community 5 years ago!

All residents need to understand the importance of defensible space to survive the effects of another wildland fire. All vegetation is flammable to some degree, and the intensity and speed at which it burns, depends upon many factors. Fires love heavy growth of flammable vegetation combined with low humidity, high winds, high temperatures and steep slopes. Crest still has the potential to have all these factors combine at the same time during a Santa Ana event. I saw a considerable amount of non-fire resistive trees, including conifers, pepper trees, eucalyptus, cypress, pine, junipers, non-maintained Mexican fan palms, and acacia species. These are the type of plants that dry with the convection heat before the actual flame arrives. When too dry, they literally explode when the flame passes through.

Plants and shrubs can increase or decrease the wildfire risk to your home, depending on type, placement and care. Overgrown and dry vegetation can be ignited by flying embers, which increases the risk of additional fires starting in the community. A minimum of 100 feet of defensible space is needed. By providing 100 feet of defensible space around your home, you are greatly affecting the ability of firefighters to safely defend your home. Defensible space can be effectively created in zones.

The first 30 to 40 feet from your home – Zone 1 – The Most Critical Area: we call this the “Lean, Clean and Green Zone.” Your most intensive efforts should take place in the first 40 feet, as this is where the fire leaps from vegetation to the structure. It also provides a “defensible space,” where firefighters can take a stand against a fire without endangering their lives. If firefighters must choose between protecting a structure with very little defensible space, and one with a good clearing, they will choose the one with more space every time. In order to obtain a defensible space for your home follow these guidelines:

- Create a “lean, clean, green” area by using fire-resistant, irrigated landscaping in the first 40 feet around your home. These plants must be maintained year-round. Fire-resistant plants typically have the following characteristics: grow close to the ground; have a low sap or resin content; do not accumulate dead branches, needles or leaves, and are easily maintained and drought-tolerant.¹
- Non fire-resistive trees should be a minimum of 30 feet from any combustible structure measured from the tree’s drip line at maturity (the outer circumference – where the rain falls from the edge of the tree). Even fire resistive trees should have at least 10 feet from the tree’s drip line to structures.
- Remove all plant materials from the roof and rain gutters. Burning debris can fall directly on your roof, in gutters, or enter your home through chimneys or vents.
- Remove dead, weak or diseased trees from your property, particularly in heavily wooded areas. This can

improve growing conditions for existing trees and help remove fire hazards.

- Limit planting of large unbroken masses – especially trees and large shrubs. Groups should be two to three trees maximum, with mature foliage of any group separated horizontally by at least 10 feet, if planted on less than a 20 percent slope, and 20 feet, if planted on greater than a 20 percent slope. The goal is to have sporadic vegetation to slow down a fire, its flame length and intensity. Do not completely remove natural vegetation. If cutting back natural vegetation is needed to achieve desired plant spacing, you should cut back no more than six inches above the ground. Removal of all vegetation may cause soil erosion and habitat destruction.
- Trim lower tree branches at least six feet off the ground, even if there is no ground vegetation below. Burning needles and twigs lying on the ground can ignite low growing tree branches.
- If shrubs are located underneath a tree’s drip line, the lowest branch should be at least three times as high as the understory shrubs or 10 feet, whichever is greater. Separation between trees and shrubs is necessary to avoid creating a “fire ladder” from which the fire can easily ignite from ground vegetation and spread into the tree’s branches.
- Existing trees should be pruned 10 feet away from roof, eave, or exterior siding, depending on the tree’s physical or flammable characteristics and the building construction features.
- All tree branches and palm fronds should be removed within 10 feet of a fireplace chimney or outdoor barbecue.

Please do not overlook combustible material such as wood piles, palm-leaf palapas, awnings, wood fences, wooden decks and outbuildings. Outdoor structures such as storage sheds and gazebos and others listed above, can catch fire easily when constructed with combustible materials. If connected directly to your home, fences made with combustible material can also threaten your home. In order to ensure defensible space from combustible structures outside your home follow these guidelines from www.wildfirezone.org:

- Move combustible wooden structures, such as storage sheds or gazebos, at least 30 feet or more away from your home. Remove unnecessary structures from your property. The closer other structures are to your home, the greater fire hazard they present.
- Use non-combustible materials for roofs and siding, particularly if a structure must be located close to your home.
- Use non-combustible materials or thicker lumber for fences and gates attached to your home and for fences on the lot line. Fences constructed of combustible materials present a greater fire hazard the closer they are to your home. Avoid using combustible materials in fencing within ten feet of your home.
- Keep the bottom of fence boards clear of leaves and debris. These materials can accumulate and ignite from ember exposure. Maintain and water nearby vegetation and

climbing vines on your fence. Dead vegetation can easily ignite.

- Stack firewood at least 50 feet from your home and clear combustible vegetation within ten feet of a firewood pile. Burning embers can easily ignite a firewood stack and endanger your home, particularly if stacked next to the house.

- Do not store firewood stacks in an uphill location from your home. A burning firewood stack can fall apart, roll down a hill and ignite your home.

Brush Management in Zone 2 is the remaining 60 feet from your structure and is usually comprised of natural vegetation. Often Zone 2 doesn't have permanent irrigation. In order to obtain a defensible space in Zone 2, follow these guidelines:

- Grasses should be mowed or shortened with a weed whacker.
- Thin and prune brush. Remove as much of the dead wood as you can.
- Prune tall vegetation like chaparral by cutting and shaping large plants into "umbrellas." This means pruning away the lower branches (about half) of plants over 2 feet high to create umbrella-shaped canopies. If you can, it's a good idea to prune the lower branches of all larger plants. This allows you to see and deal with what is growing underneath. Do not prune the tops of plants, just the lower branches. This keeps the plant healthy and the shade from the plant canopy reduces weed and plant growth underneath.
- Thin the entire Zone 2 area. This means cutting down on more than 50% of the plants over 2 feet high to a height of 6 inches, and may include some of the plants you pruned as described above. Don't go any lower than 6 inches so the roots remain to control soil erosion. The goal is to create a

"mosaic" or more natural look, so do your cutting in a "staggered" pattern.

- Dispose of the cuttings and dead wood by either hauling it to a landfill; or, place in the lawn clipping recycle bin for your trash company, or by chipping/mulching it on-site and spreading it out in the Zone 2 area to a depth of not more than 6 inches.

- Prune the area annually because plants will grow back. You can also "nip it in the bud" by rubbing out the buds on plants in the spring to keep from having to prune and thin so often.

In the right weather conditions Crest can very well be involved in another conflagration fire. If this happens, most likely there will not be enough fire apparatus to serve every home in the area. Resources are still limited. In this day firefighters must perform "Wildfire Triage." In a major disaster sometimes doctors must make quick decisions on who can be saved and who has the greatest chance of surviving. Present day firefighters sometimes face the same dilemma. The question is asked, "Does my team have a real fighting chance to save that home? Can we move in and fight this fire or is the home already doomed and any attempt would simply cost lives?"

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Under State law (Proposition 8) a temporary reduction in assessed value can be made when the market value falls below the assessed value. Once reduced, the Assessor's Office must then annually review the value of the property. When the property values increase, the assessed value will also be increased but no higher than the original assessed value (plus the annual CPI increase, not to exceed 2% as required by Proposition 13).

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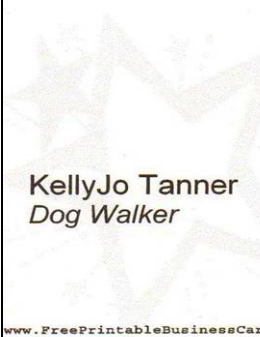








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Crest Fire Safe Council

By Kandhy Franklin-Collins

The month of October was busy for the Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC.) Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC) hosted a symposium at the Crest Clubhouse for 30 of the Fire Safe Councils. The purpose was to network with the 14 agencies that will be involved with grants that were received. A presentation was also given by SDG&E regarding their "Fire Plan".

The Grants Clearing House discussed their method of funding the grants and the sequence of the grant process. The fire agencies working with the Council and Grant Clearing House talked about their individual concerns and issues.

CFSC received a \$208,000 grant for fuel reduction and education. The first steps in implementing this grant are 1) biological studies 2) contacting home owners who consistently have a fire threat on our perimeters, and 3) filing for a 501©3 for the CFSC. This is an 18 month grant for us. While we are in the middle of this grant, the Council will be writing other grants to keep the fuel reduction efforts going.

A second grant was funded and completed this month. This grant, from the Greater Fire Safe Council, worked on "special needs" fuel reduction with the Alpha Project. The target property was the Hawkins property across from South Lane Park. The Alpha project cleared brush on the perimeter of the 4 acres. This was a small grant, but one that will make a big difference this fire season.

CFSC is writing additional grants for RED FLAGS and poles, as well as a grant for the Crest Clubhouse to be an Incident Command Center.

A grant for large animal evacuation is also in the works. Locally, we can evacuate to Granite Hills and Gillespie Field (rather than Lakeside Rodeo grounds which gets too crowded). At a recent meeting in Descanso, San Diego Humane Society discussed their new rules and methods of responding to emergencies. Among the new rules discussed, was the method Animal Control and San Diego Humane deploy their resources and limitations placed on volunteers and owners.

At this time, CFSC will utilize One Call Now (our emergency communication system) and our email list to notify you of any animal dangers or emergencies. If you have animals that need to be trailered or moved, make sure you are on these lists. Please call 444-4996 or email crestfiresafecouncil@yahoo.com to be added to this list. We can alert you early and move animals out of harm's way rather than scramble at the last minute. We leave no animal behind!

CFSC has also been attending and hosting meetings for evacuation and evacuation routes. In Crest, we have an evacuation route on the south side of Crest, which was used during the Cedar Fire. The road will hopefully be maintained as an egress from Crest in the event of an emergency. At this time, the dirt road is not to be used except for emergencies. There is a yellow gate which is only opened by the residents who live on the road and the fire department. The use of the road will be coordinated with the San Miguel Fire District, Cal Fire, Sheriff, and Crest Fire Safe Council. All of these parties will have the ability to open the gate as needed and without permission in the event of an emergency. All agencies will also coordinate with the property owner and the County of San Diego at the Shadow Mountain/west end of the road to insure that the gate strategy works at both ends. Because this is a dirt road, and is our only other evacuation route, CFSC has requested that Cal-Fire begin the studies and paperwork that needs to be in place for the road to be maintained by them, not the residents. Both San Miguel and Cal-Fire need a letter of support for this project in order for it to be on a priority list of Cal-Fire. Please support help us to support this.

The CFSC also assisted Farmers and San Miguel in handing out DVD's and CDs on preparing you and your home for evacuation as well as listing your personal property. Over 10,000 of these were handed out in the fire prone areas. Next year, Farmer's is expecting to take the plan county wide. Please watch the DVD and look at the CD. You can do a little at a time to make yourself safer than yesterday! Farmer's and San Miguel are also sending out surveys to see what you thought of the campaign. Take a minute, fill them out and mail them.

In addition to what has been done, the CFSC will be hosting Town Hall Meetings to demonstrate new and less expensive products to protect your home, gardening that is Firewise, and items to assist getting ready for the next firestorm. Thank you for your support.

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Critters in Crest

Red-Tailed Hawks

By Stanley A. Shelton

This past year we have seen one, and sometimes two red-tailed hawks flying over the open spaces out back of our house. It is easy to see the red tail with the sun shining through it when they are soaring. Males and females fly together during courtship in spring, otherwise, they soar to patrol their territory which ranges from ½ square mile to 2 square miles.

Red-tails, *Buteo jamaicensis* can be found from Alaska to

Labrador in the North, and from Florida and Central America in the south. They inhabit deserts, grasslands, the edges of forests, agricultural fields and urban areas. They are protected in Canada, Mexico and the United States by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

There is sexual *dimorphism* in size, meaning that the females are 25% to 30% larger than males, as it is with most *raptors* (birds of prey). Males weigh from 1 ½ lbs to 3 lbs and measure 18 to 22 inches in height when perched or standing. But the female weighs from 2 to 4.4 lbs and is 20 to 26 inches in height. Their wingspan ranges from 43 inches to 57 inches. This is a large bird!

Red-tailed hawks normally mate for life, unless one mate dies. Most don't live more than two years due to disease, inexperience or other calamity. 5% live longer, and usually if they reach five years, they could live as long as 21 years in the wild. The oldest known in captivity lived to 29 ½ years.

They build their nests 13 to 70 feet up in trees, or on cliffs, 115 feet up or higher. Nests are made of twigs and lined with bark, corn cobs, husks, pine needles and other plant material. They can be 28 to 38 inches in diameter and up to three feet high. The same nest is used year after year. They add to it, or repair it as necessary.



Photo by Scot Campbell

After mating, the female lays one to five eggs, averaging three eggs with two hatchlings usually surviving. The eggs are about 2.4 x 1.9 inches and are speckled or blotched with brown. The eggs are incubated by both parents, but mostly by the female. Incubation is 28 to 30 days. The chicks hatch over two to four days. When they hatch, they are covered with white down and are brooded by the mother for 42 to 46 days. The father feeds the mother and chicks during this time, after which the chicks molt and then leave the nest within ten days or so.

Red-tailed hawk colors can vary depending on region and subspecies. These are called *morphs*, meaning differences in color: dark, light, and the in-between colors are called rufous.

Some red-tailed hawks don't even have red tail feathers, but all are generally darker on the top, lighter on the underside with a dark brown band across the belly. Young red-tails don't have the brick-red tail feathers until after their second molt and their irises are yellow, changing to the reddish-brown of adult-hood between one to three years of age when they mature sexually and start to reproduce.

These birds help us out by feeding on small rodents. Their diet consists of mice, voles, lizards, snakes and even rabbits. They also likely feed on the quail here.

They have been labeled "chicken hawks", though it is extremely rare that they prey on domestic chickens. They haven't touched ours!

The red-tailed hawk is captured and used as a hunting bird in falconry. Its use as a falconer is tightly regulated at the state and federal levels. There are fewer than 4,000 falconers in the US, statistically an insignificant number.

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Crest Kiwanis

By Linda Chase, Vice President

Crest Kiwanis has installed their new officers and looks forward to assisting with projects in our community this year. In October we will be sending two 8th graders from Greenfield Middle School to Key leadership camp in Julian. We also hope to sponsor some activities with the Crest Library and Crestridge Ecological Reserve.

You are always invited to join us at our Second Saturday of the month meetings, mornings at 8:00 A.M. at the CCA building. Or give us a call at 246-4300 to send ideas our way for projects that we could help with this year. We are always looking of some good, community minded, men and women!

Thank you all for coming to our monthly breakfasts. It is always fun to meet your friends and neighbors over an extra cup of coffee and some steaming pancakes smothered in syrup. "

Kiwanis Calendar of Events
Location: Crest Clubhouse

Saturday, November 8 – General Meeting
Monday, November 24 – Board Meeting
Saturday, December 13 – General Meeting
Monday, December 22 – Board Meeting

Saturday, November 22
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By Linda Hjelle

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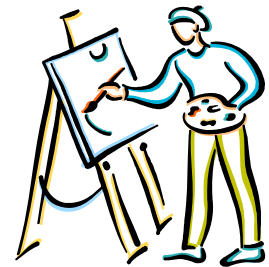
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Viernes, 5 de Diciembre, 11 AM

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Our Backyard..

CREST GARDEN CLUB NEWS:

Crest Garden Club members are continuing upkeep and plans for weeding and mulching at the clubhouse. The landscape is establishing itself beautifully.

The October 13 meeting was held at the home of garden club member, Marsha Rold. Marsha's property shares a border with Crestridge, and faces west viewing across the preserve all the way to the ocean. There was a brief meeting, and lovely breakfast, in her recently renovated, Craftsman inspired home. She took us on a tour of her property planted primarily with natives, and other drought tolerant plants and citrus, and shared with us her successes and failures with California natives, and her tips and tricks for easy drip irrigation conversions.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Sylvia Cavins. The December meeting will be held at the clubhouse, and members will bring supplies for creating succulent wreaths. The Crest Garden Club normally meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00am. Meetings are held either at the Crest Clubhouse, or a member's home. For information on Crest Garden Club activities, call Arlene Palmer at 441-0187

Hopefully, we are soon out of major fire danger. However, it is good to keep in mind that we are always under threat of fire, especially with our often dry and windy fall conditions. These tips from the Rancho Santa Fe "Shelter in Place Program" should be heeded by residents in order to maintain the safety of all of our community.

- Cut all dead plant materials, and clear debris from under plantings.
- Keep plants around the house irrigated.
- Don't plant trees right next to the house.
- Check fire safe plant lists for low fuel plantings.
- Check your home for gaps, and vents which can allow ember penetration, and repair or upgrade.
- Keep native vegetation thinned and lightly irrigated in summer.
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South Lane Park E-Crest-ians

By Kandhy Franklin-Collins



South Lane Park is getting ready to spread more dirt thanks to **Luna Construction!** They have been such a great partner to our community. Luna

Construction has donated over 60 loads of dirt to the park to eliminate the "mud pit" we get when it rains. You can find their company at the bottom of the hill. Come on out for a relaxing afternoon or morning of weed whacking, getting the arena winterized, and sharing a lunch. The park needs some tender loving care, and there are no park funds to help. Ian, and Gene, from parks, and Jeff Stenmoe help us out every once in awhile, but we need to do our share. Call 44-CREST to volunteer.



We have just signed the park agreement, which is the next step of many, to get the approval for a bathroom and announcer's booth at South Lane Park. While County Parks is reviewing the document, Fire Safe Council, Friends of Crest, and E-Crest-Rians will be getting insurance. The question has been raised as to why? The park is self-insured. Until we get the answer from County Counsel, we will pursue getting the insurance. If you are one of those that walk through or around the park who would appreciate a bathroom,



would you let the Department of Parks know? That might help the process.

We had a **Fun Show**, which had a very low attendance, so the volunteers (thanks to all of you) had a brainstorming session instead.

There were many ideas that were discussed, but we would like to hear from you. As you know, horse folks are a loose knit group who have many different interests and are many different ages. Would you take the time to email either Jan Rosander: rednasor@myway.com, or Kandhy Franklin: kandhyfranklin@cox.net and let us know what events you would like to have. What kinds of rides, where you would like to ride or camp, do you have a trailer or would you share, would you do pot luck meetings, group rides, seminars, health clinics, training offers with special folks, actual horse shows, trail trials, poker rides, or start a 4-H club? How about orienteering, forming a drill team or square dancing on horseback?

One of the key ideas that we discussed was communication. We thought we would use sawhorses around different sections of Crest putting up our contact information as well as the event that will be happening. Our first events would be group rides. It will be posted where we will be riding. We might be riding once a month on the North Side with lunch. The next month we might be a riding on the South side. This way we can meet and network with each other. **Did you know there are over 400 horses in Crest?** What are we doing with them? With our busy schedule, there is bound to be someone to ride with that we didn't know.

Safety was another issue we discussed. An idea was to post yellow signs with horse crossing on them throughout the community, plus go to the traffic advisory and ask for a light that flashes when you push the button. Maybe this will slow the traffic down and keep us safe. Lastly, trails were mentioned. We have some great folks in Crest who have GPS'ed the trails. We can place them on a map and post it to the web site.

Is there any interest in taking one day a month to work two to three hours on a trail? Let us know.



During our recent Fun Show, one of the entrants was in the costume contest division. After the "bumble bee" did his showing off, he went over to mom to get a snack. This little guy "Liberty" is a 4 months old Friesian-quarter cross and belongs to Denise and James. The Sire is a Friesian mothered by Sandy and Rick Draper.



LET'S MEET NOVEMBER 12TH AT 7PM, HAVE S'MORES, AND DISCUSS WHAT'S NEXT. PLEASE RSVP 444-4996 TO GIVE A HEAD COUNT. ALL ARE WELCOME. NOVEMBER 22 AT 9AM IS A GROUP RIDE ON THE NORTH SIDE. MEET AT CRESTRIDGE'S OPENING OFF HORSEMILL.





Diane Jacob Speaks Out

County May Weed Out Thirsty Landscaping On All New Construction

With San Diegans facing water rationing in the near future, the County of San Diego may soon mandate drought-tolerant and fire-resistant landscaping for all new construction projects in the unincorporated area.

At the request of Vice Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to consider stricter landscape requirements that would swap thirsty vegetation with varieties that use less water and can slow the spread of fire. A report is due back in the spring. "Some 60 percent of residential water usage goes toward watering our yards," said Jacob. "By requiring water-wise and fire-wise landscaping, the County can help San Diegans save water, protect homes and even save money."

Jacob praised building industry officials who supported the proposal and said businesses, residents and government need to join forces to increase water conservation.


"We are an arid region facing record drought and dwindling water supplies. The statewide water crisis is everyone's problem," Jacob said. "San Diegans are already conserving and many are eager to do more. Government and the private sector need to lead by example and ramp up our conservation efforts."

Last year, the County strengthened its landscaping rules to require drought-tolerant and fire-resistant landscaping at new County projects.

SUNRISE POWERLINK

Recent recommendations confirm what experts have warned from the start. Despite SDG&E's claims, the line is not needed to meet the state's renewable mandate. I commended the ALJ for shining a light on this scam. The suggested route still results in a costly, hulking, wildfire-waiting-to-happen that will be outmoded before it's even built. Southeastern San Diego County is already home to a 500 kV line that had to be shut down during the Harris Fire last year. In terms of safety, reliability and costs, in-basin generation is cheaper, safer and more reliable than a giant extension cord across fire-prone land. SDG&E has not been as proactive as the state's other utilities when it comes to in-basin generation. I think both recommendations send a message to the utility: start promoting rooftop solar here at home instead of scarring up our Backcountry .





County Supervisor Dianne Jacob represents the people of the Second District which includes all of East County, the Ramona and Julian areas and the City of Poway. For more information contact Jennifer Stone (619) 531-4766

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Crest Community Church is holding an Open House celebrating our first 75 years Of reaching out to the Community of Crest

Saturday November 8, 2008 from 11:00 to 3:00

Please join us as we celebrate this happy occasion

BBQ Lunch

Astrojump for the kids

Photo Display

Tour our facilities to see the changes we've made so far...

Most of the activities will take place outside so dress casually

If you are unable to attend keep us in prayer as we reach out to Crest or if you have a need send us your prayer request. Also, send a greeting or share a special memory updating us on where you are and what is new in your life.

If you have any pictures, videos or movies you would like to share, please send them to the church address or email them to crestchurch@sbcglobal.net All originals will be returned.

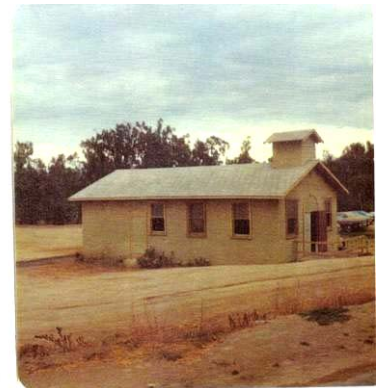
To RSVP for the BBQ lunch please call 619-442-3736 no later than October 24 and leave your name and the number of people who will sharing in our BBQ.

I thank God upon every remembrance of you. -Philippians 1:3

Crest Community Church

2198 Suncrest Blvd., El Cajon, CA 92021 phone: (619) 442-3736

Celebrating 75 years of Christian Ministry



The History of the Crest Community Church

Crest Community Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on November 8. In this time there have been twenty pastors serving the church. At present, David Wells serves as pastor.

Crest Community Church began as a Sunday school in the home of Miss Lulu Satterlund on October 22, 1933. When attendance grew too large for her home, the Sunday school was held in the Suncrest Clubhouse. In 1935 the building on the corner of Lento Lane and Madera Verde was purchased and dedicated on November 3, 1935. Sunday school was conducted weekly with an occasional preaching service until 1941. Between 1935 and 1941, the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of El Cajon assisted in supplying three pastors.



Rev. Dallas Miller was called in 1948 and served as pastor until August 1951. During Rev Miller's ministry, a new church (which is the present chapel) was built. The old church was used for Sunday school. During this time Mrs. Flannagan passed away and left her home on Eucalyptus Drive to the church, and it was used as a parsonage for while. It was later sold and the money was used to run the church.

The Suncrest Clubhouse was purchased in 1960. The existing chapel was moved across to its present location on the property at the corner of Suncrest Boulevard and Juanita Lane and used for classrooms and fellowship activities. Over the years a basement was added and more classrooms were added under the sanctuary. In the 1980s the sanctuary and offices were remodeled.

This year, the exterior of the church was painted and the exterior grounds updated to keep the facilities looking warm and inviting.

The Crest Community Church has always prided itself in the fact that "Community" is its middle name. Many organizations, including the boy scouts and girl scouts, CCA town hall meetings, local piano instructors, and the Registrar of Voters have utilized the facilities. Following the Cedar fires in 2004, the church welcomed rebuilding crews from out of state.

Pastor Dave and the congregation are a dedicated group of people who willingly and lovingly serve and worship. They are celebrating 75 years on November 8, and look forward to the next 75 years to come. "We welcome all Crest residents (and those from down the hill to) come and worship..

Come experience family time together in the streets of Bethlehem. We will have crafts, food, music and of course Jesus with Mary & Joseph.

Two nights are offered for your convenience Friday the 12th & Saturday the 13th of December from 7pm-9pm. For more information please call Crest Community Church 442-3736 or just come to 2198 Suncrest Blvd.

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Remembering our Crest Friends



Donald Forthun

July 11, 1937 –
October 2, 2008

Long time Crest resident, Donald

Forthun passed away October 2 after an extended illness. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 11 at the new Crest Community Clubhouse.

Donald was born in Fort Ripley, Minnesota, one of 13 children. He moved with his family to Alhambra, CA where there he met and married Virginia, his wife of 52 years.

Donald is survived by his wife Virginia, two sons, Mark Forthun of San Diego, and Kenny Homan of Lakeside, CA, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His daughter, Deanna Forthun of Idaho passed away in 2007.

Donald and Virginia moved to Crest in 1971. He worked as a carpenter for Bingham Construction for most of his career. Donald volunteered with the Crest Volunteer Fire Station from 1973 until it was disbanded. He was an involved community member helping with many fundraisers for the Clubhouse and was and the local horse group. Donald built the original announcer's booth for South Lane Park, which was refurbished from the old library building. The booth later burned down in the 1970 Crest fire. Virginia and Donald also lost their home to the Cedar Fire and rebuilt.

Virginia would like to thank the Kiwanis, the CCA and the community of Crest for a lifetime of kindness and support.

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9	10 Sub-Regional Planning Group – 7:00 pm – Harbison Canyon Garden Club 10:00 –Sylvia Cavins	11 – No School- Crest CCA Board 5:30 pm.	12 7:00 PM – Ecrestrian Mtg Clubhouse	13 – Coffee w/ Diane Jacobs 8:30-10:30 San Miguel Fire Board 7PM	14	15 – Crest Farmer’s Market and Craft Show 8-12 - Clubhouse
16	17 – Deadline for gift boxes – Crest Church.	18 Library – 6:30 Ventriloquist Joe Handlemean CCA Meeting 7PM Clubhouse	19	20 – Deadline for Crest Sun for Jan/Feb	21	22 - Kiwanis Breakfast 8:30- 10:30 clubhouse 9:00 am – Group Ride-Ecrestrians
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