



## Newsletter for Crest

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Number 4

Do you know how difficult it is to write about Santa when the temperature has been 90 degrees for the past month? But here we are starting to get ready for the holidays.



I hope you had an opportunity to stop by the Marie's Painters juried art show held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have some very talented artists coming to Crest to

paint. The group invites local painters to join them on their every other Thursday morning gatherings. Email Jackie Grace for more information at [mamma3@cox.net](mailto:mamma3@cox.net).

Did you attend the October 18<sup>th</sup> Crest Community potluck? There were some great dishes to sample as well as fun fall activities for kids including pumpkin painting, cupcake decorating, and face painting.

There was sad news in our community recently as we lost two of Crest's finest residents – Bill Jenkins (page 19) and Mikey Brown (page 20.) We send their families our heartfelt condolences.

Dave Silva continues to fill the clubhouse with his delightful music nights. Plan to attend the upcoming Saturday, November 14 gathering at the clubhouse. The setting is casual; bring or buy your favorite drink, and have a Saturday evening of entertainment right in your own community. (see page 9)

There are two festive holiday community happenings scheduled and I hear Santa plans on attending both. The Crest Community Association will once again be sponsoring Santa Night at the clubhouse on December 18 from 6:00 -7:30 pm. See page 9 for details. The Kiwanis has invited Santa to their holiday breakfast scheduled for December 12. Both events will delight the kids and be great photo opportunities for the parents. Everyone is invited!

Looking for more holiday festivities? Sprinkled throughout this issue are dates and locations for upcoming parades and festivals in the county.

Do you appreciate our Crest stores and eateries on the hill? I certainly do! Mark at Rainbow Market stocks my very favorite ice cream (I'm not telling you what kind or you will buy it all!) While watching the super moon the other night, we ordered the most yummy pepperoni pizza from Crest Foods. It was hot, fresh, cheesy, and reasonably priced! Then to my great delight, the Romero family bought Gabriel's Mexican food and is serving authentic delicious Mexican cuisine on the hill. Life is getting better by the day! I hope all Crest residents appreciate these services and will check out and support our retail family on the hill. Each store is friendly, accommodating, and they love us too!

Finally, don't forget to check page 2 for many upcoming programs at the Crest Library.

Pictured below: Caylee, Cameron, Rihanna



Face painting at the CCA potluck dinner



Thank you Risa!

## Crest Branch Library

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

**November/December  
2015**

## Library Hours

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

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Story-time Fridays at 10:30 am Bilingual Story-time Thursdays at 3:00 pm

### TEEN PROGRAMS

Video Game Fun! Daily

**Chess Club!** Have you always wanted to learn how to play chess or improve your chess skills? Players of all levels are welcome to do so every first and third Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm.

**FAMILY EVENTS:** Crafts Fridays at 3:00 pm

**NUTRI-FRIDAY** the first and third Friday of the month at 12:00 pm Sponsored by Crest Kiwanis

### INDIVIDUAL BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

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

**IN-STITCHES SEWING CLUB** Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

## November

**3<sup>rd</sup> Travel Program:** Travel Safe/Travel Smart  
@ 6pm



**6<sup>th</sup> Glass Etching craft:** Bring your own glass  
@ 3pm

**10<sup>th</sup> Zovargo Animal Show**  
@ 6pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Shrinky Dink craft:** @ 3pm



**17<sup>th</sup> One Book One San Diego:** Crest Elementary Coyote Hill  
@ 11:30pm



**11<sup>th</sup> Library will be closed:** Veterans Day

**17<sup>th</sup> Basic Conversational Spanish:** Learn or improve your Spanish.  
@ 5:30pm

**20<sup>th</sup> Fuse Beads craft:** @ 3pm

**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Library will be Closed:** Happy Thanksgiving Day



**27<sup>th</sup> Wire Sculptures craft:** @ 3pm

## December

**4<sup>th</sup> Scrapbooking:** Bring your own pictures  
@ 3pm

**11<sup>th</sup> Friendship Bracelets craft:** @3pm

**12<sup>th</sup> Holiday Photo Booth:**  
12-2pm

**18<sup>th</sup> Knitting:** @ 3pm

**19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Photo Booth:**  
12-2pm

**24<sup>th</sup> Card Making craft:**  
@ 3pm

**25<sup>th</sup> Library will be Closed:**



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

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# Crest Contacts

<b>Crest Community Contacts</b>		
Crest Community Assn.	David Burnight	444-7660
Crest Community Church nscrest@gmail.com	Kerri Lambert	442-3736
Crest Black Board (Call Mary if you do not get callback from Kathy in 24 hours)	Kathy Mary	440-6097 447-7199
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Crest Garden Club <a href="mailto:Rold@sbcglobal.net">Rold@sbcglobal.net</a>	Arlene Palmer Marsha	441-0187
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E-Crest-rians	Kandhy Franklin	444-4996
St. Louise Church <a href="mailto:stlouiseparish@cox.net">stlouiseparish@cox.net</a> ;	Father Burnia	444-3076
Sub-Regional Planning. <a href="mailto:wrplanning@gmail.com">wrplanning@gmail.com</a>	Judy Bowen	44 0-0783
<b>Help Lines</b>		
Child Abuse Hot line	(800)	344-6000
Highway Patrol: Traffic Related Abandoned Vehicles	(858) (619)	637-3800 441-4264
Emergencies Sheriff (non-emergency) Alpine Station Licensing Division	Dispatch (858) (619) (858)	911 565-5200 659-2600 974-2020
San Miguel Fire Dst Crest Fire Office Public Info Officer Fire Chief www.smgfire.org	Business office. Burn Permits	670-0500 588-8112 660-5356 660-5359 660-5351

Adult Protective Svs	(800)	510-2020
Child Abuse Hot Line	(800)-334-6000	
Animal Control	(760)	438-2312
Auto Repair, Bureau	(800)	952-5210
Border Patrol	(619)	662-7321
CALTRANS	(619)	688-6785
Code Enforcement	(858)	571-7723
Contractor's Board	(Fraud) (800)	321-2752
Crime Stoppers	(619)	531-1547
FBI (telephone scam)	(858)	565-1255
Fish & Game	(951)	443-2944
Illegal Dumping	(858)	495-5143
Noise Abatement (dogs), abandoned vehicles, solid waste complaints	(858)	694-3741
Planning & Land Use	(858)	694-3741
Poison Control	(800)	876-4766
Postal Police (mail)	Mail Fraud(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
<b>Stores and Restaurants</b>		
Crest Food & Liquor	Kevin pg.10	444-8132
Gabriela's Mexican Food	Sandra pg 18	631-7530
Rainbow Farms Mrkt	Mark pg.12	444-7504
<b>Businesses</b>		
Central Heating	Charles pg 24 Collins	444-9955
Century 21	Becky pg. 24 Bucalo	760.835.9281
Glen Mitchel Realtors	Kandhy pg 22 Franklin	977-1566
Real Estate Rayna Mack	Rayna pg.21	922-2524
Kathy Kuts	Kathy pg 14	447-1945
Knox Reprographics "Printers of the Crest Sun"	pg. 17	230-6300
Mega Clean	pg 22	494-7875
Simply Marvelous Organizing	Risa pg 9 Goldberg	440-1235
Sosey Bookkeeping & Tax	Lisa pg 6 Sosey	619-806- 0844
Teach	Amy Cochran pg 14	215-962-2597
Travel MedEvac	Pat Goulart pg 24	441-4879

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## Calendar of Events November-December 2015

11/01- 11/23		PTA Crest School/Kiwanis Food Drive
11/02/15	1:00 Tuesday	Historical Society Meeting– Crest Library
11/03/15	6:00 p.m Tues	Travel Program at the Library on how to travel safe/travel smart
11/10/15	6:00 p.m.	Zavargo Animal Show
11/09/15	7:00 pm	Sub Regional Planning Group
11/11/15	5:30	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
11/12/15	6:30	Kiwanis Board Meeting
11/14/15	6:30-9:00 pm	Music Night with Silva/Baird
11/19/15	6:00 pm	CCA Board Meeting -Clubhouse
11/16/15	6-8 pm	Kiwanis Membership General Meeting @ Clubhouse – All Invited
12/01-12/21		PTA Crest School/Kiwanis Toy Drive
12/01/15	1:00 pm	Historical Society Mtg – Library
12/09/15	5:30	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting
12/10/15	6:30 pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
12/12/15	8-10 a.m	Kiwanis Holiday Breakfast at the Clubhouse
12.14/15	7:00 pm	Sub Regional Planning Group – Crest Clubhouse
12/21/15	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Membership Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse
12/17/15	6:00 Thurs	CCA Board Meeting - Clubhouse
12/18/15	6:00-7:30	Santa Night at the Clubhouse
12-12-15	8-10 am	Kiwanis Holiday Breakfast
12/24/15	6:30	Christmas Eve Service at Crest Community Church
Don't forget: Crest Community Association membership drive starts for the 2016 year. (see page 11)		

### UPCOMING EAST COUNTY WINTER FESTIVALS

**69th Annual Mother Goose Parade** –November 21 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

<http://www.mgpelcajon.com/>

**Julian Country Christmas and Tree Lighting** - Pioneer Park – Nov. 28

2811 Washington St Julian, CA 92036

<http://www.julianca.com/Country-Christmas.html>

**Alpine Village Christmas Parade of Lights** – December 4, 6:30 p.m.

<http://www.alpinechamber.com/VendorBooth>







## Crest Tidbits:

Do you have a Crest Tidbit? Email [editor@thecrestsun.com](mailto:editor@thecrestsun.com) or leave a message at 619-517-9838.

### Best Wishes Karen and Kevin Nelson

We are so sorry to see our Crest friends, Karen and Kevin Nelson pack up their car and move to South Dakota. They are opening a new chapter of their lives and relocating to the area where they both grew up! We will miss you and thank you for all your volunteer efforts in our community. Karen was an active member of the Crest Kiwanis. Don't forget to come back and visit.

### A Friendly Reminder

I am somewhat new to Crest and I am so happy to live in a horse friendly community! I truly love it here! That being said, I have recently had a few instances where drivers on the paved roads are not yielding to horses or slowing down to pass. I have to walk my horse a short distance on the main road near the library to reach the dirt roads leading to the arena and round pen. If I could avoid the main roads I would just for safety reasons alone. In the last instance I was motioning the driver of the oncoming car to slow down by lowering my hand deliberately and repeatedly and he didn't even acknowledge or slow down. Luckily my horse was not startled and nothing happened, but if he had come from behind, it could have caused a serious accident. Thank you so much!

Caitie Corella, Crest, CA

### Haggen's Store Closing

I spoke with some employees at Haggen's Store on Broadway in El Cajon. I assumed that the employees would have a job somewhere else. Some are applying to other stores- but it is seniority based, and they are not getting the same pay. Others have no jobs lined up. It is such a sad situation for them. There will be a lot of people without a job-- losing health benefits too. They will be laid off right before Thanksgiving. She told me that no offers have come in for another store to open in their location. If Stater Brothers would come in at that location, some employees could stay, and we would have a decent grocery store nearby. Maybe we can spread the word and call or email Stater Brothers telling them we would like to see them in our area.

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301 S. Tippecanoe Ave. San Bernardino, CA 92408  
Thank you.  
Dawn Gaut, El Cajon

### Please Respect Property Lines

A reminder to homeowners. Simple common sense is all that is needed. A survey tells where your property ends, and engineers will help to not flood or cause harm to other people's lives; vehicles, homes and property. Don't forget to get proper permits. For code compliance, contact Ms. Molly Throop @ San Diego code compliance at 858-571-7723.

S. Cheek, Crest, CA

### Only in Crest!

*Did you read this day long conversation on Next Door Crest a few days ago? Here are a few humorous excerpts.*

**Sarah S:** Urgent Alert! There is a loose cow in Nancy Jane Park. She kind of sounds like a dinosaur.

**Tim T:** So, I wasn't hearing things last night.. Phewwwwww!

**Chris M.** It's our cow and she is still loose and missing. Last seen between Lilac and the grade. She is a small (700lb) black dexter. Please advise if you see her or hear a loud moo! Thank you



**Kandhy:** I called the Fire Department and they thought I said "chow", not cow. The fire department is herding her back home.

**Chris:** We have our cow back home safely. She made it to Harbison Canyon road across from the feed store. Janette was correct about her heading toward Crest Mtn. Thank you neighbors for all your help!



### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy Winners**

Congratulations to one of the many July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade trophy winners:  
Natalie and Valerie Chavarin and Jim Weselis.



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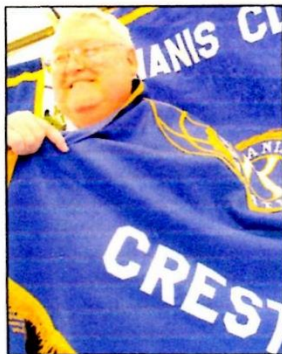
## Crest Kiwanis – 2005-2015

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—KIWANIS  NEWS—

## Out of the ashes

Many of the charter members of the new Kiwanis Club of Crest lost their homes in the 2003 San Diego-area firestorm.



Charter Kiwanis club President, Andy Knutson, above, wraps himself in the Crest club's new banner after unfurling it at the June 25 charter brunch. Don Halte, above right, stands on the foundation of the former Community Center. "We will rebuild it," Halte said.



It started with —of all things—a pancake breakfast. It ended with the creation of one of Cal-Nev-Ha's grittiest clubs, the Kiwanis Club of Crest.

In October 2003, wildfires devoured 30 percent of San Diego County, destroying nearly 3,000 houses and uprooting entire communities.

The Cedar Fire, as it was known, raced through the little mountain community of Crest, located on the outskirts of El Cajon.

On June 25, 2005, about 60 people gathered for a Kiwanis charter brunch held outdoors in a recently replanted flower garden next to an empty house foundation. Fifty feet away still lies the bare foundation of what was the town's community center.

"This was a blue-class, blue-collar community, and prior to the fire, most people didn't really know their neighbors," said Ken Umbarger, Division 31 lieutenant governor and member of the Spring

Valley Club. "But Mother Nature has a strange way of bringing people together."

People who lost their homes were moved to various evacuation centers, including Qualcomm Stadium. In the spirit of "Kiwanis going out there and doing things," Umbarger mused, Spring Valley member John Thompson headed to the stadium, bringing with him an old pancake griddle he rescued from Bob's Big Boy.

They were down there serving pancakes to people long before the Red Cross even got involved." Umbarger recalled.

It wasn't long before then Lt. Gov. Oscar Knight was rallying the entire division to help any way it could in Crest.

"We had representatives in both Crest and Harbison Canyon every day. I would receive a phone call at 8.a.m. about what the needs in that community were," Knight said. "It would be broadcast to the 17 clubs in the division and by 2



p.m. we would have those needs there – computers, desks, gas cans, boots, cakes, pots and pans, you name it.”

Umbarger collected two-burner stoves, going to every Wal-Mart he could find so that people had a way of cooking food and heating water.

“The community got used to having Kiwanis as a resource,” Umbarger said. “Oscar Knight was going to Crest every day both before and after work, and the clubs of Division 31 responded to this.

Fast forward to May 2004 when Umbarger sat down with division growth chairman Roy Talley at Bass Lake.

“I told Roy I had a location where we can build a club, but we have to wait until it’s ready,” Umbarger said. By February, Andy Knutson, a La Mesa Kiwanian who Umbarger described as “the eyes and ears” of Crest for several weeks after the fire, and Don Halte, Grossmont-Heartland Kiwanian who lost his home in the fire, reported that there were 12 “wannabe” Kiwanians in Crest.

And in May 2005 on a lot recently replanted with grass and flowers and surrounded by empty home

pads and partially rebuilt homes, the Kiwanis Club of Crest chartered with 29 members led by President Andy Knutson. “About 10 to 15 percent of the members still aren’t back in their homes,” Umbarger said.

In June, the new Kiwanis Club of Crest proudly sponsored a K-Kids club at Crest Elementary School.

“We saw a need up there to get their minds off their own troubles,” Knight said., “That club just blossomed at an unbelievable level.”

The 40 K-Kids members, in fact, have recorded more than 600 service hours in their own rebuilding community.

“These are the kids who were burned out of their homes.” Umbarger said.

As for the Crest club, it’s grown to 34 members since June 25.

“The people there were well aware of what Kiwanis was doing in the community,” Knight said. “As people got back on their feet, they saw what we were doing and really felt a need to join with Kiwanis.”



# CREST KIWANIS

**The Crest Kiwanis Mission: To enhance the lives of children and maintain the small town, family oriented atmosphere sought by Crest Residents.**

If you are interested in joining this great organization that “Grew Out of The Ashes of the Cedar Fire”, contact any one of its members at any of the club activities listed below or contact [acknutson@cox.net](mailto:acknutson@cox.net) and/or 619-442-3349.

### **Kiwanis’ Service Projects include:**

- Sponsorship of youth service groups at Crest Elementary (K-kids) and Greenfield Middle School (Builder’s Club), and monthly recognition for the “terrific kids” program at Crest Elementary.
- Community Events: monthly breakfasts, holiday food baskets for families in Crest, clothing and food drives for needy families, helping out at the 4th of July event annually, and assisting at the annual Kiwanis Track Meet for special needs athletes.
- Partnering and providing support to the following groups: Crest PTA, Crest Community Association, Earth Discovery Institute, The Burn Institute, Ronald McDonald House, Rady’s Children’s Hospital, and the El Cajon Recreation Department for after school programs for kids.
- Supplementing Crest School and the Crest County Library with supplies and equipment.

### **November Calendar**

Nov 1-23 – PTA Crest School/Kiwanis Food Drive.  
Nov 12 - 6:30 pm – Kiwanis Board Meeting  
Nov 16 :6-8 pm – Kiwanis General Meeting

### **December Calendar**

Dec 1-21 – PTA Crest School/Kiwanis Toy Drive.  
Dec 10 12 - 6:30 pm – Kiwanis Board Meeting  
Dec 12 8-10 am Kiwanis Breakfast/Christmas  
Dec 21 :6-8 pm – Kiwanis General Meeting





**Santa is coming to the  
Crest Clubhouse!  
*Talk to Santa Night*  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30**

Come on by the Clubhouse for a festive evening with Santa.  
Bring a dessert for the dessert buffet. CCA will provide the drinks.

Don't forget your camera for a great family picture with Santa.

Santa will arrive by fire truck between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Music                      Face Painting                      Friends



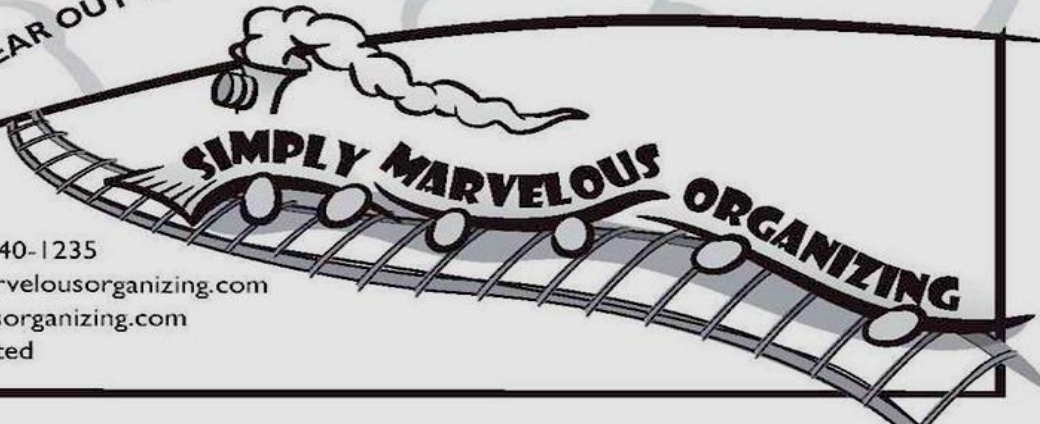
**Music Night at the Clubhouse  
Silva and Baird and Special Guests  
November 14, 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

There will be a \$2 donation to CCA, a box to donate for snacks and drinks or BYOSW  
(Bring Your Own Sensible Whatever) and have a wonderful time.  
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# Crest Community Association

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## **Membership Drive for 2016 year. Are You a Member?**

This month and December, CCA members are being asked to renew their support, and all other residents of Crest are invited to join the Community Association for the 2016 year. Belonging is the most direct way of supporting what the Association does for all of us: Introducing new residents to Crest, with material about the history, the organizations here, the fire precautions, and the Crest neighborhood spirit. It manages the clubhouse by the park, available for all kinds of gatherings. It holds meetings about urgent issues. It is really the civic heart of Crest. We hope you will join today. For more information, call Dave at 444-7660.

### **A Note from the editor**

A few of our CCA volunteer heroes have stepped up recently to help the association in special ways:

- Thank you Bernie Burnworth for the hours you spent working on the CCA grounds, fixing the sprinkler system, trimming the bushes, and hauling away items. Additional thanks go to Wayne Johansen, and Jocelyn Cowles for continually showing up to help with the maintenance and weeding of the grounds.
- A big thanks to Jackie Grace for her countless hours spent overseeing the rentals of the CCA building. This is a big job and takes many hours a month. Also a thanks to Tom Grace for his assistance.
- A big thank you to the CCA Board – David Burnight, Kevin Wadhams, Casie Bartel, Jen Coates, and Kandhy Franklin for planning many fun events, dinners, welcoming new neighbors, and coordinating meetings as needed for the good of the Crest community.
- Thank you Risa Goldberg for volunteering your services face painting - making many little children happy.
- Thank you David and Denise Silva and friends for hosting music in our community. It puts smiles on our faces.
- Thanks to my proofing crew for the Crest Sun: Carol Gilmore, Kathy Fiedor, Chris Seebold, Linda Chase, Kandhy Franklin. Thanks to Karin Weiss for proofing, posting and maintaining thecrestsun.com website. And, of course a big thanks to the many article contributors – you are super!
- Thanks to the CCA and especially Kevin for handling the banking issues related to our newsletter.
- Thanks to Kathy Fiedor and Mary Robinson for putting messages on our community blackboard.

I know there are many more champions out there. These are just a few I ran into recently. Do you want to participate in our community? Give David a call at 444-7660 and he will find that special place just for you.

Remember, member or not, all Crest residents are invited to participate in Crest happenings. I hope to meet you at the next Kiwanis breakfast, CCA dinner, Santa Night, the Crest community Christmas Eve service, or the Crest Library presentations.

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### **CCA Membership form:**

Send this form in with your check made out to the Crest Community Association (CCA) Mailing Address: CCA 113 No Park Dr. El Cajon, CA 92021

Membership Levels

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_





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## **Rainbow Market**

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Check our Lower Prices and Compare Milk,  
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***8:00 am to 9:00 pm Sunday***

We accept EBT, Visa, and ATM



***Thank you for stopping at Rainbow Farms Market  
And shopping on the "Hill"***



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*Greetings from the Earth Discovery Institute and Crestridge Ecological Reserve. EDI and our conservation partners bring people together to learn about and support our local habitat. Celebrate what you have helped us accomplish, be inspired by the contributions of others, and consider your options for involvement in the future.*

## New Face at the Reserve

Crestridge Ecological Reserve welcomed a new land manager this September. Jonathan Piazza, a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University, will assist resident biologist Michael Beck and Endangered Habitats Conservancy with the care and monitoring of the almost 3,000 acres landmark reserve.

Originally from “all over the place”—Jonathan’s father was in the military—his family’s roots are in upstate New York. He moved to San Diego in 2011 to attend college, and had the opportunity to travel abroad in summers while conducting wildlife surveys. After graduating with a degree in Environmental Science, he became a scientific aid for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife while seeking a full-time position in the field.

Why did Jonathan choose to work in environmental science? “When I was a kid, I loved Steve Irwin, The Crocodile Hunter. I wanted to grow up and do what he did,” says Jonathan. “When I realized that wasn’t realistic, I thought, what can I do to work outside with wildlife and their surroundings without hosting a wildlife documentary television series?” He concluded that being an environmental scientist satisfied that dream and provided a career that gave back to the natural world and allowed him to share his love of the outdoors with others.

Jonathan also works as a field instructor for Earth Discovery Institute’s

(EDI) environmental education program, teaching 4th and 5th graders about regional watersheds, habitats and restoration while hiking through CER’s chaparral and oak woodlands. “Kids are the future,” says Jonathan. “I hope to provide students throughout San Diego County with a positive experience in wild places and a sense of environmental stewardship. These reserves are special.”

Jonathan and his wife Kristen are happy to have landed in San Diego’s East County. “I’ve worked on other state properties, most of which are closed,” says Jonathan. “But this [CER] is one of the better maintained reserves and it’s open to the public.” If you see Jonathan in the oak grove or out on the trail, stop and introduce yourself, he’s happy to answer questions. “I want to establish a good relationship with users so that it can stay that way—a healthy habitat that’s welcome to human visitors.”



## Planting Your Natives

If you were one of the fortunate many who made it to EDI’s annual Native Plant Sale at Crestridge, congratulations. And if you haven’t put your plants in the ground, and are wondering when would be the best time, here are a few tips:

- Keep watering those pots. Overhead water every three days or when almost dry. Also, black pots get hot, so keep them in semi-shade.
- Ready your busy schedule to get plants in the ground after the next rain (not a sprinkle or drizzle but enough to soften up the DG (decomposed granite).
- If you have gophers, make or purchase root-guard baskets. You can get them ready made from nurseries or hardware stores, or make them from gopher wire (the holes in chicken wire are too big to

keep native pocket gophers out). If you have rabbits, you may have to “cage” the upper part of your plants too.

- Pre-dig your holes, it will make the day you plant go a lot faster. Remember, some of your native plants prefer well drained soils such as DG, and others do better in heavy or clay soils. Group plants with similar water requirements.
- When the day finally comes, pre-water your holes (unless El Nino has done it for you), don’t add fertilizer or compost, plant with the crown a bit above ground level, build a catchment basin, and mulch with native leaf litter or seasoned wood chips.
- Most natives do not do well with drip irrigation, since naturally they are overhead watered by rain and fog. They may flourish at first, but develop root rot and die within a few years..
- For more information on growing SoCal’s native plants go to:  
[www.moosacreeknursery.com/california-native-planting-guide](http://www.moosacreeknursery.com/california-native-planting-guide), or  
[www.laspilitas.com/classes/native\\_planting\\_guide.html](http://www.laspilitas.com/classes/native_planting_guide.html)

## Where the Wild Things Are

A beautiful mule deer buck was seen this fall at CER. If you wander the reserve early in the morning and leave your pooches behind, you may get a glimpse of him in the oak grove. A few lucky individuals have also spotted a Merlin, a small falcon that winters in San Diego County. Many birds are heading south for the winter, so keep your eyes peeled for unusual migrating species.

Earth Discovery Institute’s outdoor education and field trip programs are also in full swing, so don’t be alarmed if you hear squeaks of excitement before you see a bevy of students exploring the reserve. EDI will be bringing kids from as far away as Campo to learn about watersheds, habitats, wildlife and restoration over the course of the school year.





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## Crest Crime Report 4-1-15 to 5-01-15

Obtained from [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) website

08/06/15	9:30 a.m.	Residential Burglary	600 Block	Mt View Rd.
08/08/15	8:00 p.m.	Vehicle break-in/theft	300 Block	Lila Lane
08/24/15	5:00 p.m.	Vehicle Break-in/theft	1100 Block	Horsemill
10/13/15	5:58 p.m.	Fraud	Gibson Highlands/Montana	Serena
10/13/15	6:40 p.m.	Poss Controlled Subs/Paraphernalia	Gibson Highlands/Montana	Serena
10/13/15	7:03 p.m.	Carry Concealed Dirk or Dagger	Gibson Highlands/Montana	Serena
10/15/15	9:30 a.m.	Vandalism (\$400 or less)	3100 Block	La Cresta Rd.
10/17/15	9:00 p.m.	Residential Burglary	200 Block	La Cresta Hts Rd.

### Mark Your Calendars – Holiday Activities throughout the County



- **Surfin' Santa Arrival - Seaport Village** 849 West Harbor Drive San Diego, <http://www.seaportvillage.com/entertainment/surfin-santa> (website under construction) November 28, 2015. Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- **Balboa Park December Nights** - House of Hospitality San Diego <http://www.balboapark.org/decembernights/> Date: December 4 (3-11 pm) –December 5 (12-11 p.m.)
- **Mission Bay Christmas Boat Parade of Lights** - 1215 El Carmel Place San Diego, <http://www.mbyc.org/> Mission Bay and Beaches December 12 - 6 p.m.
- **San Diego Bay Parade of Lights** <http://www.sdparadeoflights.org/> Downtown, Coronado, Point Loma, Harbor Island & Shelter Island Date: December 13 & 20, 2015 - 5:30
- **Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade** 410 K Street - San Diego, CA December 13 <http://www.gaslamp.org/pet-parade>

### College Bound? Helpful Scholarship Websites

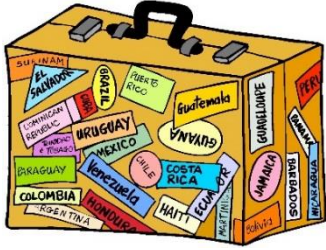
The U.S. Army Website recommends several websites to help you with your scholarship search:

- Scholarship.net – Reviews of the top 10 scholarship programs
- StudentAid.gov – Advice on how to avoid scams
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/students/college/apply/edpicks.jhtml>



## A little Travel Advice

By Linda Hjelle



Traveling is a passion of mine. It is especially fun to visit countries that are foreign to my senses. Recent locations have included Thailand, Guatemala, Estonia, Russia,

Ecuador, Turkey and even Iowa! It is always good to read up and understand a country's cultures and customs so we don't appear as an "Ugly American."

When researching these countries, there is no shortage of articles on how to act and dress. Many times this advice proves helpful, but often I find they are a bit overly cautious and conservative with their advice. I ended up packing inappropriately or having misconceptions about the country.

This led me to wonder what other countries are telling their travelers about American customs and traditions as they prepare to visit the United States. After checking it out, I learned a lot about our very own perceived eccentricities. Let me tell you a bit about our quirks according to our neighboring countries.

### **Russia tells their travelers:**

- Women play greater role in business. Often they insist to be treated exactly as an equal and not as a lady.
- Americans are delicate buttercups by Russian standards, so be gentle. They get all touchy when you show up at their house uninvited and get their feelings hurt just because you hang up on them when you are done talking. Also they do this thing with their legs that is so annoying. (I believe they mean we cross our legs?)
- When they say "see you later" they are totally lying. (This seemed to be an issue in several of the countries.)
- American people do not stop smiling. Also they don't want to hear your problems because it interrupts with their smiling. If you want to travel to America, be prepared to give a smile to everyone. Americans are a nation that truly feels happy. These people are used to smiling from the cradle onwards so they do not pretend to be cheerful.

### **The Chinese Tourism Etiquette Guide suggests:**

- As a rule, the social invitation will only be on a weekend. Everything is the same as ours, only with far less booze.

- Do not slurp noodles too loudly and do not spend too much time in public restrooms.
- They don't realize how weird it is to call them by their first name. Social class is not taken seriously in the US.
- When the American family eats, the food is either served from a central dish, or the host gives out food to the guests. Most families do not have a waiter, the cook is usually the wife and the husband makes the cocktails.
- Don't get too close, they might knock you over with their constant gestures.

### **Advice to the German tourist:**

- Don't be shocked by how often you hear bedroom language in public. Not dirty words but intimate ones. Americans will call anyone their sweetheart or 'Thanks Sweetie' to your waiter.
- Americans do not really want to hear how you are, even if they ask.

### **Italian tour books advise:**

- Kissing and petting other people is not okay in America.
- Men's bathrooms have no rules: Anything is permitted including smelly flatulence and loud dropping into the urinal regardless of the victim at the next urinal. They all go to the bathroom together in the same room. No walls or nothing.

### **France tourism sites state:**

- They feel no humiliation about their eating habits even when asking for a doggy bag. Their portions are often gargantuan.
- Unlike you would be led to believe, they don't steal your stuff. If you leave something, most likely it will be there when you return.
- If you cut in line, an American will cut you.

### **Japanese advice to the traveler:**

- Customers chat with check-out clerks despite long lines.
- There are no real vending machines, just ones that have carbonated beverages.
- Tipping is not optional, but mandatory. The American restaurant bill is not accurate—plan on adding 20% to the cost of the bill.
- Americans sound like horses when they laugh. They laugh right in your face with their mouth open wide and laugh loudly.
- U.S. drivers have manners on the road. They're courteous drivers. They don't get pushy – a lesson we could learn.
- Americans aren't impressed by the amount you drink. A large amount of alcohol means you can't manage yourself and you are considered an alcoholic.

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

By David Burnight



The Crest Community Association urges all residents, new and old, to become more aware of your neighborhood and the people in it. Do you know your neighbors? Do your neighbors know you? To whom do you turn for that extra cup of sugar for your recipe? To whom might you go for an urgent trip to the hospital when your car won't start? Would a discussion about a dog which barks too

much take place between friends?

One way to begin this is to print up a neighborhood roster. Someone take the initiative this month to go around, knock on doors, explain the neighborhood drive, and ask for names and phone numbers. (People will be friendly, once they are assured that you aren't selling anything!) Print up this information, organized by addresses, and give everyone a copy.

This can break the ice, perhaps lead to a neighborhood gathering where you can eat together and get better acquainted. You might find some common interests, or at least appreciate each other's peculiarities.

The CCA urges you to check now with two or three whom you already know, and decide who will start it! It can be fun!

## "Christmas in Alpine" Home Tour December 12th.

The Alpine Woman's Club will hold its Eleventh Annual "Christmas in Alpine" Home Tour on Saturday, December 12th from 10am to 3pm. You will have an opportunity to stroll through five stunning country estates, and visit one of Alpine's beautiful Country Garden Shop. The Historic Town Hall will be open from 1pm on for ticket holders to enjoy light refreshments and to pick up a surprise gift. Tour Tickets are \$30 prior to Home Tour and \$35 at the door. You can pre-purchase tickets at the Postal Annex 2710 Alpine Blvd. or mail a check to the AWC, P. O. Box 231, Alpine, CA 91903 - Tickets are available for pick up and purchase at the Alpine Woman's Club 2156 Alpine Blvd. on Saturday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. There will be an opportunity drawing for a \$500 cash prize the day of the event plus other prizes. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Club House at 4pm after the Tour but you do not have to be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Alpine Woman's Club Scholarship Fund and the maintenance of the Historic Town Hall which was built in 1899. They are a 501 (c) 3 corporation and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. For further information or questions, please contact Karin at (619) 357-5353 or email her at [karinshouse64@yahoo.com](mailto:karinshouse64@yahoo.com)

## CREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

By Kandy Franklin-Collins

**Crest Fire Safe Council is in the grant process!** One area of the grant is for our Ham Radio partners. They need equipment to be a strong support for us and the surrounding area, plus, they need to update our ham station at the clubhouse. After a strange thunder and lightning storm we had in Crest, we noticed there was damage to the ham station in the clubhouse. Pat Bunshold is on the hunt for all the parts and pieces. We are also grateful to the ham club as they were extremely helpful at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, monitoring the parade and organizing when folks would start their walk. THANK YOU!

### Crest Emergency Call System

All Crest residents are invited and encouraged to sign up for this service, which is free to Crest residents. You can also register your email if you wish to receive emails regarding upcoming community events. Tell your Crest neighbors to sign up as well. Contact Kandy Franklin 619-977-1566 or [kandyfranklin@cox.net](mailto:kandyfranklin@cox.net) or Kathy Fiedor at [kathyfiedor@gmail.com](mailto:kathyfiedor@gmail.com) with your information.

A big THANK YOU to Kathy Fiedor for checking on the 125 calls that did not go through out of the 1600 numbers when I made a call on the One Call Now call system in September. If you are on our phone list and you never answer your home phone or don't have an answering machine, please let us know so we can remove this number from the system. Also remember to keep your phone numbers up to date. At 6 cents a call, we want to make sure our resources go where needed and that we will have reserve calls when the next emergency call is needed. It is also a good idea to leave your cell phone on if this is your primary number especially during fire season.

When you receive a call from the "One Call Now System" the number that shows on your phone is 442-7378 (the 44-Crest community center number.) This number is manned only by an answering machine and will not repeat the message if you miss the call. Calling this number back to get further information will not work since the number is only checked periodically.

Remember also, we are in the official fire season- be careful, be prepared, and "don't come up until you fill up".

# Our Crest Neighbors

## Grand Re-Opening at Gabriel's Taco Shop



Exciting new recipes from south of the border are coming soon to Crest's favorite Mexican restaurant. Gabriel's Taco Shop, recently purchased by Sandra and Obeth Romero, will introduce a totally new menu in November including a tender beef dish called barbacoa, a pork chorizo

torta called pambasos and several new flavors of mole'.

"Each region of Mexico has their own unique flavor," Sandra explained. "My family members come from Guadalajara, Guerrero, Mexico City and Puebla and we have included recipes from all these different areas. Our ingredients are always the best, and we make and prepare everything fresh each day. It makes all the difference."

The oldest of 5 siblings, Sandra has worked since she was 16 to help her single mother with the family. "I never knew my father and as we were growing up, we needed a safe place to go after school and it was my aunt who gave us that security. Now I want to do the same thing for the children here in Crest.

My plan is to rent the space next to our shop and start an after school kids' club with table games, Wi-Fi movies and activities for the neighborhood children. Whatever I would want for my own family, my own brothers and sisters, I want for everybody. "

This same generous spirit manifests itself in the Taco Shop too. Sandra and Obeth freely give meals to anyone in need and have also applied for EBT certification. This is relatively new since for many years EBT coupons could only be used for grocery items or for foods prepared at home. It is Sandra's hope that families using EBT certificates will also be able to redeem them for fresh and healthy Mexican dishes right here in Crest.

"My mother taught me to help everyone whether it is with food, with money or with love," Sandra said. "This I do with love."



## A PIECE OF AMERICANA

*You know you've entered horse country when you see this mural on Merritt and Diane Strickland's barn in North Crest. The couple moved into their ranch style home on La Cresta Heights Road back in 1975 and the mural, with a palomino horse and colorful rooster, was painted by their now-30-year-old granddaughter Leslie eight years ago. Most Crest residents remember Merritt for his 29 years as a volunteer firefighter who also served as Director of the Board of Directors for the fire department. Now retired, Diane and Merritt keep busy gardening, traveling cross-country with their trailer and playing in an East County banjo band. Yee-HAW!*

*(Articles written by Mary Robinson)*

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# MENU



## TACOS

<b>Carne Asada</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$3.00
<b>Pollo Asado</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$3.00
<b>Adobada</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$3.00
<b>Shredded Chicken</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$3.00
<b>Shredded Beef</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$3.00
<b>Fish Taco</b> Cajun Sauce, Mexican Salsa, Avocado	\$2.25

## MINI TACOS

<b>3 Carne Asada</b> Mexican Salsa, Guacamole	\$5.00
<b>3 Pollo Asado</b> Mexican Salsa, Guacamole	\$5.00
<b>3 Adobada</b> Mexican Salsa, Guacamole	\$5.00

## TORTAS

<b>Carne Asada</b> Mexican Salsa, Mexican Salsa	\$5.50
<b>Polla Asado</b> Mexican Salsa, Mexican Salsa	\$5.50

## DRINKS

<b>Regular</b>	\$1.75
<b>Large</b>	\$2.25

<b>Carne Asada</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$5.25
<b>California</b> Carne Asada, Fries, Cheese, Sour Cream	\$6.25
<b>Veggie</b> Shredded Beef, Cheese, Sour Cream, Jalapeno, Mexican Salsa	\$4.25
<b>Mixed</b> Shredded Beef, Beans	\$4.50
<b>Pollo Asado</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$5.00
<b>Adobada</b> Guacamole, Mexican Salsa	\$5.00

## BURRITOS

<b>Surf &amp; Turf</b> Eggs, Fries, Shrimp, Beef, Guacamole	\$4.75
<b>Shrimp</b> Shrimp, Beef, Jalapeno, Mexican Salsa	\$4.00
<b>Conga Burrito</b> Carne Asada, Pollo Asado, Beef, Beans, Mexican Salsa	\$5.50
<b>Bean &amp; Cheese</b> Cheese, Mexican Salsa	\$3.50
<b>Chimichanga</b> Your choice of meat, topped with guacamole, sour cream, Mexican Salsa	\$4.50

Make any item wet for \$1.75

## ROLLED TACOS

<b>3 Beef</b> Cheese	\$3.00
<b>3 Beef</b> Beef, Guacamole, Jalapeno	\$3.75
<b>5 Beef</b> Cheese, Guacamole, Jalapeno, Sour Cream	\$4.75
<b>12 Beef</b> Cheese, Guacamole, Jalapeno, Sour Cream	\$9.00
<b>2 Flautas</b> Beef, Guacamole, Jalapeno, Sour Cream, Mexican Salsa	\$5.00

## QUESADILLAS

<b>Cheese</b>	\$3.75
<b>Carne Asada</b>	\$5.75
<b>Pollo Asado or Adobada</b>	\$5.75
<b>Special Quesadilla</b> Your choice of meat, Guacamole, Mexican Salsa, Sour Cream	\$4.25

## KIDS MENU

<b>with fries</b>	
<b>Cheese Quesadilla</b>	\$3.00
<b>Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito</b>	\$3.00
<b>2 Rolled Tacos</b>	\$3.00
<b>Carne Asada Fries or Chips</b>	\$3.50

## CHIPS & FRIES

<b>Carne Asada Chips</b> Carne Asada, Cheese, Chips, Sour Cream	\$7.00
<b>Guacamole</b>	
<b>Carne Asada Fries</b> Carne Asada, Cheese, Fries, Sour Cream	\$7.00
<b>Guacamole</b>	
<b>Carne Asada Nachos</b> Carne Asada, Nacho Cheese, Chips, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Jalapenos	\$7.50
<b>Chips &amp; Mexican Salsa</b>	\$3.99
<b>Chips &amp; Guacamole</b>	\$4.50

## SIDES

<b>Rice &amp; Beans</b>	\$3.00
<b>Rice or Beans</b>	\$1.75
<b>French Fries</b>	\$2.75
<b>Chips</b>	\$2.75
<b>Guacamole</b>	\$2.00
<b>Sour Cream</b>	\$1.50
<b>Mexican Salsa</b>	\$1.50

## BREAKFAST BURRITOS

<b>Ham</b> Ham, Egg, Fries, Cheese	\$4.75
<b>Bacon</b> Bacon, Egg, Fries, Cheese	\$4.75
<b>Supreme Breakfast</b> Egg, Bacon, Egg, Fries, Cheese	\$5.50
<b>Carne Asada Breakfast</b> Carne Asada, Egg, Cheese, Mexican Salsa	\$6.00
<b>Chorizo</b> Cheese, Egg, cheese	\$5.25
<b>Machaca Burrito</b> Shredded Beef, Egg, cheese	\$5.25

## COMBINATIONS

<b>#1</b> 1 Beef taco & 1 cheese enchilada	\$5.50
<b>#2</b> 1 Beef tostada & Beef taco	\$6.00
<b>#3</b> 1 Cheese enchilada & 1 tostada	\$5.50
<b>#4</b> Carne Asada Plate with rice and beans	\$6.00
<b>#5</b> 2 Beef Tacos with guacamole, rice and beans	\$6.50
<b>#6</b> 3 Roll Tacos with rice, cheese, guacamole and beans	\$5.50

## TOSTADAS

<b>Includes beans, lettuce, cheese</b>	
<b>Carne Asada</b>	\$3.50
<b>Pollo Asado</b>	\$3.50
<b>Shredded Beef</b>	\$3.50
<b>Shredded Chicken</b>	\$3.50
<b>Beans</b>	\$2.75
<b>Flying Saucer</b>	\$6.50

Your choice of meat, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, guacamole, salsa, in a tostada bowl

## ENCHILADAS

<b>2 Beef</b>	\$5.00
<b>2 Chicken</b>	\$5.00
<b>2 Cheese</b>	\$4.50

Topped with lettuce and cheese with rice and beans

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## Remembering our Crest Friends

### Bill Jenkins

May 19, 1921- September 24, 2015

Long-time Crest resident, Bill Jenkins passed in his home on September 24 at the age of 94. Bill held the honor of living in Crest longer than any other resident; he was a resident of Crest for 87 years!

In 1929, Bill moved to Suncrest with his parents, William and Ethel. They acquired a 120 acre parcel through a land grant and homesteaded the property where they raised Bill and his brother and sisters, Grace, Helen, Beverly and Lewie. Bill attended El Cajon School and Grossmont High School.

The Jenkins family owned the Echo Ranch Dairy. The dairy provided milk for Crest as far down as the El Cajon Valley. Bill worked at the dairy until he entered the Combat Engineer Corp in 1944. He took his basic training at Camp Roberts, then served in the Pacific until he was discharged in 1945.

In 1946 Bill met his wife, Dewey Loughlin at a Halloween party. They dated a long three weeks before getting married; they were married for almost 69 years. After they married, they moved in with Bill's mom and dad until they rebuilt their home on South Park Drive. Dewey and Bill raised their four kids, Donna, Linda, Tommy and Peggy in this Crest home.

Bill had a varied work history starting from 1936 when he worked on the family business, the Echo Ranch Dairy. After the military, Bill had a mechanic shop with his partner, Hank Nerbonne on Kettner Street. They later converted the old dairy building into a shop to provide service to people on the hill. Over the years he also worked for the San Diego County Road Department, Ryan Aeronautical Company, Motor Machine & Supply, Southwest Onyx and Marble Company, Consolidated Voltee, G.H. Hurset Studebaker, and P.W. Gavin Co. He retired after 10 years with the Crest Public Utility Company.

Bill was instrumental to the improvement of Crest in many ways, both as an employee and a volunteer. While working for the Crest Public Utility Company, Bill did everything from reading meters to helping to bring the water pipes up the hill. Bill helped with the volunteer fire department in the 1950s. As members of the fire auxiliary, Bill and Dewey supported and participated in many of the famous fund-raising performances on the hill. Bill also spent many hours helping to build the first volunteer fire truck. Bill also helped to lay the hardwood flooring in the Suncrest clubhouse.

At their property, the Jenkins built a bandstand and dance floor where friends including the Hix Mixers square dance club would meet and practice, barbeque and swim in their pool. Bill and Dewey hosted many parties at Echo Ranch.

After retirement Bill became interested in training Labrador dogs and traveling the circuit where their daughter, Linda and her husband Arnie had already been making a name for themselves with their winning dogs. A celebration of Life family service was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill will be missed by all.



(The picnic area on the old Echo Ranch property.)



## MICHAEL RAYMOND BROWN JR.

11/20/1988 – 9/12/2015



Michael Raymond Brown, Jr. (age 26) was the sole provider for his wife, Amber and their four young boys – Cayden (10), Dylan (6), Talon (4) and Landin (2). Mikey was a dedicated husband and father, very committed to family, a loyal friend and willing to help out almost anyone in need. Mikey had an amazing work ethic, working a physically demanding full time job and side jobs on the weekends to provide for his family. He started working for Alpine Fence at the age of 16, and quickly moved up the ranks and was promoted to Superintendent Supervisor of Alpine Fence. He was loved by his coworkers and bosses. Mikey was very involved in his boys' lives, coaching little league and helping with wrestling, taking them camping, boating at the lake and out to the desert for family

vacations. A candle-light service was held at Nancy Jane Memorial Park in Crest on Friday evening, September 18. The family held a celebration of life service September 22nd at the East Valley Christian Fellowship.

Tax deductible gifts for the Brown family may be provided through the following link:

<http://www.evcf.com/online-giving.html>

Once you have entered your donation amount and payment information, the next page has a "special instructions" link; Please note: Brown Family Fund

### Thank You Crest!

Amber Brown and the Brown Boys, Cayden, Dylan, Talon and Landin, along with Amber's parents, Doug & Lisa Newark and Todd & Jennifer Mitchel, wish to send out our heart-felt gratitude and appreciation to our friends and neighbors in the Crest Community who have provided comfort and support for the family after last month's loss of Michael Raymond Brown Jr.

We want to recognize following organizations for their generosity:

The Crest & Bostonia divisions of the San Miguel Fire Department – for bringing over their engines and birthday gifts to make the boys' birthdays special and always having an open door whenever we bring the boys by for a visit – you guys are the best!!

The Crest Community Association and Crest Community Church – for facilitating the Candlelight Vigil in the park.

The Crest Kiwanis Club – for their generous donation to the family.

The Crest Elementary School and PTA – for organizing and hosting the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to raise support for the family.

The East Valley Christian Fellowship Church – for facilitating the Celebration of Life Service.

And to all the individuals in Crest who have provided their support by way of comfort, meals, help around the property and donations in support of the family.

The out-pouring of love from all of you is greatly appreciated. We love you all.



The Super Moon in Crest 9-27-15





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150048055	ACT	MOBHM	250 La Cresta Heights 1	2	2	1,440	1989	155,000.00	9/1/2015			
150052452	ACT	DET	1929 Suncrest	2	1	720	1950	295,750.00	9/25/2015			
150056042	ACT	DET	287 Lilac Dr	4	2	1,272	1950	\$379,000 - \$399,000	10/13/2015			
150046834	ACT	DET	152 Bonita pl	2	3	1,128	2015	\$397,000 - \$428,000	8/25/2015			
150055206	ACT	DET	126 Burdett Way	2	3	1,767	2005	\$439,000 - \$479,000	10/9/2015			
150054075	ACT	DET	207 Paradox Lane	3	3	2,146	1981	\$499,900 - \$539,900	10/3/2015			
150052706	ACT	DET	249 Scenic	4	3	1,875	2006	\$550,000 - \$600,000	9/21/2015			
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150055015	ACT	DET	1150 STONERIDGE RD	4	3	2,319	2008	\$649,800 - \$699,800	10/9/2015			
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150045335	ACT	DET	1090 Stoneridge Rd.	5	4	4,525	2008	\$875,000 - \$950,000	8/17/2015			
150041125	CONT	DET	315 Alta Lane	2	2	1,533	1928	300,000.00	7/27/2015			
150044343	PEND	DET	306 Illa In	3	3	1,558	1978	375,300.00	8/12/2015			
150025459	PEND	DET	595 Mountain View Rd	2	2	1,200	1947	400,000.00	4/8/2015			
150055838	PEND	DET	122 Wall Pl	3	2	1,650	1932	\$390,000 - \$410,000	10/14/2015			
150043727	PEND	DET	2027 Old Bend	3	2	1,628	1975	469,000.00	8/5/2015			
150042726	PEND	DET	862 Via la Cresta	3	3	1,783	1979	\$525,000 - \$565,000	8/3/2015			
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150039275	PEND	DET	1220 Gibson Highlands	6	4	2,659	1991	635,000.00	7/17/2015			
150049801	PEND	ATT	6615 CANYON RIM 162	2	2	1,092	1980	306,000.00	9/9/2015			
150031794	SOLD	DET	576 Calle De La Sierra	4	5	4857	1983	750,000.00	6/11/2015	720,000.00	9/21/2015	
150046744	SOLD	DET	823 MOUNTAIN VIEW PL	4	4	3048	2004	769,600.00	8/25/2015	805,750.00	10/2/2015	
150031203	SOLD	DET	180 Sage Road	2	1	900	1957	\$299,000 - \$314,900	6/8/2015	315,000.00	7/28/2015	
150025311	SOLD	DET	254 Alta Lane	3	2	925	1955	319,900.00	5/11/2015	313,000.00	8/10/2015	
150027448	SOLD	DET	1251 La Cresta Blvd.	3	2	1444	1952	\$295,000 - \$349,000	5/21/2015	315,000.00	9/15/2015	
150040411	SOLD	DET	281 Lilac	4	3	1800	1943	429,000.00	7/23/2015	424,000.00	9/4/2015	
150044854	SOLD	DET	212 Lilac Dr.	3	2	1685	2004	475,000.00	8/14/2015	475,000.00	10/2/2015	
150008952	SOLD	DET	2108 Vista Del Coronados	3	2	2264	1988	478,000.00	2/17/2015	430,000.00	8/21/2015	
150039989	SOLD	DET	180 Sierra Vista Dr	3	3	1942	1957	499,900.00	7/21/2015	515,000.00	9/3/2015	
150040127	SOLD	DET	1378 Ryan Ridge Rd.	5	3	2613	1978	500,000.00	7/22/2015	500,000.00	7/15/2015	
150031292	SOLD	DET	269 SCENIC DR	3	2	1849	1935	\$479,000 - \$509,000	6/9/2015	484,000.00	8/31/2015	
150019092	SOLD	DET	228 Sage Road	4	4	2597	2005	\$549,000 - \$585,000	4/10/2015	553,000.00	7/17/2015	
140060532	SOLD	DET	408 Alta Lane	4	4	3722	2001	649,900.00	11/8/2014	649,900.00	10/10/2015	
150025623	SOLD	DET	115 La Cresta Heights Roac	3	3	3420	1987	698,999.00	5/12/2015	670,000.00	9/30/2015	
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150025943	SOLD	DET	240 Loma Vista Place					325,000	5/22/2015	320,000	7/9/2015	<b>SOLD BY RAYNA MACK</b>



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WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MOVE, BUT IF YOU MUST, MAKE SURE YOU ARE TAKING THE STEPS TO ENSURE YOUR HOUSE SELLS. I am in the business to sell your house, not just list it! As you have probably noticed in Crest, properties move very quickly because we are such a sought after community and have so much to offer our new residents. We still need to set a relevant market price though, or you won't be packing as quickly as you would like. We all hear: "hire my friend, or hire the big office"- my response to that is, "How many transactions have they done this year or how many in a month, and are they going to work with you or will you be assigned a team? It is great to have friends, but you might want a person who is busy and involved in the trending marketplace. Our Glenn D. Mitchel office has served you all from the desert to the sea since 1953!





## BEEKEEPING PRACTICES

Bees use sight, touch, taste and smell to communicate inside the hive and with the world. Environmental pesticides impair the bee's ability to communicate resulting in less efficient foraging and a smaller unhealthy population – ultimately the hive becomes weakened and susceptible to disease



Beekeepers commonly use miticides, fungicides and antibiotics inside their hives to fight pests & disease. The pests develop resistance and the treatments become ineffective. But the chemicals beekeepers put in the beehives make the bees sick. The bees are paying the price for the beekeeper's overmanagement.

If we ever become sustainable and in balance we must appreciate other species.

## CA State Honeybee Foundation

non-profit 501(c)3 organization  
[www.californiahoneybee.org](http://www.californiahoneybee.org)

## The Bees Need Our Help



## CA State Honeybee Foundation

## BEE SAFE GARDEN TIPS

Try these natural, earth-friendly substitutes for herbicides and pesticides:

### WEED CONTROL:

1. Boiling Water - from boiling pasta or potatoes, pour on weeds
2. White Vinegar + salt - use pump sprayer to target weedy areas
3. Manually pull weeds
4. Corn meal - used with seed spreader, won't let seeds germinate.
5. Borax and water spray
6. Layer newspaper and mulch to prevent weed growth

### INSECT/PEST CONTROL

1. Lady bugs
2. Neem Juice mix
3. Citrus oil and cayenne mix
4. Oregano oil and castile soap mix (Dr. Bronner's liquid soap)
5. Eucalyptus oil, onion and garlic spray
6. Chrysanthemum tea

[www.californiahoneybee.org](http://www.californiahoneybee.org)

**Crest residents show tremendous and unique community spirit! We all thought the parade was extra special this year with many outstanding entries. It was exciting for our cause to win two trophies! Our queen bee, Crest resident Tina Quint, won for "Best Individual" and our float won for "Funniest, Most Creative." Thanks again for including us. It was a blast!**

### Mari Jarvis

President, California School Fitness  
 Director, CA State Honeybee Foundation -  
 San Diego, CA 92119



## Bees Need Our Help!



Bees across the country are dying off at an alarming rate. Not only will this impact our entire food system, but the delicate ecosystems on which our world depends. The bees need your help.

We can take action in our communities and be part of the solution to the bee crisis now. We can create safe places for bees, help garden retailers commit to bee-friendly plants and products, and educate our friends, families and communities about this important issue and how they can take action. Contact [www.BeeAction.org](http://www.BeeAction.org)

### Colony Collapse Disorder

Bees are essential for growing food. One in every three bites of food we eat, from almonds to soybeans to strawberries, is pollinated by bees— but they're in big trouble.

In the mid 1990's, beekeepers throughout the U.S. noticed their colonies mysteriously collapsing. This phenomenon has been dubbed "Colony Collapse Disorder," or CCD.

Since 2006, beekeepers have lost an average of 30 percent of their hives annually (normal rates are 5-10 percent). The die-off has made it economically difficult for beekeepers to continue; we are losing our beekeepers too! Almond farmers, berry farmers and others in the United States are facing shortages of the bees they need to pollinate their crops and the cost of renting bees for pollination services has increased by 20 percent.



Pests, diseases, loss of habitat, and changing climate have all contributed to global bee die-offs, but a growing body of science points to the most widely-used insecticides on the planet, neonicotinoids (neonics), as a leading driver of global bee deaths.

Neonicotinoids can kill bees outright and low levels of exposure can impair foraging abilities and navigation; disrupt learning, communication and memory; and suppress the immune systems of bees, making them more vulnerable to disease and pests.

Research has also shown that neonics are harming beneficial organisms including wild bees, birds, bats, butterflies, dragonflies, lacewings, ladybugs, earthworms, small mammals, amphibians, and aquatic insects—putting food production and the environment in jeopardy.

### Grow Bee-Safe Do not buy products that contain

**neonicotinoids** Read the label and avoid using off-the-shelf neonicotinoid insecticides in your garden. Do not buy products that contain acetamiprid, clothianidin, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam as active ingredients.



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### Kiwanis – Making the Crest Holidays Just a Little Bit Nicer

- Kiwanis Holiday Breakfast at the Clubhouse with Santa – Dec 12, 8-10 a.m.
- Food Drive – Bring your canned goods to Crest School, Rainbow Mkt or the Crest Library – November 1-21.
- Toy Drive – Bring your new unwrapped gifts to Crest School, Rainbow Mkt or the Library – December 1-21

**(Toys and food will be distributed to Crest Families)**



## If You Become Trapped

### In your home:

- Stay calm and keep your family together.
- Call 911 to advise officials.
- Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.
- Keep doors and windows closed but unlocked.
- Stay inside your house, away from exterior walls and windows.

### In your car:

- Stay calm and park away from vegetation.
- Call 911 to advise officials.
- Close all windows and vents.
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.
- Cover yourself with a wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on vehicle floor and stay in the car until the fire passes.

### On foot:

- Stay calm and find an area clear of vegetation, a ditch, or a depression on level ground.
- Call 911 to advise officials.
- Lie face down and cover up your body.
- Cover your mouth with a dry cloth to protect airway.

## Important Phone Numbers

### Call 911 For All Emergencies

**Fire Information:** 211 *or* online at

[@calfiresandiego](https://www.calfiresandiego.org) *or* [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

**San Diego County Sheriff:** 858-565-5200

**Crest Animal Evacuation:** 619-977-1566

**Crest Fire Safe Council:** 619-977-1566

**Department of Animal Services:**

619-236-2341 (Emergency) *or* 760-746-7307

**SDGE Emergency Line:** 1-800-611-7343



## GET READY, GET SET, GO!

WILDFIRE IS COMING ARE YOU READY?

### GET PREPARED FOR WILDFIRE BEFORE IT STRIKES:

BEING  
READY



Create defensible space:  
100 Feet of defensible space is required around your home. Learn how to maintain the two zones of defensible space.

GETTING  
SET



Prepare your home and family for the possibility of having to evacuate. Familiarize yourself with evacuation routes. Create a Wildfire Action Plan that includes a meeting location and a Family Communication Plan.



Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit. Keep an extra Emergency Supply Kit in your car. Remember to plan for any animals that may need to be evacuated.

BEING  
READY  
TO GO



Prepare yourself and your family. Prepare the inside and outside of your home. Prepare your animals. Review the Evacuation Plan Checklist.

- Cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes or boots, cap, and glasses or goggles. Have a dry bandanna to cover your face. 100% Cotton is preferable for all clothing.
- Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit is in your vehicle. Carry keys with you.
- Shut all windows and doors in your home, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains. Close metal shutters, heavy drapes, and fireplace dampers.
- Leave on exterior lights and some interior lights.
- Shut off gas at the meter and turn off propane tanks. Turn off pilot lights. Move propane BBQ appliances away from the house.
- Shut off air conditioning.
- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the home and bring them inside or place them in your pool.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals
- Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.

GO!

Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and the escape routes to use depending on fire behavior.

Most importantly, if you feel unsafe, don't wait! Follow the checklist items and get out.

## Crest Evacuation Plan

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



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ONE LESS WILDFIRE**

Additional Information can be found at:

[WWW.READYSDIEGO.ORG](http://WWW.READYSDIEGO.ORG)

[WWW.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](http://WWW.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG)

[WWW.PREVENTWILDFIRE.CA.ORG](http://WWW.PREVENTWILDFIRE.CA.ORG)

## P. A. C. E.

The best route to utilize will be determined by the Sheriff's Department with the safety of the public as a first priority. The term P.A.C.E. will be utilized to determine the best route for public evacuation.

Register with AlertSanDiego at [ReadySanDiego.org](http://ReadySanDiego.org) to receive emergency alerts via phone, email, & text.

### P: Primary

Main roads and highways.

- La Cresta Road

### A: Alternate

Secondary roads outside of normal traffic flow.

- Mountain View Road

### C: Contingency

Truck trails or other routes, if other routes become compromised.

- Suncrest Truck Trail
  - All vehicles
- Valley View Trail
  - High clearance vehicles only
  - Accessed from Horsemill Road

### E: Emergency

Temporary Refuge Area (TRA) or Shelter in Place (SIP)

- Crest Elementary School
- South Lane Park
- Nancy Jane Park



## Crest Evacuation Route Map



- Valley View Truck Trail
- Horsemill Road
- Crest Elementary School
- Suncrest Truck Trail
- Mountain View Road
- Nancy Jane Park
- Suncrest Road
- La Cresta Road/Bld.
- South Lane Park



### Drive With Caution

- Make sure your headlights are on.
- When conditions are smoky, proceed slowly and stop if you can't see.
- Watch for emergency vehicles and yield the right of way.
- Roll up your windows, ensure your radio is off, and turn on your air conditioner.





**From the Office of  
Senator Joel Anderson**  
OFFICE: 619-596-3136

**Save the Date!**

**SENATOR JOEL  
ANDERSON**

*Cordially invites you,  
your family and friends to a*

**Holiday Open House  
at  
Toyota of El Cajon**

965 Arnele Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020  
Thursday, December 10, 2014  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Please RSVP by calling (619) 596-3136.

The holiday season is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. This open house will provide you with the opportunity to receive a 2015 legislative update and submit your ideas to improve the state government. To view the video from last year, visit my website <http://district38.cssrc.us/content/senator-andersons-holiday-legislative-open-house>.



**From the Office Of  
Supervisor Dianne Jacob**  
619-531-4766  
619-206-9108

**Dianne's Corner**

News and notes from County  
Supervisor Dianne Jacob

**Helping our veterans: The**

County recently launched Vet Connect, a program designed to make it easier for veterans in our rural areas to access needed services. It allows veterans to talk with county Veterans Services staff over the Internet, via a video and audio link at the Julian Library. The program is also set to come to county libraries in Campo, Pine Valley and other communities.

The idea for Vet Connect came up after veterans and others came to me and raised concerns about their access to critical services. With this initiative, we're saving backcountry residents a time-consuming trip into town.

**Prepare and protect:** I recently helped unveil two new fire protection tools as we entered the fall wildfire season.

The county added a third firefighting helicopter to its ASTREA fleet, based at Gillespie Field. The Bell 205 A-1 ++ can hoist equipment, ferry firefighters and has a 375-gallon water tank for fire suppression.

We also announced the creation of the Wildfire Hazard Map, which allows residents to see if they live in a state-designated hazard zone. It also provides critical information on how to prepare for wildfire.

A link to the interactive map can be found at [www.ReadySanDiego.org](http://www.ReadySanDiego.org).

**Play ball!** Congratulations to Alpine and Lakeside residents on the new turf fields at your local schools – Alpine Elementary and El Capitan High School.

The county's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program helped fund the projects. Other program recipients in recent years include the Friends of the Poway Library and Lakeside's River Park Conservancy.

For more District 2 news, go to [www.diannejacob.com](http://www.diannejacob.com) or follow me on Facebook and Twitter. If I can assist with a county issue, please call my office at 619-531-5522 or email [dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Have a great East County day!

Dianne



"Holiday Legislative Open House 2014  
Photo by Dana Sterpe,"





**Crest Community Church**

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

Prayer time: 9:00 AM  
Worship Service: 10:45 AM  
AWANA (Children’s Ministry 9-10:30 AM  
Monday Evenings: Ladies Bible Study @ 6:30 PM  
Tuesday Evenings: Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 PM  
Thursday Evening: Home Fellowship in Santee 6:30  
Friday Evening: Home Fellowship in Crest 6:30 PM  
**December 24 - 6:30 Christmas Eve Service**



**St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church**

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Fr. Burnia

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