

The Crest View

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NOTICE of GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

* 6:30 p.m. *

at El Rincon School Cafetorium

At this meeting, you are invited to nominate any person to run for a seat on the Board of Directors for the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association. After a discussion of the nominees, a vote will be held to seat the members of your Board for the calendar year 2006.

This is a meeting you don't want to miss. Lt. Dean Williams will update us on the Crest's current crime report and inform us how to prevent becoming a victim. In addition, Matt Gaspar will give us up to the minute developments on the hillside and Craig Johnson to discuss what is required for new or renovated construction on the Crest.

To the right is the anticipated agenda for the general meeting. We want and appreciate your input on subjects that affect the quality of living on the Crest, so please feel free to communicate with us to make your wishes known.

Anticipated Agenda for November 2, 2005 Annual Meeting

- A. GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS
- B. READING AND ADOPTING OF MINUTES
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT
- D. GUEST - LIEUTENANT DEAN WILLIAMS ,
CCPD,- UPDATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH INFORMATION
- E. GUEST - MATT GASPAR, C.C. PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAGER-
UPDATE ON THE HILLSLIDE RENOVATION,
TEST RESULTS AND FEMA PARTICIPATION
- F. GUEST - CRAIG JOHNSON, C.C. BUILDING
SAFETY-PERMITS REQUIRED FOR NEW AND
RENOVATED CONSTRUCTION
- G. HALLOWEEN PARTY
- H. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR 2006
- I. ELECTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
2006
- J. WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE EXPANSION
- K. CULVER CITY CHARTER UPDATE
- L. SEWER RENOVATIONS AND STREET
LIGHTS
- M. DUES AND MEMBERSHIP
- N. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. HILLSIDE VIEW PRESERVATION
 - b. LADERA HEIGHTS PETITION FOR
RESIDENTS TO BE ADMITTED INTO
CULVER CITY SCHOOLS
 - c. FUNDRAISERS
- O. ADJOURNMENT



Halloween Party.

There will again be a pot luck dinner and Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29, 2005 on Lugo Way starting at 6 pm. The entire Crest is invited so please come in costume, bring a pot luck item and meet and greet your neighbors. See the attached flyer for more information.



CRIME:

Crime generally has increased in all of the cities on the Westside. It appears that a group of people has been targeting neighborhoods by door knocking, and when no one answers, they look for an easy entry, mostly through open or unlocked windows and doors, and help themselves to convenient items like cash, jewelry and electronics. We are informed that crime has now decreased, in part because some of the perpetrators are now back in school. You should immediately notify the police department if you see any suspicious activity on the Crest.

TELEFSON HILLSLIDE.

The City of Culver City has overseen the preparation of a battery of geotechnical soil borings at several different sites on the Crest hillside. The results of these tests, which will be available in early November, should reveal much of the factual data needed to assess the extent of the damage, the requirements to permanently repair the hill, the cost to complete the task and other information necessary to a secure future. This information will also be used by FEMA to determine their participation in the project. According to the City, there is a good possibility that FEMA may provide funding toward reconstructing safety barriers on the hill. So far, however, FEMA hasn't committed to the funding nor how much of it they will sponsor. FEMA can contribute 76.4% of what they consider to be the total cost of the project, with another 18.6% coming from the State of California and the balance from local sources. Owner participation has not yet been determined. The current thought is that the entire project will cost approximately \$2 million. FEMA has established a completion date of August 2006 on the project. The project would not begin until April 2006 or as soon as it's determined the rainy season is over. The project will take approximately 3 months.

WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE EXPANSION.

The West Los Angeles College expansion program has been delayed because they can't readily obtain the vacation of Stocker Street. This will prevent them from completing the berm and landscaping they agreed to with the CCNA. Southern California Edison has control over a portion of the road and is balking at allowing the college to build a landscaped berm on the dirt portion of Stocker, which is Edison's maintenance road. The college would now prefer to construct a sound wall instead of a berm but this is in violation of the Memorandum of Understanding that the college agreed to with the CCNA. We are attempting to get the college to stick to their agreed to promise through exercising eminent domain on Stocker.

SEWER AND STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS.

A Sewer Improvement Project will commence in April 2006 affecting most of the Crest. Condition Assessment Tests were run and the results have determined that sewer line conditions on certain streets have significant cracks, root intrusion and deterioration and were determined to be a top priority, needing replacement with 8" Polyvinyl Chloride (PVL) sewer mains in the street and 6" PVL to the back of sidewalks. This project will begin in March, 2006.

The streets affected by this project are:

- Eveard Road from Bernardo Road to Ranch Road
- Drakewood Avenue from Ranch Road to Flaxton Avenue
- Flaxton Avenue from Overland Avenue to Drakewood Avenue
- Whitburn Avenue form Overland Avenue to Drakewood Avenue

In addition, the City is attempting to include in the above project the following streets:

- Northgate Street from Overland Avenue to Drakewood Avenue
- Cranks Road from Hill north to the Cul-de-sac.

For some time now the Crest has had a problem with the street lights alternating between bright and dim. There are approximately 60 street lamps on the Crest that are all connected to the same circuit. Public Works has to check and clean or replace each lamp connection and their associated 60 connectors in the street to find the poor connections that were causing the problem. They are in the process of getting them all working again. A thanks to the Culver City Public Works Department.

A LITTLE CREST HISTORY.

The streets on the Crest reflect the names of the developer Lou Cranks' family, colleagues and history. For example, Esterina was named for his wife, Esther. Lugo Way was named for Charles Reyes Lugo, a descendent of early settlers. Stephon Terrace was named for 1930's Councilman and Police Commissioner, Phillip Stephon. Tellefson Road was named for a city official, Mike Tellefson. Stubbs Lane, a private road, leads to former City clerk Helene Stubbs' home. Youngsworth was named for the early developer, whose home is still on the Marycrest Manor property. Overland Avenue had been named First Street, Flower Street and the "Road to San Pedro," where Agustin Machado traded.

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On the next page is the list of the Culver Crest Block Captains and the blocks for which they are responsible. They are our communications links and are vital for distribution of announcements and newsletters and getting information from residents regarding news and issues on the Crest. The Captain of the Block Captains is Rich Kisseh who can be reached at Rich@RichKissel.com . Rich does a great job with the block captains by coordinating their efforts and finding in when someone can't be available when needed. We owe Rich a lot for the job he does for us.	Angela Friedman	310-558-1661	pafins@comcast.net
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Treasurer's Report.

We are all thankful to our paid members who have greatly assisted us in accumulating a fund in excess of **\$3500** for future programs. Thank you all.

Cut along the dotted line

Send or bring to Mike Bauer, 10676 Esterina Way, Culver City, CA 90230 or bring it to the November meeting.

Application for Membership

MEMBERSHIP and DUES.

YES
Here is \$

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

It is greatly appreciated that so many of our residents have paid their annual dues, and so many have contributed amounts greater than the asking price of \$60 annually. ***This is being addressed to those who haven't paid.*** We are a non-profit group of volunteers (but we are not a non-profit corporation) and we are trying to make life on the Crest as enjoyable and safe as possible. Funds are needed to continue the effort and at a cost of \$60 per year. It is a very small price to pay to have quality people (such as our current Board of Directors) representing you to accomplish these tasks. If you feel the Association is fulfilling your needs to make the hill a better place to live, please show us by using the tear-out portion of this newsletter below to donate to these ongoing activities.