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THE CRESTVIEW IS GOING INTERNET

In as much as it's been a pleasure providing this newsletter to the residents of Culver Crest, we sadly announce that this will be the last edition. However, it is for a very good reason. Our new website, skillfully and professionally created by our C.C.N.A. Board Member Antoine Durr, eliminates the need to create and distribute a hard copy of what will be posted on the internet. It will reduce costs and imagine the number of trees we'll save. The website will keep you abreast of events affecting the Crest and in a more current manner. In addition, it provides the ability to post your own news and comments and is therefore a working tool to keep us all more involved and provide better communication.

The C.C.N.A. will still provide news bulletins on an as needed basis via internet. If you currently don't receive our notices, it means we don't have your email address on file. Please send us your email address to Mike Bauer at culvercity99@aol.com.

See you at www.culvercrest.org.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING:

There will be a general meeting of the C.C.N.A. on Wednesday evening, June 4 at 7:30 P.M. Please note the new time, as it is one-hour later than our normal start time. It will take place at the El Rincon School Cafetorium. Our guests for this meeting will be Culver City Police Department's Lt. Iizuka reporting on the Neighborhood Watch activities, Leslie Lockhart, Principal of El Rincon School enlightening us of the new El Rincon Science Lab project, and from the Culver City Department of Public Works, Sammy Romo, the Tellefson Hillside Project Manager, who will update us on the latest Tellefson Hillside developments. Other issues to be discussed include the PXP oil fields and the West Los Angeles College expansion program.

As always, any topic of interest submitted by any Crest member will also be discussed. See you there.

Hillside Damage on Tellefson:

As we can all see day-to-day, the hillside is being repaired. The project is coming along on schedule and without any major hiccups. It is scheduled to be completed in August 2008. It will result in the hill being in better condition than it has been in years, if not ever. Imagine the relief when we have a hill with a solid foundation and a street we can drive down without moving barriers.

West Los Angeles College:

West Los Angeles College is moving full speed ahead toward completion of their new parking structure atop the southeast corner of the campus. A new bus route was established up Stocker Road that caused a significant increase in the noise level for the bordering Culver Crest homes and after much discussion, a second temporary 20-foot sound wall was constructed to partially abate the noise.

Regarding the Stocker strip of land, it has come to the attention of all parties involved, after much coaxing by your C.C.N.A. Board to further look into this matter, that Southern California Edison has now acknowledged that the College owns the Stocker Road property plus an additional 10 to 13 feet of dirt on the Culver Crest side of Stocker. This means that the College will, if we request it, be able to build a permanent sound wall adjoining Stocker.

Additionally, Mark Rocha, President of the College, is hoping that the \$3.5 billion bond issue on the November ballot will pass. This would provide \$300 million for his College, which would enable it to construct new technology, cinema production, science and sport entertainment buildings, as well as a new physical education and fitness center. It would also allow them to build a second new parking structure and free up the land near the Overland entrance for other development. As neighbors of the College, we have to determine whether this is a good thing or not. While we all encourage furthering education, the question here remains at what expense? Will the added traffic and noise in our neighborhood be worth the gain? Your C.C.N.A. Board has and will continue to follow these developments closely to assure that we benefit from and are not victims of this major expansion program.

PXP OIL FIELD:

Your C.C.N.A. Board has been involved in an enormous amount of activity regarding the PXP Oil Fields. We have attended many meetings sponsored by the Community Health Council that along with Culver Crest, encompass many neighborhoods bordering the oil fields. There is a movement to bring the conditions of the oil fields and potential damage their activities may cause to the general public, who for the most part are unaware of the consequences of a mishap caused there. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) of the proposed future activities of the oil fields is due to be released in mid-June. Along with that, there is a Community Standards District (CSD), which outlines the framework of the DEIR. The public will have 60 days after the official release of the DEIR to comment on its content at a public hearing held by Los Angeles County. There will be a workshop set up at the Vets Center here in Culver City to provide the public with the parameters of both the EIR and CSD. At this workshop, there will be technical guidance on how to read the EIR and what impact it will have on the residents in the surrounding areas. The public will have an opportunity to partake in meaningful discussions prior to the hearing. It is essential that Culver Crest residents attend this workshop to learn more about this issue. As soon as the time and date is set, we will inform the Crest.

There are many other action items taking place regarding the oil fields that can't be detailed here. In due time, we will inform you of the progress being made and how you can be involved in the process. This is a very hot issue with major consequences if we don't act to manage the activity of PXP.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

July is our fiscal year end for annual dues payments. If you haven't already paid, please complete the "Application for Membership" form below and with your annual membership dues of \$60 (suggested amount) or more or less, and send or bring it to Mike Bauer at 10676 Esterina Way.

As a reminder, serving on the Board of Directors of the C.C.N.A. is strictly voluntary and without compensation of any kind. All membership proceeds goes towards expenses incurred for outside services and expenses.

Application for Membership

YES! I want to join and support the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association!

Here is \$60.00 for one year's dues and/or \$_____ as a voluntary contribution

Name: _____ Tel: () _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

(Please print legibly)

Do we have your e-mail address?

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