

# The Crest View

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## **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING AT MARYCREST MANOR:**

**There will be a general meeting of the C.C.N.A.  
on Thursday evening, September 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

### **ON THE AGENDA...**

What's goin' on at Westfield's Culver City? That's right. The new name of the Fox Hills Shopping Center is exactly that. Well, we have coming to our meeting Chuck Martinez, its General Manager, to inform us what stores will be there and when it will open. Come and find out about our newest major neighbor and how much fun we can have shopping there.

Also, how much do you know about Measure EE and how will it impact our schools and our pocket books? Culver City is having an election soon not only to elect a new Culver City School Board but also to decide on this very important issue. We will have a debate on the pros and cons of Measure EE.

In addition, we will have our annual nomination of candidates for the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. We would love to have new people run for seats on the board. If you're interested, please put your name into nomination and join our very active group and have a direct hand at improving our neighborhood.

Lt. Williams of the Culver City Police Department will bring us up to date on the recent crimes committed on the Crest with his neighborhood watch report.

## **PXP OIL FIELD:**

**Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas recently received approval from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to study possible amendments to the ordinance that was adopted last year to regulate the oil fields. While that ordinance was a step in the right direction, it failed to adequately address a number of important issues.**

**John Kuechle is the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association's representative to the Community Advisory Panel that was established by last year's ordinance to provide input to the County on the oil field. He is having discussions with the Supervisor's office about which issues are the most important to address in a new ordinance. These include reducing the maximum number of new wells, requiring ongoing oil field clean up, requiring the use of cleaner electric drilling equipment, and encouraging the abandonment of existing wells.**

**If you have any thoughts about what should be included in a revised ordinance, please convey these to the Supervisor's office. Or better yet, voice your ideas at our General Meeting directly to John Kuechle and those in attendance.**

**As a reminder, if you smell odors or hear construction (e.g., drilling) noises that are not within the normal operational hours that you think may be coming from the oil fields, you are urged to call the AQMD at 1-800-CUT SMOG immediately. They will come out to investigate your concerns. In addition, please email the information you reported to Los Angeles County at [lfreeman@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:lfreeman@planning.lacounty.gov) (phone number 213-974-6453-Leon Freeman) and call PXP at 800-766-4108-Lisa Paillet). It is important to CONTACT ALL THREE PARTIES in order for this program to be effective. It is also important that your neighbors know that you are experiencing these disturbances and essential for the C.C.N.A. Board to know so we can follow up with any complaints. Please also email your information to the C.C.N.A. at [culvercity99@aol.com](mailto:culvercity99@aol.com).**

## **CRIME REPORT:**

**Lt. Williams will be at our general meeting to discuss crimes committed on the Crest and how we can help prevent them. He will also be announcing an exciting new program the Culver City Police Department has enacted that can directly and positively impact each family living on the Crest by making them more secure.**

**AGAIN, IF YOU SEE ANYTHING RESEMBLING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CULVER CITY POLICE DEPT. AT 310-837-1221. MAKE SURE YOU NOTE DETAILS OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND DESCRIPTION OF THEIR CAR (IF APPLICABLE) INCLUDING MAKE, COLOR AND LICENSE NUMBER.**

## **WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE:**

**Have you been bothered by early morning construction noise? Do you miss being able to walk around the College or on the track? Have you ever tried (without success) to contact the College's ombudsman to complain?**

**Neighbors of the College have been having increasing problems as a result of the College's failure to honor its obligations under the Environmental Impact Report. The Culver Crest Neighborhood Association and Raintree are working to schedule a meeting with one of the Community College District Trustees, and then to appear before the Community College Board.**

**Since the College's principal defense is that very few people care about the ongoing breaches, it would be very helpful if residents who have been affected by the College's actions would send emails to the Trustees at EisenbLH@email.laccd.edu, the County at KKatona@bos.lacounty.gov, and Culver City at charles.herbertson@culvercity.org.**

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**While the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association does not endorse candidates for local offices, everyone in Culver Crest benefits when we actively participate in the electoral process. For that reason, the Board recently decided to allow notices of campaign events to be posted in our newsletter. These notices are not intended to endorse particular candidates, but only to make the neighborhood aware of upcoming events.**

**On November 2, 2009, there will be a Culver City School Board Election. Kathy Paspalis, a candidate running for one of the three retiring School Board members seats, will hold a "meet and great" session on Friday, September 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All residents of Culver Crest are welcome. It will be at the home of Paula Clarkson, 10719 Ranch Road. RSVP to: paulaclarkson@aol.com**

## **GET BETTER SOON, RON OSTRIN:**

**Our fellow C.C.N.A. Board Member Ron Ostrin had a serious bicycle accident last month. He broke his leg in a terrible fall. He was in the hospital recuperating and rehabbing for a few weeks but is now back home convalescing.**

**We all wish Ron a speedy recovery and to get back on his feet soon.**

**REMEMBER, YOU CAN GET CURRENT NEWS ABOUT  
CULVER CREST AT [WWW.CULVERCREST.ORG](http://WWW.CULVERCREST.ORG).**

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

As you are aware, your C.C.N.A. spent a consider amount of money on the PXP Oil Field project over the past year. While we succeeded in achieving a major improvement to the original provisions of the CSD, it put a considerable dent in our cash reserve. Our only form of revenue comes from membership dues, which is entirely voluntary. It would be greatly appreciated that if you haven't already paid your Annual Membership Dues and were planning to do so that it be paid now.

Please complete the "Application for Membership" form below and with your annual membership dues of \$60 (suggested amount) or more or less, 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?***

**Notices are often sent to Crest residents via e-mail. We need to have your e-mail address so we can more easily communicate with you.  
Please send your e-mail address to [CulverCity99@aol.com](mailto:CulverCity99@aol.com).**