

# *The Crest View*

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## **NOTICE of GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2006**

**\* 6:30 p.m. \***

**at the Rincon School Cafetorium**

Come to El Rincon School, Wednesday evening, July 19, 2006 starting at 6:30 pm to our NOMINATION of OFFICERS meeting. Culver City MAYOR GARY SILBINGER will be our guest speaker to inform us on the latest City developments involving the Crest. Other Crest issues and topics will be discussed as well. Audience participation and input is heartily encouraged.

## **Elections/Nominations:**

This year, nominations for the Board of Directors of the CCNA will be of the open nomination variety. This means that each candidate will run separately for office, and the nine persons receiving the most number of votes will sit on the Board. Most of the existing board members have declared their intent to run for another term. At the July meeting, any person who has been nominated will be able to give a one-minute presentation on why he/she should be elected.

Do you know someone interested in serving on your Board of Directors? If so, place their name in nomination at this meeting, or you may also call Mark Salkin, our President, and give him the name of anyone interested. Mark can be reached at (310) 836-6171. Elections will be held at our October 10, 2006 general meeting.

## *Anticipated Agenda for July 19, 2006 General Meeting*

- A. GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS
- B. READING AND ADOPTING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT
- D. GUEST - LIEUTENANT DEAN WILLIAMS, CCPD,- UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- E. GUESTS - CULVER CITY MAYOR GARY SILBINGER- LATEST INFORMATION ON CULVER CREST AND CULVER CITY TOPICS.
- F. PXP OIL FIELD TOUR AND BAR-B-QUE
- G. OTHER CREST TOPICS AND ISSUES

### ***PXP Oilfields Tour and Bar-B-Que:***

The Culver Crest Neighborhood Association is having a tour, courtesy of the PXP Oil Company, of their oil fields. It will be on Saturday, July 15, 2006 from 10:30 am to 12 Noon. A Bar-B-Que lunch will follow starting at 12 Noon for all in attendance. We are limited to 100 persons. Please call Mike Bauer at 310-838-8222 or email him at culvercity99@aol.com to reserve a space. Bring the whole family. We want you to come and see what's happening on our hill.

To get to the PXP oilfield, drive East on Slauson Avenue, turn left at Fairfax Avenue (just past Home Depot) and proceed approximately 3 blocks past the homes to the PXP site on your right. Go through the gate and follow the signs to the parking area.

### ***Traffic on Ranch Road – Speed Concerns:***

We have been receiving complaints from residents about areas on the Crest that pose the greatest traffic dangers.

These areas, among others, include:

- (a) when driving down Ranch Road approaching Overland for cars entering that intersection from the right approaching from Kelmore;
- (b) when driving up Ranch Road, be careful of cars parked on the curves – they are parked legally even if they are blocking sightlines;
- (c) when driving down Ranch Road, watch for cars entering Ranch Road from Drakewood and Youngworth on the right; and
- (d) as you drive south on little Drakewood and turn to exit the Crest from Kelmore, please slow down and watch for uphill traffic on Kelmore.

It is imperative that you PLEASE, PLEASE stop at all stop signs – do not roll through them. Also, when you park anywhere on the hill, please try not to park directly across the street from another parked car. This causes the street to be compressed into one lane or less, and causes considerable danger when two cars arrive at that site simultaneously.

If you want a traffic officer to monitor a stop sign or see a pattern of speeding that you want deterred, Sgt. Perkins of the Culver City Police Department is in charge of extra patrols that can be requested for that purpose. He can be reached at 310-253-6250.

***PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND OBSERVE ALL TRAFFIC LAWS. IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!!!***

### ***Graffiti HotLine:***

Some graffiti has been seen on the Crest, particularly where the barriers are on Tellefson Road near the hillside. Culver City has a graffiti eradication program. **If you see graffiti, please dial (310) 253-6449 and report it.** Let's stop this practice before it becomes endemic.

### ***Gary the Mailman:***

Many of the homes on the Culver Crest have had their mail faithfully delivered by Gary Bergal, our postal carrier for the past thirty odd years. Gary will be retiring early next year. On behalf of your Board and all our members, we want to say THANK YOU to Gary for his dedicated service. At our meeting on October 10, 2006, we hope to honor Gary and present him with a gift in appreciation for all those years of service. THANK YOU GARY!

### *WLA College Update:*

Events at the college continue to move forward in slow fashion. Dr. Mark Rocha will be the new President of West Los Angeles College and will come on board this month. The school is still struggling with So. Cal. Edison over the right to erect the berm up the hill along Stocker Road. Your Culver Crest Neighborhood Association was able to convince the college that the berm should run from the bottom of Stocker all the way up to Drakewood, which should substantially alleviate much of the noise and blight those neighbors on the Crest experience from time to time.

In conjunction with Raintree Homeowners and the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, the building at 10100 Jefferson is now being incorporated into the plan so that the permanent secondary access to the College (euphemistically described as the “haul road”) can be placed in service. Construction on the haul road is close to starting thus giving rise to the commencement of construction at the campus, likely sometime in early 2007.

Lastly, the College has agreed to remove their recycling center to a location below the Stocker Road sightlines in the crook of the road on the former shot-put fields at Stocker and Freshman. This should have a large impact on reducing the noise near-by residents would hear from the recycling plant.

### *Update on Bernardo Road:*

Did you know that our water company, Golden State Water, will shortly be commencing an upgrade to its pumping station on Bernardo Road? The pumping station is located at the bottom of Bernardo Road. Work will last approximately one month and their work hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Fridays, and may cause some unwelcome temporary noise such as jack hammering, saw cutting noise and digging. It will be done in stages and will be confined to the immediate station area. They are replacing old pipes and the booster with a variable speed drive device that will monitor the water usage on the Crest and automatically kick in if demand requires additional pressure. It will also automatically provide water to the Crest in the event of a power outage. The Crest may experience low water pressure while their work is in progress when they have to either cut pipe or transfer over to the new booster. It will be a short-term inconvenience for considerable long-term benefits.

*As requested by many, we have left this space without news so that you may cut out the membership dues application on the reverse side of this portion of this page and not ruin your newsletter.*

### ***310 Area Code Overlay:***

The PUC has approved an area code overlay for the 310 region to accommodate the growing need for telephone numbers. The new 424 area code will serve customers in the same geographic region as the current 310 area code. With the new area code overlay, ***anyone using a 310 or 424 area code phone must dial 1 + area code + seven-digit number when making calls beginning July 26, 2006. Cellular users can dispense with the 1 prefix but must still use the 310 area code to make a 310 call.*** In August, the phone company will start assigning the 424 numbers to new applicants in our area.

Everyone should reprogram their pre-dialers, call forwarders, alarm systems, etc., etc. before this goes into affect to avoid not being able to make calls and missing calls.

### ***E-MAIL PLEASE:***

The quickest and easiest way to communicate with our members, or for our members to communicate with us, is by email. If you have email, please provide your email address to us at [culvercity99@aol.com](mailto:culvercity99@aol.com). We will be sending out notices by email as well as by delivery to your homes. If you don't have email at home, perhaps you can share with a neighbor or give us your email at work.

### ***Membership Dues:***

Many of you have asked about paying your membership dues for this year and when the last time you paid it. After due consideration, the Board has adopted a fiscal year policy for dues paying members. All memberships will run from July 1 to June 30 of a given year. For this year, all persons who paid anytime after January 1, 2006 shall be entitled to a membership through June 30, 2007. So, if you have not paid since 2005, please remit \$60 for your annual membership or an amount you feel comfortable paying as a voluntary contribution to the cause. If you are not sure when you last paid your membership dues, please contact Mike Bauer at 310-838-8222 or email at [culvercity99@aol.com](mailto:culvercity99@aol.com). He has complete records of who and when memberships were paid. Your dues and voluntary contribution are greatly appreciated as 100% of all proceeds go towards the improvement of the quality of life on Culver Crest.

**Cut along the dotted line-**

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

## **APPLICATION FOR AND RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_