

CRESTVIEWS

Working Together We Can Make a Difference!

Fall 2011 edition

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There's a very important meeting on Monday, November 7th for Crestview residents to learn more about the upcoming Robertson Recreation Center renovations. See page 3 for more details.

In late September, there was a 34-year old man who was shot and killed in our community. Please contact the detectives on page 2 if you have any information that will help them solve this crime.

We will be sending out newsletters only twice a year due to the high cost of printing. We will continue to distribute flyers on an as needed basis. We encourage you all to join the Crestview e-mail list which allows you to receive Crestview news in a timely manner as well as ask for and receive referrals from your neighbors. To join, see back page.



Crestview's Welcome Committee with the welcome basket given to new Crestview residents

Sandy, Miriam, Anne and Melissa



Our Crestview party will be Sunday, May 20th, 2012. We hope to see you there!

We want to officially welcome Gary Karasik as our newest board member. Gary has been a great addition to the team working closely with the other board members, the block captains as well as the City Council office. Welcome Gary!

Most sincerely,

Beth

**Robertson Rec Center
Renovation Meeting**

**Monday
November 7th, 2011
7 PM**

**Robertson Rec Center
1641 Preuss Road
Corner of Preuss and Airdrome**

**Don't miss this very important meeting!
Fill out the survey on page 5 and return!**

**Crestview Neighborhood Party
SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, May 20th, 2012
2 PM—6 PM**

**We've moved our party to May!
Don't miss out on the fun!**

**Best Yard in Crestview Contest
Petting Zoo/Two Bounce Houses
Tons of food**

Crafts and Games for the kids

Located on the 1700 block of Sherbourne



COMMUNITY ALERT



Notification

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE HOLLYWOOD AREA CRIME ANALYSIS DETAIL

REQUESTING COMMUNITY HELP



On September 25, 2011 at approximately 11:35 p.m., **Edmundo Lorenzo**, a citizen of Los Angeles, was shot to death as he was walking on the sidewalk in the 8800 block of 18th street. Mr. Lorenzo appeared to be coming from the Robertson Boulevard area. The shooting appears to be gang related. Although this is a West Los Angeles occurrence, Detectives from the Hollywood Homicide Unit are assigned to the case and are conducting an intensive investigation.

The Los Angeles Police Department is asking for the help of the community in developing additional leads to assist in the investigation. Anyone with any information about this incident is encouraged to contact LAPD Homicide Detectives at (213) 972-2910 during regular business hours. During off hours, please contact the Los Angeles Police Department by dialing the **24 hour tip line** at (877) 527-3247, or you may call the **Anonymous tip line** at (800) 222-8477.

APPROVED BY: Detective _____
Prepared by: Hollywood Crime Analysis Detail (213) 972-2964

SERIAL: _____
Date: 10/27/11 GG CAD# 06111027-1



An investment in our community

[Council District 5](#) is spearheading a project to renew Robertson Recreation Center ([at Preuss & Airdrome](#)) to create a newer, better facility which can serve more community needs.

The project would create a vibrant, clean, safe and new community center with enriched activity and learning programs for youth, seniors and other segments of our community, as well as the potential to expand uses to include performing arts, community meetings and more. Located a short walk across from the Robertson Public Library, the Rec Center area would become the heart of community activity for a wide swath of our residents.

SORO NC's Town Hall

On Monday, November 7, we will gather some of the key decision makers together at the Recreation Center to host a Community Town Hall and dialogue. We will hear from [Council Member Paul Koretz](#) and see the earliest presentation of schematics and plans from the architects working at the Bureau of Engineers.

Most importantly, we want to hear from all of you. Our own annual survey indicated that many of you would use this facility more often if it had more to offer you, so we are excited about the opportunity to make that happen.

This will be the first in a series of meetings, so there is a long way to go until anything is set in stone, but we welcome your voices to the table and are looking forward to a productive dialogue and the best possible result for all our community.

Where's the money coming from?

In 1996, City of Los Angeles voters passed "[Proposition K](#)", to create a citywide assessment district to create \$25 million a year in funds for 30 years, specifically for the acquisition, improvement, construction and maintenance of City parks and recreation facilities. The primary purpose of Prop K is to combat the decay of the City's youth infrastructure, resulting in serious unmet needs for parks, recreation, childcare and community facilities.

The project at Robertson is at its very earliest stages, and the process for getting money, time and investment from the City will take some work. But there's real potential for this project to represent a \$6-7 million investment in our community, at a time when the City is strapped. For all these reasons, SORO NC is very enthusiastic about this project, and we are committed to keeping the community involved in the process as it moves forward, so that we end up with the best solution for everyone.

Tree damage in Crestview

Throughout Crestview, trees are dying. The cause is not old age, or sickness or a mysterious new malady: these trees are simply the victims of carelessness by gardeners and improper care.

Gardeners use string trimmers, also called weed whackers, to cut the lawns. These are not toys. The very fast moving nylon monofilament line of a string trimmer can cause serious injury to people and trees. Young trees typically receive a 'mowing shield' at planting time but that gets abandoned later on (pic. 1).

In this case no grass free circles were maintained around the base of the trees (pic. 2), the gardeners came too close, the string repeatedly hit the bark at the base of the trees and took big bites out of them (pic. 3). At this point young shoots may sometimes try to come up directly from the roots as seen in this picture.

Crepe myrtle trees have only paper thin bark (pic. 3). When that bark is cut the thin phloem layer directly underneath it that transports sugars and starches from the leaves to the branches and trunk is also removed, as well as the hair thin cambium layer below the phloem that creates new tissues. At that point no more food (sugar) can go to the roots.

Typically the water conducting vessels in the wood (xylem), below the cambium, which push water upward to the leaves are also affected by the impact of the string. Once a complete tree girdling ring of phloem and cambium material has been removed from the tree through repeated 'gardener accidents' and there is no more contact between trunk and roots, the top can no longer supply the roots, the roots can only poorly supply the top and the tree will slowly die (pic. 4). If a thin strip of connecting material remains the tree may barely hang in there for years, but with luck it will recover. Bridge grafting can sometimes be applied in fresh injury cases.

Effective immediately, please do not allow your gardener to use a string trimmer in your garden until (s)he has scooped out a grass free basin around each street tree and all other trees you care about. Basin should be at least 12" - 18" inches wide at narrowest point between tree trunk and grass.

Do not put ANYTHING directly adjacent to or touching the tree, no flowers, no stone, no rocks, no gravel, no mulch, because summer fungus is a problem in our climate and sunlight is the best and the cheapest fungicide. Mulch at least 6" away from the tree trunk is ok.

Please remember that it is much, much easier to keep a tree healthy than it is trying to cure it.

Submitted by: Pieter Severynen, CA Landscape Architect 1970, Certified Arborist WE-3271-A



1. Young tree protected by plastic shield



2. No protective grass circle, trunk damaged



3. Bark, phloem and cambium left



4. Tree is dying

Robertson Recreation Center Renovations

On Monday, November 7th, Crestview residents will learn about the plans for renovating our local park. Two Crestview residents are on the planning committee so please provide feedback on what you'd like to see.

I currently use the park: Yes How often/month? _____ No

I use the park in the following ways:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play basketball/volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Take kids to the playgrounds area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Take classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> I've never been to the park |

I don't use the park for the following reasons:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know what they offer | <input type="checkbox"/> They don't offer anything I am interested in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We have a park? | <input type="checkbox"/> Condition of the equipment is too old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The park doesn't feel safe to me | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

What do you feel are the most important aspects of a local park?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer sports programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Community rooms for meetings/classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe place for local kids | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please contact Beth Ryan at beth@crestviewla.com if you have additional feedback.

Crestview Party Survey

**Please take a moment and provide us with your feedback and make sure you mark your calendars now for the party!
The party will be on Sunday May 20th from 2—6 PM.**

I plan on attending this years party: Yes No Maybe

Please check all of the activities that you would like to see at the party:

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Kosher | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-kosher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petting Zoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler Farm Yard Bouncer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> DJ <input type="checkbox"/> Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Obstacle Course Jumper | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Contest (ie. best yard) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Table | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Area (for adults) | <input type="checkbox"/> Game Area (for kids) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Booths for Neighbors to show and sell (pottery, jewelry, art work etc) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations by neighbors—pilates, drawing, making jewelry etc | | |

I'd be interested in the following:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being on the party committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Having a booth or doing a demonstration |
|---|--|

My contact info is _____ (name) _____ (address)
_____ (phone) _____ (e-mail).

Crestview Membership Contact Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- I'd like to pay my 2012 membership at this time. I have enclosed \$30.
- I'd like to be a part of the Alexander Protective Services Car Patrol. I have enclosed \$50 for 2012. You must be a Crestview member in order to participate in this program. If you have already sent in your Crestview membership, thank you!

Check # _____ **Check amount \$** _____

Please make check payable to:

Crestview Neighborhood Association and mail to
1800 S. Robertson Blvd Box #2027 Los Angeles, CA 90035

Thank you for your continued interest in Crestview and for helping
to keep our community safe and our residents working together!

Working Together We Can Make a Difference!

Crestview Membership is only \$30 per year

FOLD AND MAIL YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Crestview Neighborhood Association
1800 S. Robertson Blvd
#2027
Los Angeles, CA 90035



Crestview consists of 700 homes situated between Robertson Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard between Pickford and Sawyer. Although we're a relatively small section of Los Angeles, there are some fun and interesting things we have to offer.

The historical homes in this neighborhood are renowned for the charm and character bestowed by famous architect Elwain Steinkamp. You can recognize his designs by his signature stained glass windows.



In addition to the gorgeous architecture of Crestview homes, we have a great Farmer's Market that takes place every Thursday between 3 and 7 pm at the corner of 18th Street and La Cienega where you can buy fresh produce and meet your neighbors.

Since 1992, residents of Crestview have had a voice in their community through the Crestview Neighborhood Association, which is comprised of an *all-volunteer* Board of Directors and various committees. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood with an emphasis on security and beautification. We also serve as a liaison between the residents and City, County and State agencies.



In addition, the Association: compiles and delivers a newsletter; hosts a Crestview website at www.crestviewla.com; sponsors an e-mail list called the Crestview Chat, manages a system of block captains who work closely with the residents; organizes a neighborhood block party every other year; planted and maintains more than 300 trees on all streets in the community; oversees a Neighborhood Watch Program to help keep residents and their property secure; offers a car patrol service as an extra level of security; and provides a Welcoming Committee to new residents of Crestview. A New Mom Committee is in the works.

All of these commitments require the support of every resident in Crestview. Our budget comes from dues paid by residents. We urge all of our neighbors in Crestview to join the Neighborhood Association. Dues are only \$30 per year.



Every other year, Crestview hosts a neighborhood party. We've changed the party to earlier in the year so we aren't competing with other local community events occurring throughout the year. We hope you join us and your neighbors at the next party on Sunday, May 20th, 2012.

If you have any interesting Crestview history, please send it to beth@crestviewla.com.



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Live operators available 24 hours a day

West LA Police Department

EMERGENCY = 911

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310-444-0739 or 310-622-3987

30892@lapd.lacity.org

Councilman Paul Koretz

5th District—Pickford to 18th St

(310) 289-0353

<http://www.lacity.org/council/cd5/>

Block Captains

All area codes are 310 unless noted

New block captains are in **bold**

Airdrome	Baila Romm	663-8560
Pickford	Anne Austin	274-6317
Sawyer	Melissa Colton	558-8255

1600 blocks

Bedford	Rishona Teres	497-5136
Corning	Anne Austin	274-6317
Garth	Brian Kite	963-7624
Holt	David Couper	274-5337
Preuss	Sant Kaur Khalsa	278-7403
Shenandoah	Frank Ryan	888-0151
Sherbourne	Yossi Moravati	490-8547
Wooster	Peter Weinberger	702-4946

1700 blocks

Bedford	Emily Rabinowitz	559-5484
Corning	Mary Withers	836-6899
Garth	Robert Munic	213-200-3753
Holt	Michael Chin	837-5519
Preuss	Miriam Krombach	839-8408
Shenandoah	Terry Ring Schonwald	836-0644
Sherbourne	Neal Shapiro	836-6484
Wooster	Stephanie Baruch	839-3251

1800 blocks

Bedford	Mary Smith	343-5576
Holt	Wilton Radic	839-1997
Preuss	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN	
Shenandoah	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN	
Sherbourne	Melissa Colton	558-8255
Wooster	Vivian Chinelli	204-0086

Councilman Herb Wesson

10th District—18th St to Sawyer

(323) 733-8233

<http://www.lacity.org/council/cd10/>

Don't forget to sign up for the e-mail list!

Join the Crestview Neighborhood Association e-mail list!

For more information, go to Crestview's website at

www.crestviewla.com

And click on Crestview Chat to learn more.



If you have any questions or if you have trouble subscribing,
 call Beth Ryan at (310) 888-8787 or send her an e-mail at president@crestviewla.com.