

CRESTVIEWS

Working Together We Can Make a Difference!

2012 is flying by already! As you will see throughout the newsletter, we will be hosting our Crestview party this year and have some fun new items (craft booths and art and dance demonstrations as well as a game area for adults) in addition to the petting zoo, face painter, best yard in Crestview contest, bouncers for the toddlers and the bigger kids and tons of food. We hope you join us this year as it is a great way to feel more connected to the community.

Thanks to the energy and ideas from the block captains, we have new programs and benefits for Crestview residents. We started a welcome committee, offered membership benefits, made donations to local programs supporting youth in the community as well as the Robertson Recreation Center and have added many new features for this year's party! We have lots of new ideas ready to implement in 2012 as well!

Gary Karasik joined the board of directors and hit the ground running with great feedback and working collaboratively with the team.

Welcome Grey Blavin as our newest block captain for 1800 Pruess!

Our Crestview mailbox moved from the 1800 block of Robertson to the 1700 block so please note our new address on page 8 if you are sending us any correspondence.

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

Most sincerely,



Special Thanks to all of the Crestview residents who have joined as members. Membership fees remains only \$30 a year.

2012 Member Benefits



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Crestview Neighborhood Party SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, May 20th, 2012
2 PM—6 PM**

**Best Yard in Crestview Contest, Petting Zoo,
Two Bounce Houses, Tons of food, and more**

Located on the 1700 block of Sherbourne

Don't miss out on the fun!

LAPD AND CRIME UPDATES

Unfortunately, LAPD has not been able to solve the murder that took place on September 25th on 18th street yet. Councilmember Koretz's office has offered a \$50,000 award for information leading to a conviction in this case. If you have any information that could help them find the shooter, please contact Detective Brandstetter 213-972-2911 or 27370@lapd.lacity.org.

Crestview residents continue to find their cars broken in to. Fortunately, the thieves are not breaking any windows or damaging most vehicles or even stealing anything—leaving behind GPS, insurance cards, etc. They appear to be using some sort of device and stealing only loose change. It is important however that all residents report these break-ins so that LAPD can hopefully catch these thieves and end the break-ins.

If you find that your car has been broken in to, call LAPD at 310-444-0701 and file an “attempt” burglary report. Also send details to our senior lead officer, Maria Gray.

If you see something suspicious or a crime in progress, ALWAYS call 911.

Senior Lead Officer Maria Gray
310-444-0739 or 310-622-3987
30892@lapd.lacity.org

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE



Paul Koretz

Currently, Crestview is served by two Councilmembers—Herb Wesson and Paul Koretz. Under the newly proposed redistricting plan, our entire neighborhood would fall under one city council office—Councilmember Koretz.



Herb Wesson

Both offices have always been incredibly responsive to our needs and work on many issues concerning our community as the budget continues to get tighter and tighter.

Contact information for both offices are on the back page of the newsletter. Ask Liz or David if you would like to receive their newsletter electronically.



Let's be mindful of keeping the parkways, sidewalks, and lawns clean.

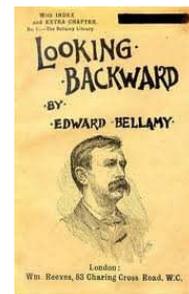
**THANK YOU TO ALL OF
THE DOG OWNERS
WHO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS!**

Getting Along in Crestview

Written by Gary Karasik

One of the great pleasures of living in Crestview is the friendliness of our neighbors. On my block we have neighborhood parties a couple of times a year to which everyone is invited.

Living here on Bedford Street reminds me of my small, upstate New York home town. When I think about this I always remember Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward: 2000-1887." Published in 1887, "Looking Backward" is a utopian novel about a man who wakes up 113 years in the future to discover the world has evolved into a paradise in which people live with only two written laws: The first is (I'm paraphrasing), "You will not disturb others," and the second is, "You will not be too easily disturbed." I think all neighborly disputes are encompassed by these two laws.



Cranky Neighbors violate one or both of these laws, and they can annoy a whole neighborhood, but if you happen to live next door to one, well, at best, not getting along with your neighbor can make daily life unpleasant, and at worst it can make life miserable, leaving you feeling trapped in a very ugly situation.

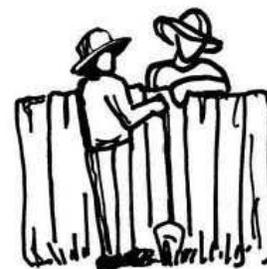
Cranky Neighbor violations can take many forms from subtle (turning on sprinklers so your car gets sprayed) to outright obnoxious (leaving trash, playing loud music, even making threats). It's hard to know what to do: ignoring the harassment can lead to escalation; but so can confrontation.

There are no easy answers, and these situations are not easily resolved, but there are some resources. LA County provides a free mediation service:

<http://dca.lacounty.gov/tsMediation.html>

And if things escalate, there are legal remedies:

http://www.ehow.com/list_6745008_california-neighbor-harassment-laws.html



Usually rising above the obnoxious behavior is the best (but at times the most difficult) policy, because retaliation nearly always leads to escalation.

Please make every effort to look at how your behavior might be affecting those around you. And if you are bothered by a neighbor's behavior, resolve to speak with them calmly letting them know how you feel. For example, some dog owners might not realize that when they leave the house, their dogs bark or a neighbor might not realize that their sprinklers are hitting your car.

We live close together and some disagreements are inevitable, but if we all resolve to be a better neighbor, we will all benefit.

Crestview Neighborhood Association 2011 Financial Report

Beginning Balances as of January 1, 2011

Money Market	\$ 5,433.06
Checking Account	\$ 3,633.71
Total	\$ 9,066.77

Ending Balances as of December 31, 2011

Money Market	\$ 5,535.29
\$96.72 PayPal deposit	
\$ 5.51 Interest	
Checking Account	\$ 3,366.82
Total	\$ 8,902.11

Beginning balance (checking)	\$ 3,633.71	
Deposits	\$ 11,327.63	
Total	\$ 14,961.34	

Withdrawals	(\$11,294.52)	
Total	\$ 3,366.82	

Income: (included in above balances)

Membership Dues *	\$ 7,086.38
APS Car Patrol Dues **	\$ 4,241.25

Expenses:

APS Car Patrol	\$ 4,374.00
Backpacks (1)	\$ 385.41
Donations (2)	\$ 1,245.00
Mail Box Rental	\$ 210.00
Meetings (3)	\$ 1,456.98
Party 2012 Deposits	\$ 401.58
Postage	\$ 545.80
Printing (4)	\$ 1,400.97
Returned checks	\$ 110.00
Service Fees	\$ 60.00
Supplies	\$ 346.16
Tree Project (5)	\$ 0.00
Web Hosting (6)	\$ 200.17
Welcome Committee (7)	\$ 562.45
Total Expenses:	\$ 11,294.52

* Several members paid via paypal accounting for the odd amount and includes a deposit of 2012 dues as well.

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- (1.) Due to the increased interest in 2011 membership, Crestview purchased additional backpacks.
- (2.) Over the past few years, Crestview has focused on making donations to local programs and events. We have supported the SORO Festival, Robertson Recreation Center and the Stepping Forward program and lawn maintenance for an abandoned Crestview home.
- (3.) In 2011, the Crestview board continued meeting on a monthly basis and invited the block captains to join them every other month to discuss ideas, concerns, membership, party details, receive updates, etc.
- (4.) Ramsey Salem continues to donate a portion of our newsletter printing costs.
- (5.) Although Crestview did not spend any funds on trees in 2011, the board did approve \$1,000 for a tree project.
- (6.) Bill Clarkson performs all of the website updates and changes. Visit www.crestviewla.com
- (7.) Thanks to Anne Austin, Miriam Krombach and Sandy Block, Crestview's newest residents are now greeted with a lovely basket of fresh fruit from the farmers market and a folder full of helpful resources as they move in.

Crestview Party Survey

The Crestview Party will be on Sunday, May 20th from 2—6 PM.

We are offering some new opportunities this year at the party, but we are very limited on table space. Deadline is March 31st (or when table space runs out) so return your forms today!

CRAFT BOOTHS

We will be offering an opportunity for Crestview members to have a craft booth (pottery, jewelry, art) at the party.

I would like to be considered for a booth: Yes No

My craft item will include: _____

I would need a table and chair Yes No

ART OR EXERCISE DEMONSTRATIONS

As part of the party offerings, we would like to provide an opportunity for Crestview members to give demonstrations of pilates, yoga, dance or art projects.

I would like to be considered to be a demonstrator: Yes No

My demonstration would include: _____

Please give us more details about your demonstration, spacing needs, length of time for demonstration so we can schedule as many demonstrators as possible.

My demonstration would take place On a table In the street
If on a table, will you provide the table and chair? Yes No

The time I would need for my demonstration would be _____.

I would like to do my demonstrations _____ number of times during the day if possible.

GAMES TABLES

We will put aside a few tables for games. Do you have any games that you would like to bring and teach others how to play? For example, Mah Jong or Dominoes

Yes No Which games? _____

I don't have any games, but I would like to play _____ (name of game)

BEST GARDEN IN CRESTVIEW CONTEST

I would like to nominate the following yards for the contest _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: (Must provide all contact info below to be considered)

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CNA MEMBER:** Yes No

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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 \$ _____
(Check amount must be \$80 for membership and APS Car Patrol)

You can also pay online at www.crestviewla.com via paypal.

Please make check payable to:

Crestview Neighborhood Association and mail to
1702 S. Robertson Blvd Box #2027 Los Angeles, CA 90035
(note new address)

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
1702 S. Robertson Blvd
#2027
Los Angeles, CA 90035

REAL ESTATE UPDATE.....BY ANNE AUSTIN

MAKE SURE YOU ARE HIRING THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR:

For most of us our home is our best asset. When you are ready to make improvements or changes, go about hiring a contractor diligently. A good contractor can make all the difference. If you are planning on doing major construction, like adding on to your home also hire an architect. People are often shocked at their cost but an architect is worth every penny. Architects turn a good project into a fantastic one that you can be proud of. Always get a building permit when doing a major project, as when you are ready to sell your home issues may arise. Lenders today do not look favorably on homes that have additions done without permits.

HERE IS A RECAP OF LAST YEAR'S CRESTVIEW SALES: TWENTY SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND ONE TRIPLEX SOLD



1753 WOOSTER ST
2 + 2 + GUEST
PRICE \$805,000



1857 PREUSS RD
3 + 2 + DEN
PRICE \$820,000



1612 S BEDFORD ST
3 + 2
PRICE \$756,000



1733 S HOLT AVE
3 + 2
PRICE \$751,000



1800 S SHENANDOAH
3 + 2
PRICE \$742,500



1778 BEDFORD ST
4 + 2
PRICE \$740,000



8559 PICKFORD ST
3 + 2
PRICE \$700,000



1848 WOOSTER ST
3 + 2
PRICE \$680,000



1722 S SHENANDOAH
2 + 2
PRICE \$682,000



1626 S BEDFORD ST
2 + 1.5
PRICE \$670,000



1832 S SHERBOURNE
2 + 1.5
PRICE \$645,000



1772 S HOLT AVE
3 + 2
PRICE \$525,000



1621 CORNING ST
2 + 1 + STUDIO
PRICE \$630,000



1729 PREUSS ST
3 + 1.75
PRICE \$619,000



1833 S BEDFORD ST
2 + 2 + DEN
PRICE \$630,000



1772 S GARTH ST
3 + 2
PRICE \$625,000



1660 S GARTH AVE
3 + 2
PRICE \$595,000



1859 S HOLT AVE
3 + 2
PRICE \$625,000



1701 S HOLT AVE
2 + 2
PRICE \$450,000



1752 S HENANDOAH
2 + 1
PRICE \$480,000



1643 S SHENANDOAH
TRIPLEX
PRICE \$899,000

Anne Austin is a resident of Crestview and a Real Estate agent with Coldwell Banker. The information while deemed reliable is not guaranteed, it is provided as a service to the Crestview community and is not intended as a solicitation. Anne can be reached at 213-718-152



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2012 Board of Directors

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 Ramsey Salem 310-202-0021

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 Carrie Miner 310-384-9646

Member at large 1@crestviewla.com
 Gary Karasik 310-204-3160

“One Call to City Hall”—Dial 311

West LA Police Department

EMERGENCY = 911

NON-EMERGENCY = 1-877-ASK-LAPD

Officer Deryl Jackson

Senior Lead Officer Maria Gray

310-444-0739 or 310-622-3987

30892@lapd.lacity.org

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Field Deputy—David Giron

(310) 289-0353

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

Councilman Herb Wesson

10th District—18th St to Sawyer

Field Deputy—Liz Carlin

(323) 733-8233

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

Block Captains

All area codes are 310 unless noted

Thank you to the newest block captains 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	Grey Blavin	770-3698
Shenandoah	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN	
Sherbourne	Melissa Colton	558-8255
Wooster	Vivian Chinelli	204-0086

Join Crestview residents on the Crestview 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.