

PA FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Greenbelt News

As you walk around the Greenbelt you'll notice how our beautiful trees are all well shaped and maintained. This is accomplished by a regular schedule of pruning, crown reduction, and dead wooding. We've divided the Greenbelt into four sections, so that every tree gets attention at least once every four years.

All trees need to be properly maintained on a regular basis. It therefore pains us to see trees in our neighbor's yards that have been ruined by the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches to stubs through a process known as topping. A homeowner may feel that a tree has become too large for their property so they tell their gardener to radically reduce the tree. While this does make the tree smaller, it also greatly stresses the tree by removing much of the tree's leaf-bearing crown. Since leaves are the "food factories" of the tree, removing them greatly weakens the tree. Stressed trees are far more susceptible to insects, disease, and disastrous branch failure.

In addition, when a tree is poorly trimmed, it goes into survival mode by producing a profusion of shoots near the surface of the cut branches. These types of branches grow quickly, but are not properly anchored, increasing the likelihood of limb failure down the road.

So neighbors, if the trees on your property become too large, please consult with a licensed arborist and tell them you want crown reduction and dead wooding. Even better if you put together a regular schedule of tree maintenance, the trees in your yard will stay healthy, beautiful, and safe for many years.

Holiday Reminder

Now that the holidays are over, please be sure to remove all Holiday decorations and lights. Thank You!



CC&R Highlights

Before proceeding with any alteration to the outside of your home (front, back, or sides), fill out and submit an Architectural Request form at least four weeks before scheduling the work. Remodels may take longer, so plan ahead. (The form is available by mail, the First Neighborhood website www.firstneighborhood.org, or you can stop by the First Neighborhood Office at the Community Center.)

Welcome Neighbors

These new residents have recently moved into our First Neighborhood and we welcome them. As new residents and members of the First Neighborhood Property Owners Association, you should call the Community Center office (818) 889-0632 if you have any questions regarding your new home or neighborhood.

Alain & Karen, 4200 Beaucroft Court

Alexander & Kate, 4435 Regents Court

Maxx & Antoinette, 3901 Clearford Court

Oradea 1 Properties, 4323 Beaucroft Court

Homeowners Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Cardroom. All homeowners are invited to attend.

Rule Reminder

Please remember that the association requires owners to maintain their landscaping in good condition. While you are working on your yard, be sure to not share your debris by blowing it on to your neighbor's property or in the street. The city street sweeping service is not there to pick up your debris that gardeners often blow into the street. All association documents, rules, CC&R's, etc. are available at our website: www.firstneighborhood.org

City Council Meetings

If you are interested in attending City Council Meetings, they are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall. An agenda is also available to you the Friday before each meeting, which you can pick up at the City Hall. Get involved!

The Sheriff's Department Community Tips

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF

Being stopped by a deputy sheriff can be uncomfortable. Deputies share your feelings. More than half of all California peace officers killed in the line of duty were conducting pedestrian or traffic stops. Our biggest concern is safety, yours and ours. The information herein will help everyone get home safely.

Why Deputies Conduct Stops

- Public safety is the primary reason for any stop, for example:
- Did you commit a traffic violation? ran a red light, expired registration tags
- Do you match the description of someone wanted for a crime? assault, theft, homicide
- Was your vehicle or one like it used to commit a crime? drive-by shooting, arson, kidnapping
Is your vehicle safe? broken taillight, cracked windshield
- Did you witness a crime? robbery, shooting, burglary
- Do you need help?

What You Need To Know

- Red lights and/or a siren means pull over to the right where it is safe and where you will not block traffic.
- If it is dark, the deputy will use a bright spotlight or flashlight to illuminate you or your car.
- California law requires all drivers to show their license, registration, and insurance card to a peace officer upon request.
- The United States Supreme Court states it is reasonable and legal for a deputy to ask you and your passengers to exit the car.
- According to State law, if you refuse to sign a citation, you may be arrested

What You Should Do

- Remain in your vehicle and follow the deputy's instructions.

Community Center Calendar of Events January - February 2018

JANUARY 2018

Tuesday 2	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Thursday 4	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Saturday 6	Party	9:00 a.m.
Sunday 7	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 9	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Friday 12	Cotillion	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 16	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday 17	Architectural/First Neighborhood HOA Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 18	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Saturday 20	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 23	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Saturday 27	Party	9:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2018

Thursday 1	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Friday 2	Cotillion	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7	NCL	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 13	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Thursday 15	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday 20	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.

- Keep your hands where the deputy can see them.
- Avoid any sudden movements, and do not reach for your license or other items until the deputy requests them.
- Ask any passengers in your car to remain calm and comply with the deputy's instructions.
- Sign the citation if you receive one (this does not mean you are guilty; it is just your promise to appear in court at a later time).

What You Can Expect

- Deputies are trained to be courteous and professional when they contact you.
- When it is safe or practical to do so, the deputy will provide you with his/her name upon request.
- Deputies who are not in uniform will also present proper identification upon request.
- Within a reasonable amount of time, the deputy will explain why you were stopped.
- If you are disabled or ill, the deputy will assist you.

Talk To Us

- The Watch Commander at any Sheriff's Station or facility is available to answer your questions regarding procedures, citations, or traffic stops.
- You can contact us in person or by mail, and you do not have to use a special form. The Watch Commander will complete a Service Comment Report to document your complaint or commendation.
- Watch Commanders may discuss a deputy's conduct, but cannot adjudicate citations. Only a judge has that authority.
- If you choose to report your concerns by phone, you may contact the station Watch Commanders individually or you may dial 1-800-698-TALK.

Westlake Village Places of Worship



St. Jude's Catholic Church (818) 889-1279
Fr. Jim Stehly
32032 Lindero Canyon Rd. - Westlake Village, 91361

St. Paul Lutheran Church,
MO Synod (818) 889-1620
Matthew Nolte, Pastor
30600 Thousand Oaks Blvd. - Agoura, 91301

Temple Adat Elohim..... (805) 497-7101
Rabbi Andrew Straus
2420 E. Hillcrest Dr. - Thousand Oaks, 91362

The Church of the Epiphany (818) 991-4797
(Episcopal)
Rev. Melissa McCarthy
5450 Churchwood Dr. - Oak Park, 91377

The Calvary Community Church (818) 991-8040
Shawn Thornton, Pastor
5495 Via Rocas - Westlake Village, 91362

Conejo Valley
Congregational Church (805) 381-0484
Dave Clack, Pastor
750 Erbes Road - Thousand Oaks, 91362

Westminster Presbyterian Church... (818) 889-1491
Rev. Dr. Richard H. Thompson, Pastor
32111 Watergate Road - Westlake Village, 91361

United Methodist Church
of Westlake Village (805) 497-7884
Rev. Rev. Walter Dilg, Pastor
1049 Westlake Blvd. - Westlake Village, 91361

Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints..... (818) 991-2550
La Venta at Watergate - Westlake Village, 91361

First Church of Christian Scientist... (805) 495-3203
305 Conejo School Road - Thousand Oaks, 91362

New Hope Lutheran Church..... (818) 889-8700
Craig Beeker, Pastor
29295 Agoura Road - Agoura Hills, 91301

Temple Etz Chaim..... (805) 497-6891
Rabbi Richard Spiegel
1080 Janss Road - Thousand Oaks, 91362

REFERENCE INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS First Neighborhood Property Owners Association

Homeowners and Architectural Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Your attendance is most welcome at all regular meetings. The Architectural Committee requests your applications for review and approval of all exterior modifications to your home or landscaping (reroofing, tree removal, etc.) Newsletter deadline is the 3rd Monday of each month. Please submit information in person, by phone or mail to the Community Center.

For Emergencies Or Problems:

Police (Sheriff)	911 (Emergency) or 818-878-1808; 818-991-0522 (fax)
Fire/paramedics	911 (Emergency) or 818-889-1122; 818-889-1626 (business)
Animal Control	818-991-0071
Gas Leaks	1-800-427-2200
Electrical Power Loss	1-800-611-1911
Broken Water Main	818-251-2100 (Las Virgenes Water Dist.)
Telephone Repair	611
Las Virgenes Water Dist.	818-251-2100
Vector Control Rodents	626-430-5450
Mosquitoes	310-915-7370

For General Information:

Community Center Office	818-889-0632 (8:30 - 12:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.)
Manager - The Emmons Company	805-413-1170 (8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.)
City Hall	818-706-1613
Health Dept.	818-880-3409
LA County Health & Human Service Program	211

To Report Common Area Problems:

Continuously Running Sprinklers:	
On City Property (Cul-de-Sacs, Medians, Park)	818-706-1613 (9 am - 5 pm, Mon.-Fri.)
On First Neighborhood Property (Greenbelts Only)	818-889-0632 (8:30 am-12:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.)
Lights Out On Greenbelt:	Customer Service 1-800-655-4555
Community Center Alarm:	Aid Alert Security 818-991-6002

Board of Directors:

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Todd Spiegel
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Michael Harris

Greenbelt Committee:

Robin Hirsch, Chairman (818) 822-7091
Bruce Gruver
Allisyn Cashdan

Notes



Sunset Magazine

January Checklist

Planting

Annuals. It's still possible to plant annuals, especially in mild coastal areas. Choices include calendula, dianthus, Iceland poppy, larkspur, nemesia, pansy, primrose, snapdragon, and stock. Low desert gardeners can also plant petunias.

Bare-root plants. Bare-root plants are a bargain, and they're also fun: Watching a twiggy stick turn into a leafy plant is always a kick. You have plenty of opportunity to plant this month. Nurseries will still be well stocked with roses, and they will also have stone fruit trees, cane berries, grape and kiwi vines, strawberries, artichokes, and asparagus. Some may also have deciduous ornamental trees. Plant immediately if possible. If soil is too soggy, cover roots with moist soil or plant temporarily in containers.

Winter Color. In Southern California, a surprising number of plants bloom in the middle of winter. To add sparkle to the garden during this season, consider a winter-flowering tree such as Acacia baileyana, Hong Kong orchid tree (Bauhinia blakeana), or feathery cassia (Cassia artemisioides). Tuck a winter-blooming shrub like Christmas heather (Erica canaliculata), Geraldton waxflower, or euryops into the flower border, and add bergenia, hellebores, or yellow flax (Reinwardtia indica) to your perennial beds. Train flame vine (Pyrostegia venusta) or Jasminum polyanthum up a trellis. Use aloes or other flowering succulents as accents.

Maintenance

Begin dormant-season pruning. Start with roses. Deciduous fruit trees need pruning too; plums, apricots, and peaches each require a different technique. If in



doubt, attend a pruning demonstration at an arboretum or consult a good reference book before proceeding. Don't prune spring-flowering plants now—wait until after bloom. Also wait for spring before removing frost-damaged branches. The damaged portion protects tender interior growth.

Groom Camellias. If camellia blight is a problem (petals turn brown and flowers rot in the center), pick infected flowers from plants and remove fallen flowers and leaves promptly from ground beneath plants.

Pest Control

Apply dormant spray. After pruning, spray roses and deciduous flowering and fruit trees with horticultural oil to smother overwintering insects such as mites, scale, and sawfly larvae. For fungal diseases such as peach leaf curl, mix lime sulfur or fixed copper into the oil. Spray the branches, crotches, trunk, and ground beneath the tree's drip line. If rain occurs within 48 hours, repeat.

Rental of First Neighborhood Community Center

Do you have a wedding or special party coming up this year? This is a reminder that as a First Neighborhood resident, you're entitled to rent the Community Center for your personal and social events and may reserve the facility one year prior to your event. If you would like to use the Center and would like more information, call Sharon Howard at (818) 889-0632 or drop by the office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. after hours you may leave a message on the answering machine and your call will be returned the following weekday.

Approved Architectural Applications

- #0045 4501 Sevenoaks Court
Landscape
- #0269 31764 Kentfield Court
Windows
- #0438 4446 Beaconsfield Court
Roof
- #0451 4323 Hartfield Court
Landscape
- #0637 4531 Regents Court
Windows

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