

PA FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Homeowners Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center cardroom. All homeowners are invited to attend.

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.

ARN California, 4524 Regents Court
Ronald, 31608 Village Center Road

School Reminder

School is back in session and we are asking that you drive slowly and carefully through the neighborhood. Thank you.

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!

Approved Architectural Applications

- Lot#0079 4524 Beaconsfield Court
Flat Roof
- Lot#0131 32011 Watergate Court
Stone Removal
- Lot#0194 32031 Wallington Court
Windows
- Lot#0454 4301 Hartfield Court
Wall
- Lot#0604 4421 Henley Court
Fences, Gate
- Lot#0671 4428 Regents Court
Window
- Lot#0678 4524 Regents Court
Remodel. Landscape, Roof,
Tree Removal, Paint



Beautiful Home - 31665 Village School Road

Greenbelt News

Every year when the kids go back to school our Greenbelt fills with children loaded with back packs on their way to White Oak School. I see them in the morning and afternoon riding their bikes, walking with their parents, or strolling with their friends. Each year I marvel at the genius of our First Neighborhood founding fathers who came up with the idea of putting a neighborhood school in the middle of this housing development.

My family has many memories of handing our kids their lunches and backpacks and watching them head off down the Greenbelt on their way to school. Oh that Greenbelt, it is the life blood of First Neighborhood. From the beautiful old Ash trees to the green rolling hills, the Greenbelt is truly an organic force that unites and defines our neighborhood.

For those old timers like me, you know what I mean. For all you newcomers, you'll soon find out.

Off Leash Dog Information

With your April 2016 billing statement, all owners received a letter regarding the numerous complaints received about loose dogs on the Greenbelt. These incidents have resulted in residents being bitten or knocked down, small dogs being attacked sustaining severe injuries, and neighbors who are either afraid of dogs or in some cases are allergic to dogs that no longer feel that they can freely walk on our Greenbelt. The First Neighborhood Board of Directors wishes to address this situation by reminding everyone that the Greenbelt is a shared common space not a neighborhood dog park. It is incumbent upon all of us to follow the law and keep all dogs leashed at all times. Enforcement is accomplished through Los Angeles County Animal Control as well as the Association's CC&R's.

Please take the time to read the notice. If you have a tenant in your home, make sure they receive the notice as well. It is posted on the Association website, www.firstneighborhood.org under the tab for Newsletters & Notices.

The Sheriff's Department Community Tips

TAKE CRIME PREVENTION TO WORK

When you go to work, don't leave your crime prevention sense at home. Almost any crime that can happen at home or in your neighborhood can happen in the workplace. But common-sense prevention skills can help make life "at work" safer for all.

HELP PREVENT OFFICE THEFT AND OTHER CRIMES

- Keep your purse, wallet, keys, or other valuable items with you at all times or locked in a drawer or closet.
- Check the identity of any strangers who are in your office – ask whom they are visiting and if you can help them find that person. If this makes you uncomfortable, inform security or management about your suspicions.
- Always let someone know where you'll be – whether it's coming in late, working late, going to the photocopier or mail room, going out to lunch or a meeting.
- If you bring personal items to work, such as a coffee pot, a radio, or a calculator, mark them with your name or initials and an identification number.
- Report any broken or flickering lights, dimly lit corridors, doors that don't lock properly, or broken windows. Don't wait for someone else to do it.
- Be discreet. Don't advertise your social life or vacation plans and those of your co-workers to people visiting or calling your place of work.

TAKE A LOOK AT COMMON TROUBLE SPOTS

- Reception area – Is the receptionist equipped with a panic button for emergencies, a camera with a monitor at another employee's desk, and a lock on the front door that can be controlled?
- Stairwells and out-of-the-way corridors – Don't use stairs alone. Talk to the building manager about improving poorly lighted corridors and stairways.

Community Center Calendar of Events September-October 2017

SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday 2	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 5	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Thursday 7	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Saturday 9	First Neighborhood 50th Anniversary Party	3:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12	Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Friday 15	Cotillion	4:00 p.m.
Saturday 16	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 19	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday 20	Architectural/First Neighborhood HOA Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 21	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Saturday 23	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 26	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Thursday 28	Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Saturday 30	Party	9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 2017

Tuesday 3	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Thursday 5	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Saturday 7	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 10	Girl Scouts	2:30 p.m.
Friday 13	Cotillion	4:00 p.m.
Saturday 14	Party	9:00 a.m.

- Elevators – Don't get into elevators with people who look out of place or behave in a strange or threatening manner. If you find yourself in an elevator with someone who makes you nervous, get off as soon as possible.
- Restrooms – Attackers can hide in stalls and corners. Make sure restrooms are locked and only employees have keys. Be extra cautious when using restrooms that are isolated or poorly lighted.
- After hours – Don't work late alone. Create a buddy system for walking to parking lots or public transportation or ask security to escort you.
- Parking lots or garages – Choose a well-lighted, well-guarded parking garage. Always lock your car and roll the windows up all the way. If you notice any strangers hanging around the parking lot, notify security or the police. When you approach your car, have your keys ready. Check the floor and front and back seats before getting in. Lock your car as soon as you get in – before you buckle your seat belts.

WHAT ABOUT VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE?

Violence in the workplace takes many forms, raised voices and profanity or sexual harassment to robbery or homicide. While homicide in the workplace is rising, 75 percent of work-related homicides are committed by unknown assailants while committing a robbery or other crimes. Despite media hype, the attacker usually isn't a disgruntled co-worker. To assess a workplace's vulnerability to violence, ask yourself these questions.

- Is your office secure? Do you have easy-to-use phone systems with emergency buttons, sign-in policies for visitors, panic buttons, safe rooms, security guards, office access controls, good lighting, and safety training?
- Does your employer take care in hiring and firing? Before hiring, are employment gaps, history, references, and criminal and educational records thoroughly examined? Are termination procedure defined clearly with attention to advance notice, severance pay, and placement services?

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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:

Sophie Brown - President
Tony D'Amore - Vice President
Kelly Ray - Treasurer
Richard Shin - Secretary
Bill White - Member-At-Large

Architectural Committee:

Todd Spiegel
Jane Heiting
Janie McKay
Caroline Raser
Michael Harris

Greenbelt Committee:

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

Notes





First Neighborhood 50th Anniversary Party!

Such a wonderful neighborhood! The 50th celebration was a huge success! Fun, Friendship, Food, Entertainment, what more can anyone ask? A huge thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible. See you all in ten years! Who wants to chair? (ha, ha, ha!)

*Sophie Brown,
POA President-Committee Chairman*



Sunset Magazine

September Checklist

Save Water

As days grow shorter and nights grow cooler, reduce your watering frequency, especially if you're using an automatic watering system.

Plant

Plant drought-resistant bulbs, including baboon flower (*Babiana*), chasmanthe (*C. aethiopica*), lilia, and spring star flower (*Iphelion uniflorum*). Also plant Tazetta hybrid narcissus, such as paper whites and yellow "Grand d' Or". Sow seeds and beets, carrots, fava beans, mesclun, mustard greens, radishes, spinach, sugar snap peas, and turnips. Plant seedlings of broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, kale, and lettuce.

Plant low-growing cool-season flowers, including dwarf snap dragons, nemesia, pansy, or primrose over bulbs. The bulbs will grow up through them, and the ground will be ornamental while you wait.

Now through October, replace water-guzzling plants with drought-resistant alternatives, including Geraldton waxflower (*Chamelaucium uncinatum*), a pink or white flowered shrub; lions tail an orange flowered perennial; and climbers such as *Hardenbergia* "Happy Wanderer". Wait until November to plant groundcover and natives.

For armloads of blossoms by the holidays, plant seeds of day length-neutral sweet peas, such as "Winter Elegance", during the first two weeks of the month. Day length-neutral plants do not initiate flowering based on the length of day or night. Wait until March to plant English



varieties of sweet peas. They're more fragrant than winter varieties but won't bloom until May.

Harvest

If you haven't eaten all your "Valencia" oranges, you can continue picking them. They'll turn green again in fall in a process called "re-greening," but it won't affect flavor or sweetness. Clip off and discard any old, corky fruit that may have hung on for a year or two.

Protect

To prevent insect pests from overwintering in your garden, harvest summer vegetables and compost the remains before planting winter crops. Clean up debris, then till, amend, and irrigate the soil, letting it settle overnight. Plant the next day.

TAKE CRIME PREVENTION TO WORK *(continued from page 2)*

- Could you recognize potentially violent employees? Signs of stress that could erupt into violence include: depression, frequent absences, talking in a louder-than-normal voice, being startled easily, increased irritability and impatience, and concentration and memory problems.
- Are you encouraged to report unusual or worrisome behavior? Is there a clear, written policy that spells out procedures in cases of violence and sanctions for violators? Make sure you know to whom you should report unusual behaviors.
- Do you work in a supportive, harmonious environment? Is there a culture of mutual respect? Does your employer provide an employee assistance program (EAP)?

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.



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DATED MATERIAL

SEPTEMBER
cool, crisp, air
BREEZY

OCTOBER NOVEMBER
AUTUMN

HARVEST

APPLES

Happy

thankful

FALL

y'all

falling, raking, jumping, joy

LEAVES ACORNS
pumpkins hayrides
thankful