

PA FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Greenbelt News

Our drought has had a profound effect on so many communities in Southern California. Cities have been ordered by the State to cutback on water usage, and unfortunately this has meant that many public areas have suffered. Brown landscapes have replaced green grass.

Here in First Neighborhood we have been spared such a fate. Our Greenbelt remains green and our trees continue to flourish. As has been explained in a previous article this is due to the fact that our Greenbelt uses reclaimed water and this gives us an extra day of watering, and it has made a huge difference. So how did all this come about?

Well originally our Greenbelt was hooked up to potable water. Many years ago our Board of Directors headed up by then president Ray Brownfield cut an incredible deal with the Las Virgenes Water District. They had a lot of reclaimed water they had to get rid of, and asked us if we wanted it. Well Ray went back and forth with the District and ultimately cut a deal which included retrofitting our sprinklers to handle reclaimed water, hooking us up to the water source, and gave us pretty much all the water we needed at an incredibly money saving price.

Ray Brownfield is my neighbor and he recently told me this story. Now every time I look out at our still green Greenbelt I say to myself thanks Ray and thanks to the First Neighborhood Board of Directors who had the foresight to grasp this great opportunity.



Beautiful Home ~ 4310 Hartfield Court

Homeowners Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2015 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.

*Justin & Erica, 31922 Lyndbrook Court
DCN California, 32039 Grenville Court*

School Reminder

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

The Conejo Valley Guild of the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation/UCLA

The Conejo Valley Guild of the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation will hold its annual fundraising event, Magical Day of Hope Luncheon, Saturday November 7, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the Hyatt Westlake Plaza Hotel, 880 S. Westlake Blvd., Westlake Village. Admission \$85.00. There will be a luncheon, fashion show, boutique, raffle baskets, and special Grand Prize raffles. All Proceeds to Benefit Cancer Research.

Please RSVP by October 30th to:

Margarita Horwitz
805-630-2590 or 805-499-2569 or

Isa Brente-Shekter
805-480-2492 or 805-338-9664

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

Community Center Calendar of Events September - October 2015

SEPTEMBER 2015

Saturday 5	Party	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 8	Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Friday 11	Cotillion	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 16	Architectural/First Neighborhood HOA Meeting	6:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.
Thursday 24	Meeting	4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2015

Thursday 1	NCL	9:00 a.m.
Friday	Cotillion	4:00 p.m.
Sunday 4	Party	9:00 a.m.

emergencies, a camera with a monitor at another employees 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.
- 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.

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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 Barry Diamond
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. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey, 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:

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

Architectural Committee:

Todd Spiegel
Al MacDonald
Janie McKay
Rich Shin

Greenbelt Committee:

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

Notes



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*), lxia, and spring star flower (*Iphelon 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.

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

- Lot#0019 4522 Knightsgate Court
Paint
- Lot#0062 4525 Belham Court
Landscape
- Lot#0065 4501 Belham Court
Tree Removal
- Lot#0129 32000 Foxmoor Court
Block Wall
- Lot#0220 31971 Doverwood Court
Windows, Doors
- Lot#0254 3900 Clearford Court
Driveway, Wall
- Lot#0260 3923 Middlegate Court
Landscape
- Lot#0374 31932 Watergate Court
Paint
- Lot#0376 31920 Watergate Court
Landscape

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!

There are no approved minutes to publish

SEPTEMBER cool, crisp, air BREEZY
OCTOBER AUTUMN HARVEST
NOVEMBER
APLES
Happy FALL y'all
thankful
falling, raking, jumping, joy
LEAVES ACORNS hayrides
pumpkins thankful



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DATED MATERIAL

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

- 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?
- 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)?

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Shawn Brownell at (818) 878-5506.