

PA FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Homeowners Meeting

The Board of Directors meets the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center cardroom. All homeowners are invited to attend.

Greenbelt Memorial Trees

This is a story about Grandma's tree. The daughter of a family that lives over on Deerpark contacted us last week. Her Grandma had passed away and all the Grandkids had gotten together and decided that a Greenbelt Memorial Tree would be a wonderful way for the family to commemorate her life. So everyone chipped in and the process began.

It was kind of last minute but we all made it happen. Four days later a Jacaranda Tree was in the ground. The Grandkids gathered at the tree following Grandma's funeral. They spoke of her love and what she had meant to all of them, then left a pink rose at the base of the tree. By tradition a small pile of soil was left besides the tree and they all had the opportunity to help finish the planting.

We have dozens of memorial trees and commemorative trees growing on the Greenbelt. It is such a wonderful way to make a forever place for those we love and to connect that memory to a most special place, the First Neighborhood Greenbelt where memories are made and where memories linger.

Halloween

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st. Please be careful while driving through the neighborhood for children crossing the street after dark.

Beautiful Homes - 4401 Henley Court



4358 Deerpark



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

Chase & Kaitlyn, 3900 Trowbridge Court

Jeffrey, 32037 Kingspark Court

Reminder regarding weekly street cleaning

The street cleaner comes every Thursday. So remember to get your cars off the street so the entire neighborhood can be cleaned. Thank you.

Several Coyote Sightings

Please be aware that we have had several sightings of coyotes roaming in First Neighborhood. You might want to put

your animals in at night for their own safety. To discourage coyotes the following list of do's and don'ts to minimize intrusion is offered by LA County's Department of Animal Control and Agriculture:

- Feed pets indoors or promptly remove empty food dishes if fed outdoors. Store pet food indoors.
- Clear brush and dense weeds from and around property. This deprives rodents and shelter and reduces protective cover for coyotes.
- Use trash barrels with tight clamping lids to prevent spills if overturned by large animals.
- Do not provide food and water for coyotes or other wildlife. This abnormally attracts coyotes and promotes increased numbers of smaller wildlife that is a food source for coyotes.
- Do not use unprotected plastic bags as garage containers. Coyotes can readily rip them open and scatter the contents.

The Sheriff's Department Community Tips

Halloween Safety Pointers for Parents



Make sure your kids dress up safely

- Check that the costumes are flame retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision – a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Trick-or-treaters always should be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real life goblins. Parents should accompany young children.

Community Center Calendar of Events October-November 2017

OCTOBER 2017

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| 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. |
| Tuesday 17 | Girl Scouts | 2:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday 18 | Architectural/First Neighborhood HOA Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday 19 | Girl Scouts | 2:30 p.m. |
| Saturday 21 | Party | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday 22 | Party | 9:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday 24 | Girl Scouts | 2:30 p.m. |
| Thursday 26 | Meeting | 4:00 p.m. |
| Saturday 28 | Party | 9:00 a.m. |

NOVEMBER 2017

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| Thursday 2 | Girl Scouts | 2:30 p.m. |
| Friday 3 | Cotillion | 4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday 7 | Girl Scouts | 2:30 p.m. |
| Saturday 11 | Party | 9:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday 14 | Girl Scouts | 2:30 p.m. |

Make Trick-or-treating Trouble Free

- Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they'll be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well lighted streets.
- Make sure kids now not to enter strange houses or stranger's cars.

Treats

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.
- What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything

suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for awhile.

Dressed Up and Dangerous

Halloween blood and gore are harmless stuff for the most part. But sometimes dressing up as a superhero, a swashbuckling pirate, or an alien from outerspace – coupled with the excitement of Halloween – brings out aggressive behavior. Even fake knives, swords, guns, and other costume accessories can hurt people. If these objects are part of a child's costume, make sure they are made from cardboard or other flexible materials. Better yet, challenge kids to create costumes that don't need "weapons" to be scary and fun. Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike – If everybody remembers the tricks and the treats of playing it safe.

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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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
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Notes



**Minutes of the First Neighborhood Property Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting • July 19, 2017**

The First Neighborhood Property Owners Association Board of Directors assembled and held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the First Neighborhood Community Center at 31830 Village Center Road.

Call to Order

President Sophie Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present and Constituting A Quorum

Sophie Brown, President
Tony D'Amore, Vice President
Richard Shin, Secretary
Bill White, Member-at-Large

Members Absent

Kelly Ray, Treasurer

Others Present

Robin Hirsch, Greenbelt Committee
Todd Spiegel, Architectural Committee
Sharon Howard, Recording Secretary
Tish Matthews, Association Manager

Homeowners Present

There were three homeowners present at the meeting.

Greenbelt Report

Robin Hirsch reported on a complaint from a homeowner regarding the greenbelt trees. A two foot trench was dug in the greenbelt to prevent any damage to the homeowner's property. Mr. Hirsch invited the homeowners to attend a Board meeting. The butterfly gardens are all thriving and doing well. Robin Hirsch also reported on a dead tree in the Kingspark Court greenbelt and will have Jerry Monahan from Treescapes provide an estimate.

Summer Camp Report

Almost all the camp weeks remain full with waiting lists.

Management Report

Tish Matthews reported she was contacted by John Novi, Assistant City Planner asking for the Board's permission to place a sign at Freedom Square thanking the city's residents and businesses for their patience while the city completes corrective work on the crosswalks at Lakeview Canyon and Agoura Road.

MOTION – A motion was made by Sophie Brown to approve the request from John Novi, to place a sign on Freedom Square during their improvements. Motion was seconded by Bill White and passed unanimously.

Architectural Report

Todd Spiegel reported for the architectural committee. Mr. Spiegel stated the walkthrough has begun and should be completed in a few weeks. The committee is working on creating a reminder notification flyer for small violations which could be dropped off at the homeowner's property.

The following applications have been approved by the architectural committee.

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| #0045 | 4501 Sevenoaks Court | Garage Door |
| #0071 | 4531 Greengate Court | Garage Door |
| #0131 | 32011 Watergate Court | Paint, Landscape |
| #0300 | 31817 Village Brook Road | Pool |
| #0324 | 31901 Benchley Court | Solar |
| #0452 | 4315 Hartfield Court | Landscape |
| #0643 | 4441 Regents Court | Landscape |

Approval of Minutes

MOTION – A motion was made by Sophie Brown to approve the June 21, 2017 Regular Minutes. Motion was seconded by Tony D'Amore and passed unanimously.

Financial / Delinquency Report

Tish Matthews presented the Financial/Delinquency Report. Ms. Matthews reported the total cash on hand as of June 30, 2017 is \$746,140.33. The reserve fund total is \$435,174.04 with \$29,250.00 in the special event fund. All expenses are good year to date.

MOTION – A motion was made by Sophie Brown to approve the June Financials. Motion was seconded by Richard Shin and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Sophie Brown reported on the First Neighborhood's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Brown stated t-shirts have been ordered and all beer and wine will be supplied by The Westlake Brewery Company. So far \$16,000 has been collected in donations. All activities, entertainment and rentals are on track. Invitations will be mailed the end of July.

New Business

The Board discussed the Bedfordhurst Court and Middlegate Road visibility. Homeowners from Bedfordhurst Court were present at the meeting to discuss the poor visibility when pulling out of the street. Tish Matthews reported she attended a City Safety Committee meeting with Ray Taylor, Audrey Brown, traffic engineer Mark Wessel, council members Kelly Honig, Ned Davis and three Sheriff Deputies. Mark Wessel, traffic engineer, said the only slight improvement he could suggest was to move the center strip lines. After a lengthy discussion the Board discussed placing speed humps before and after the school to help slow down traffic. The Board asked management contact Mark Wessel with their suggestions.

Community Center Applications

The following applications for the use of the Community Center were reviewed and approved.

| Name | Event | Date |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| Resident | Party | 12/10/17 |
| Non-Resident | Party | 03/24/18 |
| Resident | Party | 03/25/18 |
| Resident | Party | 05/05/18 |

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Sharon Howard, Recording Secretary

Sunset Magazine

October Checklist

Planting

Bulbs. Plant anemones, daffodils, ranunculus, and all the South African bulbs that thrive on our climate – like Babiana, freesia, Ixia, Sparaxis, and watsonia. Buy hyacinth and tulip bulbs but chill them in the refrigerator for four to six weeks before planting.

Cool-Season Annuals. Coastal, inland and low-desert gardeners can set out transplants of calendulas, cyclamen, dianthus, Iceland poppies, ornamental kale, pansies, primroses, Schizanthus, pinnatus, snapdragons, stock, violas, and other early-blooming bedding plants. For more variety and for cutting flowers, try seeding *Agrostemma*, gitbago, forget-me-nots, godetia, larkspurs, Shirley poppies, and sweet peas directly into garden beds. (Sow seeds in raked, weed free soil).

Winter Crops. Gardeners in frost free areas can continue to sow beets, carrots, chard, fava beans, onions, parsley, peas, radishes, and turnips, and set out transplants of broccoli, cabbage, and other cole crops. Coastal area gardeners can also start lettuces and other leafy crops from seed or transplants.

Natives. Deep, dense roots make ceanothus, toyon, and other native shrubs great choices for erosion control on slopes. Plant selection at many nurseries is excellent this month. Also, native plant societies host plant sales, as do many public gardeners. Check the garden calendar of your local newspaper for listings.

Maintenance

Divide Perennials. Dig up agapanthus, daylilies, Shasta daisies, and other perennials that are overcrowded. Divide and replant.

Feed Roses. Give roses one last feeding this month. Many rosarians also sprinkle a handful of Epsom salts-about ¼ cup per mature plant around their plants now.



The salts help roses absorb nutrients from alkaline soils.

Rejuvenate Lawns. If you have a cool season lawn such as fescue, this is the time to rake out thatch and uproot crabgrass. If fungus has been a problem, treat the lawn with a commercial product before rains start. To boost growth, give the grass a complete lawn fertilizer. If you have a warm season lawn such as Bermuda that goes brown in the winter, overseed it with annual ryegrass now. Before overseeding, cut grass short. Afterward, mulch the grass and seeds with manure or a fine grained soil amendment. Keep the ground damp until seeds sprout.

Pest Control

Protect Cole Crops. Cabbage loopers small, green worms can do quick damage to young, tender seedlings. Cover cole crops with floating row covers to prevent white butterflies from laying their eggs on the leaves. Or dust the leaves with *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a biological control that kills larvae.

Manage Insect Pests. Aphids and whiteflies multiply when temperatures cool off a bit. Dislodge them from plants with blasts of water from a hose. Or use an insecticidal soap.

Approved Architectural Applications

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| Lot#0180 | 32033 Royceton Court Hardscape |
| Lot#0238 | 3921 Trowbridge Court Paint |
| Lot#0345 | 31918 Lyndbrook Court Tree Removal |
| Lot#0389 | 31928 Foxmoor Court Landscape |
| Lot#0477 | 31736 Bainbrook Court Paint |
| Lot#0513 | 4223 Abbington Court Hardscape, Landscape, Gate |
| Lot#0561 | 4324 Abbington Court Paint |

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!

Trash Can Reminder

We are seeing several trash cans being brought out earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before trash collection and being left out. It is the homeowners responsibility to make sure their cans are out of sight by midnight the day of collection and not visible from the street. Remember failure to comply could result in a monetary penalty. To preserve the beauty of First Neighborhood please bring in your cans. Thank You!

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



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