

# PA FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## Election Time!

The Annual Member's Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This year, there are three openings for the Board of Directors. Ballots were mailed the second week of May so be on the lookout and return them as soon as possible.

We need 167 returned to meet a quorum and to be able to open and count the ballots. You may also drop your ballot off at the Community Center the night of the annual meeting. Envelopes and instructions to return your ballot are also included in the mailing. If you have misplaced your ballot, you can contact The Emmons Company at (805) 413-1170 and one can be mailed to you.

## 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.

*Glenn, 4322 Beaucroft Court*

*Glenn, 31752 Bedfordhurst Court*

*Glenn, 4323 Crownfield Court*

Welcome new neighbors to the First Neighborhood, and thank you to our local businesses contributing to our Welcome Baskets:

- Boccaccios Restaurant
- Burt's Pharmacy
- City of Westlake Village
- Dr. Harp - Apex Dermatology
- Dr. Weiss, DDS
- Lakeside Liquor
- Thousand Oaks Spine and Injury
- Westlake Cleaners at the Landing
- Westlake Golf Course
- Yozen Frogurt
- Zins Restaurant

## Hello FNDC families!

June is here which means the start of camp is rapidly approaching! Registration will be open until weeks fill up. To guarantee your spot, complete your registration before the first day of camp June 13th! We are anticipating a busy summer, so register now!

Our Summer Kick-Off BBQ is on Tuesday June 14th from 5-7pm. The whole neighborhood is welcome. We hope you'll join us for some good food and good fun!

If you have any questions you can visit [fndcamp.com](http://fndcamp.com). You can also email me at [fndcamp@gmail.com](mailto:fndcamp@gmail.com) or give me a call at (818) 889-4802. This summer is going to be a great one! The counselors and I cannot wait to see you!

*- Mason "Sox" Markell*

## Pool Parties

All residents are invited to bring guests to use the Community Center pool when the resident is present. If the resident is planning to bring more than a few guests or have a small party, prior approval is necessary from the Board of Directors by submission of the Community Center use application and a certified lifeguard must be hired. If you have more than 10 guests, you will need to submit a certificate of insurance to the office. It should be noted however, that the pool is always open for use by all residents. We have also noticed homeowners are propping open the pool gate which allows non-residents to enter the pool. Please be aware.

Thank you!

## Homeowners Meeting

The Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9th at 6:00 pm followed by the Annual Election meeting at 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Community Center ballroom. All homeowners are invited to attend.

All meeting notices and meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at the Community Center.

## Local Drought Emergency

The LVMWD board adopted one-day-per-week outdoor watering restrictions effective June 1, 2022. Addresses ending in even numbers can water on Tuesday ONLY and addresses ending in odd numbers can water on Thursday ONLY - 8 minutes per station.

There are some exceptions to the one-day-per-week schedule including drip irrigation systems. This is allowed and not subject to one day per week or run-time restrictions except water cannot run off from landscaped areas and usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties.

Watering using a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle, watering can or bucket of five gallons or less is also allowed at any time, but usage must stay within water budget to avoid penalties and prevent runoff from landscaped areas. Hand watering is limited to trees and non-turf perennials. Hand watering of annual plantings or turf grass is permitted only on the designated day. Planting of new landscaping is not recommended, and no water budget adjustments will be provided for any customer account type.

More details on the new restrictions can be found at [LVMWD.com/DroughtResponse](http://LVMWD.com/DroughtResponse)

# The Sheriff's Department Community Tips

## Dangers of Drinking

Alcohol is the number one drug of choice for teenagers. Alcohol-related car crashes are the number one killer of teenagers in the United States. Alcohol is the number one drug problem in America.



If you think it can't happen to you, look around. Check your school's yearbooks for the last ten years. How many have been dedicated to a student who was killed in a drunk driving crash? Ask your friends how many people they know that have had bad things happen to them when they were drinking. You don't even have to be the one doing the drinking. Most teenage passenger deaths are the result of alcohol-impaired teenage drivers. No matter what the situation, drinking alcohol under the age of 21 is illegal.

### How Alcohol Affects You

- You see double, speech slurs, you lose your sense of distance.
- Alcohol loosens inhibitions; you make bad judgments that can result in car crashes, unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, or rape.
- A significant proportion of violent crimes and vandalism among and by youth involve alcohol.
- Using alcohol can cost you your freedom. You can be grounded by parents, lose your driver's license, or even end up in jail.
- You can get sick or die of alcohol poisoning.

Community Center Calendar of Events June - July 2022		
<b>JUNE 2022</b>		
Saturday 4	Party	9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9	Architectural/ First Neighborhood POA Meeting/Annual Meeting	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11	Party	9:00 a.m.
Sunday 12	Party	9:00 a.m.
Monday 13	Summer Camp Begins	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 14	Summer Camp BBQ	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday 18	Party	9:00 a.m.
Saturday 25	Party	9:00 a.m.
<b>JULY 2022</b>		
Thursday 14	Architectural/First Neighborhood POA Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Saturday 23	Party	9:00 a.m.
Sunday 24	Party	9:00 a.m.
Saturday 30	Party	9:00 a.m.

- Poor grades can be a result of alcohol use.

### Be Aware of Advertising

Take a good look at how the alcohol industry is trying to convince people to use their products.

- Wine coolers are displayed in stores next to fruit drinks. Maybe they don't think you'll notice the difference between a fruit drink and one with alcohol.
- Different brands of beer and other alcoholic beverages are slipped into the movies you watch. They think if you see your favorite actor drinking it, you will too.
- The models on the beer commercials are always young, fit, and beautiful. But alcohol has plenty of calories and little nutritional value. Drinking it will not make you more fit or attractive.
- Advertisements feature celebrities and sports figures. But drinking will not make you famous or athletic.

### Dangers of Drinking

- Alcohol advertisers are now trying to be more responsible by telling you not to drink and drive. But drunk driving is

not the only way alcohol can affect your life.

- Advertisers hope you won't stop and think when you see their ads. Don't be conned. Use your best judgment and learn the facts.

### Some More Facts About Alcohol

- The earlier young people start drinking and using drugs, the more likely they are to become addicted.
- Drinking coffee, taking a cold shower, or breathing fresh air will not sober you up. The only thing that sobers you up is time—at least several hours.
- One beer, one shot of whiskey, and one glass of wine all have the same amount of alcohol. Don't fall for the notion that beer and wine are less intoxicating than hard liquors.
- Only 3 to 5 percent of alcoholics are what we think of as bums. Most alcoholics are just like the people you know. Anyone can become an alcoholic -- young, old, rich, poor, married, single, employed, or out of work.
- Drinking alcohol does not quench your thirst; it causes dehydration.

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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. David Rohde, Pastor  
32111 Watergate Road - Westlake Village, 91361

United Methodist Church  
of Westlake Village ..... (805) 497-7884  
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 Christ, 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 Ari Averbach  
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 (8:00 - 12:00 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 (8:00 am-12:00 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 – Tish Matthews  
Vice President – Richard Shin  
Treasurer – Craig Heiting  
Secretary – James Struyk  
Member at Large – Scott Perrotty

#### Architectural Committee:

Todd Spiegel  
Janie McKay  
Caroline Raser  
Elisa Hirsch  
Wendy Aisley  
Barton Goldsmith

#### Safety Committee:

Scott Perrotty, Chairman, 818-519-1988  
Vince Costanzo  
Arlene Kovalivker  
Jill Marder-Meyer

#### Welcoming Committee:

Jane Heiting  
Elaine Salewske

#### Greenbelt Committee:

Robin Hirsch, Chairman, (818) 822-7091  
Bruce Gruver  
Gina Bradley

#### Notes

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**Minutes of the First Neighborhood Property Owners Association • Board of Directors Meeting • April 14, 2022**

The First Neighborhood Property Owners Association Board of Directors assembled and held its regular meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the First Neighborhood Community Center located at 31830 Village Center Road, Westlake Village, CA 91361.

**Call to Order**

President Tish Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Members Present and Constituting a Quorum**

Tish Matthews, President  
 Craig Heiting, Treasurer  
 James Struyk, Secretary  
 Scott Perrotty, Member-at-Large

**Members Absent**

Richard Shin, Vice President

**Homeowner Comments**

A homeowner expressed her concern regarding the book library at the corner of Watergate Court. The homeowner stated the book library has a lot of support from residents and people outside of the neighborhood. The Board suggested the resident attend the architectural meeting as this item was on their agenda for discussion.

A homeowner also discussed the recent notification from Las Virgenes Municipal Water District regarding the reduced watering restrictions. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District has declared a state of emergency and has activated a plan for water reduction use. Outdoor watering budgets have been reduced by 50% on May 1. The Board discussed the reduction to reclaimed water as well which is used in the greenbelts. These restrictions will most likely be less severe.

**Greenbelt Report**

Robin Hirsch reported on the greenbelts. Mr. Hirsch reported on the need to add a trash can behind the community center. After discussing a location, the Board agreed to purchase a new trash can in the amount of \$1,006.58 and pay Tom Foster Construction \$500.00 to install.

Motion – A motion was made by Scott Perrotty to approve the proposal from Global Industrial in the amount of \$1006.58 to purchase a greenbelt trash can and pay \$500.00 to Tom Foster Construction to install. Motion was seconded by Craig Heiting and passed unanimously.

Robin Hirsch supplied the Board with a proposal from Treescapes in the amount of \$6,361.00 to dead wood the residential oak trees. The oak trees are dead wooded every two years.

Motion – A motion was made by Tish Matthews to approve the proposal from Treescapes in the amount of \$6,361.00 to dead wood the residential oak trees. Motion was seconded by James Struyk and passed unanimously.

The Board also reviewed the proposal from Treescapes to trim the oak tree behind the community center and plant a Chinese flame tree on the Watergate Court greenbelt in the amount of \$450.00.

Motion – A motion was made by Tish Matthews to approve the Treescapes proposal in the amount of \$450.00 to trim the oak tree behind the community center and plant a Chinese flame tree on the Watergate Court greenbelt. Motion was seconded by James Struyk and passed unanimously.

Robin Hirsch also reported on motorized scooters and public safety in the greenbelts. Mr. Hirsch stated motorized scooters are not allowed and suggested the safety committee draft an article for the upcoming newsletter.

The Board discussed a letter from a resident regarding a greenbelt tree branch that hit his car during the last storm. After discussing the issue with the association’s insurance agent, the trees are maintained regularly, and the association is not negligent.

**Safety Committee Report**

Scott Perrotty reported for the safety committee. Mr. Perrotty reported the area behind the pool is very dark and asked management to contact an electrician to have motion lights installed. Also discussed was the slump stone wall in the greenbelt at Deerpark Court that has fallen. The homeowner was asked to put up at temporary fence and caution tape to secure the area.

**Welcoming Committee**

The welcoming committee supplied the Board with a written report. The committee stated they will continue to attempt delivery to the residents who weren’t home. They have received many positive responses. Currently the committee is under budget and will do their best to continue.

**Summer Camp Report**

Mason Markell, Summer Camp Director supplied the Board with a written report. Mr. Markell stated currently 79 families have signed up their campers. Staff applications are being submitted along with interviews.

**Architectural Committee**

Todd Spiegel reported for the architectural committee. Mr. Spiegel reported currently there are ten minor architectural violations in which the committee is following up on. The committee discussed short term rentals and the need to make sure homes are not rented to more than one family. Todd Spiegel also stated the committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the community library and discussed several options. The committee will follow up with a letter to the resident. The following applications have been approved by the architectural committee.

#0018	4516 Knightsgate Court	Hardscape
#0027	4510 Henley Court	A/C Unit
#0230	31938 Doverwood Court	Solar
#0364	31901 Kingspark Court	Tree Removal/Replacement
#0479	31724 Bainbrook Court	Garage Door, Paint, Stonework
#0574	4324 Hartfield Court	Garage Door/Hot Water Heater
#0592	4401 Sevenoaks Court	Pool/Spa

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Perrotty to approve the March 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by James Struyk and passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Tish Matthews to approve the March 9, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes regarding personnel/legal. Motion was seconded by Scott Perrotty and passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by James Struyk to approve the March 9, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes regarding contracts. Motion was seconded by Scott Perrotty and passed unanimously

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Perrotty to approve the March 29, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes regarding personnel. Motion was seconded Tish Matthews and passed unanimously

Motion: A motion was made by James Struyk to approve the April 4, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Tish Matthews and passed unanimously

**Management Report**

Linda Merkle reported the general notice regarding the election was sent out April 8, 2022. All candidates’ statements must be received by April 31, 2022. Ms. Merkle updated the Board on the Waste Management restrictions for the trash at the community center. As long as there is no green waste placed in the dumpsters the association can apply for an exemption through the City of Westlake Village. The Board directed management to start the process for the exemption.

**Financial / Delinquency Report**

The February, March & April financials will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Linda Merkle supplied the Board with the delinquency report. The Board directed management to write intent to lien letters on lot #434, lot #452 & lot #618. The Board also directed management to place a lien on Lot#417.

Motion – A motion was made by Tish Matthews to file intent to liens on lot #434, lot #452 & lot #618 and to file a lien on lot#417. Motion was seconded by Craig Heiting and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a hardship letter received from the resident at lot#458 requesting his architectural violation fines in the amount of \$500.00 be waived now that he is compliant.

Motion – A motion was made by Craig Heiting to waive the fines on lot#458 in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Scott Perrotty and passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

The Board discussed the rule book and approved as amended. Under landscape installation the Board added that homeowners are responsible for proper drainage from front and rear yards and/or slopes to street and to not drain onto the sidewalks. Also added under utilities was to report broken or burned-out streetlights to the Edison Company or visit the website or contact City Hall. Other minor wording was changed.

The Board discussed the purchase of an AED for the community center. The Board reviewed the proposals and asked management to reach out to the association attorney to discuss adult/children use. James Struyk reported on the process of changing the pads for use on a child.

The community center security guards are still pending. The Board asked management to contact Cornwall Security and obtain a proposal for the next meeting.

Linda Merkle reported she and Craig Heiting had another meeting with the vendor regarding the upgrades to the community center. Ms. Merkle stated the vendor would like to do sound proofing to help the noise reduction in the ballroom. Other items discussed were painting, doors and possibly recessed lighting. Craig Heiting asked Linda Merkle to obtain a picture of the mockup and send it to the Board. The proposal from Agoura Sash & Door should be ready for review at the next meeting.

**New Business**

The Board reviewed the Cooksey’s Lifeguard proposal beginning Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend. After reviewing the Board agreed to approve the Cooksey Lifeguard proposal removing that the facility would provide an AED.

Motion – A motion was made by Tish Matthews to approve the Cooksey Lifeguard proposal with the removal of the AED requirement. Motion was seconded by Craig Heiting and passed unanimously

Linda Merkle supplied the Board with a proposal from Reserve Studies, Inc in the amount of \$900.00 to update the reserve study.

Motion – A motion was made by James Struyk to approve the reserve study proposal in the amount of \$900.00. Motion was seconded by Scott Perrotty and passed unanimously.

The Board review the 2021 audit report from Scott Krivis & Company. Craig Heiting asked management to follow up on the \$1,624 due to the reserve fund and respond to the Board.

Motion – A motion was made by Craig Heiting to approve the 2021 audit report from Scott Krivis & Company once the response is received from the CPA regarding the reserve fund amount. Motion was seconded by Scott Perrotty and passed unanimously.

**Board Member Comments**

The Board discussed the new Emmons Company accounting system and the ability to review many documents. Craig Heiting discussed having a summer picnic for all the residents in which he will start to look at caterers. The Board discussed the possibility of having the event on Sunday, June 26th.

**Community Center Applications**

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

Name	Event	Date	Name	Event	Date
Non-Resident	Party	07/09/22	Resident	Dinner	11/24/22
Non-Resident	Party	07/24/22	Non-Resident	Party	11/26/22
Non-Resident	Party	08/14/22	Non-Resident	Party	12/03/22
Non-Resident	Party	09/17/22	Non-Resident	Party	12/10/22
Resident	Wedding	02/18/23			

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.  
 Respectfully submitted, Sharon Howard, Recording Secretary

# Sunset Magazine

## June Checklist

### Planting

**Plant Subtropicals.** They're widely available in nurseries now and grow quickly in warm weather. Many will provide garden color well into winter. Choices include banana, bird of paradise, cestrum, ginger, hibiscus, palms, philodendron, and tree ferns. And don't forget flowering vines. Look for bougainvillea, bower vine, mandevilla, stephanotis, thunbergia, and trumpet vine.

**Plant in Shady Spots.** The soil in the northern and eastern exposures near walls is finally warming up. It's a good time to add ornamentals to these cool spots. Good choices include abutilon, clivia, coral bells, hydrangea, Japanese anemone, and shrubby fuchsias.

**Plant Summer Vegetables.** Set out transplants of cucumbers, eggplant, melons, peppers, and tomatoes. Sow seeds of beans, corn, cucumbers, New Zealand spinach, okra, and squash. Coastal gardeners can squeeze in another harvest of leaf lettuce. High-desert gardeners can plant short-season varieties of beans, corn, cucumbers, melons, pumpkins, squash, and tomatoes.

**Plant Summer Annuals.** Fill empty spots in the garden with heat lovers like ageratum, portulaca, verbena, vinca, and zinnias.

### Maintenance

**Feed Actively Growing Plants.** Roses, lawns, annual flowers and vegetables, container plants, and just about anything actively growing in the garden will benefit from fertilizing now. Don't feed natives or drought tolerant Mediterranean's, though.

**Treat Iron Deficiencies.** If gardenias, citrus, and other susceptible plants exhibit yellowish leaves with green veins, they may not be getting enough iron. To correct, apply iron chelate as a soil drench or foliar spray, following package directions.



**Divide Irises.** Crowded or poorly clumps of bearded irises can be divided now. Discard woody centers, rooted portions, and rhizomes without leaves and divide remainder. Each division should have one fan of leaves, a young rhizome, and developed roots. Shorten leaves with scissors to compensate for root loss before replanting. If you garden in the high desert wait until October to divide.

**Reset Lawn Mower Heights.** Let tall fescues grow taller to shade roots and conserve soil moisture. Set blades to cut at 2 to 3 inches. Bermuda, on the other hand, should be cut shorter. Set blades to trim at 1 inch. Zoysia, St. Augustine, and kikuyu grass can be cut even shorter.

### Pest Control

**Combat Rose Pests.** Along the coast "June gloom" creates ideal conditions for powdery mildew. Combat by hosing off foliage frequently in the early morning to wash off spores or spray with 1 tablespoon each of baking soda and fine grade horticultural oil diluted in a gallon of water. Avoid spraying when temperatures exceed 85 degrees. Inland, start watching for spider mites.

**Wash Away Pests.** Aphids, mites, thrips, whiteflies, and other insect pests can be kept to manageable levels with water. Use a strong jet to dislodge from plant leaves. Avoid pesticides: they kill beneficial insects, too.

### DANGERS OF DRINKING

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- Alcohol interferes with your central nervous system. You lose balance, coordination, and judgment.
- Alcohol ages and damages the brain.
- Alcoholism is hereditary.
- Eight young people die in alcohol-related crashes every day.
- Teens who drink alcohol are 7.5 times more likely to use any illicit drug, and 50 times more likely to use cocaine than young people who never drink alcohol.
- You are breaking the law by buying or using alcohol before you are 21 years old.

### Take Action

- Make a pledge with your friends that you will help each other avoid alcohol and other drugs. Leave parties where kids are drinking or taking drugs.
- If a friend or someone you know has passed out from drinking too much alcohol, turn the person on his or her side and call 911. Too much alcohol can cause the central nervous system, which controls breathing, to shut down. Death can result.
- Don't ride with someone who has been drinking. Call a taxi, your parents, or another relative or friend for a ride.
- Encourage someone you think has a drinking problem to get help. Go with them to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or to meet with a counselor.
- Write ads for your school newspaper that make people aware of advertising gimmicks.
- If you belong to any club or other youth group, suggest that its members organize an anti-drinking project such as an alcohol-free post-prom, graduation, or New Years Eve party.
- Make a presentation to your school's PTA meeting about how teachers and parents can help kids avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Ask for help if someone is pressuring you to try alcohol or other drugs. Talk to someone you trust.



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## Greenbelt News

In our never-ending effort to keep the First Neighborhood Greenbelt safe and beautiful your Greenbelt Committee has been busy. With the support of the Board and this goal in mind, we have moved in several directions. First, let's talk about sidewalks. If you have ever walked on the triangle down near Guildhall, we are sure that you noticed the sidewalk was badly cracked and pitted. Well, we are happy to report not anymore. Over the next few weeks almost the entire pavement of the triangle will be replaced with freshly poured concrete. It's a major facelift and the beginning of a long-term plan to replace those old and worn-out sections of concrete all over the Greenbelt sidewalk system.

Now let's look at the trees. Our yearly Greenbelt tree trimming took on a big hunk of territory this year. We trimmed from Watergate Court all the way to Village Brook Road as well as every other year Oak Tree dead wooding. The Greenbelt looks great after that haircut because we did a crown reduction that leaves the overall shape of the tree intact. Please follow this pattern in your yards. Trees want to look leafy and beautiful not like coat racks. We also wanted to mention that we are in an early exploratory stage of figuring out ways to reduce water use on the Greenbelt without sacrificing the beauty and serenity of the place. More on that later as we do our research and develop our plan. We are lucky that we use reclaimed water on the greenbelts and are not limited to a once-a-week watering schedule.

Meanwhile stay cool neighbors. Please keep your pets indoors when it is hot and limit your walks to early morning and early evening. Sidewalk temperatures can reach well into triple digits under the hot sun.

## Approved Architectural Requests

#0079	4524 Beaconsfield Court	A/C
#0103	4544 Wolsey Court	Driveway, Patio
#0403	31928 Village Center Road	Windows
#0548	4362 Deerpark Court	Paint
#0581	4412 Yorkfield Court	Landscape/Garage Door

## First Neighborhood Safety Committee

Over the past few weeks, we have received reports or observed social media postings about graffiti on the greenbelt sidewalks and parked cars being "egged" in the neighborhood. It is important for all of us, as residents, to look out for each other as well as looking out for our community and personal property. If you observe any mischievous acts, such as graffiti or egging, being done in the act please call LASD immediately at 818-878-1808 and provide a thorough description of the troubling person(s) location and description of the incident. While it is helpful to have the reports, unfortunately there is a little that can be done if the troubling persons are not caught in the act. We encourage residents to use your garages for your vehicles, though we realize some residents may have more vehicles than available garage space. We continue to see occasional postings about coyote sightings in the city including our neighborhood, so please be aware of the risk and tend to the safety of your pets.

Thank you and stay safe!