

LAPD to Host Neighborhood Watch, Block Captain Training, Emergency Preparedness Meeting

Our LAPD Senior Lead Officer Munif Ali will conduct a training program for all residents, including existing and prospective Neighborhood Watch Block Captains on **Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm** at the Westside Pavilion Too, Room 411, Street Level at the far end (nearest Pico). Dessert & coffee will be served.

Among topics to be discussed:

- Training for existing and prospective block captains
- Measures to increase the safety of your home, family and neighborhood.
- Emergency preparedness in our area
- Crime trends in our area

The duties of a Block Captain are simple and need not be unduly time consuming. Officer Ali will outline them for us and explain how our Neighborhood Watch program keeps the lines of communication open among neighbors, and between neighbors and the Police.

Tract 7260 is enlarging its existing Neighborhood Watch Program, and extending its scope to include preparedness for terrorist attacks and natural disasters. The board has also been discussing the possibility of creating a list of residents who may need assistance during an emergency.

Please support our efforts and partnership with the LAPD by attending this meeting even if you are not a Block Captain or don't wish to become one. Your input is valuable to us, and the information you'll get at the meeting will include measures to enhance the safety of your home, your family, and your neighborhood.

PLEASE RSVP via email to:
blockcaptain@tract7260.org or
via fax to 310-861-5146.

Neighborhood Watch/Crime Report Tract 7260 Email Alert Leads To Rescue Of Missing Cat

On October 20, 2005, a Tract 7260 Board member was contacted by one of our members about their cat "Royce" who was missing from their home. An email was immediately sent to the Tract 7260 membership about the missing cat. Within eight hours of the e-mail going out, a member notified the Tract that a cat fitting the description of Royce was in their backyard. The cat was described as scared and would not let anyone near him. Royce's owner was directed to the home and a safe rescue was made. We would like to thank the members of Tract 7260 for reading their e-mails to make this a safer and closer neighborhood.

Pet Lost & Found Added To Tract7260.org site

We have added a new page on our website for lost & found pets. To list a lost/found pet, please send an email to: LostPet@Tract7260.org Please include the type of pet (cat, dog), date lost, location, any details and a small picture.

Handicapped Permit Abuse on Benecia

A board member who lives on Benecia has noticed that several tenants of the commercial buildings on Benecia at Santa Monica use handicapped permits to park in our area. They then walk to their offices.

The board will be contacting the managers of each building to ask that tenants make use of the handicapped parking within the buildings instead of using valuable residential parking spaces.

The board needs to hear from you on issues of importance to our area. Please send any comments to Board@Tract7260.org.

Paul Backstrom Takes Over Tract 7260 Responsibilities for CD5

Paul Backstrom joined Councilmember Weiss' office as an intern in November 2001, assisting the Councilmember in both legislative and communications projects. In March 2002 he officially joined the Councilmember's staff, serving as a Council Aide in the Valley office until January 2004 when he made the move to the West Los Angeles office to serve as the Field Deputy to the Carthay and Rancho Park areas. With over three years experience in working as a liaison between the City and community organizations, Paul brings the experience necessary to help solve problems and address quality of life issues as quickly and efficiently as possible. A Southern California native, Paul graduated from UCLA June 2001 Magna Cum Laude, a Psychology major with minors in Spanish Literature and Public Policy.

North Tract Traffic Mitigations

The board will be gathering signatures for cut-through traffic/speed mitigation measures on Fox Hills and Benecia.

Once DOT informs the board as to the scope of the outreach they require, the board will prepare and circulate the petitions.

The measures being sought are:

- Benecia one-way southbound between the alley and Missouri
- Fox Hills one-way northbound between the alley and Missouri
- The alley between Benecia and Fox Hills one-way eastbound
- Enforcement and better signage for the one-way alley between Beverly Glen and Benecia.

Updates on this story and more Tract 7260 news can be found on our website at

www.Tract7260.org

We Need Your Help to Reduce Traffic In And Around Our Neighborhood

As you know, the Santa Monica Boulevard Project has created challenges for everyone. Your homeowner's association has been working hard to protect residential neighborhoods from the project impacts both during construction and after construction is complete.

As currently designed, the Santa Monica Project includes permanent "Changeable Message Signs" or CMS. These CMS are smaller versions of the signs you see on freeways which display Amber alerts or freeway conditions.

Over the objections of the community and the council office, the Department of Transportation wants to place two CMS – one facing westbound traffic somewhere east of Westwood and the other facing eastbound traffic just east of Sepulveda.

The concern is that if, as DOT has suggested, the sign would be used to announce to Century City and Beverly Hills traffic that the 405 is jammed, cars will cut through our areas to find alternate routes.

Further, the concern for the sign directing eastbound traffic is that residential streets between Sepulveda and Century City will be impacted.

Please send a note stating your opinion on the CMS and email it to NoCMS@Tract7260.org. You can also fax it to 310-861-5146. Be sure to include your name and the street and block where you live.

A more detailed explanation of homeowner concerns, a picture of a CMS sign and a statement from DOT in support of the signs can be found on our website.

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November 9th Neighborhood Watch
Meeting Planned – Please RSVP
Look inside for details

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