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## ***Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization*** **Newsletter #13**

April 17, 2014



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### **Upcoming Events**

**April 22**  
**Earth Day**

**May 6**  
**The Hoedown @**  
**Los Compadres Stables**  
**(See info below)**

**May 13**  
**LCNO**  
**Board of Advisors**  
**Meeting**

**May 2014**  
**Bike Month**

### **Dear Neighbor,**

Our Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2014, 10 a.m. - Noon at the **Demuth Park Community Center**. The focus of this year's meeting was to brainstorm ideas for our next big projects. Ideas such as a Community Garage Sale, "Hot Topic" Nights, and improvement projects like making El Cielo more pedestrian and bike friendly were discussed. To that end, we have created new sub-committees to start working on these ideas. See the committees defined below and contact us at **info@los-compadres.org** if you are interested in participating on a committee.

**The 2014-2015 Board was elected including:**

**New Board members --** Welcome to Al Bushman, Orlando Gotay, and Mike Hodgson!!

**Returning Board members --** Jeffery Holley and Lynne Stephenson -- Yeah!!



## The Hoedown at Los Compadres Stables Benefiting the Mizell Senior Center Meals On Wheels Program



Say "Howdy" with Mizell Senior Center at The Hoedown at Los Compadres Stables on Tuesday, May 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM. This boot stompin' event will feature an Old Fashioned BBQ with all the fixins' music by the Range Riders Band, Line Dancing Lessons, and even Horse Riding Demonstrations.

The event benefits the Mizell Valley-wide Meals On Wheels program, slated to deliver over 120,000 meals to homebound seniors from Palm Springs to Salton Sea this year. Cost for the event is only \$75.00 and tickets are available by visiting [www.mizell.org](http://www.mizell.org) or calling 760-323-5689 x108.

## Helpful Reminders



**Palm Springs  
Noise Ordinance**

The next Board of Advisors Meeting is on May 13, 2014, from 6-8 p.m., at the [Demuth Park Community Center](#). All meetings of the LCNO Board of Advisors are open to the public. Anyone interested in helping us grow the LCNO, should attend this meeting. Residents of the Los Compadres area are encouraged to attend and participate.

## New LCNO Subcommittees

To start working on various ideas and activities for the Los Compadres neighborhood, we have created the following subcommittees. Each committee will be lead by a Board member but contain neighbors.

**Neighborhood Improvement:** This committee will be researching and taking action on neighborhood issues including ped/bike friendly streets, street repaving, vacation rentals, sewer/drainage issues, hedge heights, and more.

**Safety:** This committee will be focused on steps to make the neighborhood more safe and working with our PS Police Officers.

**Fundraising & Events:** This committee will be focused on creating events and programs for our neighbors and also raising funds to support those events and programs. Events may include social gatherings, workshops, "Hot Topic" evenings, community garage sale, Festival of Lights parade participation, and more.

**Communications:** This committee will focus on communication and outreach efforts by the LCNO to the neighborhood and neighborhood HOAs, Condos and Apartments, area social groups, other NOrgs and PSNIC. This includes our e-newsletter, soon-to-be-launched website, Nextdoor.com community and Community Outreach with .

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**Running Dry ... Drought & Water  
Scarcity in the West**

The City recognizes that peace and quiet is a quality of life issue. To that Palm Springs has an ordinance governing when construction or landscaping work can be done. Construction is limited to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. It is **not allowed on Sundays or on certain holidays including Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Memorial Day.**

The City of Palm Springs has a noise complaint hotline at **760-327-1445**. This is a non-emergency Police Department dispatch phone number.

For more information, see the City's Noise web page by [Clicking Here](#).

**Be a good neighbor my making sure your gardeners and workers are adhering to the noise ordinance.**

## Let's Be a Sustainable Neighborhood!



The Palm Springs Office of Sustainability offers many helpful ideas on how you can live more "green." Recently the City passed an ordinance that will ban most plastic bags in stores beginning in 6-12 months. There are also rebates offered if you convert your lawn to desert-scape or install low-flow toilets. Check out the website for all sorts of information on these programs, recycling, events, and more at:

[\*\*www.yoursustainablecity.com\*\*](http://www.yoursustainablecity.com)

The Desert Sun, the Sunnylands Trust and the Palm Springs Art Museum hosted a "water and the future" symposium in March. Academic, business and government experts in water use and conservation met the first day at Sunnylands to discuss California's drought crisis. Day two began with guests touring Coachella Valley's water facilities. An evening reception at the PS Art Museum featured Sen. Barbara Boxer and two panel discussions: Water Scarcity and The Salton Sea. Many thanks to Event Organizer, and LCNO Board Member, Lynne Stephenson! PSNIC members were invited and Phil Strout and Jeffery Holley attended on behalf of the Los Compadres Neighborhood.



For a recap of the story, see <http://bit.ly/1hKOJxK>. For more information and tips on water conservation, see <http://www.cvwatcounts.com/>.

## PSNIC Corner



## Palm Springs Vacation Rental Ordinance

Last year PSNIC (Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee) set up a task force and committee to suggest improvements to the existing ordinance on vacation rental properties. For the past few months, this committee has been researching and talking to residents, the city manager, other city employees and vacation property owners. LCNO Board Secretary & Treasurer, Dan Barber, is a member of this committee.

Public hearings have also been held to solicit further comments. They have issued a city council staff report



Thanks to Joe C. "Chris" Jackson, a Sustainability Commission member and Los Compadres resident, for attending the annual meeting and asking for neighbor input on new issues.

## About Us

The Los Compadres Neighborhood is one of the 33 officially recognized neighborhoods in the City of Palm Springs.

The LCNO participates in the Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee (PSNIC).



### 2014-2015 LCNO Board of Advisors

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which is now in the second hearing phase to pass a new ordinance that would improve the regulation of vacation rental properties.

Under the new ordinance, more specific rules, definitions and process will be established on regulating the vacation rental properties. A hotline will be established where residents can find out about rental properties in their neighborhood and have a place to voice concerns about noise, occupancy and other issues. A system of citations and penalties will hold both the owner and the renters responsible for complaints. The new ordinance will allow better communication between the department of code enforcement and police officers who respond to complaints. The new ordinance will also allow the city to collect more fees on vacation rental properties that will help off-set the costs for these improvements. Once this ordinance is passed, infrastructure will be set up with numbers to call and a frequently asked questions (FAQs) page on the city's web site.

We will keep you updated as well through the Los Compadres newsletter, Nextdoor.com, and our soon-to-be-launched Los Compadres website.

## Get to know your Los Compadres Neighbors

LCNO has a thriving and growing group on Nextdoor, the free and private social network for neighborhoods. Many neighbors are posting great advice and referrals for home services, local happenings and events. To keep up with LCNO activities, area and neighborhood information, we encourage all our neighbors to join us there. To sign up, use this invitation link:



**Join the Los Compadres  
Neighborhood Group**

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/ed53796527e847a85d49>

or go to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and enter your e-mail address and street address to register. It's fast and easy to join.

**E-mail us with your feedback & ideas:  
[info@los-compadres.org](mailto:info@los-compadres.org)**

**Happy Easter, Passover and Spring!**  
**Until Next Time ...**  
**The Communications Committee**

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