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Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization

Newsletter #14

July 2, 2014



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Upcoming Events

July 4
Fireworks @ PS Pavilion,
401 S. Pavilion Way

July 8
LCNO
Board of Advisors
Meeting

October TBD
LCNO Neighborhood
Social Event (Potluck, BBQ)

Board of Advisors **Meetings**

Dear Neighbor,

The heat is upon us bringing the lazy days of summer, but your LCNO Board members have been "Busy Bees" with neighborhood planning, PSNIC and city-wide activities. See what we've been up to ...

Board member, Orlando Gotay was recently appointed as a member of the Palm Springs Sustainability Commission.



Board member, Mike Hodgson has been appointed to Chair a new Traffic and Pedestrian Sub-Committee of the PSNIC Code Enforcement and Public Works Committee. Nicknamed the "Safety Hot-Spots" Committee, Mike will be leading a city-wide effort to identify locations where traffic and/or pedestrian crossing concerns present safety hazards.

LCNO Secretary & Treasurer, Dan Barber is working with PSNIC on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) guidelines for Palm Spring's revised Vacation Rental Ordinance. These guidelines will have a citywide



The next Board of Advisors Meeting is on July 8 from 6-8 p.m., at the Demuth Park Community Center.

We have one vacant spot on the Board. Are you interested in taking part in our neighborhood and PSNIC? Come out to the July meeting and participate.

All meetings of the LCNO Board of Advisors are open to the public. Residents of the Los Compadres area are encouraged to attend and participate.

Please contact us at info@los-compadres.org if you have any questions or requests.

LCNO Community Garage Sale in 2015



At the LCNO Annual Meeting, a committee was established to work on holding a Los Compadres Neighborhood Garage Sale in 2015 (some time in season).

That committee will get going soon, so if you have an interest in helping to organize or participating, please contact us at info@los-compadres.org.

effect in helping residents learn about and utilize the revised Ordinance when dealing with this vital neighborhood "quality of life" issue.

LCNO Chair, Phil Strout is one of the PSNIC Vice Chairs as well as Chair of the PSNIC Neighborhood Support Committee. The mission of that Committee is to develop and define methods and procedures to strengthen the city's neighborhood organizations.

This is just a start ... check out the other stories below to see what other LCNO'ers have been doing so far this summer.

LCNO's Lynne Stephenson Celebrated for United Way Fundraiser



One of the "grand finale" events of the 2013-14 season was a tribute to our valley's ultimate virtue: Diversity. This hugely successful event hosted by the Ritz-Carlton drew about 400 guests raising over \$150,000 for United Way's Impact Fund.

Board member Lynne Stephenson was praised for her work as the Co-Chair of this year's United Way of the Desert's 24th annual VIP Gala, which took nearly a year to plan and execute. Read the full article at: <http://desert.sn/1qb0Vek>.

Cleaning Up the Lykken Trail

LCNO Wins GOLD



In May at the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Annual Conference, the Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization won a Gold Award for excellence in its e-Newsletter. As the "Editor-in-Chief", I am honored to receive this award and share it with my fellow LCNO Board members and neighbors who have contributed to the newsletter over the past year.

I look forward to continuing to provide an Award-winning newsletter to our community. If you have any ideas or information you would like to see in the newsletter, e-mail me comments at info@los-compadres.org.

Green is Cool! LCNO Supports Sustainability



Again, Congratulations to our own



Photo courtesy of Jay Calderon at the Desert Sun.

Keeping our Desert Beautiful! LCNO Vice Chair, Jeffery Holley participated in a group to clean up graffiti on the Lykken Trail, in the PS foothills at the West end of Ramon Road. The group was coordinated by John Moore and Ryan Cummings via social media through the Facebook Group called Palm Springs Neighborhoods, and met with brushes, gloves, and cleaner to remove the paint from rocks early on Friday, June 20.

I know I am not alone in thanking them for their efforts and commitment to our great city.

To read more about the story see:

Palm Springs Lykken Trail hikers clean graffiti
<http://desert.sn/1it1zD4>

Lykken Trail graffiti in Palm Springs outrages hikers
<http://desert.sn/1hZgpkq>

Letter of the Week: Thank you for cleaning up rocks
<http://desert.sn/1loAjjX>

LCNO's Neighborhood Improvement Sub-committee

Mike Hodgson is Chair of LCNO's Neighborhood Improvement (Traffic & Infrastructure) Sub-committee. The committee is reviewing and assessing Los Compadres traffic concerns and infrastructure needs that were raised at the Annual Meeting in March 2014 and to identify future concerns. The committee

Orlando Gotay, as a newly appointed member of the Palm Springs Sustainability Commission. We are very proud of his achievement and look forward to supporting the efforts of this active and highly visible Commission.

Check out the Sustainability website for all sorts of information on programs, recycling, events, and more at:

www.yoursustainablecity.com

LCNO & CERT



We have several Board members and Los Compadres neighbors who have taken part in the CERT training. Once certified, CERT members can attend monthly continuing education courses. In May, **Board member Russ Butler** attended the monthly meeting which had a special guest speaker from SC Edison was focused on the dangers of electricity - especially downed power lines, which are a specific issue for our area with the high winds in spring and summer.

Falling trees can drag power lines to the ground. It is important to know that the ground, whether there is water present or not, can be lethally charged with electricity for at least a thirty (30) foot radius from the charged power line. One should never approach a downed line. The power can also travel for quite a distance along a metal fence. And water, including puddles and gutters, will also conduct electricity. If a power line falls on your car, it is safer to stay inside the car. Stepping outside onto the ground can cause electrocution.

identified as their first priorities -- 1) traffic and pedestrian concerns on El Cielo between Escoba and Ramon and 2) traffic concerns on Sonora.

To that end, Mike wrote a letter to the City's Assistant Director of Public Works, outlining issues and asking for remedies. Some of the requests included additional crosswalks, pedestrian and bike signage, and speed limit reductions.

In addition, the City (through Measure J funding) is also planning to put in bike lanes on El Cielo between Ramon and Escoba. We will report on the timing of these bike lane additions when we know more from the City.

If you are interested in participating on the LCNO Neighborhood Improvement Sub-committee, please contact Mike at hodgsonmichael100@gmail.com.

LCNO's Safety Sub-committee

Orlando Gotay is Chair of LCNO's Safety Sub-Committee. The Committee is continuing to work with our local organizations that deal with safety and security issues; Chief among them the PSPD. A key focus of discussions so far has been to get a strategic understanding of incidences where property may be at risk, and to understand what steps can be taken to reduce the incidence of events, thereby improving the livability of the Los Compadres neighborhood.

To that end, the Committee met with Alan Donovan of the PSPD who presented current 2014 information, graphics, and perspectives on steps neighbors can take to prevent property crime from taking place. A lot of the property crime in Los Compadres would be considered "crimes of opportunity" -- like leaving a car unlocked with a purse or other valuables on a seat.

Here are some tips to protect yourselves this summer:

- Do not leave garage doors open, not even a crack. Thieves will patrol and aim for homes that appear be easy marks.
- Most property crimes take place during daylight. Thieves assume homes are unoccupied during the day. Holiday weekends are especially attractive,

**Never attempt to approach a
downed power line.
Always call 911.**

About Us

The Los Compadres Neighborhood is one of the 35 officially recognized neighborhoods in the City of Palm Springs.

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



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as thieves know there are homes that will be unoccupied for extended periods of time.

- Take steps to make your home look occupied -- like putting lights on timers -- this helps deter thieves so they look for another (easier) mark.
- Do not post your vacation or travel schedules on social media.
- Bicycle theft is on the rise. Some bikes have been recovered, but the police have no way of knowing who owns them. There are close to 40 bikes in police storage now awaiting identification! PSPD has a bicycle registration program to help document ownership. Contact PSPD for details.

Please contact Orlando at orlando.gotay@gmail.com if you are interested in participating on the LCNO Safety Sub-committee.

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



**Join the Los Compadres
Neighborhood Group**

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:

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

or go to www.nextdoor.com and enter your e-mail address and street address to register. It's fast and easy to join.

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