



Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization **Newsletter #9**

June 18, 2013



Please add me!

Dear Neighbor,

Summer is here and the heat is on! We are waiting on the Blade signs, and hope to see them up in the next few weeks. We plan to have a little celebration (probably at Sonora & Compadre) in commemoration of our new signs. We will send along more details as soon as we know when the first sign is going up.

Upcoming Events

July 9
Board of Advisors
Meeting

About Us

The Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization (LCNO) is an officially recognized neighborhood by the City of Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee (PSNIC).

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LCNO Board of



Sporting LCNO T-Shirts ... Board Members
Philip Strout & Jeffery Holley at the
PSNIC Monthly Meeting

The next Board of Advisors Meeting is on July 9, 2013, from 6-8 p.m., at the [Demuth Park Community Center](#). We have 1 additional Board spot available and alternate positions. Anyone interested in helping us grow the LCNO, should attend this meeting. 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.

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INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE ON PROPOSED BRIDGES

An open house will be held on **Wednesday, June 26, at 6 P.M.** in the Large Conference Room at City Hall regarding two proposed bridge projects. One would be a new bridge on Vista Chino Drive to replace the existing low-water crossing at the Whitewater River and the other would be widening the existing Ramon Road Bridge from four to six through lanes. These are long-

SoCalGas' New Innovative Advanced Meter

Over the next few months, Southern California Gas Company is upgrading its system in Palm Springs and throughout the Coachella Valley by installing the new Advanced Meter on all residential and business natural gas meters. The Advanced Meter will automatically read and transmit your gas usage to the SoCalGas customer service and billing department. The device will be installed on your existing analog meter and is battery operated turning on for just a fraction of a second each day. The batteries are good for 20 years. Importantly, the meters do not communicate with any other meters, or appliances in your home. Also, the meters cannot turn on or turn off your gas service. SoCalGas provide customers a 30 day notice of Advanced Meters installation which does not interrupt gas service nor does the customer need to be home. A SoCalGas advanced meter installation video is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BI04jL12qC4>.



If you have any additional questions, please visit <http://www.socalgas.com> and search for "ADVANCED" or contact Deborah McGarrey at dmcgarrey@semprautilities.com.

Safety & Emergency Preparedness Workshop



UPDATE on this workshop ... We received feedback that September would not be an ideal time to hold this event as many residents are still out of town or on vacation. We are now proposing to hold this event in October. But we still want to hear from you!

Any suggestions and ideas about what YOU would like in a workshop about safety and procedures in the event of an emergency. Also if you are a Los Compadres resident and already CERT certified or have worked with the Red Cross, please get in touch with us. We'd love your ideas and participation.

More to come and workshop dates/details! Meanwhile, please send comments, ideas and suggestions to our general e-mail address at info@los-compadres.org.

term projects, with construction not expected to begin for several years.

Nevertheless, now is the time to voice your opinion and learn more about what is being planned as engineering and environmental studies are being prepared. For example, if you want bike lanes on these bridges, City officials want to hear from you!!

What's Up This Week in Palm Springs?



Get ready to put on your *shorts* for the 2013 Palm Springs International ShortFest & Short Film Market. Now in its 19th year, ShortFest will showcase 330 films including 70 World Premieres, 55 North American Premieres and 14 U.S. Premieres. The selection of films for screening and

Special Offer from Palm Springs Errands and More for Los Compadres NO residents

Palm Springs Errands and More offers personal and business concierge services. Their mantra is "Let us be your 25th hour of the day!" Whether it be taking you or a loved one to an appointment, taking your 4 legged family member to the vet or groomer, or doing the little things that take up your precious time such as grocery shopping, medication pick-up, post office services or automotive services, Palm Springs Errands and More can help out and lessen the stress in your life.



From June 15th-July 31st, they are offering a 20% discount (based upon availability) to LCNO residents. If you are interested in their services, please contact them at 760-534-5498 or visit their website at www.palmspringserrands.com

City of Palm Springs Code Enforcement



The new Palm Springs Director of Code Enforcement, Jim Zicaro, addressed the PSNIC Code Enforcement and Public Works Committee on May 29th, 2013. His department is now fully staffed with 3 code enforcement officers who respond to resident complaints,

which may be made in person at City Hall, by phone or online. They also conduct proactive patrols looking for violations. The largest number of complaints received by the Code Enforcement Office relate to property maintenance followed by zoning related questions. As of January 2013, they are now logging the neighborhood with each complaint, which will make it easier for NOs to track neighborhood issues more easily.

More information about Code Compliance can be found at <http://www.palmspringsca.gov/index.aspx?page=269>. To file a complaint, call the 24 Hr. Complaint Hotline at (760) 778-8434, go online to <http://www3.palmsprings-ca.gov/services/code-enforcement> or download the Android-based "@ Your Service" app from the Google Play store by clicking [HERE](#).

competition features star-studded casts and award-winning films from 49 countries around the world. All selections are structured into 53 programs, which will screen **June 18-24** at the Camelot Theatres. The complete line-up is posted on www.psfilmfest.org.

Get to know your Los Compadres Neighbors

We are up to 85 members on Nextdoor! LCNO has a thriving and growing group on Nextdoor, the free and private social network for neighborhoods. To keep up with LCNO activities, events, area and neighborhood information, we encourage all our neighbors to join us. To sign up, use this invitation link: <https://nextdoor.com/invite/ed53796527e847a85d49> or go to www.nextdoor.com and enter your email address and street address and register. It's fast and easy to join



Join the Los Compadres Neighborhood Group



E-mail us at info@los-compadres.org with your feedback and ideas. We are looking forward to more fun in 2013.

Until next time,
Lisa Brady, Communications Officer

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