

Wishing you
all a very safe
and happy
Holiday
Season!



We want to hear from you.....
Share your ideas on community
member events you would like to see
in 2014?
Email us at [lphoa@sbcglobal](mailto:lphoa@sbcglobal.net)

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Emergency/cell phone	408-277-8911
Non-Emergency	311
Abandoned Vehicles	408-277-8900
Animal Care and Service	408-578-7297
Building Permits	408-535-3555
Code Enforcement	408-535-7770
Crime Prevention	408-277-4133
Potholes	408-277-4373
Street Light Repair	408-277-5571

Vital information goes out by email . If you are not on our email list please send an email to lphoa@sbcglobal.net and put "Add me to the list!" in the subject line.



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Restating Our CC&R's and By-Laws

The Annual Election of the Board of Directors was held by mailing secret ballots as mandated by the Davis-Sterling Act. We only received 95 out of 279 possible ballots. This coming year you will be receiving a separate mailing seeking approval to re-state/update the governing documents for the Association. Updating our documents is extremely important for Civil Code and California law compliance. Currently our corporation document dates back to the Sixties and our Bylaws and CC&R's date back to 2001.

In order to accomplish this task, we need a majority of the homeowners (209) to return their approval forms. If we do not get the proper amount of votes, we will have to seek a court order to have our updated documents approved. This means spending more money on the attorney and delaying the process. Please help us get the appropriate number of responses by mailing your form as soon as soon as you receive it!

Home Improvements
If you are planning any improvements or changes to your home that can be seen from the street you must first complete a home improvement form and have it approved. You can download the form at www.lphoa.org/home_improvement.

2014 Board Elected

Thanks to all who turned in their ballots electing the 2014 Los Paseos Association Board of Directors. The new Board Elected is as follows:

- Guy Berry
- Shari Bleege
- Melinda Doutt
- Alessandro Fasan
- Gizelle Lamb

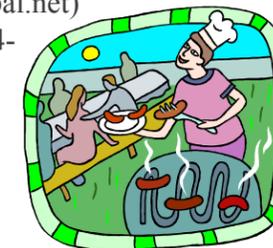
The Board chooses an Associate Member Representative. If you're interested in this position please contact the office.

All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. They're held the first Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse at 7pm.

The Agenda is available the Friday before all Board Meetings at www.lphoa.org.

Off-Season Grounds Rental

We are talking about allowing members to rent out the grounds for parties during the off-season. This would include the BBQ area, the grass area and the sports court but not the pool. If you would be interested in renting the facility in the off-season please email (lphoa@sbcglobal.net) or call (408-224-9880) Sarah at the office so we will know how much interest there is.



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Calendar

- **Jan 7 - Board Meeting - 7PM** at the clubhouse. See website for future scheduled meetings
- **2nd Friday of every month - Street Sweeper** comes between 7AM & 5PM

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BOUNDARIES

- ⇒ SOUTH OF BERNAL
- ⇒ WEST OF HWY 101
- ⇒ EAST OF THE GOLF COURSE & TULARE HILLS

2013 LPA Board of Directors

- Jeff Lemas, President
- Tim Nemeth, Vice President
- Guy Berry, Secretary
- Gizelle Lamb, Treasurer
- Rita Helfrey, Member at Large
- Judy Seps, Associate Member Rep

Remember the Clubhouse For Your Parties

If you have an event coming up, and you don't want to deal with having it at your house, think about renting the Los Paseos Clubhouse. You can rent it for big parties or smaller get togethers like bookclubs or bunco. If you use the clubhouse during the weekdays the member price for two hours is only \$125 and all day for \$175. Friday, Saturday's and Sunday's are \$275.

If you go to our website at www.lphoa.org and click on Clubhouse Rental you can download the form. Just fill it out and turn it in to the clubhouse with a non-refundable \$25 deposit to hold the date.

To check a date call the clubhouse at 408-224-9880 or e-mail the date to lphoa@sbcglobal.net.

To try and help keep our member costs down the Board has voted to allow non-member Clubhouse rentals again. The new rate for non-members will be \$725.00 for an 8 hour rental with a \$500 security deposit. We are hoping with a higher rate and limited time we will be able to bring in people that will respect our facility and our neighborhood. We will continue to enforce the rule that there are NO live bands allowed and ask that, with any music, they keep windows and doors shut.



Any penguins out there missing the water? Consider joining the South Valley Stingrays! They are a year round swim team out of Rancho Santa Teresa coached by Jerry Bozzo. He has coached for more than 30 years and has been a part of many major swim teams. The Stingray goal is to create an environment where children will learn the sport of swimming and have a great time doing so. The cost is \$125 a month for one swimmer. There is a family discount for multiple swimmers. Weekday Practice times are:

Jerry's group (13 and over) - 3:30pm—6pm

Marcus' group (9-12) - 5:45pm—7:15pm

Ryan's group (5-8) - 6:00pm—7:00pm

For more info go to the website at

www.southvalleystingrays.com or call Sarah at 408-656-7004.

San Jose Police Department Burglary Prevention Tips

Our neighborhood has been having a lot of problems with break-ins. Here are burglary prevention tips from the San Jose Police Department. Another good idea is to join Nextdoor.com so we can all communicate. Members post suspicious activity and pictures of suspects. (See the box at the end of this article.)

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Don't Tempt a Thief:

- Lawn mowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.
- Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."

Locks...Get the Best:

- No lock, regardless of its quality, can be truly effective. Key-in Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- When moving into a new home, have all locks changed.

Targeting the Outside:

- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.

Windows:

- Most windows can be pinned for security.
- Drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame - place a nail in the hole to secure the window.

Alarms:

- An alarm system is excellent for home security. It provides peace of mind to homeowners, especially while on vacation. There is a wide variety of alarm systems on the market.
- Make several inquiries to different companies for the best security system available to you.
- **If you have a home alarm system, use it!** *Activate your alarm system* — Alarm systems are only useful when you remember to activate them.
- Many individuals have alarm systems but do not arm them because it is inconvenient. Many burglars know this and will not be deterred by a window sticker or sign indicating that the home has an alarm system.

If Your Home Is Broken Into:

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:

- Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.
- Use a neighbor's phone to call police.
- Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.
- Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.
- Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.

Other precautions you should take:

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place

away from home — this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.

- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's license number with an engraver you can borrow from your precinct. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.

Car Burglaries

Tips on how to avoid car break-ins:

- Do not leave valuables in plain view: (GPS devices, lap tops, PDA's, cell phones, MP3's, wallets, purses)
- Do not leave windows or sunroof open.
- Do not leave doors unlocked.
- Do not leave keys in the vehicle.
- Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view.
- Do not leave out items with personal information.
- Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view.

Slow Down and use common sense before you leave your car.

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Nextdoor is a free private social network for your neighborhood which makes it easy to communicate with your neighbors about the issues that matter most in your community. With Nextdoor, you can:

- ♦ Get to know your neighbors
- ♦ Report suspicious activities and help prevent neighborhood crime
- ♦ Share recommendation about local services and businesses

To join go to Nextdoor.com and search with your address. Our group is called "Nextdoor Los Paseos".