

Lake Park Village

August 2024 Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

As the new school year begins, the Police Department would like to remind the public to be cautious as they travel near schools. The Police Department has the following suggestions:

Motorists:

- Please slow down. When children are present anywhere in the posted school zone, 25 MPH is the limit. The school zones begin prior to the school and continue after passing the school so look for the signs! Please put the cellular telephones or other portable devices away. Attention is your key to safety.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian. Watch out for pedestrians and bicycle riders.
- Don't double park—it impedes traffic and blocks visibility for children and vehicles.

Unloading children across the street from the school, or at a corner crosswalk is extremely dangerous. Sometimes it encourages them to Jay-walk.

If a bus is stopped to unload children and the red lights / stop sign are visible, don't pass it. This applies in both directions on an un-divided roadway.

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Be observant and slow.

Stay alert: children can be unpredictable and may ignore hazards and take risks.

When using a school drop-off zone, pull as far forward as possible so many cars can fit into the parking lot. Quickly have your child exit the car and proceed so other cars can keep moving. Fixing lunches, hair and opening the trunk to get a backpack or give last minute directions should be handled long before arriving in the school parking lot.

Be courteous to the school staff assisting you in the school parking lots.

Consider when deciding to block a red zone or other prohibited area, emergency personnel need the space to respond with their vehicles and equipment. Blocking these areas can delay help and could result in a parking ticket.

These are consistent issues our officers encounter each year when working in the school zones. Simi Valley Police Officers will be present at many of our schools to try to keep it safe and smooth. We are committed to working side-by-side with school staff, parents and teen-drivers to make our schools safe and comfortable for learning. Have a safe school year!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 22 2024
Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
At The Emmons Company
and by Zoom



BE SAFE AT THE LAKE

Please avoid accessing the lake area beyond the bridge. There is a sink hole that is being repaired in a section of the lakes perimeter next to the grass area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We continue to look for residents who want to get involved and who want to make their community a wonderful place to live. The Board is actively seeking members to join! If you are interested, please attend the next Board of Directors meeting in August.

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FRONT YARD MAINTENANCE



Water restrictions have been lifted so grass, shrubs, and plant material should be watered on a regular basis. All front yards need to continue to be maintained by mowing, removing all weeds and if necessary, removing any dead landscape. Please note-for any changes, an architectural application is needed prior to any work commencement. Applications are available on the Lake Park website www.lpvhoa.com, and can be submitted to jholt@powerstonepm.com

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES



Please remember you are permitted to park your RV, trailer and/or boat only for loading and unloading purposes (not to exceed 24 hours). Non-compliance may result in fines being assessed for violations of the City Ordinance and Association rules. Any motor home or boat exceeding the “loading and unloading” period will be cited.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS –

HOME HARDENING

Wildfires are now a year-round reality in Ventura County. This means that both firefighters and residents have to be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire at all times. Firefighters train hard and make countless preparations to be ready for a wildfire and it is important that residents do the same. Successfully preparing for a wildfire requires you to take personal responsibility for protecting yourself, your family and your property and one way to do that is by having a hardened home.

A hardened home is one where the use of fire-safe construction materials and the quality of the defensible space around it give the home a good chance of surviving a wildfire even if unattended. Windborne embers often pose the biggest threat to homes, so a properly hardened home resists both flames and embers. There are many measures you can take to help safeguard your home from a wildfire. While you may not be able to accomplish everything listed below, any one of them will help increase your home’s, and possibly your family’s, safety and survival during a wildfire.

Visit www.vcfd.org/ready-set-go/

Roofs: roofs are the most vulnerable surface on a home. They offer a large area for embers to land and, because roof valleys often collect leaf debris, they are particularly susceptible to ember fires. In addition to roof valleys, open ends of barrel tiles and rain gutters are also common points of origin for ember fires.

Eaves: embers can gather under open eaves and ignite exposed wood or other combustible material.

Vents: embers can enter the attic or other concealed spaces and ignite combustible materials. Vents in eaves and cornices are particularly vulnerable, as are any unscreened vents. Screen vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh.

Walls: combustible siding or other combustible or overlapping materials provide surfaces or crevices for embers to nestle and ignite.

Windows and Doors: embers can enter gaps in doors, including garage doors. Plants or combustible storage near windows can be ignited from embers and generate heat that can break windows and/or melt combustible frames.

Balconies and Decks: embers can collect in or on combustible surfaces or the undersides of decks and balconies, ignite the material and enter the home through walls or windows.

To harden your home even further, consider protecting your home with a residential fire sprinkler system.