

## **77<sup>th</sup> STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

### **May 2016**

May is traditionally a time of transition; like graduations, longer daylight hours and warm summer fun. Customarily, 77<sup>th</sup> Street Community Police embarks upon summer outreach programs. We have already hosted a recent “Coffee with Cops” event at a local vendor. Our goal is to have more “Roll-Call-in-the-Streets” to help facilitate new points of contact between our hard-working officers and the community they serve. In the near future we anticipate a greater community response to our Movies in the Park, Summer Night Lights, and other initiatives designed to create protected places for children to play, and for the community and its officers to interact. If you have not already benefitted from one of these programs, we extend a warm invitation to you. We also encourage you to get involved with our C-PAB, Clergy Council, and Community Relations outreach.

This month we are celebrating the grand opening of Vermont Gage Park, located at 6264 South Vermont Avenue. It highlights remarkable landscaping and activity areas for the youthful play time fun. It is a real pleasure to see the city and local private enterprise come together to make investments like this in traditionally under-served communities. The local vendors are by Shane’s Inspiration, Council District 9, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Engineering, Too Small to Fail, and Landscape Structures. Every year, 77<sup>th</sup> Street has become a more inviting community and it is a pleasure to point to new ventures like this to prove it.

Regarding our crime statistics, compared to the same time period last year, 77<sup>th</sup> Street has experienced a 16.5% increase in violent crime, a 5.4% increase in part-I crime, a 0.5% decrease in property crime. I remain steadfast in my commitment to lowering crime in 77<sup>th</sup>, and I will continue to focus resources on lowering violent crime, which is my top priority in 2016.

In community news, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Operation Ceasefire meets at the Bethel AME church located at 7900 S. Western Avenue. All are welcome at the meetings. Come join us for a unique opportunity to listen to inspired members of the community along with LAPD officers from 77<sup>th</sup> and other divisions. In the meetings we discuss community concerns and share ideas on enhancing public safety. We’d love to see you there!

To stay updated on 77<sup>th</sup> Street Area community events or crime information for your neighborhood, like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lapd77thstreet](http://www.facebook.com/lapd77thstreet) or follow us on Twitter @LAPD77thSt. You can also follow 77<sup>th</sup> Patrol Commanding officer, Captain Marc Reina on Twitter @LAPDMarcReina.

PETER ZARCONE, Captain  
Commanding Officer  
77th Street Community Police Station

## 2016 Annual Work Plan Goals

77th Street Area is strengthening the Community-Police Partnership by increasing the number of youth in the Area Juvenile Programs, increasing the number of volunteer opportunities, and promoting community participation in Block Club activities.

77th Street Area is working on maintaining and strengthening the Area Safe Park Programs by bringing recreational activities back to neighborhood parks. The 77th Street Area Police Activities League is promoting leadership and team work through an “all kids shall play” sports and mentoring league. Contact 77th Street Area Community Relations for more information (323) 786-5012.

### Community Partnership Meetings

Community Police Advisory Board	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Hispanic Outreach Meetings	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:00 p.m. ( <i>Except October</i> )
Clergy Council Meetings	Every Last Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. ( <i>Except October</i> )
Cadet Meeting	Every Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Junior Cadet Meeting	Every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

### Crime Tips



## **LOCK IT! HIDE IT! KEEP IT!**

*Don't be victimized!*

**LOCK IT!** – Always lock your vehicle.

**HIDE IT!** – Hide your valuable from plain sight.

**KEEP IT!** – Personal responsibility & prevention can safeguard your valuables from theft.

### SAFETY TIPS

#### DO

- Always lock your car!
- Keep your windows rolled up.
- Lock items in the trunk.
- Park in well lighted areas.

#### DON'T

- Leave items in plain view.
- Leave engine running when you are away from the car.

**Contact 77<sup>th</sup> Street Area Senior Lead Office for more information (323) 786-5040**