

77th STREET AREA BASIC CAR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

June 2015

It's summer! Graduations, Father's Day celebrations, barbecues, and summer fun highlight the longer days of June. As we move through the summer months, and kids and parents enjoy the break from the rigors of the traditional school year, I am reminded of all the excitement the beginning of the summer season brings including the anticipation of summer camps and programs for our community's youth. In 77th Street Area, we are incredibly fortunate to have an assemblage of generous and benevolent donors and volunteers who have dedicated their lives to philanthropy and service. Without them, not only would our community and youth programs languish, but so would the opportunities for greater wellness presented to our hardworking officers. With that, I am honored to recognize our partners and friends Pam and Chris Gibbons of Menasha Packaging, Tai Collins of A Chance for Children, Steve Robinson and Janet Crown, Reserve Officer Matt Krieger of the 77th Street Charitable Foundation and owner of TLC Pet Medical Centers, and Roberto Racillas, the President of our clergy council and founder of IBF (I Believe in my Future). These exceptional people have dedicated tremendous time and resources to our community and employee wellness programs. Thank you all for all you do to support 77th Street. We are so very grateful for your service and generosity but more importantly, we are inspired by your commitment to making a difference.

Department-wide crime rates are up compared to last year. However, 77th ranks among the top 10 divisions of the lowest crime rates in all three crime areas: violent, part I, and property crime. It is important to note, however, that the increase in property crime includes a 24.1% increase in grand theft autos (GTAs) and a 3.2% increase in thefts. That said, always remain vigilant while you're out and be aware of your surroundings. Park in well-lit areas and consider anti-theft devices for your vehicles. Ultimately, our strategies to control crime are having an impact and you can have the greatest impact on your safety by taking steps to minimize the risk of becoming a victim. Both Captain Reina and I are diligently working to deploy our resources in order to target the high crime areas and problem locations. We remain steadfast in our commitment to controlling crime and shoulder all accountability in the mission.

In community news, on Sunday, May 31st, at 9:30 am, we are participating in the annual Pedal on the Pier. The fundraising event, where 400+ riders will pedal stationary bikes on the Santa Monica Pier overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean, benefits the Harold Robinson Foundation. HRF helps to improve the lives of the City's impoverished children by providing them with a camp retreat where they participate in diverse recreational programs that are designed to strengthen confidence, independence, and character while also developing leadership skills. Please join us for a fun-filled day of music, dancing, great food, and shopping with local vendors.

As the summer celebrations commence, please remember to celebrate safely and responsibly. Always designate a sober driver. From all of us in 77th, happy Father's Day!

To stay updated on 77th Street Area community events or crime information for your neighborhood, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lapd77thstreet or follow us on Twitter @LAPD2014 and @LAPD77thSt. You can also follow 77th Patrol Commanding officer, Captain Marc Reina on Twitter @LAPDMarcReina.

CORY PALKA, Captain
Commanding Officer
77th Street Community Police Station

2015 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 nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
Hispanic Outreach Meetings	Every 4 th Friday, 7:00 pm (<i>Except October</i>)
Clergy Council Meetings	Every 4 th Wednesday, 7:00 pm (<i>Except October</i>)
Cadet Meeting	Every Thursday, 6:30 pm

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 lit area.

DON'T

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

Contact 77th Street Area Senior Lead Office for more information (323) 786-5040