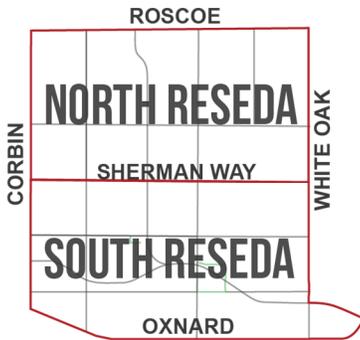




LAPD WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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NORTH / SOUTH RESEDA



Reseda Neighborhood
Watch Meeting
7 P.M.
2nd Thurs of the month
West Valley Division
19020 Vanowen Street

West Valley Community
Police Advisory Board
6:30 P.M.
2nd Wed of the month
West Valley Division
19020 Vanowen Street

Greetings Reseda!!

We have been working hard this month addressing your concerns. Our enforcement efforts continue to be focused on addressing our violent crimes, and reducing our property crimes.

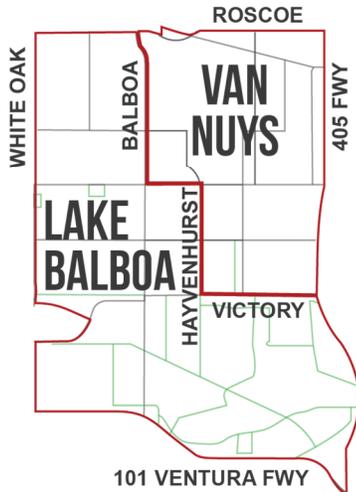
In the month of January, there was a total of (59) crimes reported in North Reseda, and (76) reported in South Reseda. Of those crimes, (38) were Burglaries from Motor Vehicles, (20) were Burglaries, (18) were Stolen Vehicles, (27) were Thefts, (18) were Aggravated Assaults, and (13) were Robberies.

In our Traffic related incidents, there has been an increase of pedestrian vs vehicle traffic collisions. Half of our pedestrian related incidents involve people not paying attention and having a laser focus on their cell phone. We cannot emphasize enough regarding how important it is for people to pay attention to their surroundings. Here are some good tips for pedestrians:

- Be visible
 - Wear lightly colored or reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.
 - If possible, make eye contact with drivers in stopped vehicles to ensure they see you before you cross in front of them.
- Stay Alert – Avoid Distractions
- Walk in Safe Places
 - Use crosswalks when crossing the street. If a crosswalk is unavailable, be sure to find the most well-lit spot on the road to cross and wait for a long enough gap in traffic to make it safely across the street.
- Avoided Alcohol Consumption
 - Almost half of all traffic crashes resulting in pedestrian casualties involve alcohol consumption. Surprisingly, 34 percent of that total was on the part of the pedestrian. *AAA reference

If you encounter something suspicious but are not sure whether it requires police presence, call the police anyway. We would rather receive multiple calls concerning the same incident, than no calls at all. Let us investigate and determine if a crime has occurred or not. In addition to that, please notify your Senior Lead Officer. We would love to hear from you and remain updated on the events occurring in your neighborhood.

LAKE BALBOA / VAN NUYS



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West Van Nuys / Lake Balboa

There has been an increase of Burglary from Motor Vehicles in the areas of Saticoy St and Woodley Ave, and on Sherman Way and Hayvenhurst Ave. Most of these crimes can be averted if the person who parks the vehicle makes sure to not leave anything visible from the outside. Put away everything, from purses to phone chargers. Burglars who are looking for a quick opportunity will look inside the vehicle and assess based on what is visible.

Looks like the Sepulveda Basin is getting a manicure. Lots of non-native and invasive species of trees are being removed, making it difficult for the homeless population to set up camp. The homeless situation is still a work in progress. City Council District 6 has started to post “No Trespassing” signs with the correct codes so that officers can cite or arrest if they are found in the areas where the signs are posted.

Please be aware that now that the hot weather is here, there will be more people drinking and possibly more people using drugs. The use of alcohol and drugs by people who can't afford their habits tends to cause them to commit crimes so they can get the money they need to purchase their addiction of choice. Please remember to harden your home and vehicle to keep people from stealing your property to support their bad habits.

Some of the better ways of keeping your property safe is to install motion lights and cameras that are visible to people who walk up on your house, post alarm company signs on your windows, and even own a big dog. Another great tool is the digital doorbell that has a camera and rings your phone when someone presses its button - it's very handy for when you are not around. Lastly, I urge you to get to know your neighbors. You don't have to have afternoon tea with them if you don't want to. However, to know your neighbors is to know who belongs in your neighborhood and gives you a line of support in case you ever need it.

ENCINO / TARZANA



Encino/Tarzana Neighborhood
Watch Meeting
7 P.M.
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During the month April 2017, our burglaries have been on a slow increase. Extra patrols have been dispatched in the Encino & Tarzana. Please remember to lock & secure your home & vehicle, and during the vacation season let your trusted neighbors know when you're out of town, or get a house sitter. Please make sure your camera & alarm system works and place locks your backyard gates & if possible put a dead bolt key lock on your front door. If your vehicle is parked on the street -Don't leave valuables in plain sight, "LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT".

Report any suspicious activity or persons seen in the area by calling the Los Angeles Police Department at the Non-Emergency phone numbers 1-(877)-ASK-LAPD, and for crimes in progress dial 9-1-1. Working together, we can make your neighborhoods safer.

Upcoming Community/Neighborhood Events

Neighborhood Watch Meetings:

Tuesday, May 9th & June 6th at 7:00 p.m., at West Valley Community Police Station located at 19020 Vanowen St. Reseda at the West Valley Police Station in the community room. **JUNE 11TH MEETING CHANGED TO JUNE 6TH.**

Neighborhood Watch Meetings start between 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm unless otherwise designated. If you would like to schedule a meeting in your neighborhood in the upcoming month's please contact your Senior Lead Officer (E-mail preferred). Please Note Senior Lead Officer Ham will be on vacation during the 2nd half of June and most of July.

Neighborhood Council Meetings:

Tuesday May 23rd & June 27th (the fourth Tuesday of every month), Tarzana Neighborhood Council Meeting 7:00 pm. at 5726 Topeka Dr. Tarzana.

Wednesday, May 24th & June 28th (the fourth Wednesday of each month), 7:00 p.m., the Encino Neighborhood Community Council meeting will meet at 4935 Balboa Boulevard, Encino.

Please note, these meetings may sometimes be rescheduled due to uncontrollable circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your neighborhood feel free to contact your respective West Valley Senior Lead Officers.

Neighborhood Watch News:

No special events in May. During June 3rd, The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council will be having a FREE MOVIE NIGHT at LOUISE PARK starting at 5:45pm, the movie starts at sunset. Bring your own chair or blanket and join the party.