

The Watch

Sunkist Park Neighborhood Watch Newsletter
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President's Corner

In this month's issue, the focus is on parks and recreation. Summer time is upon us and we have beautiful El Marino Park to enjoy here in Sunkist Park. This issue provides you with the latest info on what the City has planned for the park and what your neighborhood watch has planned for you. Please contact me at (310) 237.2277 or you may email me at Anthony@sunkistpark.org to get involved.

The El Marino Park hours with recreational staffing are as follows:

- Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday from 10 p.m. to 1 p.m.
& 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Whatever happened to the grass on El Marino Field?

On Wednesday, May 21, 2008, William La Pointe, the director of Parks and Recreation, came to speak to us at our General Meeting about the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the status of El Marino Park.

Currently, the City is completing its master plan for parks and recreation in Culver City and the top priority is deferred maintenance. On the top of the list for El Marino is the maintenance of the school field. Although this is not technically El Marino Park an agreement between the School Board and the City has allowed recreation programming on the field.

At this point, the El Marino field is in such disrepair that it needs to be overhauled and new sod needs to be brought in. Mr. La Pointe stated that his goal this summer is to make arrangements to move the programming off the field for a period of time so that work can be done on the field. He also stated that to prevent this situation from happening again he would ensure that proper maintenance and

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an appropriate level of programming would resume once the field is ready.

Mr. La Pointe mentioned that one small change you will notice that directly impacts El Marino Park is that new signage regarding the rules and regulations of the park will be put up this summer.

What is Neighborhood Watch doing this summer?

The 4th of July Picnic is back. We owe special thanks to Laura Stuart for pushing us to jump-start the annual 4th of July picnic here in Sunkist Park. This picnic is a community event and it will take everyone's participation to put together a great event. Please contact Laura Stuart at laura@sunkistpark.org to contribute to the 4th of July picnic.

Who has PEP? Sharon Zeitlin on Culver Park Blvd has PEP. PEP is the City's Park Enhancement Program. This program provides grants for park beautification and/or maintenance projects that a community in Culver City would like to do at its local park.

Sharon has submitted an application to the City to secure a grant to add a new flowerbed and/or put a fresh coat of paint inside the big "Hut". Everyone please keep your fingers crossed in hopes that we will receive the grant. These grants are given on a first come first service basis and there is no guarantee that we will be approved. However, if approved this will be a great opportunity for Sunkist Park residents to come together to enhance El Marino Park. We will keep you posted. If approved, we will come together again this summer to improve our park.

If anyone is interested in helping to enhance El Marino Park, please send me an email at Anthony@sunkistpark.org or call me at 310.237.2277.

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What Happened to all the Graffiti and Shopping Carts?

Bonnie Fornander and her crew have put a lid on graffiti and shopping carts here in Sunkist Park. Her crew consists of Susan Bronstein, Fran Weber, and Mike Mandaville. It is amazing what a few hands can do to improve the neighborhood. Please note that their efforts are on going and the more people that join make it easier to combat this problem.

Anyone interested in joining the patrol group, please contact Bonnie by phone at 310.391.6010 or by email at bonnie@netwood.net