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The mission of the San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) is to enhance and maintain the character and quality of all San Rafael neighborhoods through advocacy and an activated community.

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Featured Article:

AVENUE 64 TRAFFIC CONCERNS

*By Pilar Reynaldo
Guest Contributor
Ave 64 Coalition-
Pasadena/Los Angeles*

*Editor's Note: The Avenue 64
Coalition made a presentation
to the San Rafael
Neighborhoods Association at
the meeting held Sept 11.*

SRNA Artist-Wendi Moffly

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

SRNA General Membership Meeting

WHEN: FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

**WHERE: CHURCH OF THE ANAGELS
CHURCH HALL
1100 AVENUE 64
7 PM**

**Next General Meeting:
Wednesday, October 2**

**SRNA GENERAL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**



The beautiful artwork that adorns the SRNA newsletter is the result of SRNA Member Wendi Moffly. SRNA is grateful for the warmth that Wendi's artwork brings to the bimonthly newsletter. In this edition of the newsletter, we are happy to display new paintings by Wendi.

The Ave 64 coalition was formed shortly after an accident which led to the death of a cyclist in June 2013 which raised questions about safety issues along the avenue.

A group of some 40 concerned neighbors met for the first time on July 7th to share their stories and on the stretch of Ave 64 which is governed by Los Angeles and Pasadena from La Loma Road in Pasadena to Meridian Street in Los Angeles. By the end of the meeting, 7 people volunteered to start working on interim and long term solutions for the various issues raised.

Since then the 7 volunteers have come up with a power point presentation and a preliminary plan which was put together by Sam Morrissey (a traffic engineer with the city of Santa Monica) and Jeff Leon. We have made presentations at Councilman Steve Madison's Pasadena Town Hall meeting as well as the Historic Highland Park land use committee.

The Avenue 64 Coalition's proposals for traffic calming measures consist of the following:

- Periodic raised and planted medians as well as curb extensions to narrow the traffic lanes
- Designation of Hillside as a school
- Possible roundabout at Burleigh & Ave 64 including clearly marked crosswalks

****It's coming ****
SRNA 2014 Membership notices.

SRNA needs your help enhancing and maintaining the character and quality of all San Rafael neighborhoods through advocacy and an activated community.

Come join SRNA for another successful year of community organizing, fun and friendship.

Watch for it in your mailbox soon.

**Fire Station #39 Update
by Stan Clark**

Station #39 remodeling work continues to progress. Interior walls are almost finished and work on the rear portion of the building is ready for the raised deck to be built.

Fire Department officials along with City Staff have indicated the remodel is on schedule and the station is slated to reopen, returning Engine 39 and crew including paramedics in December of 2013 after closing on April 27, 2011.

The Avenue 64 Coalition learned at Councilman Steve Madison's Town Hall that Mr. Madison's office along with Pasadena DOT have applied for a \$750,000 grant to do an arterial speed management project.

The Avenue 64 coalition is seeking support in securing consensus and funding from both the cities of Los Angeles and Pasadena in order to implement the recommended solutions to address the safety concerns along Ave 64 from La Loma Rd in Pasadena to Meridian Rd in Los Angeles.

REQUESTED ACTION TO
SRNA FROM AVE 64
COALITION:

"Support the Avenue 64 coalition in securing consensus and funding from both the Cities of Los Angeles and Pasadena in order to implement the recommended solutions to address the safety concerns along Avenue 64 from La Loma Rd in Pasadena to Meridian Avenue in Los Angeles"

PLEASE WRITE TO SRNA with your comments and suggestions on this topic at info@srnapasadena.org

Complete Streets Program Coming to San Rafael!

By Sylvia Plummer-Guest Contributor

The City of Pasadena is kicking off a Complete Streets Program in our neighborhood.

What is a COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM?

Complete Streets is a national movement to ensure that transportation planners and

engineers consistently design and operate the entire roadway with all users in mind—including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. What are "complete" streets?

Complete streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities must be able to safely move along and across a complete street.

Creating complete streets means transportation agencies must change their orientation toward building primarily for cars. Instituting a complete streets policy ensures that transportation agencies routinely design and operate the entire right of way to enable safe access for all users. Places with complete streets policies are making sure that their streets and roads work for drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists, as well as for older people, children, and people with disabilities.

What it takes to make a street "complete" varies depending on many factors, so there's no single definition. However, ingredients may include sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible transit stops, frequent crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, and more. A complete street in a rural area will look quite different from a complete street in a highly urban area. But both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road.

Benefits of Complete Streets

Increased Transportation Choices: Streets that provide travel choices can give people the option to avoid traffic congestion, and increase the overall capacity of the transportation network.

Economic Revitalization: Complete streets can reduce transportation costs and travel time while increasing property values and job growth in communities. **Improved Return on Infrastructure Investments:** Integrating sidewalks, bike lanes, transit amenities, and safe crossings into the initial design of a project spares the expense of retrofits later.

Quality of Place: Increased bicycling and walking are indicative of vibrant and livable communities.

Improved Safety: Design and accommodation for bicyclists and pedestrians reduces the incidence of crashes.

More Walking and Bicycling: Public health experts are encouraging walking and bicycling as a response to the obesity epidemic. Streets that provide room for bicycling and walking help children get physical activity and gain independence.

How Can You Participate?

A neighborhood traffic survey will be mailed to each resident in the San Rafael Area by September 27, 2013. You can participate by filling out the survey. The deadline to fill out the survey is October 31, 2013.

What ideas do you have for the San Rafael Area? How about a DASH bus that circles our area via La Loma, Avenue 64 and Colorado and leaves you off at Old Town and the Gold Line?

What are your ideas?

For your convenience, the survey is also available online:

<http://cityofpasadena.net/Transportation/SanRafael/>

More Information?

For more information about Complete Streets Program use the link below:

[http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Transportation/Managing Traffic in Our Neighborhoods/](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Transportation/Managing%20Traffic%20in%20Our%20Neighborhoods/)

Crime Watch Update-Neighborhood Watch

By Alix Reeves

Lowering neighborhood crime is an objective most of us can agree on. Keeping ourselves informed of recent crimes and knowing which types of crimes are most likely to occur where we live is vital information.

Calling to report suspicious individuals or unusual activity is critical in preventing and dissuading crime in our neighborhoods. The Non-Emergency Number **(626) 744-4241** is a valuable tool for us, a way to inform the PPD about activity in our midst. You may not always know if an activity is suspicious; if so, call and ask. The dispatchers are our liaison to the police.

Below is a list of residential crimes in the area from June 25, 2013 through August 31, 2013 with a description of the crime type.

Grand Theft : Value of theft is over \$950. NOTE: Property taken from an unlocked vehicle may be included in this category.

Petty Theft: Value of theft is under \$950.

VEH BURG: (Vehicle burglary) Forced entry into a vehicle. NOTE: Property taken from an unlocked vehicle is not considered a vehicle burglary because there was no forced entry (it is considered a petty or grand theft).

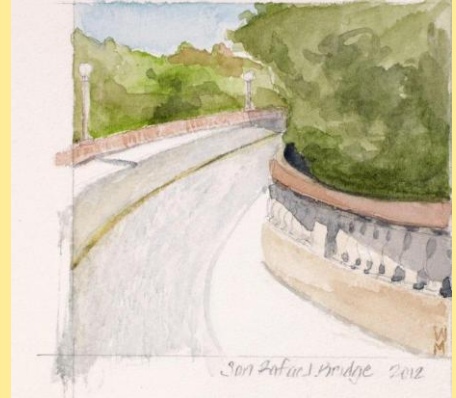
G THEFT AUTO: (Grand theft auto) Taking or attempting to take a vehicle that does not belong to you.

RES BURG: (Residential burglary) Forced entry into a home, garage, locker, business, etc.

Crime Stats

Source: Crimemapping.com unless otherwise noted.

SRNA supports the concept of transparency with crime statistics.



VEHICLE BURG	3PA0055641	GRAND/GREEN ST	6/25/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0056101	1200 BLOCK LA LOMA RD	6/26/2013
ROBBERY-ARMED	3PA0057012	300 BLOCK S ARROYO BLVD	6/29/2013
PETTY THEFT	3PA0057073	1100 BLOCK WELLINGTON AV	6/29/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0057742	100 BLOCK S ORANGE GROVE BL	7/1/2013
PETTY THEFT	3PA0058186	0 BLOCK GLEN SUMMER RD	7/2/2013
MAL MIS MISD (Vandalism)	3PA0058079	1300 BLOCK LA LOMA RD	7/2/2013

PETTY THEFT	3PA0059365	300 BLOCK S GRAND AV	7/5/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0059939	500 BLOCK S ORANGE GROVE BL	7/6/2013
VANDALISM	3PA0060198	400 BLOCK SEQUOIA DR	7/7/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0060505	700 BLOCK NORWOOD DR	7/8/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0060811	100 BLOCK S ORANGE GROVE B	7/9/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0060779	100 BLOCK SAN MIGUEL RD	7/9/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0061286	400 BLOCK BELLEFONTAINE ST	7/10/2013
PETTY THEFT	3PA0061358	400 BLOCK CALIFORNIA TERRACE	7/11/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0063382	900 BLOCK BURLEIGH DR	7/17/2013
MAL MIS FELONY (Vandalism)	3PA0063318	900 BLOCK LA LOMA RD	7/17/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0064420	1700 BLOCK KAWEAH DR	7/20/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0071482	300 BLOCK ELMWOOD DR	8/10/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0072370	1400 BLOCK GLEN OAKS B	8/13/201
VANDALISM	3PA0072372	200 BLOCK N GRAND AV	8/13/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0072869	800 BLOCK CHULA VISTA AV	8/14/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0077948	800 BLOCK BURLEIGH DR	8/28/2013
BURGLARY	3PA0077774	1100 BLOCK CHARLES ST	8/28/2013
RESIDENTIAL BURG	3PA0078450	100 BLOCK FERN DR	8/30/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0078426	GRAND / GREEN ST	8/30/2013

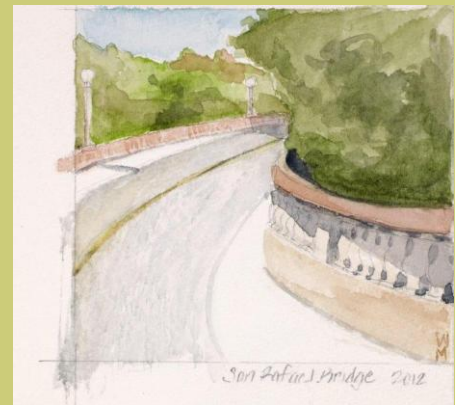
ROSE BOWL AREA SAMPLING OF CRIME:

PUBLIC INTOX	3PA0058868	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/4/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0059796	SECO / WEST DR	7/6/2013
(2) BATTERY (1) ASSAULT	3PA0060208	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/7/2013
DISTURBING THE PEACE 415 MISC	3PA0060268	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/7/2013
PUBLIC INTOX	3PA0060222	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/7/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0060186	RICHLAND/WESTGATE ST	7/7/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0060912	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/9/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0061087	1100 BLOCK ROSEMONT AV	7/10/2013
PETTY THEFT	3PA0063754	300 BLOCK N ARROYO BL	7/18/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0065683	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/24/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0065681	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/24/2013
BATTERY	3PA0067331	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/28/2013
BATTERY	3PA0067385	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/28/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0067395	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/28/2013
PUBLIC INTOX	3PA0067349	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/28/2013

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PUBLIC INTOX	3PA0067343	100 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/28/2013
THEFT INSECURVEH	3PA0068373	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	8/1/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0068281	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	7/31/2013
G THEFT AUTO	3PA0068958	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	8/2/2013
VANDALISM	3PA0068822	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	8/2/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0070208	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	8/6/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0070206	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	8/6/2013
THEFT INSECURVEH	3PA0070658	1100 BLOCK ROSEMONT AV	8/7/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0070564	300 BLOCK N ARROYO BL	8/7/2013
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0071523	400 BLOCK N ARROYO B	8/10/2013
GRAND THEFT	3PA0072583	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	8/13/2013

San Rafael Elementary School

SRNA hosted Principal Rudy Ramirez and SRES parent Alison Pultz at the last SRNA meeting. Principal Ramirez presented an update on improving test scores at the school and information on the dual immersion Spanish language program which has become extremely popular. In addition, residents learned about the new Room 13 Artist in Residence on campus.



Principal Ramirez also spoke about improved traffic and parking restrictions surrounding the school. Just hours prior to the last SRNA meeting, Councilman Steve Madison issued an email describing the new parking changes. SRNA had received numerous concerns from surrounding neighbors concerned about parking issues and SRNA is happy to report that a new plan has been implemented that SHOULD lead to improved issues with traffic.

Stay tuned for more San Rafael Elementary School updates in future newsletters.

If you haven't visited San Rafael Elementary School in a while, be sure and stop by to see the latest developments at the school.

THE FUTURE OF SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Information Item:

7-11 COMMITTEE FORMING TO EVALUATE EXCESS REAL PROPERTY.

The following information is from the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). Please click on the link below. SRNA will be monitoring the 7-11 process closely.

<http://pasadenausd.org/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/917180/File/7-11%20Application%20for%20San%20Rafael%20ES.pdf>

Signage for the Wayfarer: Wayfinding Signs



Letters to the Editor

Local residents continue to comment on signage found on Pasadena city streets.

Here are 2 Letters received by SRNA on this continuing topic reprinted here with permission of both authors.

I just read your article about the signs to direct us to places in Pasadena. I wondered what they were about and am astounded that the city would spend so much on signage and the number of new signs is ridiculous when the new trend is on being green and reducing our footprint on the environment. Most people have GPS these days in their car and their phone, so getting lost is not so common anymore. Glad that you are keeping an eye out on things like this!

*Thank you,
Ann-Marie Villicana
Pasadena CA*

Note: The author is previous Councilmember from District 6 Pasadena

You requested comments on the new signage going up in Pasadena. Personally, I like the signs. They are quite distinctive, artfully done, and provide a service to the public. But also, they tend to subtly point out that Pasadena is a city with many top attractions and cultural destinations, making it unique and distinctive from most other American cities. And the notion that they are analogous to Lady Bird Johnson's campaign to remove billboards from highways does not meet the test of logic. The signs that Ms. Johnson fought against were garish advertisements and indeed were, and are, visual pollution. The new signs in Pasadena are nothing like that, and serve a valuable purpose, and do so in a gracious manner.

*Quincy Hocutt
Pasadena*

**Continue to send us your opinions on the
Wayfinding Signs
at
info@srnapasadena.org**

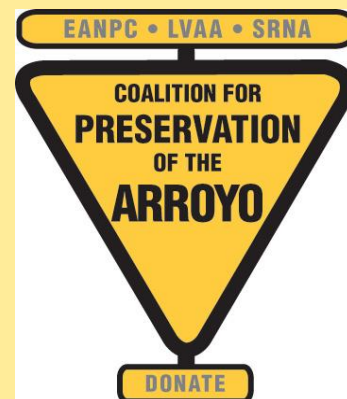
La Loma Bridge Closing for 18 months starting in 2014 by Michael Loya

The La Loma bridge built in 1914 (Corner of South Arroyo Blvd. and La Loma Rd.) will be updated for earthquake safety standards starting sometime in early 2014. It is estimated this project will cost 17 million dollars and that the bridge will be closed to traffic for a period of 18 months. Many residents that use the La Loma bridge will be detoured through other routes during the construction period. The City of Pasadena is planning to host community meetings

in the upcoming months to help provide information about the La Loma bridge rehabilitation project including the possible construction of a pedestrian foot bridge (temporary versus permanent).

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

COALITION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ARROYO NFL-EIR LAWSUIT Information Update



Legal proceedings continue in the challenge to the NFL-EIR lawsuit.

The Coalition for Preservation of the Arroyo is composed of the East Arroyo Neighborhood Preservation Committee (EANPC), the Linda Vista~Annandale Association, (LVAA) and the San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA), and is supported by the West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA)

We encourage you to support the NFL EIR litigation. Help us protect our neighborhoods and the Central Arroyo. To read more and contribute, go to lvaa.net, or srnapasadena.org.
Contribute here to the cause:

<http://srnapasadena.org/rose-bowl-nfl-expansion/join-in-challenging-the-nfl-in-the-rose-bowl-eir/>

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***SRNA is looking for people to volunteer and be a part of our organization.
Write to us if you would like to help make a difference and what your area of interest is.***



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