



Temescal Valley speeders: Slow down!

County wants to know where safety issues exist on our local streets

The **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee** meeting in May focused on road safety in two areas – on surface streets and at the three schools located here.

Addressing the schools issue was **CHP Community Service Officer Nate Jimerson** who, along with other duties, is responsible for enforcing traffic laws at 24 schools within his CHP region. New to the position, Jimerson said he had visited the Todd and Temescal Valley elementary school campuses and hoped to patrol at Luiseno School prior to summer dismissal.

He said while the “dropping off” and “picking up” situations at the schools are less than optimal, parents are not justified in double parking, blocking driveways and parking in red zones. “Offenders will be cited,” Jimerson said.

Committee members commended Jimerson for fighting freeway traffic to attend the evening meeting on his day off.

Also attending the meeting was **Renee Martin**, a valley resident and the crossing guard at TVES. She said the flagrant violations by parents amaze her and she often worries about student safety. “Some people park in the red zones at both ends of the crosswalk and it’s the same parents doing it repeatedly.”

She said there are parents who will not follow her whistle commands when to cross and not cross the street. “I had the kids waiting to cross to let cars by and one dad grabbed his kid’s hand and said, ‘Let’s go.’ I was so proud of that little boy when he told his father, ‘No Dad, we can’t go until the guard says it’s safe.’ ”

Both Jimerson and Martin felt the best way to reach the parents about street safety was through their children. The Public Safety Committee, working with the CHP, will suggest to school administrators the possibility of street safety assemblies in the new school year.

Riverside County Road Engineer Lawrence Tai spoke about the public roadways in Temescal Valley. Tai said he was familiar with the county-maintained streets and knew of the larger traffic issues, i.e. Temescal Canyon Road, but wasn’t aware of all the individual issues within each of the neighborhoods. “I am aware, though, of concerns about speeding on surface streets.”

He described how speed limits are determined – not a simple process, and what it takes to get a new stop sign or traffic signal – also not a simple process but doable if warranted. What isn’t particularly doable are speed bumps, especially on arterials such



SLOWING DOWN TRAFFIC: County Road Engineer Lawrence Tai had two portable digital radar signs placed on Knabe Road after the Public Safety Committee meeting in May.

as Knabe, Campbell Ranch, De Palma and Horsethief Canyon roads, and Trilogy Parkway.

“Speed bumps are hard on public safety vehicles such as fire trucks rushing to emergency calls, as well as on the personnel inside the vehicles,” Tai said.

Several people at the meeting cited specific safety issues on neighborhood streets – blind corners, lack of left turn lanes, the need for stop signs. Tai said the county will investigate all concerns and possible solutions, but folks must let the county know where the problems are.

When asked, Tai said the county could install portable radar speed signs letting motorists know the speed at which they are driving. He said the digital displays are a good deterrent in slowing down speeders. Tai had two signs placed on Knabe Road the week of June 6.

Tai was impressed by the number of HOAs and neighborhoods represented by members of the Public Safety Committee, and said if the group could compile a list of concerns, he would look into all issues raised.

Send suggestions about street safety to Public Safety Committee Chairman John Watson at: jfwatson5@aol.com. Include the community in which the street is located, the problem, your name and how to reach you if necessary.

Committee members discussed launching a petition drive for the state to increase the number of CHP officers along the 1-15 Corridor. The committee also will create a campaign aimed at slowing down motorists on Temescal Valley streets.

CALENDAR

EVENTS

- **Kids Summer Movies Series:** 9 a.m. (doors open at 8:15 a.m.), **Monday – Thursday, through Aug. 4**, Dos Lagos Luxury Theatres. **FREE!** Autism-friendly showings; \$3 snack packs.
- **Summer Camp-tastic!** 9 a.m. to noon, **Monday – Thursday, June 13 – Aug. 4**. This **FREE** day camp, for kids ages 5 to 12, is offered by Riverside County Parks at Deleo Regional Sports Park and features sports, games, and arts & crafts. Field trips are available on Fridays for a fee. To register, call 1-800-234-7275. The park is at 25655 Santiago Canyon Road.
- **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center Summer Program:** The center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Mondays and Wednesdays** and features indoor exhibits, displays, activities and information about the ecology and natural history of the Temescal Valley area. A **FREE** children's summer series is held at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays. **Monday, June 13:** "Pollinators and You;" **Monday, June 27:** "Life in the Soil." The center is at the end of Indian Truck Trail at Campbell Ranch Road.
- **Flag Day:** Fly it proudly! **Tuesday, June 14**.
- **Father's Day:** Give your Dad a hug and if you can't, give him a phone call. **Sunday, June 19**.
- **3rd Annual Car Show:** Sponsored by The Bridge Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, June 25**, 9106 Pulsar Court (in the Wildrose Business Park), **FREE!**
- **El Cerrito County Library:** 7581 Rudell Road, behind El Cerrito Middle School. Many **FREE**, fun activities for the kids! 951-270-5012 or check out the summer programs on Facebook.
- **County Bookmobile:** 2 to 4 p.m., **every Monday**, Tom's Farms; 9 to 11 a.m., **every Tuesday**, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **Tom's Farms:** Every weekend — **Craft Faire**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; **live music**, 1 to 4 p.m.; **Magic Show**, noon and 2 p.m. "**Swingin' Saturday Nights**," last Saturday of the month — **FREE** swing dance lesson at 6 p.m.; open dancing 6:30 to 8 p.m.

TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Monday, June 27**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, June 28**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, July 7**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Thursday, July 7**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, July 9**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public — find out what's happening in Temescal Valley!
- **Temescal Valley MAC:** The Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council meets 7 p.m., **Wednesday, July 13**, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.

MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, June 9**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore City Council:** **Public hearing on Alberhill Villages, 8,000-plus homes and commercial development proposed north of Lake Street**, 7 p.m., **Tuesday, June 14**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9 a.m., **Wednesday, June 15**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, June 21**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, June 23**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.



SYCAMORE CREEK INTERPRETIVE CENTER: The 70-plus acre facility is administered by the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District.

Hey, parents! Here's great summer fun for the kids – plus a learning experience, too

The Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center this year introduces its first summer program for kids of all ages. The programs will be held at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The center is located at the intersection of Indian Truck and Campbell Ranch Road. Here's the lineup:

- **June 13: Pollinators and you!** Find out how animals pollinate our plants and put food on our plates. Learn about the life cycle of the butterfly and learn a pollination song.
- **June 27: Life in the Soil!** Explore the secret life inside the soil, make soil art and watch a video about life in the soil.
- **July 11: Tracks and Scat!** Learn how to identify animals by clues they leave behind, make animal track bookmarks and make animal tracks in the sand.
- **July 25: Water, Water Everywhere!** Come learn about the water cycle, make a miniature water cycle and learn about watersheds and water pollution.
- **Aug. 8: Celebrate Urban Birds!** Discover how birds adapt to their environment, try out different kinds of beaks and make a bird mask.
- **Aug. 22: The Tree in the Ancient Forest!** Hike to an old oak tree and listen to a story about how animals and trees depend on one another for survival. Draw a tree and become a Citizen Scientist and participate in the Focal Tree Project.

The center is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Parking is limited so consider walking or carpooling. Information: 951-277-0219 or 951-683-7691.

VERY QUICK HITS ...

LOOK FOR 276 MORE APARTMENTS to be built on the northwest corner of TCR and Dos Lagos Drive next to Trader Joes ... **THE 8,244-HOME ALBERHILL VILLAGES** project will probably be approved by the Lake Elsinore City Council on June 14 ... **TWO BUILDINGS WITH LIGHT INDUSTRIAL** uses will soon be built at Wildrose Business Park ... **THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED** for comments on Edison's transmission lines and substation to be located in Temescal Valley. Email your opinions to the Public Utilities Commission at VIG.ASP@ene.com no later than **JULY 15**. Learn more about the project at www.WeAreTV.org.