

Palo Del Amo Woods NEWSLETTER

FALL ISSUE 2024

General Meeting Coming Up!

Neighbors, mark your calendars: Our next General Meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Cornerstone Church
24428 South Vermont Avenue
Harbor City, CA 90710



Meeting Agenda

- Introduction of Board Members
- PDAW HOA Projects
- Treasurer's Report
- Los Angeles County Sheriff Department
- California Highway Patrol
- Director of Constituent Affairs Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
- Department of Public Works
- Representative from Mike Gipson's Office
- Community Members' Opportunity to Speak

Refreshments will be served. Please turn out for this important meeting and a great opportunity to see your neighbors and see how you can support the community.

All Are Welcome

The General Meeting is open to everyone residing in the PDAW community, regardless of homeowner/renter status or paid membership in the PDAW HOA.

Sidewalk Vending: Understanding the Rules

By Vande Garner, President



The County of Los Angeles has established a Sidewalk Vending Ordinance allowing sidewalk vending to take place in all unincorporated areas of LA County. Below is an excerpt from the ordinance:

There are two types of sidewalk vendors in Los

*Angeles County: **stationary vendors** and **roaming vendors**. A **roaming sidewalk vendor** moves from place to place on a sidewalk or pedestrian path and stops only to complete a customer transaction for not longer than a 15-minute period. A **stationary sidewalk vendor** sells to customers from a fixed location.*

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Sidewalk Vendors, *Cont'd. from p. 1*

What Vendors Can Sell

Before vendors may start a roaming or stationary sidewalk vending business, they must carefully review a list of approved items (either retail or food) that they are allowed to sell. Retail sales include clothing, household items, gifts, flowers, cards, handmade items, etc. Food sales that are allowable without a health permit include whole fruits, vegetables, and prepackaged items (chips, sodas, snacks), sold from a store less than 25 square feet (or 5' X 5') in size. Sale of other types of food may require one or more types of health permit issued through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.



The Basic Rules of Sidewalk Vending

- ◆ **Roaming sidewalk vendors** are permitted to vend in residential and nonresidential areas but must move continuously, except when conducting a sale, which must last no more than fifteen (15) minutes in duration. In no event may roaming sidewalk vendors conduct their activity in a residential area in such a manner as to constitute operating in a fixed location.
- ◆ Roaming sidewalk vendors may operate in *residential* areas from 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
- ◆ During such operation, roaming sidewalk vendors must respect the residential communities in which they operate and avoid loud noise levels as specified in the California Penal Code.
- ◆ In *nonresidential* areas, roaming or stationary sidewalk vendors may operate either from 6:00 a.m.–12:00 a.m. *or* the hours of operation imposed on other businesses on the same street or block, whichever time frame is least restrictive.
- ◆ Sidewalk vendors selling prepared food must adhere to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health permit requirements pursuant to Title 11 of the county code and applicable requirements of the California Health and Safety Code.

Don't Even Try It, Sidewalk Vendors

- ◆ Sidewalk vendors (roaming or stationary) must not connect to any public utilities, including any source for water or power.
- ◆ Sidewalk vendors (roaming or stationary) must not obstruct or hinder pedestrian or vehicle flow, or place any equipment, food, or merchandise on the sidewalk or pedestrian path which may hinder pedestrian safety or vehicle visibility.
- ◆ Sidewalk vendors (roaming or stationary) are prohibited in areas where no sidewalk or pedestrian path exists or when the sidewalk or pedestrian path is less than six (6) feet wide, since such activity would unreasonably interfere with the safe flow of pedestrians and vehicles.
- ◆ **Stationary** sidewalk vendors are prohibited in areas zoned as exclusively residential.

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- ◆ Sidewalk vendors are prohibited from selling: counterfeit products, animals, insects, controlled substances, medicine, chemicals, lottery tickets, firearms, ammunition, alcohol, fireworks, cannabis or cannabis products, industrial hemp products, tobacco, tobacco-related products, adult materials, or any other items that are illegal or deemed unsafe for vending.
- In addition, sidewalk vendors must not vend from any of the following locations:
- ◆ Within five (5) feet of a curb, including a curb designated by LA County as a white, yellow, blue, or red zone.
 - ◆ At a streetlight pole; or, if vending takes place from a food cart or merchandise cart, such cart must be positioned at least five (5) feet away from a curb to allow an accessible path free from obstruction, in accordance with state and federal standards.
 - ◆ From another sidewalk vendor's setup.
 - ◆ At or within ten (10) feet of a street corner, controlled intersection, or a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
 - ◆ From a driveway, driveway apron, alley approach, or an accessibility ramp which provides access to a residential or commercial property.
 - ◆ Next to a utility meter, manhole, service box, power pole, telecommunication pole, or other utility object.
 - ◆ At a fire hydrant or fire call box or within twenty (20) feet of a bus stop, bus shelter, or bus bench.

Additional restrictions that regulate sidewalk vending exist, but the above list provides a good overview of what the ordinance does (and doesn't) allow.

Vehicle Theft Is on the Rise

By Sgt. Armando Hernandez, Carson Sheriff Station, Community Relations Office



Over the past several years, vehicle theft has increased among our communities, not only within Carson Station's area, but throughout LA County overall. Within the past five years, there has been a 64% increase in vehicle thefts throughout Los Angeles County, according to Sheriff's Department Crime Statistics.

Our personal vehicles, besides our homes, can be our most expensive and prized possessions. Our vehicles are also much-needed means for transportation, especially to get us back and forth to work, school, or for some individuals, essential medical treatments and appointments.

Vehicle insurance rates have increased in keeping with the rise of vehicle accident claims and losses due to vehicle theft. To make matters worse, the rising cost of auto insurance makes it harder to afford for many households, especially those who are living on a fixed income.

What's more, social media and security weaknesses are being exploited by bold thieves posting videos that demonstrate how particular KIA and Hyundai vehicles can be stolen without a key fob, simply by

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using a USB-type device. In response to this troubling trend, both KIA of Carson and Carson Hyundai car dealerships urge vehicle owners of older models to contact them to make an appointment for installation of updated anti-theft ignition software, which will prevent vehicles from being stolen without a key fob.

Safety Tips to Prevent Vehicle Theft and Burglary

Carson Station offers the following additional information and safety tips on how to prevent vehicle theft and burglary:

- ◆ Install a steering wheel locking device
- ◆ Install a battery disconnect switch
- ◆ Install a kill switch (requires professional installation)
- ◆ Install an aftermarket car alarm (requires professional installation)
- ◆ Ensure that the sunroof and windows are closed and doors are locked
- ◆ Park in a well-lit area
- ◆ Park in a secured location (i.e. garage, parking structure, etc.)
- ◆ Install a GPS tracking device
- ◆ Do not leave valuables such as cash, purses, wallets, jewelry, cell phones, or other desirable items inside your vehicle or in plain view while parked on the street or in the mall or the shopping center parking lot

We hope that these few tips can make a difference and prevent you from becoming a victim of vehicle theft. For your awareness, we also are sharing the latest crime statistics for the area (see page 5). If you see any suspicious or illegal activity in your community, we urge you to contact the Carson Sheriff's Station at (310) 830-1123.

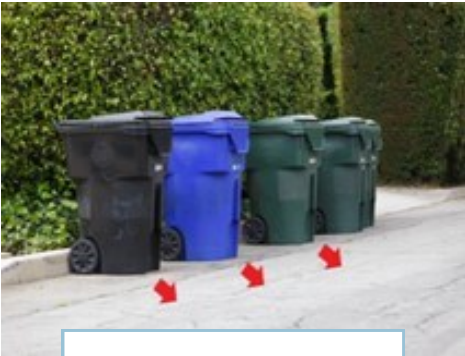
Don't Let a Rainy Day Ruin Your Trash Pickup

By Steve Milewski, Public Works

Trash pickup in our community takes place rain or shine; however, this service can be complicated by events such as stormy weather, when heavy rainfall can cause debris from waste, recycling, or green bins to be washed onto the street.

Help prevent pollution from trash bin spillage by taking the following steps on trash day:

- ◆ Be aware of potential stormwater runoff in and around your property.



Place 3 feet from curb.

- ◆ Place trash bins three feet away from the curb so they aren't in the stormwater runoff area.

- ◆ Return trash bins to your property immediately after being serviced to prevent them from getting washed away.

If you have any questions about proper bin placement, please call Universal Waste Systems

(UWS) Customer Service Department at (800) 631-7016.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
 CARSON STATION PART I CRIMES
 JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 vs. 2024

CRIME	AREA	2023	2024	PERCENT CHANGE
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	Carson	4	8	100.00%
	Unincorporated	1	1	0.00%
	Station Total	5	9	80.00%
RAPE	Carson	21	20	-4.76%
	Unincorporated	5	6	20.00%
	Station Total	26	26	0.00%
ROBBERY	Carson	74	78	5.41%
	Unincorporated	18	54	200.00%
	Station Total	92	132	43.48%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	Carson	194	187	-3.61%
	Unincorporated	44	52	18.18%
	Station Total	238	239	0.42%
VIOLENT CRIMES TOTAL	Carson	293	293	0.00%
	Unincorporated	68	113	66.18%
	Station Total	361	406	12.47%
BURGLARY	Carson	255	274	7.45%
	Unincorporated	90	133	47.78%
	Station Total	345	407	17.97%
LARCENY THEFT	Carson	995	1,097	10.25%
	Unincorporated	408	366	-10.29%
	Station Total	1,403	1,463	4.28%
GRAND THEFT AUTO	Carson	596	536	-10.07%
	Unincorporated	245	194	-20.82%
	Station Total	841	730	-13.20%
ARSON	Carson	17	8	-52.94%
	Unincorporated	2	6	200.00%
	Station Total	19	14	-26.32%
PROPERTY CRIMES TOTAL	Carson	1,863	1,915	2.79%
	Unincorporated	745	699	-6.17%
	Station Total	2,608	2,614	0.23%
PART I CRIMES TOTAL	Carson	2,156	2,208	2.41%
	Unincorporated	813	812	-0.12%
	Station Total	2,969	3,020	1.72%

Per the FBI Guidelines Homicide, Rape and Aggravated Assault are counted by victim. All other crimes are counted by incident, except Arson which is always counted.
 Red depicts +30% increases and green depicts -30% decreases. N/C = Not Calculable
 Source: LARGIS 5C UCR Data
 Report generated on 10/20/24

Membership Update

By Vande Garner, President

Greetings, Neighbors! We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2024 Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association membership period. On the following page is our most recent membership report. With only a couple of months remaining in the current year (and based on historical data), we anticipate there will be little if any change to the published results.

October marked the kickoff of our 2025 membership drive as well as the 60th anniversary of the Palo Del Amo Woods community! To commemorate this amazing milestone, we've set an ambitious membership goal of **60 percent or better**. This means—more than ever—we need each resident to show your community spirit and your willingness to get involved by becoming a paid PDAW member. Your funds are plowed back directly into the community to enrich our surroundings and our lives, as well as the lives of many others that the Palo Del Amo community connects with. *Please, won't you join us today?*



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Membership Update, *Cont'd. from p. 5*

Section	Number of Homes	Number of HOA Members	Percentage
All	874	259	29%
Central	355	107	30%
North	287	74	25%
South	232	78	33%

What Has the Board Done for You Lately?

Your PDAW Board of Directors is busy taking action on behalf of the PDAW community, working to continuously improve our collective quality of life in the neighborhood we love. We look both within and around Palo Del Amo Woods to make an already-great community that much better! Here’s a list of just some of our activities:

- ◆ Conducted regular community meetings
- ◆ Restored in-person meetings
- ◆ Extended invitations and coordinated government officials’ visits to our community meetings
- ◆ Painted community perimeter wall
- ◆ Pruned trees around inner perimeter
- ◆ Installed new stop sign
- ◆ Hired a gardener to maintain outer perimeter
- ◆ Created and filed with the proper authorities ongoing reports of open gates leading to areas behind our homes (and enabling unauthorized access to these areas)
- ◆ Created and filed with the proper authorities ongoing reports of speeding on major streets adjacent to our community
- ◆ Created and filed with the proper authorities ongoing reports of homeless encampment activities adjacent to our community
- ◆ Created and filed with the proper authorities ongoing reports regarding overgrown shrubbery in areas adjacent to railroad tracks
- ◆ Established charitable events in the community, such as the annual Adopt-a-Family program
- ◆ Overseeing ongoing graffiti removal
- ◆ Continuing work with our state representative to achieve graffiti removal on the 110 freeway
- ◆ Continuing work with public agencies to address graffiti and other issues on the pedestrian bridge at 243th and Normandie Avenue
- ◆ Continuing work with the Sheriff’s Department to address the parking issues arising from shorter-than-standard driveways that have resulted in ticketing
- ◆ Continuing work with our waste collector, UWS, to address community concerns and subpar performance (to that end, please let us know—leave us a message at (310) 257-4962):
 - ◆ Was your green trash bin steam-cleaned?
 - ◆ Did you receive a notification when this action would be done?
 - ◆ Were you advised of the company that would perform this service?)
- ◆ Continuing to host annual/biannual community events such as Holiday-a-Rama, the Annual Picnic and Block Party, and community yard sale
- ◆ Researching the history of PDAW’s HOA status
- ◆ And so much more!

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Treasurer's Update: September 2024

By Kourt Williams, Treasurer

Checking Account		September	YTD / 2024	Year/ 2023	Allocation
Beginning Balance	9/30/2024		\$16,806.21		
INCOME					
Memberships		170.00	14,121.00	23,997.00	
			0.00	0.00	
Newsletter Ads			0.00	0.00	
Sold Picnic Meals			0.00	50.00	
Dues Returned			0.00	0.00	
Picnic/Block Party/Vendors/ Tee-Shirts			325.23	410.00	
Wall Donations			0.00	0.00	
CERT Donations			0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous			615.70	0.00	
Bank Adjustments			0.00	117.87	
Total Income		Total Income	\$170.00	\$15,061.93	\$24,574.87
EXPENSES					
Perimeter Wall /Gardner /Beautification			2,400.00	3,678.80	\$4,900.00
Bereavement/Welcoming			366.47	427.22	\$1,000.00
Newsletter/Po Box/ USPS			4,359.10	4,447.26	\$2,000.00
Public Storage		198.00	1,438.00	1,684.00	\$1,562.00
Bank Fees			0.00	0.00	\$104.43
Office Supplies			0.00	0.00	\$403.00
Signs			197.10	824.34	\$0.00
AT&T/Mailchimp/Zoom		149.75	1,499.26	1,738.42	\$1,345.26
Election Committee			219.00	85.46	\$832.29
Christmas Event			0.00	834.87	\$1,009.84
Picnic/Block Party Event		1,152.88	5,938.23	7,476.70	\$8,649.32
Car Show			740.14	0.00	\$0.00
Gen Mtg/Blk Cptns			288.48	1,766.34	\$2,000.00
Annual Financial Audit			111.45	0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous			536.32	961.47	\$1,000.00
Website			0.00	384.00	\$500.00
Directory			208.05	0.00	\$0.00
Community Relations			0.00	0.00	\$0.00
CERT			0.00	210.39	\$800.00
		Total Expenses	\$1,500.63	\$18,301.60	\$24,519.27
		Internal Audit Adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Net Gain (Loss)	-\$1,330.63	-\$3,239.67	
Ending Book Balance	9/30/2024		\$15,475.58		
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Reconciliation					
				CERT	
				Emergency Funds	\$2,500.00
				HOA Alloc	\$800.00
				Budget	\$800.00
				Running Balance	\$800.00

2025 Palo Del Amo Woods Directory In the Making



The Palo Del Amo Woods Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, in 2025, a new *PDAW Residential Directory* will be

provided to residents of Palo Del Amo Woods, free of charge. The directory will provide critical contact information that will enable you to easily connect with the Homeowner's Association and other residents and help you stay abreast of what's happening within the community.

Have You Been Here from the Beginning?

We are looking for a few *original homeowners* (and yes, they're out there) to share their comments or insights about living in Palo Del Amo Woods from the very beginning, when the com-

munity first opened 60 years ago. Please contact us today, we want to hear your stories!

To defray the cost of printing the directory, please stay on the lookout for information on an upcoming fundraiser. Your help and support are needed to move this project forward.

If you would like to share your comments or if you have any questions, please give us a call at (310) 257-4962 or email us at palo@delaomowoods.org.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 19—General Meeting

7 pm—9 pm

Cornerstone Church

24428 S. Vermont Ave

Harbor City, CA 90710

Saturday, December 14—Adopt-a-Family Donation Drive

10 am—4 pm

*Ashbridge Drive between Pasatiempo and
Stonebryn*

Sunday, December 15—Holiday-a-Rama

Judging Begins at Dusk

Saturday, December 21—Adopt-a-Family Donation Drive

10 am—4 pm

*Ashbridge Drive between Pasatiempo and
Stonebryn*

Neighboring Casa Serves Women in Need

By Johneen Perkins, Administrative Manager, Casa de los Angelitos



Casa de los Angelitos is a maternity home that has been helping pregnant women in crisis situations since 1987. Casa provides a safe, secure, compassionate environment for women and their infants in the South Bay near Los Angeles.

Casa maintains a five-bedroom home located in a residential neighborhood in Harbor City just minutes from hospitals, schools, shopping centers, churches and entertainment.

Being a part of a residential neighborhood provides a family atmosphere where the women make meals together and compare notes on pregnancy and their hopes and dreams for the future.

Casa provides women and their infants with a nurturing, structured living environment. Our programs are designed to help young women acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for parenting and independent living while acknowledging the stresses of pregnancy.

Casa's Mission Statement

PROVIDE a safe, secure, compassionate, structured environment for women in crisis pregnancies and for their infants.

ENCOURAGE its residents to continue their education, establish goals, and move forward in a positive, responsible way to ensure a full, happy, and productive life for their new family.

ACKNOWLEDGE the stresses of an unplanned pregnancy and commend its residents for choosing life for their child. Casa supports its residents throughout their pregnancy and provides limited services after residency is completed. To learn more about our services, call us at 310-325-8208.



In Memoriam

Janet Wong

1040 Fernrest Drive

Passed: 5/25/24

George Kennedy

Husband of Victoria Kennedy

Formerly of 1036 Fernrest Drive

Passed: 9/23/24

Gregory (Greg) W. Bell

Formerly of 1102 Fernrest Drive

Passed: 8/10/24



If you are interested in joining the Welcoming or the Bereavement Committees, please contact Venest Evans at (310) 293-8662.

Your 2024-2025 PDAW HOA Leadership Family



Vande Garner
President



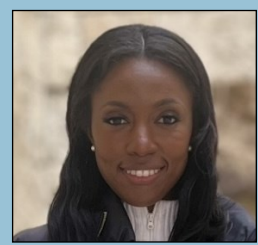
Tammy Brown
1st Vice-President



Richard Alves
2nd Vice-President



Kourt Williams
Treasurer



Jasimen Phillips
Secretary



Jose Lopez
Beautification
Committee



Jim Phillips
Community Emergency
Response Team*



Frank Hays
Membership Database
Coordinator



Barbara Blankenship
Social Committee
Coordinator*



Venest Evans
Welcome/
Bereavement
Coordinator*

**Non-voting member.*

Welcome to the Woods, New Neighbors!

Welcome, new homeowners...

Linfang and Zhonggong Sun
23639 Pineforest Lane

Asonja T. Williams
23826 Pasatiempo Lane

Edmund O'Connor
and **Amber Nailes**
24328 Doble

Jamarr J. Garcia
and **Sonia Garcia**
24024 Fernlake Drive



Holiday-a-Rama Returns to the Woods

Holiday-a-Rama is your opportunity to deck the halls and walls, and see whose home is judged as best dressed for the holidays. Create your own take on surfin' Santa's Workshop, a snowy spectacle of nature, a show of spiritual faith, a fantasy of lights, or whatever you and your family dream of in the following categories—with the home judged to be the best in each category receiving a \$50 gift card:

Best Religious Theme

Best Lights

Best Yard

The Palo Del Amo Woods Board uses an independent group of judges to determine the winners. The judges will tour the entire neighborhood's decorative efforts on Sunday, December 15 starting at dusk.

We Need Judges and Drivers!

This year, to facilitate contest judging, we need 3 *volunteers* to serve as **judges** (*cannot be PDAW residents*), and 3 *volunteers* to serve as **drivers** (*PDAW residents ok, but may not be current contest participants*). To volunteer, please contact us at (310) 257-4962 by November 30, 2024.

PDAW Residents, Go for It!

The best and brightest will take home the grand prize: a \$150 gift card! First- and second-place runners-up will receive a gift card in the amount of \$100 and \$75, respectively, and all winners will be featured in the Winter 2025 Palo Del Amo Woods newsletter. *Please note: To be eligible to win any Holiday-a-Rama prizes, you must be a paid member of the Palo Del Amo Woods HOA.*

PDAW HOA 2024

HOLIDAY-A-RAMA

Home and Yard Decorating Contest

SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND LIGHT UP THE WOODS IN THESE CATEGORIES!

<p>RELIGIOUS SCENE \$50 GIFT CARD</p>	<p>CREATIVE LIGHTS \$50 GIFT CARD</p>	<p>BEST YARD \$50 GIFT CARD</p>
<p>1ST RUNNER-UP \$100 GIFT CARD</p>	<p>GRAND PRIZE \$150 GIFT CARD</p>	<p>2ND RUNNER-UP \$75 GIFT CARD</p>

ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME **JUDGING AT DUSK, DEC. 15, 2024**
MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO WIN **WINNERS FEATURED IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Palo Del Amo Woods

Photos courtesy of...



s Annual Block Party 2024

tesy of Jimmie Mitchell



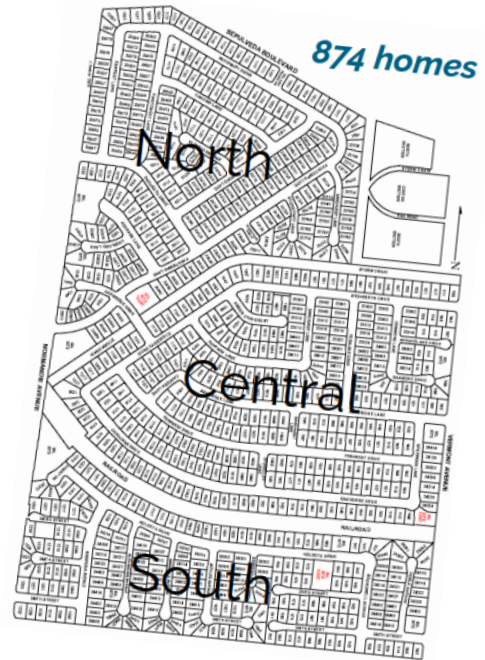
Annual Block Party, Cont'd.



Membership Update, *Cont'd. from p. 6*

Your PDAW Board of Directors not only plans activities and events to beautify our community, enhance our safety, and bring us together, we also strive to tackle all kinds of issues as they arise and bring you news you can use.

Case in point: The large, car-tire-eating potholes behind New Creations Church on Vermont next to Bank of America. After making numerous inquiries, we have learned that the property belongs to the church. Although the church has acknowledged it is the legal owner, church representatives say they have *no plans whatsoever* to repair the potholes. At some point, the church plans to close entry to that property in order to expand the church. However, no closure date is known at this time.



Don't Delay, Join the HOA Today!

Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association Membership Application

Check #: _____
 Amount: _____
 Date: _____

\$85.00 membership: January 1 to December 31, 2025

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 CERT Trained CPR Trained


First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 CERT Trained CPR Trained
 My household will require special assistance should a disaster strike.

Address: _____ Harbor City, CA 90710

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Check activities for which you would like to volunteer time or support:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Database	<input type="checkbox"/> Community/Government Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification/Graffiti removal
<input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Senior Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday-A-Rama
<input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Site/Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> CERT Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming	<input type="checkbox"/> Board member/Election Activities	



Mail to: PDAWHA P. O. Box 661 Harbor City, CA. 90710

Palo Del Amo Woods
Homeowners Association
PO Box 661
Harbor City, CA 90710
palo@delamowoods.org

Palo Del Amo Woods is a neighborhood comprising 874 homes built in Harbor City, California from 1965-1970. The Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association seeks to promote, protect, and serve the interests of this thriving bedroom community and all those who happily reside here.



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