

LAKE SHORE Homes Association

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Coffee With The Captain

LHA's *Coffee with the Captain* took place on September 29th with our Oakland Police Department (OPD) Area 3 Commander, Captain Freddie Hamilton. Captain Hamilton has been with OPD for 25 years and in his current position as Area 3 Commander since February.

Captain Hamilton opened the meeting with a discussion about the Ceasefire strategy being used by the Oakland Police Department. Ceasefire is a data-driven, crime reduction strategy coordinating law enforcement, social services and the community that focuses on 3-5% of the individuals involved in violent crime. The goals of Ceasefire are to reduce gang / group related homicides and shootings and provide resources that offer these individuals an alternative to gang violence. With the implementation of Ceasefire, the murder rate in Oakland has been reduced by 28% since last year and OPD is getting national recognition for their progressive approach to policing.

LHA is made up of 2 beats - 16X and 16 Y with 6 officers assigned. They are 2 of the safest beats in Oakland. Beat 16 doesn't experience a lot of violent crime, but addressing violent crime in other districts reduces non-violent crime throughout the city. LHA is located in District 3 where there are a large number of street robberies and muggings - this can be attributed to the quantity of cell phones and electronics here which are easily sold on the black market.

Theft - taking someone else's property

Robbery - taking property by threat or force

Burglary - enter a structure or dwelling with the intent to commit a crime

Beat 16 has seen a 16% reduction in robbery since last year, though burglary is slightly up (150 total, 93 auto and 57 home) and theft is also slightly up with 64 year to date.

Most important thing neighbors can do:

- Know your neighbors and recognize who belongs on your street.
- Although home invasion is a rare occurrence, set your alarm at night.
- Burglars target cars with visible items - don't leave anything in your car or if you must, place items in the trunk before you leave home.
- Shred before you throw paper away.
- If you are robbed - give up your property!

The Oakland Police Department loses about 5 officers per month. They run 2 academies a year and plan to increase staffing levels to 803 officers. Past studies show that a city the size of Oakland should have a police force of 900-1200 officers.

A huge thank you to Susie Cerf for initiating and organizing our Coffee with the Captain.

Election Results

The 2016 Directors elected to LHA's Board are Jack Backus, Chris Metcalfe, Ron Shapiro, Liz Sterns, and Pete Turner . Thank you to all the candidates and to all who voted.

Vector Control

Lately, the LHA office is receiving more questions from homeowners about an increase in the rat population and what to do about it. Alameda County Vector Control Services suggests this: "In most cases, sanitation (habitat reduction) and environmental and structural modifications (rodent-proof structures) are key methods to prevent and exclude rodents."

Vector Control's aim is to prevent the spread of vector-borne disease, injury and discomfort. They do this by controlling vectors and eliminating causal environmental conditions. They will help you understand what is affording the rats a more welcome environment and suggest the best ways to eliminate them. Vector Control is not an exterminator.

What is a Vector?

"Any insect or animal that is capable of transmitting the causative agent of human disease, or producing human discomfort or injury. Vectors include but are not limited to fleas (plague), flies (Salmonella), ticks (Lyme disease), mites, rodents (Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome), and bats (Rabies)." (Source: Alameda County Vector Control Services.)

To learn about our rats, visit Alameda County Vector Control Services' website (<http://www.acvc.org/services/rodent/>). Here you can learn about rodent control and vital cleanup information. Contact Vector Control to request services at 510-567-6800 or on-line at <http://www.acvc.org/services/rfs.htm>.

Leaf Blowers

Enclosed in this mailing is the Board's proposed rule for managing the noise, air pollution, and particle pollution from leaf blowers. Opportunities, including gatherings and conversations, for sharing ideas will be offered this winter; the Board wants member input. The research was conducted by a homeowner, for which the Board is thankful. You may send comments now to the directors at blowers@lakeshorehomes.net.

Bates Road on "House Hunters" TV show

Once again, our neighborhood is featured on national television. HGTV's "House Hunters" recently filmed an episode on Bates Road. Watch this show in 2016. "House Hunters" the series is described as bringing potential home buyers a better understanding of the process, with each episode following a prospective buyer and an agent from start to finish, including 3 prospective homes.