
Neighborhood News

Carson Park - Long Beach County Island

October 2007

Crime Watch

Shootings - Snowden & Senasac

In the late evening and early morning hours of September 25 and 26, there were two reported shootings in the Long Beach county island. The first call to 911 came from the 3900 block of Snowden Ave. at approximately 11:45 p.m.

About forty-five minutes later, a second 911 call went out from the 3800 block of Senasac Ave. Neighbors reported that four gunshots were fired outside their home. Deputies were already in the neighborhood investigating the Snowden Ave. shooting and responded quickly to the second call.

Deputies confirmed that four to five shots were fired at and into a home on Snowden Ave. Nobody was hit by any of the bullets. Responding deputies indicated that the two shootings may be connected. However, they are not releasing a lot of information because the case involves juveniles.

Sheriff sources did report that the shooting may be some sort of retaliatory crime among juveniles. The case has been turned over to detectives and remains open at this time. Anyone with any information should contact the Lakewood Sheriff at (562) 866-9061.

Home Burglaries

Over the past six weeks there have been four home burglaries reported in the county island. Crime stats from September show two of these took place on Gondar Ave, one in the 3800 block and the other in the 3900 block. In both cases, neighbors were not at home during the burglary.

It is important to pay attention to people coming in and out of our community. With lots of home remodeling work going on, it is easy for someone to blend in and be able to target homes. Keep doors, windows, and gates locked whenever you leave your home. It only takes minutes for someone to get in and out of your home.

If you are having work done at your home, let a neighbor know that you have workers coming. Pay extra attention to vehicles and the occupants that don't look familiar to you.

Get to know the neighbors immediately around you and watch out for each others homes. Exchange phone numbers with a trusted neighbor so you can be contacted if an emergency should occur.

If you see something or someone that concerns you, *don't wait for someone else to report it.* Contact the Lakewood Sheriff's desk watch at (562)866-9061. For immediate - life threatening or crimes in progress, call 911.

What You Can Do

If you're interested in starting or restarting a neighborhood watch group on your block, contact the Carson Park Community Group at our website: www.carsonpark.org or contact Deputy Dan Castaneda at (562) 623-3517 for further information.

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Summer Ends Wave of Car Break-Ins & Graffiti

As summer 2007 came to a close, the wave of vehicle break-ins that started in May and continued through mid summer appears to have tapered off from the crime stats released by the Lakewood Sheriff's office.

It was reported that there were at least five vehicles broken into and vandalized along the 3800 - 3900 blocks of Senasac Ave. Various items were taken, such as cell phones, wallets, money, I.D.'s and registration information. Break-ins were not exclusive to this block alone. Other areas in the community were also targeted.

Neighbors are reminded to keep their vehicles locked at all times and valuables stored out of sight. If your personal identification is stolen, be sure to file a "fraud alert report" with the major credit bureaus. It is well known that thieves target this information for sale and use in credit fraud scams.

We also saw an increase in graffiti around the community. Block walls, fences, utility boxes, utility poles and vehicles were tagged over the summer. If you see any graffiti in the community, call the Graffiti Removal hotline at (800) 675-4357 for cleanup and report this property crime to the Lakewood Sheriff's Desk watch at (562) 866-9061.

July and August Crime Briefs

July: Forty-nine calls for service.

Six report calls (a call that the responding deputy filed a formal report; these could be for misdemeanors or felonies). Various disturbing the peace calls.

August: Thirty-nine calls for service.

Two home burglaries reported, two arrests (unrelated to the burglaries), and seven report calls. Various disturbance calls.

September Scanner

09/06 - **3800 block of Gondar Ave.** Residential burglary.

09/13 - **3700 block of Faust Ave.** Recovery of stolen vehicle.

09/20 - **3900 block of Gondar Ave.** Residential burglary.

09/25 - **3700 block of Faust Ave.** Petty theft.

09/25-09/26 - **3900 block of Snowden Ave.** Shooting reported at approximately 11:45 p.m., four to five shots fired into a home. Juveniles involved, possible retaliatory crime. No suspects at this time. Investigation is ongoing.

09/26 - **3800 block of Senasac Ave.** Shooting reported at approximately 12:30 a.m., four shots fired outside of a home. Investigation indicates this is related to the prior call at 3900 block of Snowden. No suspects at this time.

09/29 - **3900 block of McNab Ave.** Illegal parking.

09/30 - **3900 block of Conquista Ave** Juvenile crime.

Save The Date - Changes Ahead For Trash Service

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will be holding two community meetings to discuss state mandated changes for trash collection services. Community input will help determine the needs for our area. Look for information from the county in your mail soon.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 7 p.m. or Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 10 a.m. The meetings will be held at Patrick Henry Elementary School in the auditorium. A link to additional information has been posted on the home page of the Carson Park Community Group website at www.carsonpark.org.