



City of Palmdale Neighborhood Watch Program

# BLOCK CAPTAIN EXCHANGE

*Working Together to Keep Our Community a Safe Place to Call Home*

Summer 2016

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## Pet Adoption Center to Open This Summer!

It's been a long wait, but the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control is only weeks away from opening the new, state-of-the-art animal care facility and adoption center right in the middle of Palmdale!

The center will be located at 38550 Sierra Highway, just south of the Palmdale Sheriff's station with an anticipated grand opening date of July 20, 2016. Here are some of the things we and our furry Palmdale residents are looking forward to:

- A 25,900 square foot facility
- Separate housing for isolation and quarantine animals
- Adoptable animals housed separately from lost and found animals
- Large adoption gallery with self-service access, featuring civic art by artist Mark Lere
- Specially designed cat condos for adoptable cats
- Central courtyard for enrichment and training
- Individual visitation areas for cats and dogs
- Separate intake area for animals for immediate medical evaluation
- Veterinary/Spay and Neuter Clinic

In addition to providing better care and comfort for the animals, the central Palmdale location will make it easier for residents to utilize the services offered including pet licensing and adoptions.

And, speaking of pet licensing, please remember that this is a requirement for all dogs and cats. First time licenses must be obtained by mail or in person at the Animal Care and Control Center. Currently, the closest care center is located at 5210 West Avenue I in Lancaster. Renewals can be obtained online. For complete information on vaccination and license requirements, go to

[http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/acc/programs/pet\\_licenses](http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/acc/programs/pet_licenses)

In the market for a new pet? No need to wait for the new center, there's plenty to choose from at the current care center in Lancaster! Adopt a pet today!



## Don't Lose Your Freedom This Fourth!

The use of Safe and Sane fireworks are permitted in most of the City of Palmdale however, no fireworks are allowed in extreme fire threat zone 4 which includes the Anaverde development.

In 2009, the State Fire Marshall's office zoned a large portion of the Rancho Vista area neighborhoods as high risk zone 4. This means that no fireworks of any sort can be used in these neighborhoods, including the Safe and Sane fireworks. The map of the high risk fire zones is available online with a search function so you can check individual addresses. Simply go to:

[www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org)

and click on:

**"Is your home in a no fireworks zone?"**

Letters will go out from the city to residents in the Rancho Vista neighborhoods advising them of the law. If you or your neighbors have any questions or concerns regarding fireworks, please do not hesitate to call us at 661/267-5170.

The City of Palmdale, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department will be out in force this Fourth of July season to curb the use of illegal fireworks in Palmdale. Illegal fireworks are any fireworks that do not bear the California Fire Marshal "Safe and Sane" designation. Safe and Sane fireworks may only be used in Palmdale from noon on June 28 through noon on July 5. All fireworks that shoot up in the air or explodes is illegal everywhere in the City of Palmdale.



Every year during this holiday major damage occurs when people discharge illegal fireworks. Unfortunately, illegal fireworks are distributed in several states bordering California and are also actively sold on the black market.

Penalties for the possession or discharge of illegal fireworks range from misdemeanor to felony charges, and any damage caused by the illegal fireworks may be charged to the individual who caused the damage. In addition, the city may cite violators who use or possess illegal fireworks.

These fines start at \$2,500 for the first offense and continue to \$5,000 for the second offense and \$10,000 for the third offense. Please remember that if you are the homeowner and your guests are discharging illegal fireworks, you may also be cited.

If you know of areas in your neighborhood where illegal fireworks are used each year, call the crime prevention office at 272-2400 or complete the form online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org) to help guide Fourth of July patrols.

For illegal fireworks occurring in your neighborhood, call the Sheriff's department at 661/272-2400. While the information you supply to law enforcement is very important, please keep in mind that this is the busiest day of the year for the deputies in the field.

The illegal fireworks suppression team and patrol deputies receive more than 200 calls for service for illegal fireworks on this busy holiday night. In addition, the deputies and officers are responding to those areas where they can see aerial fireworks being discharged. Due to the high volume of calls it is important to understand that a deputy may not get to your call for service in a timely manner. However, it is still VERY important that you call. The calls that come in are important in directing units to specific areas in the city.



The next  
**Block Captain  
Forum will be:**

**Tuesday,  
October 4, 2016  
7pm**

**Council Chamber  
38350 Sierra Hwy  
Suite B**



Download the "My Waste" app for iPhone and Android to:

- ⇒ Receive alerts of trash/recycling collection days
- ⇒ Get notifications for street sweeping
- ⇒ Report problems such as graffiti, illegal dumping and many city maintenance and traffic safety issues
- ⇒ Get ideas for increased recycling
- ⇒ Determine what items go in which bin for Waste Management
- ⇒ And, more!

It's FREE!



## Our Furry Friends and the Fourth

The American Humane Association reports that July 5 is the busiest day of the year for animal shelters. This is because animal shelters the day after Fourth of July are inundated with pets that panicked at the noise of firecrackers and fled into the night, winding up lost, injured or killed. The following tips can keep the fun in the Fourth for both humans and our four legged children.

- Keep your pet indoors at all times - It may seem obvious, but even if your pet is used to being outside, the resulting panic caused by fireworks or other loud noises may make them break their restraint or jump a fence in a terrified attempt to find safety.
- Have your pet property identified - If your pet manages to break loose and become lost, without proper identification it will be that much harder to get them back. Consider fitting your pet with microchip identification, ID tags with their name and your phone number, or both. It is also a good idea to have a recent picture of your pets in case you have to put up signs.
- NEVER use fireworks around pets - While lit fireworks can pose a danger to curious pets and potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws, even unused fireworks can be hazardous. Some fireworks contain potentially toxic substances such as arsenic, potassium nitrate, and other heavy metals.

The Neighborhood Services Department wants EVERYONE to have a safe and happy holiday!

## Have You Been Out With a Deputy?



Did you know that you can go on a ride-a-long with one of our many fine deputies at Palmdale station? Well, you can! See first hand what a typical day or night is like patrolling Palmdale and handling calls by sitting right next to a deputy for a few hours. You may be surprised by what it's really like! To schedule a ride-a-long, call the Community Relations Deputy at 661-272-2400.

## National Night Out Event Moves East!

This year's National Night Out kick-off event will be held at **Domenic Massari Park on Thursday, July 28 from 5 to 8 pm** in the west parking lot by the skate park.

For you neighborhood watch newbies, National Night Out is America's *Night Out* Against Crime! National Night Out is celebrated annually with events nationwide on the first Tuesday in August. In Palmdale, the month is designated "National Night Out Month". The National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials.

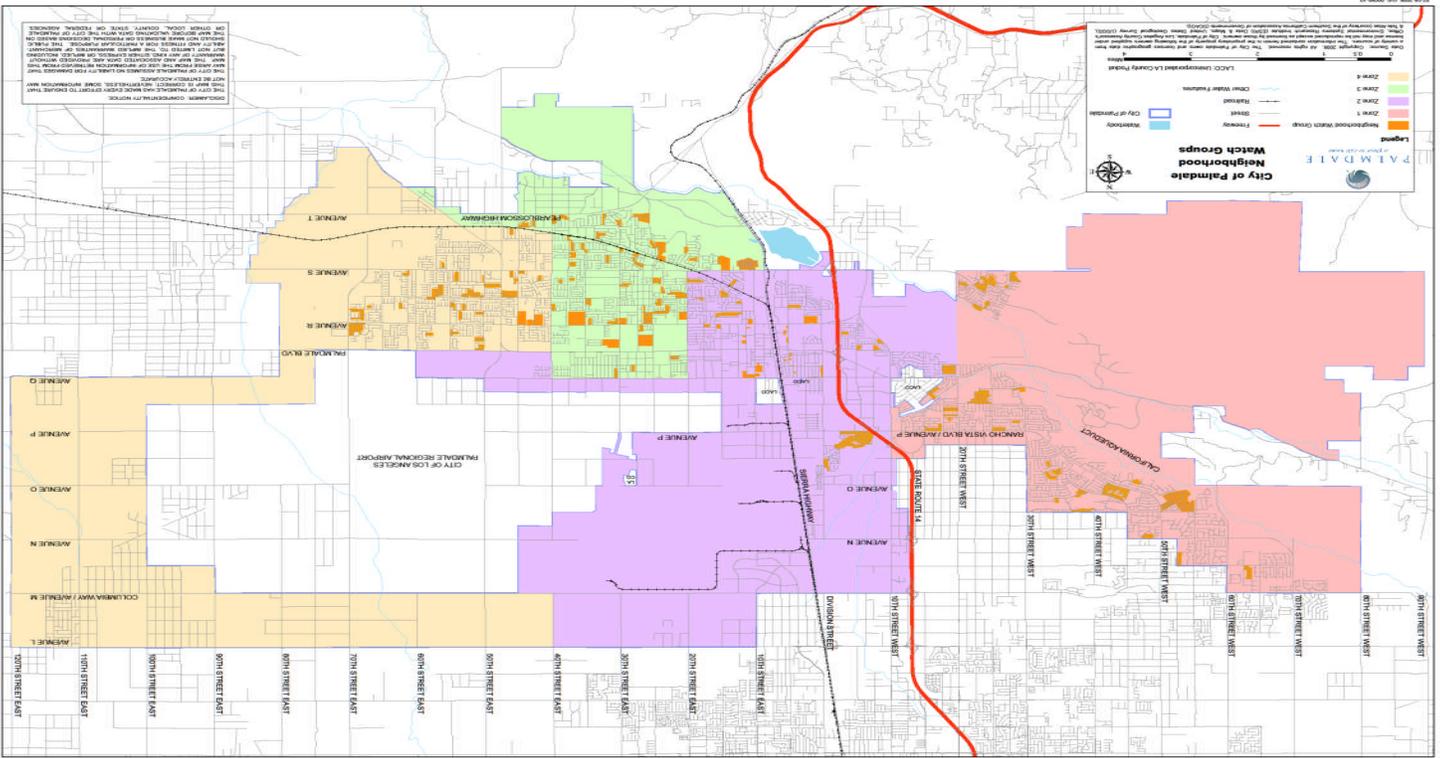
### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- ✓ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ✓ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- ✓ Generate interest in, and support for, local anti-crime programs.
- ✓ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

So, come on out for our kick-off event and check out the many public displays for kids and adults including the fire department trucks, Sheriff's department vehicles (including the race car and motorcycles!), CHP and fun games for the whole family.

For more information on National Night Out check out their website at [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org)





Neighborhood Watch Zone Map—[www.cityofpalmdale.org/gis](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/gis)

Block Captain Exchange



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