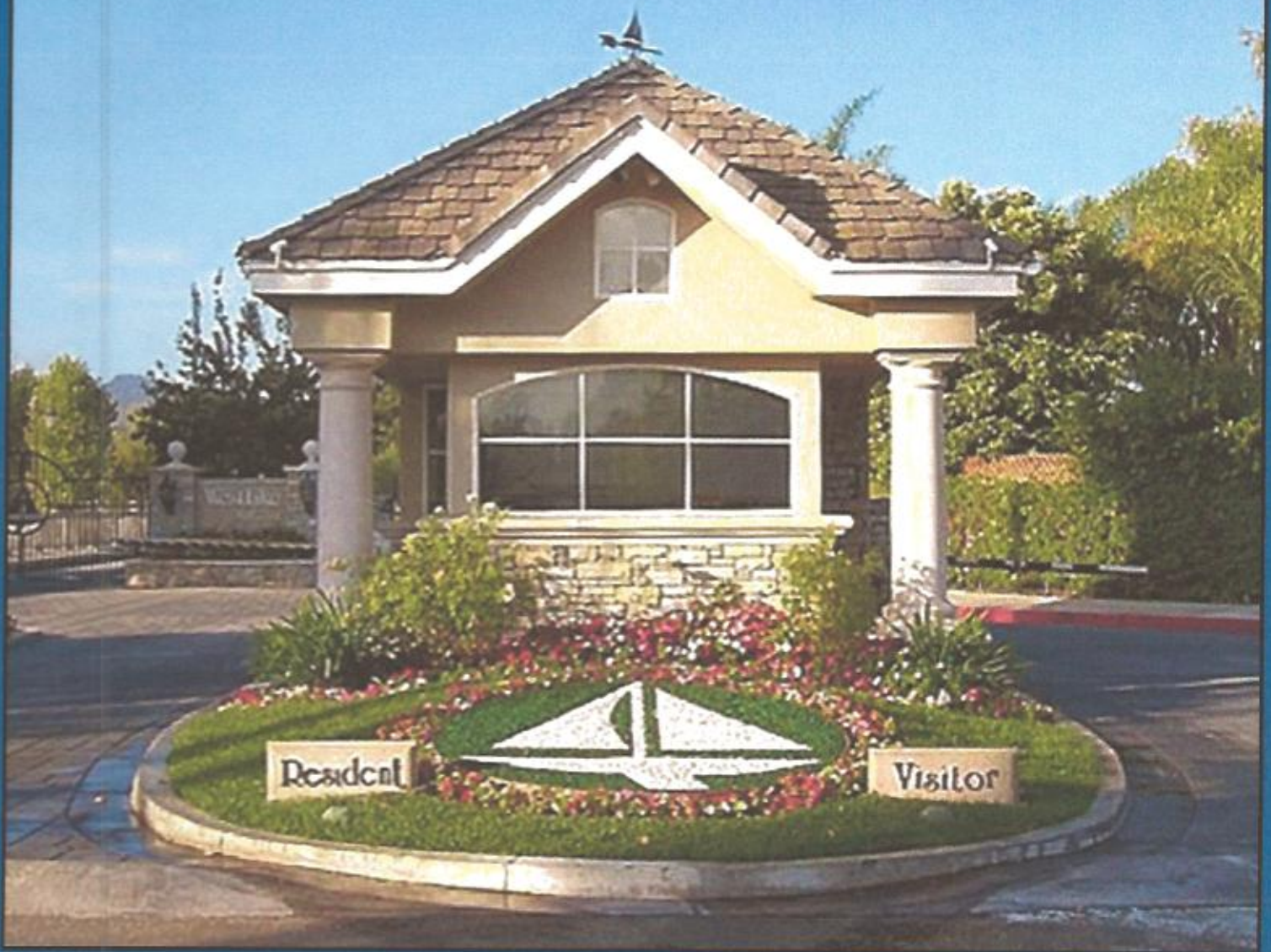


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Westlake Yacht Club

Great Fun
Family
event!

Cordially Invites the Community
of Westlake to our



ANNUAL Parade of Lights

December 4th, 2011

- 3:30 P.M. Walk in registration (\$5 entry fee plus \$5 refundable deposit)
- 5:30 P.M. Boat Parade organizes (On the water in front of WYC clubhouse)
- 6:00 P.M. Procession around the lake
- 6:15 P.M. Special performances by our singing Santa & Mrs. Claus and Westlake High School's top 12-member singing ensemble "A Class Act" under the direction of Alan Rose.
- 7:00 P.M. Award & Gift presentation (inside WYC clubhouse)

Any boat with a WLMA Permit can join the Parade. All guests are welcome to attend this fun filled event at WYC. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren to WYC to meet Santa!

This is a return visit for the 7th year in a row of Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Need info about lights for your boat?
Call **The Boat Works** at 805-374-9455 ext 105

General questions about the event – E mail
Ken Bianchi kbiano5128@aol.com



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From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Where has the time gone? It's already fall and soon the Holiday Season will be here. As in years past, to enhance the Holiday Season, we will once again engage Mobile Illumination to decorate the Island entrance, Guardhouse and the LaVenta median. This transformation should be completed prior to Thanksgiving when the lights will be turned on.

The Holiday Season is full of special events for the community as well as Islanders. To kick off the season on Sunday, December 4th, the Annual Parade of Lights will be held at the Westlake Yacht Club. Everyone is encouraged to decorate your boat and enter the parade. This year our Annual Island Homeowners buffet and party will be on Wednesday, December 7th at 6 pm. The festivities will be at the Westlake Yacht Club and is a great opportunity to greet (or meet) your neighbors. Join everyone to enjoy a glass of wine and a great buffet dinner and it's all sponsored by your Property Owners Association. Please see the announcement in this issue for more information.

As reported in the last Mainsheet, Verizon has now completed installing FiOS on the Ventura county side of the Island. AT&T promised to have U-Verse, their fiber optic system available later in the year for LA county residents. AT&T has fulfilled their promise as U-Verse is now available to all residents on the LA side of the Island.

There are currently three opportunities available for residents to get involved helping with Island activities. The first, mentioned in the Architectural Committee report, is for a member to serve on the Architectural Committee. The second is for an advertising manager for the Mainsheet. The third is the position of Editor of the Mainsheet. If you are interested in any of these positions, please call Pam Zegers at the Emmons Company, (805) 413-1170.

In closing, on behalf of your Board of Directors, Committee Members, WLMA representatives and other Island volunteers I want to wish you all a very joyous Holiday Season and a peaceful, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Alan Jeffery
President

Hospitality Report

By Penny Singer, Hospitality Chair

The "Westlake Island Board" welcomes the following new homeowners to "Westlake Island"

Hopefully all of you enjoyed your "Hospitality Basket" and found the information helpful in your move to our wonderful and beautiful "Westlake Island"

Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or have any questions regarding "Westlake Island". You can also obtain information by going to www.westlakeisland.com.



J. Charles and Susan Plumb
3917 Fairbreeze Circle

Mark Michalka
1489 Eastwind Circle

Roger and Isobel Standridge
1397 Redsail Circle

Steven and Patricia Hull
1382 Redsail Circle

Steven and Paula Mines
1408 Southwind Circle

Vincent and Sarah Rossi
1431 Redsail Circle

Robert and Sima Mogadam
1321 Southwind Circle

Architectural Committee Report

By Al Hallden, Chair

Committee Member Needed

Looking for an opportunity to support your community? If you like the esthetics of the Island and would like to be involved in maintaining the Island as a beautiful place to live, the Architectural Committee has an opening for you. Call Al Hallden at 805-497-6099 or Pam at the Emmons Co. at 805-413-1170 for details.



Frequently Asked Question

The committee is frequently asked . . .
"Why do I need an architectural application for maintenance and repair, when I am not changing the exterior appearance?"

The primary reason is that the application defines the activity as maintenance and repair. The committee can then notify the guard gate, which controls access by contractors, that the project is approved. Without an application it is difficult to know whether any project is "maintenance" or a change in the exterior appearance until it is completed.

A second reason is that in the course of a repair, unanticipated changes may be required, prompting the need for a timely response. It's much quicker to amend an existing approved application than to submit a new one because the committee is already informed of the underlying work. The Committee no longer requires a fee for maintenance and repair and a cleanup deposit is required only for stucco, concrete or masonry repairs.



Island Clean-Up Day 2012

This is your annual chance to make room in your garage and attic.

Next year in May, 2012, your Island Homeowners Association will have the City of Thousand Oaks deliver two large dumpsters for our trash and unusable items. As in the past a commercial shredder will be available to shred all your personal documents.

A local charity will be on site to collect useable donations and will give tax deductible receipts.

Island Security will be lending their truck along with volunteer labor to help pickup heavy items of trash or donations at your residence should you need assistance.

You have plenty of time to plan for this popular event so start going through your garage and attic now to identify those items you no longer want or need.

Remembering Our Friend and Neighbor

Our dear friend and neighbor, JoAn Gumbert, passed away this year. She was for many years greatly responsible for the continuing beauty of our Island.

We are reminded of her contribution each day as we enter this beautiful Island, for she personally fabricated the Island logo that is in front of our Guardhouse. In addition to this, she scrupulously selected all the seasonal flowers that made the entrance to our Island home so lovely for so many years.

For this and more, she is greatly appreciated and remembered.

ANNUAL

Holiday Party

WEDNESDAY

December 7, 2011 at 6 pm

Westlake Yacht Club

Hors D'oeuvres & Buffet

RSVP

*Please RSVP to Guard House by
Friday, December 3*



Holiday Attire

Bon Appetit!

Joint Board Report

Westlake Village

Work is progressing on various improvements to the **intersection of Agoura and Lindero Canyon Roads**. This construction will likely be completed in November with realignment of the Agoura Road median immediately east of the intersection. The last phase of the City's planned road improvements will encompass **changes to the freeway overpass** resulting in an additional lane in each direction along with a number of aesthetic improvements to the bridge structure (i.e., new sidewalk along east side of bridge, new lighting fixtures, etc. According to the City Engineer, work on these improvements will begin around February or March 2012.

Westlake North, Planning Area C

is a 21-acre property purchased by Dan Selleck for a 240,000 sq. foot commercial center with one or more anchors, possibly a **Target store**.

Former Westlake Medical Center property:

HCA, the owner of the site, is currently exploring potential uses of the property. An applicant called Leisure Care has entered into a due diligence period to explore a purchase option for a senior living complex.



Construction has commenced on **Westlake Village Inn's new "Stone**

House Winery" located just to the west of Mediterraneo Restaurant. The new facility will feature coffee and bakery goods during the day followed by the serving of wine in the evenings. This newest addition to the Inn's property is anticipated to open next spring.

Thousand Oaks

The first Thousand Oaks **"Chic-Fil-A"** will be opening in the former Der Weinerschnitzel fast food restaurant near the Do-It Center. Opening date is uncertain. The new restaurant will not have interior seating but will provide outdoor dining and a drive-thru operation.



t h e OAKS

The Oaks Mall has new restaurants, Red Robin and Buddha's Belly. The Red Lobster and Olive Garden are due to open January 2012, and Pandora jewelry store will open in November 2011.

Los Robles Medical Center

became the first hospital in Ventura County to be designated as a Level II Trauma Center. In the year it's



been operational more than 1,000 patients have been treated by the Trauma Team. Wait times in the ER have decreased from an average of three to four hours down to an average of 10 to 15 minutes due to a restructuring ER procedures and protocols. On October 3, the Department of Motor Vehicles opened following their \$338,000 facelift. This 31 year old building will provide better service to the disabled and better customer access to services.

Animal Regulations

The baby swan that was injured earlier in the year by a marauding male swan, is doing well



in its rehab program for birds. His parents are anxiously awaiting its return. Additional swan news.... in late October, a low flying adult swan hit a chimney on Oakshore Drive. Despite Island Security's effort and LA County Animal Control quick response, the bird did not survive. However, latter the same day, another errant swan became landlocked at the end of Fairbreeze. Once again our security force (security officer Eimer Puentes) swung into action and with the partnership of Island Board of Director David Catlin, they were able to guide the disorientated bird back into the friendly waters of Catlin Cove and the Lake.

Just a reminder for new residents and tenants and off course old timers, that you must pick up after your dog, day and night. After dark, flash lights are needed to see the "gift" at night.

Please report any offenders (people or dogs) to the guard house at (805) 495-7411. Our fines revenue is down from last year, so please do call.



Be sure and join us on Facebook. Go to Facebook.com and search, "Westlake Island"



Island Security

As the holiday season approaches Island Security would like to wish all of you a very safe and happy holiday season. Island Security will once again be collecting toys for tots for the US Marine Corp. The Marines ask that the toys please be unwrapped. Drop off boxes will be available after thanksgiving at the Guardhouse.

As fall and winter approaches you might take a few minutes to check your wiper blades, battery and tires for proper inflation before the wet weather catches us off guard.

Just a reminder that street cleaning is always 9-11am on Friday even if there is a Holiday during the week. Trash pickup is moved to Saturdays after a holiday.

Please try to have your holiday guest list submitted to security at least 24 hours prior to the holiday, as this will expedite your guest's entry thank you.

When having Holiday Parties please try to keep guest parking to a minimum as not to upset your neighbors.

If you would like to place an ad in the next Mainsheet Newsletter, please call Jeff Friedman at The Emmons Company, 805.413.1170.

Maintenance Committee

By Al Baker, Chair

Last spring the Maintenance Committee made its annual inspection of the Island homes and found that nearly all properties were being well-maintained. A few minor repairs were noted as being needed, and by the end of the summer nearly all remedies had been completed.

One of the issues that arose during the inspection was the prevalence of coot fences still erected even though the coot season had passed. Elsewhere in this issue of the Mainsheet you will find a proposed revision to the coot fence rule that should help with this problem. Your comments on the proposed change are welcomed.

A very tiny minority of homeowners

do not maintain their homes; the Board is aware of this problem and utilizes every means available to encourage these homeowners to improve the appearance of their property. It is a slow process, but we will continue this effort.

As we head into the Fall, it's a good time to check your property to make sure you won't be inconvenienced by our wet and windy winter weather. Roof leaks and falling branches are far easier to prevent than dealing with the consequences. There is a list available on the Island website of contractors who can help with these maintenance items.

The Committee thanks all homeowners for their willingness to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful.

Holiday Gift Fund for our Guards

Several years ago we initiated a holiday gift fund for our guards, which has become an overwhelming success. Due to residents' generous voluntary donations, the guards receive a significant holiday gift each year. The amounts given to them are determined by the Westlake Island Board of Directors based upon seniority, full-time versus part-time employment and a performance evaluation of each employee submitted by the owner of Island Security. In addition to their check, the guards receive a holiday card along with a list announcing the names of who contributed to the fund.

The Emmons Company will continue to administer the collection on behalf of our residents. If you wish to participate, you may send your check made payable to the Westlake Island Property Owners' Association to The Emmons Company, P.O. Box 5098, Westlake Village, CA 91359-5098. Please indicate on your check that it is to be applied to the Island Security Holiday Fund. We hope you will continue to make this a special holiday season again this year for our Security force.



Revision to the Coot Fence Architectural Rule



The Architectural Committee in conjunction with the Board of Directors is proposing a revision to the current coot fence rule to allow year round coot fences of lesser height. If you have any comments, please submit them to the Emmons Co. by Decem-

ber 31, 2011, so a final implementation decision can be made in Jan. 2012

CURRENT COOT FENCE RULE:

5.6 Coot fences may be erected along the shoreline on a temporary basis during coot season. This is the only instance when fences shall be permitted. Fences shall be dark green

or black and constructed of temporary wire fencing not to exceed #10 gauge wire and shall not be over twenty-four inches (24") in height. Fencing may be installed after September 15th. These fences must be removed by May 1st of the

following year and stored out of sight for the balance of the year.

PROPOSED COOT FENCE

RULE: 5.6 Coot fences may be erected along the shoreline to deter waterfowl from entering the yard. This is the only instance when fences shall be permitted. The fences shall be well maintained and minimally visible. Fences and all supports shall be dark green or black, constructed of wire fencing not to exceed #10 gauge wire, and not over eighteen inches (18") in height. Plastic mesh is not an acceptable material. No application or fee is required for installation of a coot fence; however, the Architectural Committee may require the removal of any fence not in conformance with this rule.

Penalty Waiver Amnesty Program

Beginning November 1 through December 31, 2011, City of Westlake Village (Los Angeles County only) residents may voluntarily purchase and update dog licenses with no additional penalty fees charged for unlicensed and delinquently-licensed dogs. This program is only for those Westlake Village residents who VOLUNTARILY participate. It does not apply to residents ordered by Animal Care and Control officers to reconcile licensing issues or to those who have received citations for licensing-related issues.

This opportunity is available by visiting either the Agoura Shelter or the Westlake Village City Hall. The shelter is located at 29525 Agoura Road in Agoura Hills.

As a reminder, residents of both counties are required to keep all dogs on a leash and under their control at all times when in an area accessible to the public. This includes public parks, schools, streets and private common areas.



Neighborly Way

By Rose Jeffery
(805) 496-0316 Rose@amjins.com

Condolences

We send our island condolences to the family and friends of neighbors who passed away since the last newsletter.

Mariner Circle – Ben Schulman passed away on July 28

Eastwind Circle – Jack Cook passed away on May 7

Oakshore Drive – Alice Phipps passed away on May 8 and Eleanor Stanley passed away on October 31

Drug Disposal Program

Unused or expired drugs can pollute the environment if flushed down the drain or thrown in the landfills. Unused or expired prescription drugs along with over the counter medications should be disposed of properly. Residents can drop off prescription medications, over the counter medications, medication samples, medications for pets, vitamins, ointments, inhalers and liquid medications at the following disposal sites for proper disposal:

Lost Hills Sheriff Station
27050 Agoura Road, Calabasas

Goebel Senior Adult Center
1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks

East Valley Police Station
2101 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks



Household Battery Collection Program

Are you aware that batteries can no longer be thrown away in the trash! Take your used batteries to your city hall in Westlake Village at 31200 Oak Crest Drive or Thousand Oaks at 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd. for safe disposal. Used batteries can also be dropped off at the Goebel Senior Center and the Thousand Oaks Library during normal business hours.



Hazardous Waste Program

The cities of Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks both have hazardous waste programs for their residents use. LA County residents can call the Westlake Village recycling hotline at 800 579-4979 to schedule this free home pick up service. Ventura County residents can call the Thousand Oaks Household Hazardous Waste program at 805 449-7283 to schedule an appointment to drop off hazardous waste.



What's Recyclable?

Research by Ann Sturman

It can be confusing about what is recyclable and what is not. Waste Management provided the following information to Westlake Revelations (mailings@westlakerevelations.com). The answers should be similar for all providers in the area. If you have additional questions, contact your provider. Reduce, recycle and reuse – those are the fundamentals of “going green.”

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Paper:

Newspaper Paper - All colors (staples in paper okay)
Shredded Paper (put in plastic bag and tie securely)
Paper Grocery Bags
Envelopes (windows okay)
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Magazines
Catalogs/Brochures
File Folders
Books (paperback and hard cover okay)

Cardboard:

(Fatten for more recycling)
Shipping Boxes
Cereal & Food Boxes
Clean Pizza Boxes (no wax coating and or food waste)

Metal:

Coat Hangers okay

Glass: (lids & labels okay, no need to rinse)
Bottles & Jars- Green, Brown, Clear

Aluminum & Tin Cans:

(labels okay)
Beverage Cans
Vegetable & Soup Cans
Aluminum Foil (must be clean, no food)
Aluminum Food Trays

Plastic:

Bottles, Jars, Jugs, Tubs (look for recycling logo on bottom labeled #1 - #7, no need to rinse)
Grocery Bags
Ziplock bags (clean, no food)
Coat Hangers
VHS Tape
CD's, CD Jackets
Plastic Toys

NON-RECYCLABLE

Food Waste
Fruit Liquids
Restaurant Grease/Oil
Paper Towels
Napkins
Plastic Food Wrapping
Milk & Juice Cartons
Juice Boxes
Chip Bags
Candy Wrappers
Styrofoam
Styrofoam
Peanut Packaging
Bubble Wrap Packaging
Plastic Cups, Lids & Straws
Used Plastic Utensils
Used Paper Plates & Cups
Window Pane Glass/Mirrors
Plastic 3-Ring Binders
Laminated Paper
Electronic Waste (computers, monitors, lap tops)
Hazardous Waste (paint, automotive oil, batteries, solvents)
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Yard Waste (grass clippings, branches, leaves)
Animal Waste

Recycling Tip: Any wax-coated material is NOT recyclable

GREEN WASTE

Do not bag green waste

Accepted

Grass
Weeds
Wood chips
Tree branches
Yard trimmings
Untreated wood
Leaves
Shrubs

Not Accepted

Tree stumps
Bamboo
Palm fronds
Yucca, Ice plant, Ivy
Soil, dirt, rocks
Concrete, asphalt
Painted & treated wood
Animal & food waste

TRASH

(Regular household waste)

Do not place rocks, concrete, dirt, recyclables, green waste, hazardous waste, or electronic waste in your container.

Electronic, Sharps, or Hazardous Waste
Fluorescent tubes and bulbs, electronics (computers, cell phones, TVs etc.), rechargeable batteries, and hazardous products (cleaners, solvents, etc.) do not go in the recycling or trash containers.

The Sheriff's Department Community Tips

What to do about annoying telephone calls



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is concerned when you or your family are disturbed due to violations of the law. Annoying telephone calls are among the most irritating, infuriating and frightening of these violations. The information contained in this letter will assist you in dealing with annoying telephone calls.

Experience has shown that nuisance calls can come from almost anyone. These calls are not only originated by strangers but in rare instances they may come from close acquaintances, neighbors or fellow employees. The great majority of these calls come from a relatively small group of people. This group is often comprised of unsupervised youngsters, misguided or frustrated people and the mentally ill.

Generally, these calls are placed at random, with no particular victim in mind. If you should receive such a call, a good rule to follow is to give the caller no satisfaction; he will usually give up after one or two attempts and try someone else.

Abusive, harassing or obscene calls

are by far the worst. The originators of these calls are attempting to infuriate and terrify you. The caller may remain silent for a little while. When you receive this type of call, don't give the caller a chance to get started. Hang up! Remember, that these types of callers want you to react. If a caller makes any obscene or suggestive remark, hang up. The caller would like nothing better than to hear you ask who he is or what he wants.

Here are some things to keep in mind should you be the recipient of anonymous calls.

1. Always use the telephone on your terms: not those of the caller. Don't talk to anyone unless you want to.
2. Make the caller identify himself. When a voice asks, "Who is this?" Don't tell him, instead ask, "What number did you call?" If the call isn't legitimate, that very likely will end it.
3. Instruct your children (and their babysitter) never to talk on the phone to anybody they don't positively recognize. An innocent comment like "Daddy's out of town" could be helpful to a burglar. Teach them to ask for the number so somebody can call back later.
4. If it's the kind of caller who remains silent after you answer, hang up. Some want to listen, just to see what you'll do; particularly to see if you'll get angry. It isn't much fun listening to a dead line.

If you have questions, please contact Deputy Shawn Brownell at (818) 878-1808 extension 3103.