



The approximate boundaries of The South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association are Venice Blvd., Washington Place/Blvd., Sawtelle Blvd., and Beethoven St. Los límites aproximativos de la Asociación del barrio de Mar Vista del Sur son la Venice y la Sawtelle, la Washington Place y la Beethoven.

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Safety and Security Websites

Los Angeles Police Department
www.lapdonline.org
 Los Angeles Community Policing (501c3)
www.lacp.org
 Pacific Beat, LAPD Pacific Area Web site
www.pacificbeat.net
 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
www.cert-la.com
 Los Angeles Fire Department
www.laf.d.org
 City of Los Angeles – Emergency Prep. Dept.
www.lacity.org/epd
 Red Cross
www.redcross.org
www.redcrossla.org

Neighborhood Websites

South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
<http://southmarvista.org>
 Mar Vista Community Council
www.marvista.org
 Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
www.mvna.net
 Mar Vista Arts Guild
www.marvistaartsguild.org
 Culver West Neighborhood Association
www.culverwest.org
 Del Rey Homeowners & Neighbors
www.delreyhome.org/
 Mar Vista Farmers Market
<http://www.marvistafarmersmarket.org>
 Mar Vista Mom
<http://www.marvistamom.com>

Important Dates

Quarterly in 2010, July 8, October 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm

South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association meeting at the Mar Vista Library 12006 Venice Blvd. at Inglewood.

Trimestralmente en 2010, el 8 de julio, el 14 de octubre: 6:30-8:00 PM.

reunión de la Asociación del Barrio de Mar Vista del Sur (South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association), a la biblioteca de Mar Vista (Mar Vista Library), 12006 Venice, cerca de la Inglewood.

3rd Tuesday of Every Month 7:30 pm

Mar Vista Park Advisory Board meets at the Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine, near corner of Palms and McLaughlin.

2nd Tuesday of Every Month 7-9 pm

Mar Vista Community Council meets at the Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine, near corner of Palms and McLaughlin.

El segundo martes de cada mes, de las 7 a las 9 de la tarde,

se reúne el Consejo de la Comunidad de Mar Vista (Mar Vista Community Council) en la sala del Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine, cerca de la Palms y la McLaughlin. Para más información sobre los reuniones de la comunidad, favor de visitar el website www.marvista.org.

3rd Wednesday of Every Month 7pm

Pacific Division Community Police Advisory Board at the CenterPointe Club at Playa Vista, 6200 Playa Vista Drive, 90094 off Jefferson.

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Tree Planting on Pacific Avenue

A successful tree planting took place on a Saturday morning a few weeks ago on Pacific Avenue between Grand View Blvd. and Centinela Avenue. The project was headed up by local resident Stacey Louria with able assistance of the well respected Tree People non-profit organization and volunteers from the neighborhood and from the greater Westside area. Snacks,



Stacey hopes to be able to add at least five more trees when permission and funds are available to cut out concrete near the Grand View end of this block of Pacific. Property owners and neighbors committed to water the trees in the early stages. The Tree people model is to do at least yearly volunteer tree care events to provide the trees a greater guarantee of survival and growth.



coffee and water was provided by local Mar Vista vendors. Twelve Brisbane Box shade trees were planted under the supervision and help of several Tree people staff and volunteers. This shade tree is an evergreen from Australia known to do well in Southern California because of its drought resistance. It blooms yearly with small white flowers and is known for its beauty and attraction for birds.

Mar Vista Community Council

Unofficial Election Results

Community Director
Alex C. Thompson

Zone 1 Director
Babak Nahid

Zone 2 Director
Bill A. Koontz

Zone 3 Director
Kate Anderson

Zone 4 Director
Tara N. Mulski

Zone 5 Director
Maritza Przekop

Zone 6 Director
Marilyn F. Marble

At-Large Directors
Sharon Commins
Chuck Ray
Laura E. Bodensteiner
William L. Scheduling
Geoffrey P. Forgione
Albert L. Olson

Safety and Security

Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

February 2010

Captain's Message

I am often approached at different events (Neighborhood/Business Watch Meetings, Block Captains Meeting, etc.) and asked "What is BFMV and what can I do about it?" BFMV stands for "burglary from motor vehicle" and it is a crime where a vehicle is broken into and something of value is taken from the vehicle, the vehicle is not normally taken.

Pacific Area Officers have discovered that BFMV's occur most often when items of value are left in plain sight in parked vehicles. Even if the item left visible is not in fact valuable, the suspects do not know this, so they will be tempted to smash your window and remove your property. The following are crime prevention tips from Pacific Area Detectives to help combat BFMV:

- Always lock & secure your vehicle when it is unattended.
- Close all windows & vents to your vehicle when it is unattended.
- Do not leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle.
- Always arm & deploy any alarms you have for your vehicle.
- When possible park your vehicle in well-lit areas.
- Do not leave items of value inside your vehicle in plain sight.
- Check on your vehicle periodically also check on your neighbor's vehicle.
- If you see suspicious activity near any vehicle, call 911 immediately.

In an effort to increase awareness about BFMV we have started a new Bumper Sticker Program. We are asking the community to place our free "Leave it, Lose it" bumper sticker on their vehicle. It may remind you and save you from becoming a victim of crime. Anyone interested in more Crime Prevention Information, call LAPD Pacific Community Police Station, (310) 482-6335.

Sincerely,
Jon F. Peters, Captain
Commanding Officer
Pacific Community Police Station

Safety Tips

Building numbers:

As a homeowner or renter it is important that police, fire department or paramedics respond to your resident they must be able to see your address clearly. Always make sure that the numbers on your building or home are clearly visible from the street.

Doors:

No locks in the world will protect you if the doors that they are mounted on are hollow core construction. Entry doors for homes and apartments should be made of solid core construction, which provides added strength against forced entry.

Deadbolt locks:

All exterior doors, including the door to the garage, should have deadbolt locks installed on them. The bolts should reach inside the door frame at least one inch into the doorframe in the locked position, and should also have a hardened steel insert to prevent anyone from sawing through it.

Double doors:

Double doors should be secured by flush bolts at the top and at the bottom of the inactive door. The bolts should extend at least one inch into the frame. For maximum results the doors should be of solid core construction.

Louvered windows:

The only sure way to protect this type of window is to either replace it or cover it with security bars. It is too easy to remove the glass from this type of window even when it is closed and locked.

Trees and shrubs:

In order to not afford a burglar good cover for entry into your home, clear all doors and windows of trees, shrubs and bushes. A burglar will look for a concealed point of entry so they will not be seen committing there crime.

Reminder

Service calls:

Ask service personnel for company identification and driver's license. Call the person's home office to verify any unexpected calls. Have the service person to pass the information under the door.

Window Bars:

Another alternative for home protection is steel window bars. This type of protection is good if the window bars can be released from the inside in case of an emergency. In case of a fire, the bars can release and open out for escape.

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Get Involved with MVCC Committees

The Mar Vista Community Council committees are:

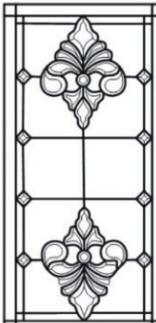
Website Committee, Education, Culture, & Arts Committee, Election and Bylaws Committee, Outreach Committee, Safety and Security Committee, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, PLUM (planning and land use mgmt), Green Committee, Santa Monica Airport Ad hoc Sub-committee, Community Concept Plan committee, ROSE-Recreation and Open Space Enhancement Committee. To get involved visit the website at www.marvista.org.



Dial 3.1.1 for all Non-Emergency Requests Graffiti removal • Illegally parked cars • Potholes • Trash on the street or alleyway • Animal removal 3-1-1 is a toll free citywide number. Calls are answered 24 hours a day in English and Spanish.

Save the Planet! Reduce Global Warming! Grow Plants! Start a Garden!

The Culver City Garden Garden Club, a non-profit organization founded in 1953, will hold its 57h Annual Show & Plant Sale on Saturday, June 5, 12 - 4 PM, and Sunday, June 6, 10 AM - 4 PM, in the Culver City Veterans' Memorial auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave. (@ Culver Blvd.). Admission is free and all are welcome. There is free parking. There will be a professionally-judged Exhibition of homegrown plants, flowers and edibles; a Club plant sale table; regular raffles of merchandise & gift certificates donated by local merchants and vendors selling gardening supplies & plants. We are also giving free starter plants to kids to begin a life of gardening.



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Checkout www.southmarvista.org as we transition to a web based newsletter. Please sign up to the e-mail list to receive notice when new articles are posted. All the info you have been getting in print will be available on the site and in a more timely manner. Downloadable versions of the LAPD five points of contact and Important Phone Numbers. Added features are SoMar meeting minutes and agendas, announcements, local blogs. Our advertisers now get link through to their websites. Please continue to support them. We'll see you online!

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South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association

MVCC 2010 ELECTION STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

Sunday, April 11th 2010

319 Ballot Cards were filled out. All cards were counted successfully by Scantron.

2010 SPONSOR CIRCLE

Monica Temperly and Mohamed Alsi

2010 PATRON CIRCLE

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Gary Duboff 2nd year!

Redwood Realty - Gwen Tanguay

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Minoru and Amy Ioki



MVCC Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month

Mar Vista Rec Center, 11430 Woodbine

NEXT MEETING: May 11 at 7 PM & June 8 at 7 PM

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MAR VISTA GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE

Self-guided tour of drought tolerant and edible gardens

Sunday, April 25th from 2 PM - 6 PM

Get your map day of tour at 3962 Coolidge Ave

Preview gardens at MarVistaGreenGardenShowcase.com

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Visit us EVERY SUNDAY @ the Mar Vista Farmers' Market

9 AM - 2 PM at the corner of Venice & Grand View

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SoMar is served by MVCC Zone 5 Director

Christopher McKinnon, chrisPM@marvista.org

Sign up to receive email announcements at

www.MarVista.org

Many thanks to our past and new and especially our 2nd year Sponsor and Patron Circle members. Please consider paying past 2009 dues along with your 2010 renewal and consider supporting SoMar's work with a larger donation.

Form for joining SoMar: Para juntarse con la Asociación del Barrio de Mar Vista del Sur... Se utilize la cuota en el barrio de Mar Vista para proyectos de mejoramiento. Standard Membership — \$15.00 per year Patron Circle Donation — \$50 per year Sponsor Circle Donation — \$100 per year (Patrons and Sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter and on the website) South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 66756 Mar Vista, CA 90066 Nombre _____ Dirección _____ Teléfono _____ Email _____ Me gustaría ser un Block Captain _____

Form for joining South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association: Join the South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association! Your dues help improve our neighborhood. Standard Membership — \$15.00 per year Patron Circle Donation — \$50 per year Sponsor Circle Donation — \$100 per year (Patrons and Sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter and on the website) South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 66756 Mar Vista, CA 90066 Name _____ Address _____ Telephone _____ Email _____ I am interested in being a Block Captain _____

The City of L.A. is in a financial crisis, and is looking for ways to reduce its budget deficit. To assist in this process police and fire department budgets should be:

- (20) increased
(192) maintained at current levels
(58) reduced slightly
(33) reduced equally to other departments.

In response to concerns about noise and air pollution, Santa Monica Airport should:

- (38) be closed down
(183) more greatly restrict the size of aircraft using it
(21) do more studies of the impacts at this time
(23) be left alone; no action is needed now
(38) be supported by the community, as the Airport provides important services and functions for everyone.

To best control, or reduce traffic and speeders on our neighborhood streets, we need:

- (49) more speed humps
(37) more stop signs
(16) more cameras
(29) more police
(55) all of the preceding
(57) both (10) and (11)
(63) none of these

The volunteer Mar Vista Community Council could better represent and improve our community if it:

- (97) received more city money
(157) were allowed to raise donations
(24) operated without money.

The Mar Vista Farmers Market could be most improved if it:

- (58) had regular arts & craft vendors
(100) had more fruit & vegetable vendors
(17) had more prepared food vendors
(91) had more parking
(3) closed down.

The pool at Mar Vista Park should be:

- (126) heated & upgraded for usage more of the year
(8) closed down and the land put to better use
(148) left as a summer facility.

Should there be restricted height limits on new buildings along major highways in Mar Vista?

- (191) yes
(27) no
(56) it depends on which highways
(10) I don't care.

Digital billboards should:

- (167) be banned citywide
(104) be allowed to stay near business districts only but taxed more
(10) not be regulated at all
(6) be increased. I like the information they provide.

Mar Vista has a goal of achieving 100% clean electricity by 2018. Please tell us if you:

- (93) don't know about the Green Power program at LADWP
(29) have signed up for Green Power with the LADWP
(52) are going to sign up for Green Power with the LADWP
(34) do not intend to sign up for Green Power with the LADWP
(12) have solar panels installed already
(33) are going to lease or buy solar panels
(24) have no interest in this

To ensure better traffic flow, we need:

- (61) better planning
(2) to widen/alter streets
(64) mass transit
(81) all of these
(8) none of these
(83) a ban on any development that increases population density in the Mar Vista area.

Developers should be required to:

- (87) adhere to current city regulations regarding parking spaces
(156) provide more parking spaces than currently required to keep cars off of nearby residential streets
(18) create less parking spaces in order to force people to use their cars less and use mass transit instead
(17) I don't know
(2) I don't care

The Exposition Light Rail Line will have a station at Sepulveda/Exposition, which should be:

- (57) at street level with Sepulveda widened
(146) elevated with a rail bridge, and no Sepulveda widening
(62) I don't know
(10) I don't care

The increase in utility rates for L.A. to pursue cleaner/alternative energy infrastructure is:

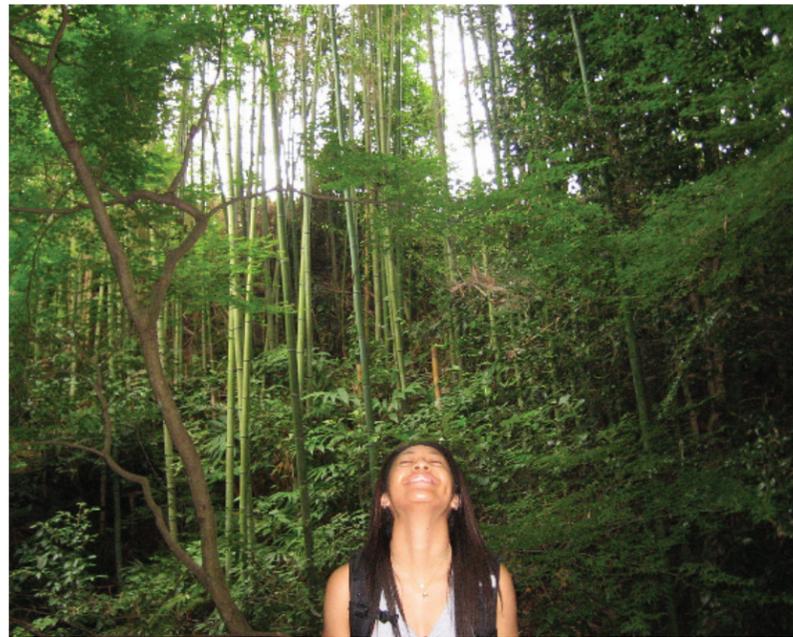
- (119) a necessary sacrifice for the environment
(142) too much too soon in this economic downturn
(19) I don't know
(5) I don't care

Should the City do anything about people going through the blue, recycling bins?

- (82) yes, it is a crime and may lead to identify theft
(81) no, these people need the income
(53) yes, pick up the blue bins first
(65) no, I will just put my blue bin out on the day of trash pickup.

Was this survey one of the reasons you came out to vote in today's election?

- (208) yes, it is important to continue
(35) no, it's a waste of time



The Joy of Feng Shui with a SoMar Neighbor

The first thing I asked our neighbor Janet Mitsui Brown was how should we pronounce Feng Shui?

Phonetically, Janet says, “Fung Shway” is the standard Mandarin pronunciation with the accent on the second word, for our purposes here. In Hong Kong, Thailand, and Vietnam, there are different pronunciations. The two words translate to wind and water. When the wind and water are in balance with the home, then the theory is that the home, or the neighborhood, or the country is in balance. If you are in balance then you will improve your luck or your auspicious nature of life. In other words if you are in balance with the environment it will improve your life and will give clarity to your thinking.

How did Feng Shui evolve? It’s history?

It started in China over 4000 years ago where it was believed that the placement of a body in a grave influenced the success or luck of the family. This evolved for the living into placement of a home in relation to the mountains and the land — wind and water were also important. This placement determined whether your farm would prosper. It was felt that Mountains in the back protected the home and the water in front could nourish your land. Also with a dragon on the left and a tiger on the right you would be able to protect your property and maximize the productivity of your property.

Different variations of feng shui have evolved over the

centuries. There are three main schools. One is the Form school, which concentrates on the house and the property. The second is the Compass school, which takes into account the sun and the moon along with the direction of the house. The newest school in the western world is Black Hat Sect of Tibetan Tantric Buddhism or BTB, which concentrates on placement and direction but also relies on intuition and meditation. If you know which school is governing your home or your environment then you will be able to make changes to your balance. It is important not to mix the schools. I have seen more amazing things happen with the BTB School.

The foundation of Feng Shui is related to the concept of yin and yang, usually explained as pairs of opposites. Traditional yin-yang pairs are dark (yin)/light(yang), cold/hot, dead/alive, odd/even. The point is there is always a negative-to-positive polarity. We also work with the basic five elements -- earth, metal, water, wood and fire – which are types of constantly changing energy.

How did your interest in Feng Shui start?

I was a cancer survivor in 1985 and these health issues made me seek out alternatives in health and surroundings. I reviewed my health area in the rental house we were living in and found a problem in a closet and a heater, which I believe contributed to my disease. My husband and I bought and moved to a fixer-upper house, and using a Feng Shui template (called the Bagua) for the renovation I not

only got well from cancer, but I got miraculously pregnant. We were advised not to have the baby but we made an informed decision, had the baby, and now our daughter is going to be graduating from Princeton this spring. We sold that house for the highest amount in that neighborhood and moved to Mar Vista where using Feng Shui again we converted this 1200 square foot house which was blocked by a tree and had bars on all the windows to what you see today. People were so amazed by the transformation that I started consultations. It’s important to know the history of the house and the property as well to do a good consultation

Were you schooled or self taught?

I studied in Monterey Park the traditional compass school, and with Grandmaster Professor Thomas Lin-Yun, the supreme leader and founder of the BTB school in Northern California. I have been practicing for about 15 years using the Compass method, which may be more concentrated on the numbers and alignments and is more mathematical, and the BTB method which is more intuitive. It is not simple and it is important that it is done right.

The bottom line is that it works. I have seen miracles and I have testimonials that will be going up on my website.

How do you perceive the benefits of Feng Shui?

Good health, clear decision making, a business does well, money comes from unexpected sources, romantic life increases, children are born. Feng Shui allows the person or persons utilizing it to ride the roller coaster of life. If I do a consultation and someone tells me they are having a problem I can almost come into their house and tell them what they are doing wrong. Good Feng Shui increases property values, people get along, and it creates a more prosperous community.

You live in South Mar Vista, how do you see Feng Shui in relation to your neighborhood?

We live on the Oval so I believe that shape to be auspicious but as you know it was cut in two when Washington Place was built. This seems to keep our area from living up to its greater potential. If there was a bridge or stop light or some symbolic way to reconnect the oval it would make a big difference. Also the apartments on most corners of the north Oval because of the more transient nature, takes away from the stability of the neighborhood, and it is something

we have to overcome. It is important to pick up trash and keep the area clean. It doesn’t cost anything to pick up trash or remove clutter. I’ve done apartments, big homes and businesses, and minimally you can keep it clean. Good Feng Shui brings prosperity to the whole building, business and/or area. Smooth roads would help here as well. Most of our electric wires are in the back so that is good. In relation to the greater area we do face South and we have the Mar Vista hill, freeway and Santa Monica mountains to our North with the ocean water to our South and west. We always have a breeze east and west with cleaner air and moderate temperatures because we are close to the beach.

What would be a simple cure that anyone could do immediately?

The center of the house is very important and relates to your health. Our home center contains a vase of 9 bamboo stalks, a water fountain, and 3 beta fish. Bamboo is for longevity, and water is very auspicious. Basic to all schools of Feng Shui and simple steps for anyone is to remove clutter from your home, make sure it feels clear and fresh, have a clear space for clarity, and to feel in sync with the home environment. Remember, there is a cure for everything.

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