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**Sherman Oaks  
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**Public Safety Committee (Virtual Meeting)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021  
6:30 pm

**Zoom Webinar ID: 842 7040 8817**

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee meetings will be conducted entirely with a Call-In option or Internet-Based Service option until further notice.

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AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Committee's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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## AGENDA

**1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order at 6:37pm - Christy Adair, Chair**

**2. Roll Call – Penny Gilbert, Secretary**

**Present:** Chair; Christy Adair, Secretary; Penny Gilbert, Barbara McDermott, Penny Johnson, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano. **Absent:** n/a

**3. Introductions - Committee members, elected officials and staff.**

**4. LADWP Presentation: Power Outages & Electrical Safety Tips [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com)**

**5. LADWP - Emergency Preparedness**

**Dawn Cotterell**, LADWP Emergency Preparedness

**Keith Garcia**, LADWP Emergency Preparedness

- On October 11<sup>th</sup> during a high-wind event, DWP responded to 25K outages across LA.
- DWP is prepared with water and power contingencies if there is a city-wide emergency.

**6. LADWP – Electrical Power Safety**

**Ryan Glowaski**, LADWP Power Engineering and Technical Services

- DWP can flag your account if you require electric power for life-saving medical needs such as medicine that must stay cool or powered medical equipment.
- Without charge, DWP will trim trees that are hindering electrical lines on your property.
- Sign-up with DWP for outage alerts (get alert when power is off and when it returns).

**7. Covid-19 Crisis Update – Jesse Smith**

Effective October 7, 2021 (11:59 p.m.), nightclubs and lounges that are only open to persons 18 years and older, must require patrons and on-site personnel to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination status with a photo ID for entry. Between October 7 and November 3, 2021, patrons must provide proof they received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccination for entry to obtain indoor service at a nightclub or lounge. And, beginning November 4, 2021, all patrons must provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 for entry into the facility indoor service. Additionally, by November 4, 2021, all on-site employees must provide their employer with proof of full vaccination against COVID-19.

### INFORMATION ON PFIZER BOOSTER DOSE

Eligible Los Angeles County residents for a booster dose of Pfizer include those who received the second of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine series at least 6 months ago and are either:

- 65 and over
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- 18 to 64 with underlying medical conditions
- 18 to 64 with high institutional or occupational risk: healthcare workers, 1<sup>st</sup> responders, teachers, daycare staff, grocery workers & workers in homeless shelters or prisons

**Flyer for a Covid-Safe Halloween:**

[http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/community/guidancehalloween.pdf?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/community/guidancehalloween.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

**8. Social Media Safety – Barbara McDermott**

Be careful taking advice from social media about calling the police: There is a lot of bad information floating around about when to call the police, what police will respond to, and how and when they'll respond. Unfortunately, conclusions are frequently drawn from inadequate and inaccurate information, as well as misunderstanding about incidents.

Law enforcement at your door: there have been social media posts by residents asking whether a person at their door appearing, or claiming, to be law enforcement IS really law enforcement. If you're unsure, don't post on social media, CALL THE POLICE AND FIND OUT! If the person isn't law enforcement, that becomes an Impersonating an Officer situation, which is a crime. If it is law enforcement, the operator will be able to find out and let you know.

If there's a concerning person/vehicle in your neighborhood, don't automatically post on social media, call the police and report it. It might be an undercover officer, or a stolen vehicle, or the vehicle or registered owner is wanted or has a warrant out for their arrest. Social media won't be able to check these things, and social media won't send police to investigate. Some social media posts can, however, hinder police investigations and create safety concerns.

Neighborhood Watch: Contact your area Senior Lead Officer (SLO) to connect with a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood or start one if one doesn't already exist.

**9. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee's jurisdiction.**

**10. Committee Response to Public Comment**

**11. Administrative Motions - Action Item; Vote Required.**

- 1) Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Public Safety Meeting.
  - Minutes were not posted in time for the committee members to review. Voting was postponed to the November 2021 Meeting.

**12. Final Business and Announcements**

- a. Committee Business
  - i. KMA Blackbelt Studios – FREE Bully Awareness Kids Class - October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am at Valley Village Park. Register Here:  
<https://cp.mystudio.io/e/?=8189888358/458/99862//1633544157>

- ii. Halloween Tips & Tricks – Cissy Varkey-Altamirano
  - Wear gloves to hand out candy
  - Put candy in small packs – no large bowl
  - Flashlights, reflective clothing, glow sticks, glow bands
  - Dollar Tree – has various types of glow jewelry
  - Make a family plan if you separate / Preset a place/time if get separated!
  - Watch 4 cars – crosswalk only.
  - Walk against traffic
  - Never go into someone’s home.
  - No approach dogs... weird time for them.
  - Haunted house – no go if not well ventilated
  - Wipe down candy

- b. Ideas for Committee to Address in Sherman Oaks
  - La police coms – police 911 call takers, non-emergency
  - Police service representatives – rotate duties! 4 positions they all do.

**13. Adjourn at 8:28pm**

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the [www.CERT-LA.com](http://www.CERT-LA.com) website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at [join.ntp-la.org](http://join.ntp-la.org)
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at [Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com)
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at [Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com](mailto:Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com)
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ONGOING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES:

**Weekly FRS / GMRS / Walkie-Talkie Radio Check-In:** Every Sunday at 10:00 to 10:15am, Channel 15 or Channel 17 if 15 is busy. Around the Valley, we check-in to see how far our individual transmissions can be heard. We practice checking-in, moving locations around the home (inside and out) until someone can hear us. Simple radios are a good source of emergency communication with your immediate area which could help if we experience a valley-wide disaster (power outage, evacuation, brush fire, earthquake). The PSC suggests you pull-out a walkie, put in fresh batteries, and listen to next Sunday's net to see if you can hear anyone.

**Weekly Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net:** Every Sunday at 9:00am to 10:00am on Simplex 145.570. This is a weekly simplex net for Ham Radio Operators transmitting around the SF Valley and beyond. It is a formal, but friendly, net where information is exchanged on a variety of topics. It is especially great net for NEW Hams.

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