

Upper Mandeville Canyon Newsletter

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Mandeville Canyon is designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and as such **SMOKING IS ILLEGAL EVERYWHERE** in the Canyon, except inside private homes (Ordinance #147,619).

There is currently signage to this effect at the entrance to UMCA and we are discussing how and where to post additional signage.

PASS IT ON.



LA COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Remember to register your home and cell phone numbers with LA County so you can get first alert emergency information. Go to NotifyLA.org and input your information today!



WHERE TO TRICK OR TREAT

You don't need me to tell you that Mandeville Canyon Road is NOT a good place to trick or treat. So here is a list of some alternative places where the houses are decorated, kids abound, and the candy is good.

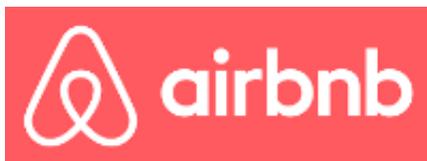
-If you want to stay in the canyon, some of the sidewalk-rich streets up Westridge Road have been known to be fun, particularly around **Pesquera Dr** and **La Condesa Dr** (take La Condesa off Bayliss Rd)

-For a single long, flat, wide road, head over to **Homewood Dr** (just below Kenter Elementary, parallel to Kenter Ave.)

-If you like going on the early side, or maybe for a pre-party with shopping benefits, **Montana Ave** shops are participating in festivities from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

-If you are looking for the crowded party scene, **16th street** between San Vicente and Montana is full of haunted houses and lots of spooky fun (better for older kids)

-And lastly (although I'm sure there are many more great places), the **Huntington Palisades** (the area west of Sunset just past Chautauqua) and the **Alphabet Streets** (the area east of Sunset just past Chautauqua), are both noted for fun trick or treating nearby.



SHORT TERM RENTALS IN MANDEVILLE CANYON?

The issue of home rentals via Airbnb and other such services is being hotly debated by the homeowner groups in our area. Opinions vary on this growing trend. The City Council is working on regulations for this service. They are not apparently making any effort to stop temporary rentals, just to regulate them. It is the position of the UMCA board, that the **most important regulation would be to require that the homeowner or long-term resident be on premises during any short term rental arrangements.**

Welcome a traveler into your home, cool. Live in Ohio and rent by the day, not so cool. While Mandeville Canyon probably doesn't have the short-term draw of, say, Downtown Santa Monica, we have let our position known the the BCC.



PARKING ON GARDEN LAND ROAD

UMCA has made a request to the city to restrict parking to one side of Garden Land Rd. This is a narrow street and with parking on both sides, emergency vehicle access is compromised. The city has responded and has begun the assessment process which could take up to 60 days. Hopefully, we will have new parking signs by the end of the year.



EL NINO

They're calling it the *GODZILLA* El Nino. By all forecasts, it looks like Southern California is going to experience some of the weather extremes that are becoming more common all over the world. From dry, dry, dry, it looks like this Fall/Winter is going to be wet, wet, wet. While it's not expected to end the drought (which would be good), it is expected to cause flooding, mudslides, weather-related injury and damage, and horrible traffic (which is bad). Here are some things you can do now, and during the storm, to keep you safe and your property protected.

- Check your property. Clear drains, rain gutters and downspouts of debris; take care of any known leaks NOW, *before* the rains come. Roofers will be very busy this year.
 - Consider flood insurance. If you already have it, check your policy to make sure you have enough coverage. Take pictures of the contents of your home and store them, along with copies of important documents, in a safe place outside your home.
 - Replace windshield wipers and have breaks and tires checked
 - Surround your home with sand bags to protect against water and/or mud entering your home. Materials (sand and bags) will likely be available at our local Fire Stations and at hardware stores.
 - Don't walk through a flooded area.
 - Don't drive through a flooded area.
 - Keep away from downed power lines and any other electrical wires.
 - Animals that lost their homes during a flood may seek shelter in your home and aggressively defend themselves.
 - Review LA County Emergency Preparedness Booklet at <http://www.cert-la.com/EmergPrepBooklet.pdf>, pages 39-50
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MOUNTAIN LIONS

There has been recent evidence to remind us that mountain lions live and feed near our local hiking trails, and sometimes literally in our backyards. While Mountain Lions are typically not aggressive towards

humans and sitings are not considered a general safety hazard, if you come into close contact with a mountain lion, follow these actions to stay safe (as recommended by the Mountain Lion Foundation)

1. Don't panic
 2. Make yourself appear as large as possible
 3. Make noise
 4. Act like a predator yourself
 5. Slowly create distance
 6. If attacked, fight back. Protect your head and neck at all cost
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RECKLESS DRIVING

I can honestly say that Mandeville Canyon Road is regularly the most dangerous street I drive. I have driven the 'treacherous' road to Hana, to see some of the worlds most beautiful sunsets, and that road doesn't hold a candle to the dangers we encounter on a daily basis just getting to Sunset Blvd. Our dangers range from people lazily gliding over the yellow line, to blatantly passing over the double yellow, blazing through stop signs and exceeding double the speed limit. On the other side of the coin, if you feel like you need to go *under* the speed limit when there is open road ahead of you, please pull over and let people pass you. Senior Lead Officer Maria Gray of LAPD welcomes your reports of reckless driving, license plate photos always appreciated if possible to obtain safely. 310.444.0744 or email 30469@lapd.lacity.org



JOIN UMCA; INTERESTED IN MORE?

If you haven't done so already, please join your Upper Mandeville Canyon Association by going to uppermandeville.org and clicking on 'join'. You will be offered differing levels of auto-renew memberships that will begin immediately and stay active until you cancel. So just once and done! By doing so, you become a part of a great community and support all the great works of your UMCA. UMCA works hard to improve canyon safety and maintain the beauty in which we live. We have also been known to have a

party or two. If you believe in our mission and would like to participate in UMCA, please contact us at info@uppermandeville.org. We would love to hear from you!



WE REALLY WELCOME YOUR INPUT AND SUBMISSIONS!

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