

LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING
On Zoom
Saturday, July 11, 2020 – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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OUR SECOND ZOOM EP MEETING!
IT'S GONNA BE A GOOD ONE! 😊



**Emergency Preparedness/
EP Communications Committees &
Special Joint LBNC Board Meeting**

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 2020 – 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM ON LINE

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, SCRIBE'S INSTRUCTIONS**
- 2. INTROS, APPROVAL OF 6-20-20 EP MEETING MINUTES**
- 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: LAPD SLO, OFFICER ISALA PARRA-SMITH; Public Safety Committee, JAMES BROWN; EP Communications, DAN TOMLINSON**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**
- 5. SHELTERING IN PLACE. OUR VERY OWN EP GODESS, ERIN HUEY, IS GOING TO HELP US PREPARE FOR WHAT WILL LIKELY BE A SECOND SURGE IN THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, (WE'RE STILL ONLY IN THE FIRST ROUND!), AND FOR WHATEVER MAY ARISE IN THE FUTURE IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES.**

6. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE ANIMALS!** Please continue to collect contributions for **OPERATION BLANKETS OF LOVE** for animals in Shelters, and pets owned by the Homeless. Needed items include clean/new blankets and towels, collars and leashes, food and treats, stainless steel food bowls, crates, igloos, and carriers, litter, flea meds and other dog and cat related items. **SHELTERS HAVE NO BUDGET FOR COMFORT ITEMS!!!** We also need mascara wands washed in hot water/Dawn Dishwashing Soap for cleaning/medicating tiny creatures in North Carolina Wildlife Centers. We will arrange to pick up collected items.

Communications Committee: Contact Committee Chair, Dan Tomlinson (NR6V) at (818) 776-0474 or DTomlinson@socal.rr.com for info on Ham/FRS/GMRS/WALKIE-TALKIE Radios and Classes.

Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net: EVERY SUNDAY, 9:00 AM, Simplex 145.570.
How Far Can We Transmit? On What Equipment and Power? Who Hears Us? All Licensed Hams are Invited! We are a very friendly Net, and we especially love to help NEW Hams get started! Don't be shy – check in with us! Make some great new friends and have fun, too!

Wednesday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net: SAME AS ABOVE, (SIMPLEX 145.570), AND NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM!

FRS/GMRS/Walkie-Talkie Check-In: NOW EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00 AM, (Channel 15. Channel 17 if 15 is busy). An easy and great way for EVERYBODY to communicate after a disaster! Quick and easy to do. Could save lives! New radio that you don't know how to use? We can help! Contact Dan Tomlinson, (NR6V) our Communications Chair at (818) 776-0474 or DTomlinson@socal.rr.com

SFV Amateur Radio Club Meeting: (Always the 3rd Friday), Next meeting will be ???? at 7:30pm. **PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION:** LAPD WEST VALLEY STATION COMMUNITY ROOM, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda, CA 91335. Park behind the Library next door.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Lake Balboa EP Committee on Saturday, 9/12/20, at 9:00 AM, probably on line! We'll contact you ahead of time!

NO LAKE BALBOA EP MEETING IN AUGUST!

HAVE A GREAT VACATION/STAYCATION!

For **Emergency Preparedness** and **Map Your Neighborhood** Information, contact EP Committee Co-Chairs, Linda Pruet at textmgt@att.net (818) 384-8375 or Sandy Joseph at Sandra@lakebalboanc.org. Check the www.CERT-LA.com website often to stay abreast of all that's happening in the CERT world, and www.LakeBalboaNC.org for information about our Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council.

Our Neighborhood Council usually meets the first Wednesday of each month, in the Gault Street Elementary School Auditorium, 17600 Gault Street, Lake Balboa, at 7:00 PM (6:30 PM Meet and Greet) but we are currently conducting Zoom Meetings on line. Contact us for an invitation!

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 5th, 2020. No July Meeting!

Invite your neighbors and come join us on line!

Please be advised that the Bylaws of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions, as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available on our website: www.LakeBalboaNC.org. In compliance with Government Code section 5957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: www.lakebalboanc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Danica Middleton, our Council secretary, at Danica@lakebalboanc.org.



**Minutes for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC)
Special Joint (EP) Emergency Preparedness/EP Communications
and LBNC Board Meeting
First Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Neighborhood



Saturday, June 20, 2020

1. **Call to Order at 9:03 AM, by Committee Chair Linda Pruett. There were 28 people in attendance.**
Voting committee members: Dave Brown, Michelle Dornfest, Bill Hopkins, Sandy Joseph, Gary Kay, Heidi Okuhara, Rick Pederson, Mary Pennomon, Linda Pruett, Linda Schwering, and Dan Tomlinson (Quorum is 6). Gary Kay was absent; Bill Hopkins was excused. Quorum of 6 Was met.
2. **Welcome – Introductions.** Attendees gave their name, their community, CERT training level, Red Cross and affiliations, and Ham radio call sign.
3. **Minutes – Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there was no meeting in March, April, and May of 2020.**
The minutes of the February 8, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. LAPD SLOs were not available.
 - b. Public Safety, Chair, James Brown advised there is no CPAB meeting in June due to LAPD deployments. The next Zoom Meeting is July 8th at approximately 3 PM. Go to www.facebook.com/LAPD.wv.police, then go to videos live streaming.
 - c. EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson reported.
 - Covid-19 has caused cancellation of events; however, Sunday Nets are continuing and also now on Wednesdays.
 - More Ham licensing tests are being provided via Zoom.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Linda Pruett advised that Bill Hopkins, LBNC EP Committee Member, is extremely. There was a special tribute to him at his home on June 13th.
 - b. Michelle Dornfest – Due to Covid-19, Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is working on changes to format and attendance.
 - c. Bernard Guyman – Bill Hopkins Tribute photos can be viewed at G6BM.com (KG6FBM7)
 - e. Len Schaeffer – The NC Alliance is next week. He will forward information to Linda Pruett.
 - f. Dan Tomlinson will try to do Zoom classes that were formerly held at SOS.
6. **MEETING TOPIC – CIVIL UNREST**

Chair, Linda Pruett reported an event in Lake Balboa where a drug store at the corner of Haskell and Sherman Way was looted and burned during recent protests. There were 177 pharmacies hit during that week of civil unrest. Here are some considerations regarding looting (ransacking) that may occur in homes. How do we prepare ourselves? Discussion followed.

 - Brent Lowensohn – He has worked with security in the past and is a Psychologist. Using extreme security at home can lead to fear and paranoia. Make your house less attractive. Ammonia in a squirt bottle is a great minimalist defense.
 - Dan Tomlinson – Do not accept media or social media as gospel. Check your front yard for anything that could be used as a projectile to break windows.
 - Dave Brown – There are a small percentage of looters damaging areas. Make your house less attractive to potential criminal activity (predators), and sometime NHK Japanese or other world news organizations may have a more balanced perspective.
 - James Brown – Do not make your house look like a fortress. Protect ourselves with Neighborhood Watch Groups.
 - Marty – Screen your neighbors before providing preparedness information details to your Neighborhood.
 - Sally Thompson – Covid-10, Black Lives Matter, and police reform are reminders of the importance of the VOTE.
 - Brent Lowensohn. Rumors tend to mushroom. Do not be sucked in. Think more of what makes you happy rather than things that are depressing. Think positive but use your ability to see what is going on. During emergencies, try to be positive. An outside BBQ may help to bring people together.
 - Heidi Okuhara – She took advantage of a self-defense class at CSUN.
 - Dave Brown – Don't look like a victim! Avoid looking like part of a group (uniform. Cap, shirt, etc.)

- Dan Tomlinson – Weapons advice. Think of what you have versus how the item is described. If you have a weapon, know how to use it safely.
- Linda Gravani – Asked how the group can let Lake Balboa know by way of outreach? Sandy Joseph responded stating Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is a great way to really know neighbors and what is going on. She suggested putting information on the LBNC website and using outreach to promote this.
- Sharon Brewer and Sally Thompson would like a copy of the list of things to Help Prepare for Civil Unrest. Linda Pruett promised to send the list to attendees.

Comments from the Chair in closing:

These are uncertain times. In summary: check basic EP and first aid supplies, conduct a security vulnerability assessment, set up a personal self-defense system, stockpile cash in small bills, accumulate goods for barter (just in case), prepare for your pets also, acquire communications equipment and a family emergency plan, and stay calm!

6. Remember the Animals – Operations Blankets of Love needs clean/new blankets and towels for dogs and cats in shelters, and for pets owned by the Homeless.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

NEXT LBNC EP ZOOM MEETING – JULY 11, 2020