



# Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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## Stolen Vehicles Rises

Recently, we have seen a rise in stolen vehicles. All types of vehicles have been stolen, e.g., vans, sedans, pickup trucks, SUVs, and motorcycles.

Most of the vehicles have been stolen overnight.

Vehicles parked on the street continue to be the most popular location where vehicles are stolen, followed by vehicles parked in driveways and carports.

During the hot summer months, remember to keep the windows rolled up. Leaving a small opening may invite a thief to reach through the opened window and attempt to unlock your vehicle from the inside.

Here are some tips to remember:

- *Don't keep spare keys in the car.*
- *Never leave your car unattended with the engine on, even for a minute.*
- *Don't leave valuables in the car, especially purses, cell phones, or wallets.*
- *Consider using anti-theft devices like a steering wheel lock or car alarm system.*
- *At night, park in well-lit areas.*
- *Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking on the street. This makes it difficult for thieves to tow your vehicle.*
- *Take a picture of your car, especially the license plates. Should your car get stolen you will need to provide the license number to the police.*



## SPPD Offers FREE Women's Self-Defense

The South Pasadena Police Department will be offering a **FREE** self-defense class for women on Sunday, July 21, 2024 from 8 AM to 1 PM at the South Pasadena Senior Center.

Pre-registration is required through the South Pasadena Recreation Department's online class registration (scan the above QR code).

Participants will learn how to defend themselves and escape from dangerous situations.

The hands-on instruction will include how to hit, kick, and learn various fighting techniques. Students will also learn how to escape from common holds.

The class is open to women 18 years and older and must be South Pasadena residents.

## The Crime Prevention Unit offers these FREE services

- Engravers to mark your property "Community Opportunity for Property Security (COPS) Program."
- Home Inspection Surveys.
- Email alerts of crime bulletins and weekly crime summary.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch Group or receive future copies of this newsletter, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit.

## "Lock it or Lose it"

We continue to see thefts from unlocked vehicles and bicycles that were left unlocked.

The "Lock it or Lose it" campaign is a reminder to lock your car doors and windows, and to keep valuables out of plain view. It is also a good reminder to lock bicycles, while around town, or stored in a detached garage.

Many thieves will simply walk down the street or through a parking lot and pull door handles. Should they find an unlocked door they will enter and take anything of value, mostly sunglasses and coins. However, there have been several times where wallets and spare car keys were left in the vehicle.

For an unlocked and unattended bicycle, it takes a thief only seconds to ride away with it. Remember to use a good quality lock. An inexpensive lock can be easily cut and offers a false sense of security.

## Fire Brush Clearance

With the hot summer already upon us, so are the dangers of brushfires, especially in the Monterey Hills area.

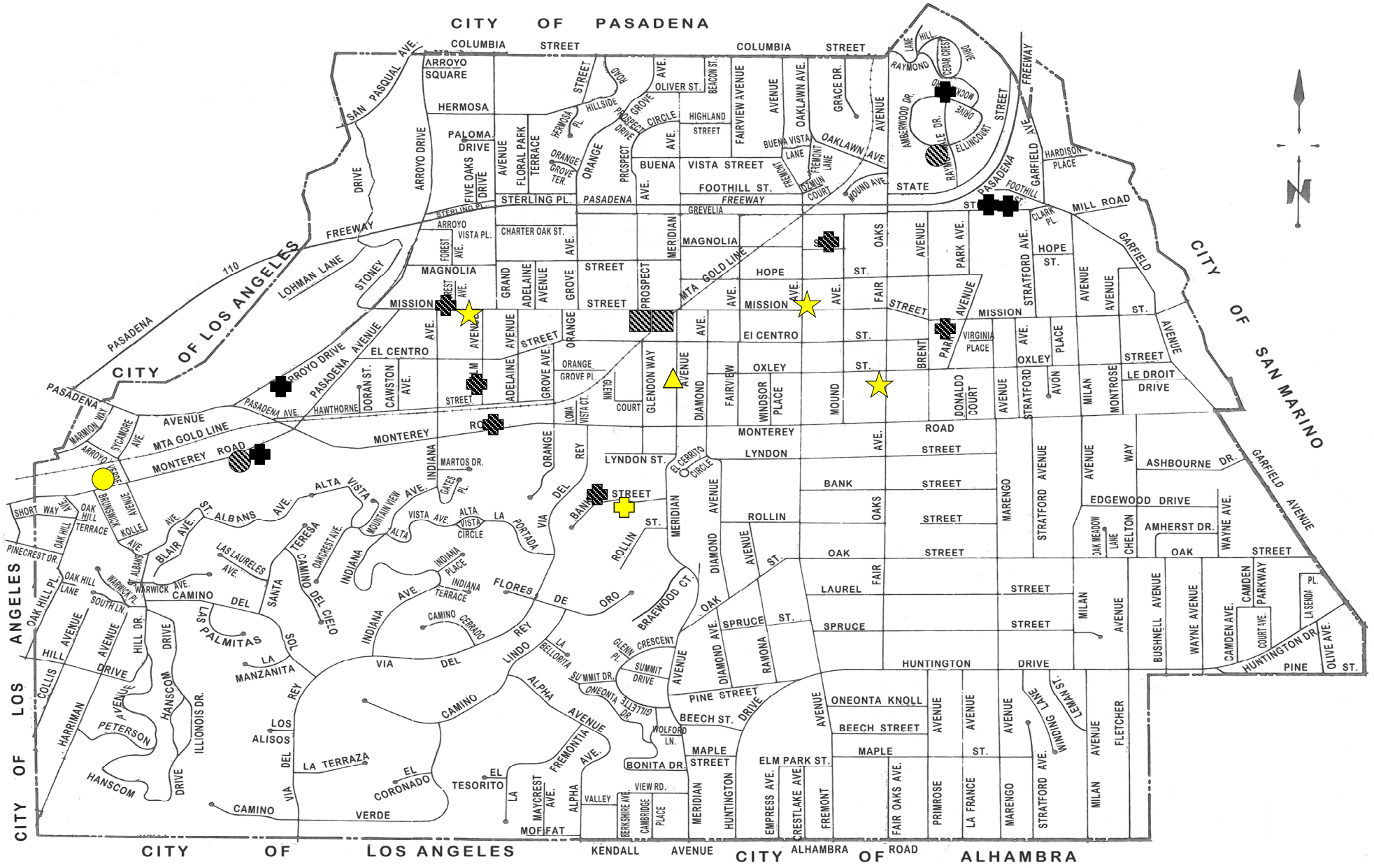
Now is a good reminder for homeowners to clear overgrown areas of weeds and other dry brush that present a fire hazard especially to structures.

By controlling overgrown vegetation, you help create a defensible space, which may save your home and your neighbor's home from fires.

For more information on brush clearance and creating a defensible space, contact the South Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 403-7300.

# Crime Statistic Map, June - 2024

- Crime occurred between 7AM - 7PM
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- Crime occurred during unknown time.
- Auto Burglary (3)
- Commercial Burglary (2)
- Residential Burglary (1)
- Auto Theft (12)
- Robbery (3)



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