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NEIGHBORHOOD HUB
Fall 2016

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Making Neighborhood Connections

San Luis Obispo Police Department continues to meet with residents throughout the City. Recently, the Woodside Drive neighborhood invited their Neighborhood Officers, Jeff Koznek and Dustin Alexander, to a neighborhood gathering along with Neighborhood Outreach Manager, Christine Wallace. The trio shared information on crime trends in the City as well as the neighborhood proper, gave property theft prevention tips, shared Neighborhood Watch program information and answered a variety of questions.



PHOTOS BY J.COX

Officers Koznek and Alexander have been assigned to the neighborhood for several years through the Neighborhood Officer Program. To discover which SLOPD officers are assigned to your neighborhood, visit the SLOPD [website](#). Neighborhood Officers can be contacted directly if there are ongoing concerns that residents may have. For more information on setting on a neighborhood meeting, please contact Neighborhood Outreach at 805-781-7186 or cwallace@slocity.org.



Neighborhood Matching Grant Cycle Opens

Do you have an idea for a project, event, or initiative that could help improve your neighborhood? The City of San Luis Obispo's Neighborhood Matching Grant program wants to help you with it!

2015 was the first year of the pilot program and the City's Human Relations Commission (HRC) approved two Neighborhood Matching Grants, to the Islay Hill/Arbors Neighbors and the Cerro San Luis Foothills Neighborhood Stewards. This year, ten thousand dollars in funding for Neighborhood Matching Grants is available. Individual grant requests can range from \$250 to \$5,000. For every dollar awarded by the City, the neighborhood will provide an equal or greater match consisting of volunteer labor, donated professional services or donated materials.

San Luis Obispo's quality of life is tied to strong neighborhoods and active residents. The purpose of the program is to support grassroots projects that enhance and strengthen neighborhoods. All projects are initiated, planned and implemented by neighborhood members in partnership with the City. Neighborhood involvement and relationship building are key components of the program.

Grant requirements include: a match amount from the neighborhood equal to or greater than the grant request; tangible neighborhood benefits; documented neighborhood support and involvement; project readiness; and project sustainability. A list of project ideas is included in the grant guidelines, "but we welcome creativity and encourage neighbors to get together and bring us their ideas early to discuss," said Associate Planner Rebecca Gershow.

The first deadline is October 17, 2016, when draft applications are due. Anyone applying for a Neighborhood Matching Grant must submit a draft application. There will be an informational meeting on September 30, 2016, from 12-1 pm at 919 Palm St, in downtown San Luis Obispo. Interested neighbors are encouraged to attend.

More information is available at www.slocity.org/nmg, or contact Associate Planner Rebecca Gershow at rgershow@slocity.org.



Neighborhood Matching Grants in action! Islay Park Trail Clean Up Project Coordinator Mary Lou Johnson with Ron Johnson (l) and Fred Nelson (r) on July 15, 2016 out on the trail.

Cal Poly Perspective

Jana Colombini, Cal Poly Associated Students and Keith Humphrey, Cal Poly Vice President for Student Affairs

It is an exciting time for us at Cal Poly. With the new academic year underway, students are back on campus and the university is buzzing with activity. If your neighborhood is similar to those we live in, college-aged students have likely been moving in for the start of school.

Most of our students are respectful, contributing members of the San Luis Obispo community. These students benefit our community in many ways, such as providing tens of thousands of community service hours, infusing significant financial resources into our local economy and increasing the local tax base and supplying coaches and volunteers for many of our children's youth sports teams and other community activities.



Dr. Keith Humphrey & Jana Colombini

While we do know that a small fraction of our students have been less-than-perfect neighbors at times, we have been hard at work to make positive changes, improve student behavior as a whole and enhance relationships with local neighborhoods. While our work is ongoing, we are proud of the progress we have made.

One of our goals at Cal Poly is to continue working cooperatively with the San Luis Obispo community to strengthen our relationships and improve the quality of life for all who live here. Indeed, collaboration among the leadership of our city, Cuesta College and Cal Poly has helped to accentuate the positives and reduce the negatives. And those efforts are award winning, having received the Larry Abernathy Award from the International Town-Gown Association this year for the Neighborhood Wellness/Community Civility report and plan. The six goals identified in the report are designed to implement national best practices through a combination of education efforts and policy changes.

Our work is not done just because of a great accolade like the Abernathy Award. As leaders, we are dedicated to this long-term effort and will continue to work hard this academic year, including implementation of a new noise awareness educational campaign and increasing the numbers of students participating in the Educated Renters Program. Every year new students move into our local neighborhoods for the first time. We will remain focused on ensuring their behavior promotes positive interactions and neighborhood wellness.

Specifically, we are continuing our efforts this year to help college-aged students understand that when they are in the community, they are San Luis Obispo residents and have the same responsibilities as full-time San Luis Obispo citizens. We want students to meet their neighbors, create positive change and continue to give back when they take a break from their studies. We want to help students connect with their non-student neighbors and organize neighborhood-specific initiatives to enhance neighborhood relations. Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) hopes to organize neighborhood barbecues to facilitate the interaction of neighbors and students. We want everyone to meet, share contact information, and be able to communicate if there are problems. We also want students to be involved in our community and contribute to a stronger San Luis Obispo.

We invite each resident of this community to join the effort and reach out to the people who have moved in next door. We know that positive interaction and healthy relationships throughout our neighborhoods will go a long way to produce the outcomes we all seek.

What's Happening in Transportation?

Neighborhood Traffic Management



Chorro Street: Traffic monitoring is still underway to evaluate the effectiveness of the temporary traffic circles on south Chorro Street. A neighborhood meeting and vote for permanent installation is scheduled to happen this winter. An initial study showed that the traffic circles have reduced prevailing speeds by approximately 12-15% and decreased the volume of vehicles by approximately 5-6% along the corridor of Chorro Street between Broad and Buchon.

High Street: Efforts for the High Street NTM are scheduled to kick off this fall.

2016 Roadway Sealing

The city's annual pavement management program completed this year's neighborhood roadway sealing project this summer. While the project is specific to roadway sealing, it allows the City an opportunity to improve various roadway facilities using striping. Edge lines were striped on Mill Street between Santa Rosa and Grand Avenue to visually narrow the roadway, which is a traffic calming technique. Various bicycle facility improvements were done. Buffered bike lanes were installed on Longview between Hathway and Slack. Approximately 2 miles of Share the Road Markings ("Sharrows") were installed to remind drivers and bicyclists to share the road.



Radar Trailer Program



With schools starting back and neighborhoods being impacted by a higher volumes of vehicles on their streets, speeds are a common concern. The City has two portable radar trailer units that are deployed for a week at a time at locations throughout the City. During the fall, the trailers are commonly deployed in neighborhoods near schools to remind drivers of their speed. The radar trailer displays a vehicle's speed on a reader board and has been effective in decreasing vehicle speed by encouraging motorists to reduce speed. To request the radar trailer be deployed in your neighborhood please contact the Transportation Division at 805-781-7190.

Fall Fire Safety

The Fire Department encourages residents to do the following key maintenance around your home this fall to reduce the chance of a fire or other disaster:

1. Install new batteries in your household smoke alarms. It's best to have one smoke alarm installed in each bedroom, one in any hallway(s) outside a bedroom, and one on each floor if the house has more than one floor. Any smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced. Check the back of the device for the date of manufacture.
2. Change the filters in your central air heating system.
3. Clean out dryer vents.
4. Clean out dust and debris around the washing machine, dryer, water heater, central air heating system, and any wall heaters.
5. Have your fireplace chimney inspected by a licensed chimney sweep contractor. Have a spark arrester installed on top of the chimney. Trim back any tree branches and vegetation encroaching on the chimney area.
6. Remember that space heaters need "space". Maintain three feet of clearance around space heaters. Keep space heaters away from furniture, curtains, paper, and bedding.
7. Candles are one of the leading causes of house fires. If using candles, never leave them unattended. If you leave the room, blow them out, or better yet, start using battery operated candles.

For citizens living in the City of San Luis Obispo, Fire Department personnel can check your smoke alarms for you free of charge. Please call Fire Inspector Molly Brown at 781-7560 to schedule an appointment or with any questions related to protecting your home from fire. Thank you for helping maintain a fire-safe community!



Heat Your Home Safely

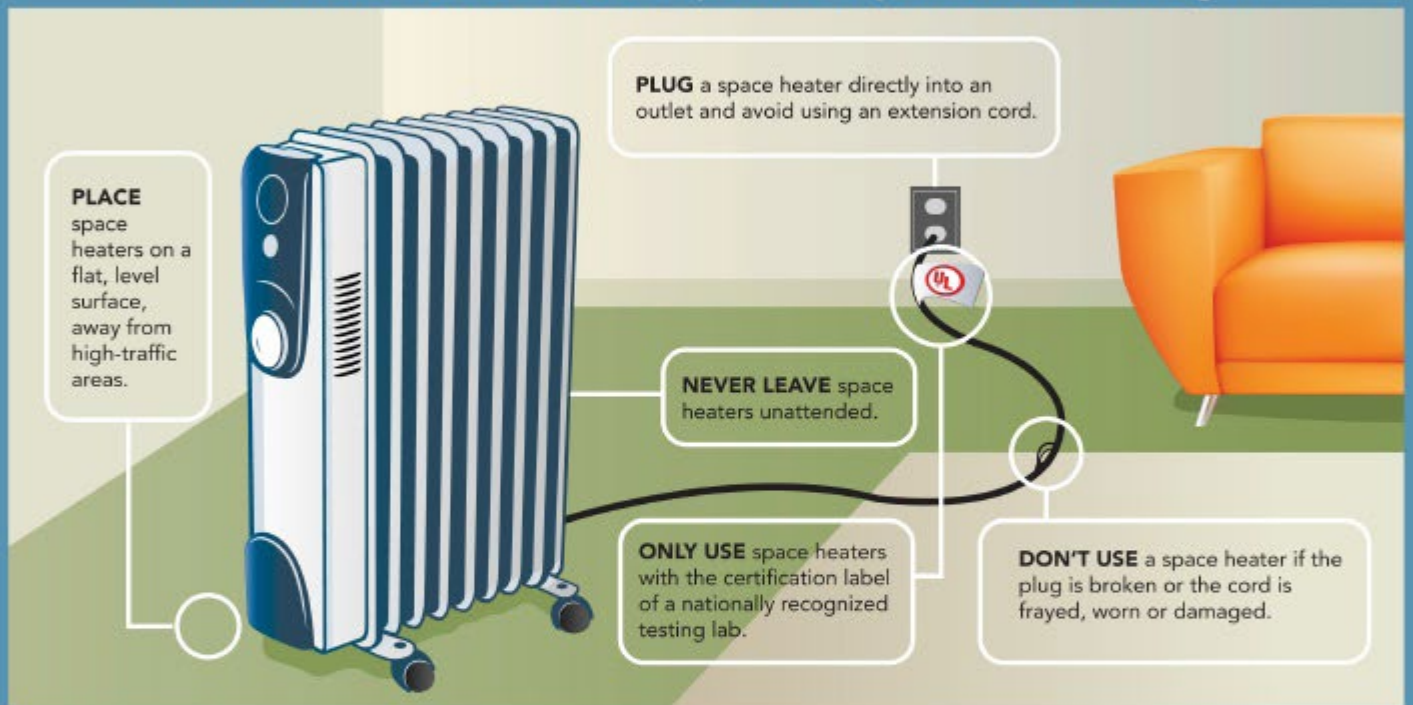


32%
of home heating fires are caused by space heaters.

MORE HOME FIRES OCCUR during the cold winter months than at any other time of year.



Make Sure to Follow These Important Tips Before You Plug In



Four Home Heating Tips to Live By

1 **KEEP ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN** at least three feet away from a heating source.

3ft

2 **HAVE YOUR HEATING SYSTEM** inspected annually.



3 **KEEP VENTS CLEAR** of dust and debris.



4 **INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)** alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.



Food Waste: Quick & Easy Composting

What do New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and San Luis Obispo have in common? They're all now recycling food waste!

Food waste generates methane, which is 87 times more potent, in regard to global warming, than carbon dioxide. Food waste also represents about 18% of the current volume of the solid waste stream in California. In San Luis Obispo, recycling food waste supports reduced greenhouse gas emissions, extends the life of our Cold Canyon landfill and is used to create valuable soil amendment materials for local farms and other applications.



In August, San Luis Garbage Company, the City's solid waste contractor, implemented this new program. You can help ensure the success of our community food waste recycling program by setting aside food waste and adding it to your green waste bin on garbage pick-up day. Food scraps and yard waste will be most efficiently composted into soil amendments when contamination is minimized – in other words, keep your green waste bin free of items that don't belong.

What Can I Put in My Green Waste Bin?

YES

- Meat, Poultry, Seafood & Bones
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Bread
- Cheese
- Floral & Tree Trimmings
- Leaves & Grass
- Brush & Weeds

NO

- Paper Products & Cardboard
- Wooden Crates
- Liquids
- Grease & Cooking Oil
- Pet Waste
- Styrofoam
- Bags (even if labeled biodegradable)

Three Easy Steps for Success

1. Use a food waste pail in your kitchen. During food preparation and after eating a meal, throw food waste in the pail and place it in the refrigerator for storage.
2. Empty the pail into your green waste container on your garbage pick-up day, and place the green waste container out on the curb for collection.
3. Care for your food waste pail by hand washing or putting in the dish washer for cleaning between uses.

For questions regarding the food waste program, please contact San Luis Garbage Company at (805) 543-0875.



National Good Neighbor Day Cleanup

Get to know your San Luis Obispo Community!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 FROM 10AM-12PM

GROUPS WILL MEET:

NEAR THE CORNER OF CALIFORNIA
& TAFT IN THE LAUNDEROSA
LAUNDROMAT PARKING LOT

IN FRONT OF SIERRA VISTA
APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 510
FOOTHILL

To sign up visit ercp.calpoly.edu/content/resources
and click on the sign-up link!

*Show your
community
spirit!*

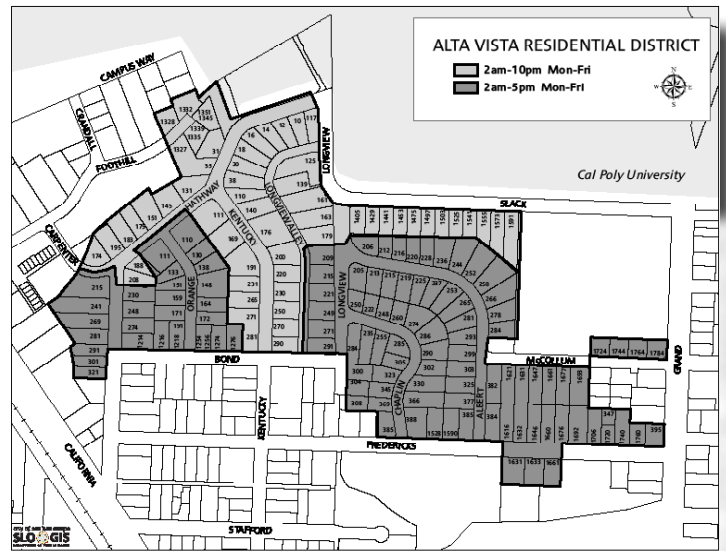
*Free
Donuts!*

For more information please email
studentcommunitysuccess@calpoly.edu or call 805-756-5841

Residential Parking Permits Available

Parking Services is mailing letters to all property owners located within the City's nine Residential Parking Permit Districts letting them know that the current permits will be expiring and how they can obtain permits for the upcoming year. The permits are valid for a year beginning on September 15th of each year. There is a limit of 2 permits per household. If you live in a Residential Parking Permit District don't forget your permits!

For maps of Residential Districts and more information about how districts are established and enforced, please visit the Parking Services [website](#) or call 805-781-7230.



Ranger Led Hikes & Trail Workdays

Trail Workdays all start at 9:00 am

October 8th Cerro San Luis
October 22nd Bishop Peak (Patricia Drive entrance)
November 19th Trailwerks
December 3rd Reservoir Canyon

Ranger Led hikes all start at 1:00 pm

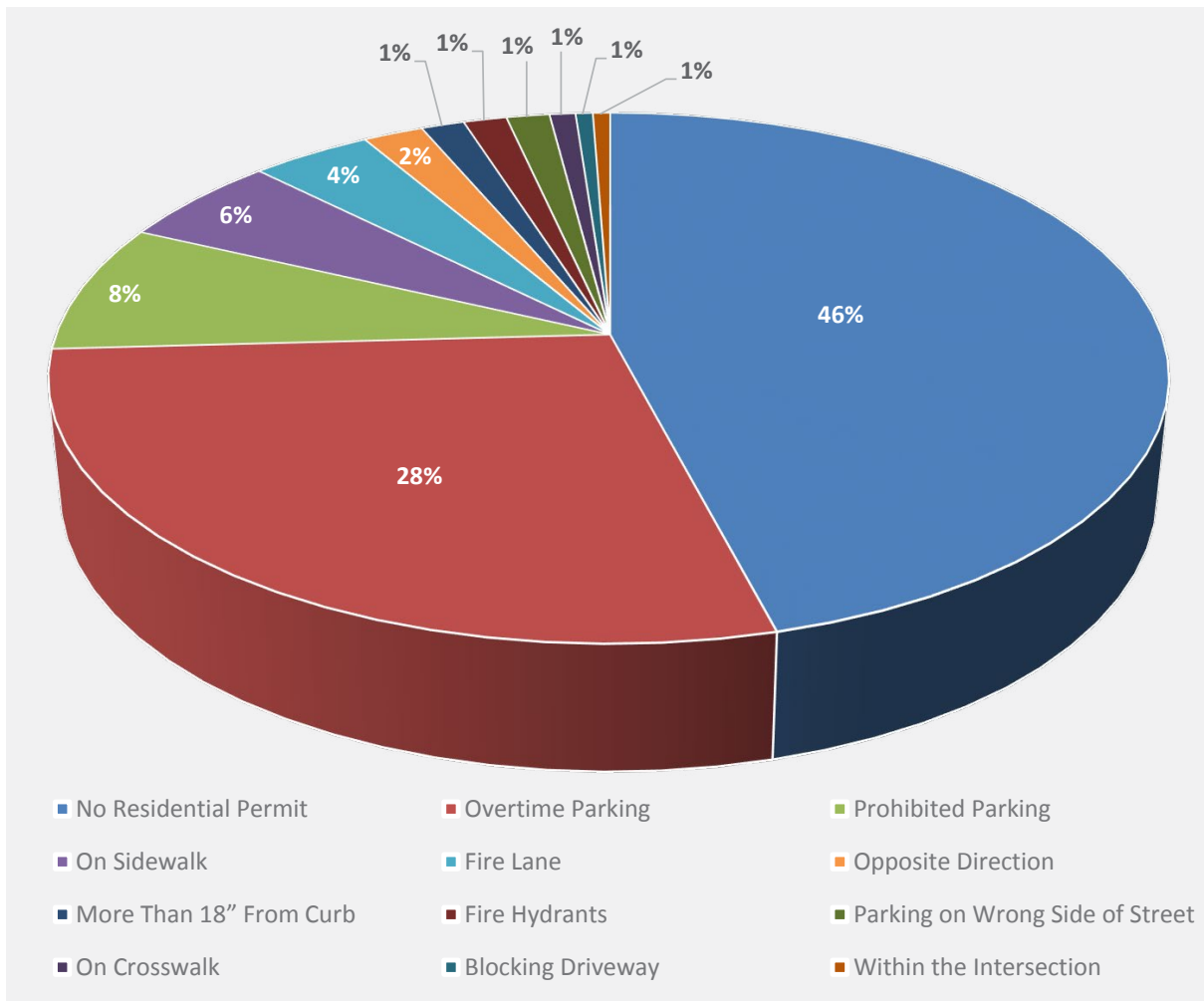
October 23rd Bishop Peak
November 6th Johnson Ranch
December 3rd Reservoir Canyon

Bring water & please wear closed toed shoes for hikes and workdays. For more information check the Ranger Services [website](#).

Stats Snapshot

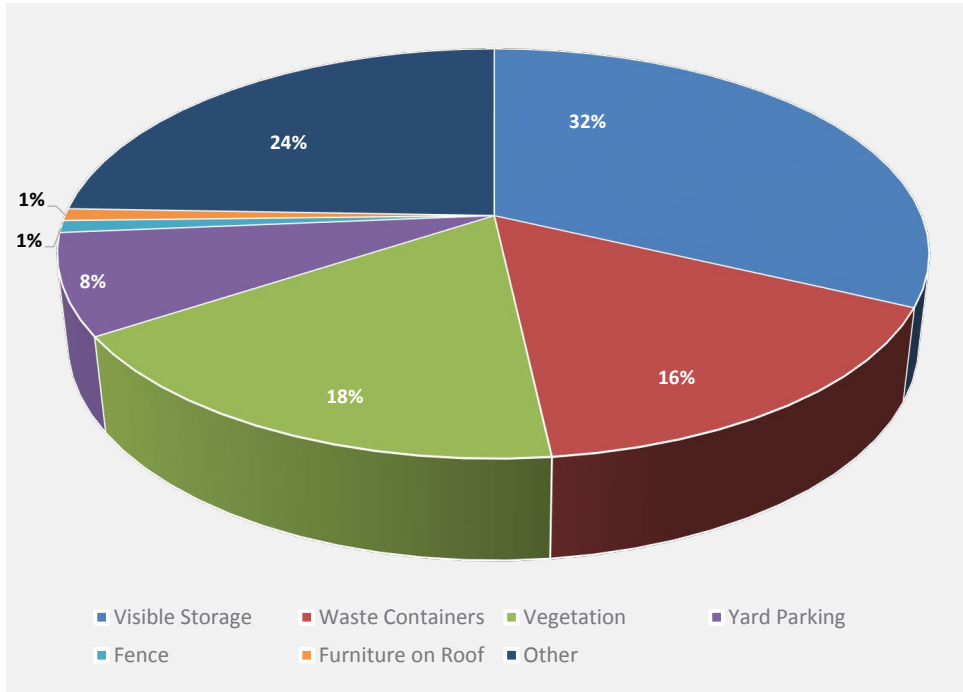
Parking Services Neighborhood Summary

Parking Citations June 1 st to August 30 th	
No Residential Permit	158
Overtime Parking	97
Prohibited Parking	27
On Sidewalk	19
Fire Lane	14
Opposite Direction	7
More Than 18" From Curb	5
Fire Hydrants	5
Parking on Wrong Side of Street	5
On Crosswalk	3
Blocking Driveway	2
Within the Intersection	2



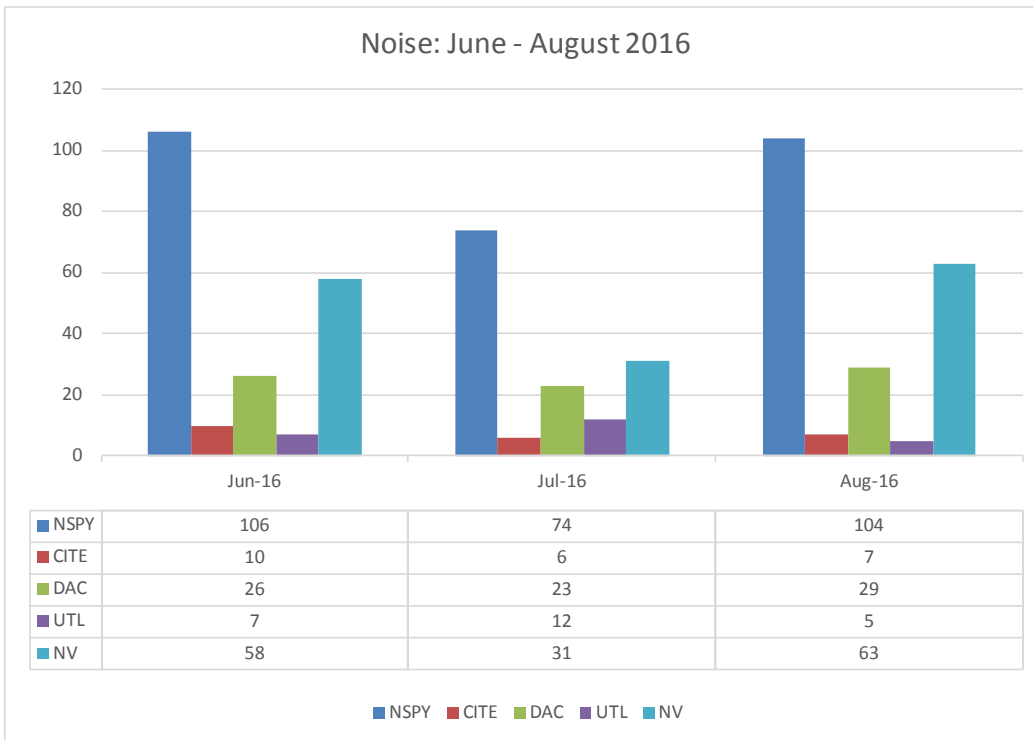
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Neighborhood Services Summary



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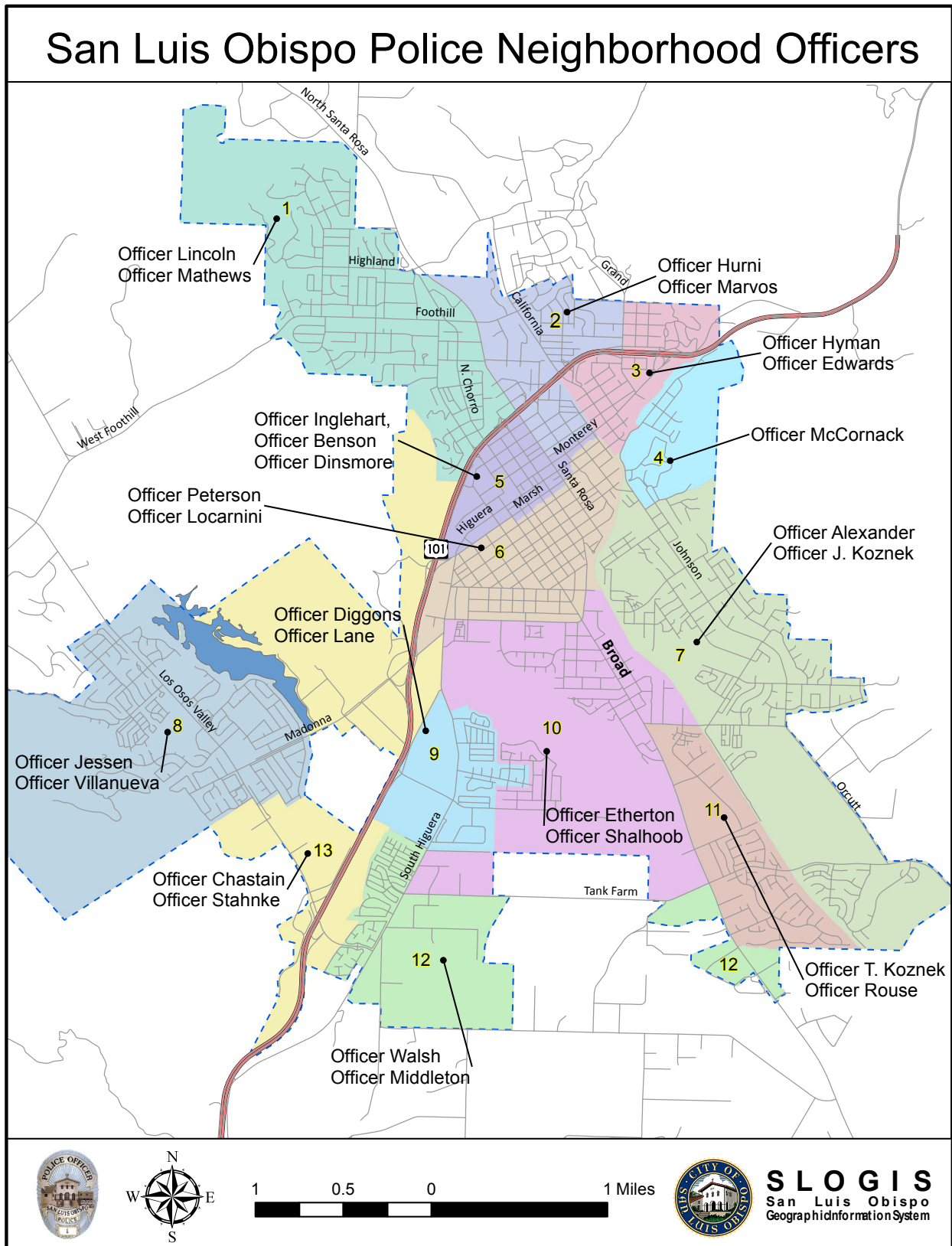
Visible Storage: 101
 Waste Containers: 51
 Vegetation: 55
 Yard Parking: 25
 Fence: 3
 Furniture on Roof: 3
 Other: 77



NSPY - Noise Party
 CITE - Citation
 DAC - Disturbance Advisement Card
 (noise warning)
 UTL - Unable to Locate
 NV- Negative Violation

Neighborhood Officer Program

The Neighborhood Officer Program is an excellent way to get connected with SLOPD. Patrol officers are assigned to each neighborhood and assist with ongoing concerns or problems that may be happening in your area of the city. Neighborhood Officers can help with neighborhood specific crime prevention and assist with establishing Neighborhood Watch groups. Contact your Neighborhood Officer via the City's [website](#). For emergencies, please call 9-1-1.



REGISTER YOUR BIKE

FREE DL# OR ID# ENGRAVING!



WWW.SLOPD.ORG

What's worse than getting your bike stolen?

Having it recovered and not being able to prove that it's yours.

Always report stolen property to SLO PD, 805.781.7312



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016
11AM-3PM @ HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY
2125 STORY ST. (ENTRANCE ON BRANCH)

presented by:



A FREE EVENT FOR KIDS AGE 4-14
LUNCH, RAFFLE & PRIZES!

- > 11AM-1PM
- > SAFETY TOWN
- > 1PM-2PM
- > AWARENESS RIDE/
BIKE DECORATING
- > 2PM-3PM
- > BMX STUNT SHOW

BIKE, HELMET, & SIGNED GUARDIAN
PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED

For more information visit slocity.org/parksandrecreation or call 805-781-7300