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FALL NEWSLETTER 2018

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Annual Fig Garden Dinner

Sunday, September 30th 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm

Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club

4722 N. Maroa Ave.

RSVP with check by Friday, September 21st

UPDATE ON ASHLAN TRAFFIC MITIGATION PROJECT

By Fresno County Supervisor Andreas Borgeas

Dear Fig Garden Neighbor,

Public safety is our highest priority. That is why Fresno County is addressing the longstanding challenges of vehicle speed on Ashlan with new traffic calming features and a safer pedestrian crossing on Van Ness. Working alongside the Fig Garden Homeowners Association, our collective efforts have been to create a multi-phased traffic mitigation plan that protects public safety, secures pedestrian access and maintains the integrity of the Fig Garden community.

Phase 1 of the Traffic Mitigation Project is nearing completion with the narrowing of the roadway and the installation of raised medians and pedestrian landings. Fresno County is thrilled to announce the average roadway speed on Ashlan has been dramatically reduced by these modifications. Official traffic studies now conclude the average speed of 85% of the drivers along Ashlan, per California's legal criteria, has been reduced from over 40 miles per hour down to 33 miles per hour. This significant speed differential provided Fresno County the legal justification to amend the County Speed Ordinance through action by the Board of Supervisors, which occurred on August 21, 2018. Accordingly, next month Fresno County is expected to install new signage that reduces the speed limit from 35 miles per hour down to 30 miles per hour on Ashlan between Palm and Maroa.

Phase 2 of the Traffic Mitigation Project, which is expected to be completed in the next few months, will include a traffic calming and noise reducing surface overlay, enhancements to the pedestrian crossing, along with new stripping and safety signage. Now that the official speed limit has been significantly reduced, Fresno County will begin repopulating the impacted areas with new trees consistent with line of sight legal requirements along the Ashlan and Van Ness corridor. Fresno County is keenly aware of this important project component toward reducing noise and restoring aesthetic character.

Fresno County is also working with the City of Fresno on parallel matters important to this project. The County and City jointly completed significant road repairs in August on Maroa Avenue between Dakota and Ashlan, and are working to install appropriate truck route signs in an effort to deter semi-truck traffic on Ashlan. Finally, we are coordinating with California Highway Patrol to increase patrols in this area.

Phase 3 of the Traffic Mitigation Project will be undertaken by the Fig Garden Home Owners Association. The Fig Garden HOA will assume responsibility for other aesthetic and maintenance components of the project, including planting of the medians, irrigation systems, up lighting of the pedestrian crossing and the installation of poles for Christmas Tree Lane.

Our goal is to have all phases of the Traffic Mitigation Project complete in the coming months. Thank you in advance for your patience during the phases of construction and the repopulation of greenery to the corridor.

Please stay tuned as we expect continued success for this project in our effort to enhance public safety within the Fig Garden community!

- Supervisor Andreas Borgeas

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PLAN VIEW

STATION 20 UPDATE

To the residents of the Fig Garden Fire Protection District:



Calls for Service

In 2017 Station 20 responded to 2,106 calls for service. This included 301 fire calls. Medical Aid Incidents continued to be the greatest demand for services at 854 incidents. With all of these calls your Fire Department was able to meet our response time goal of less than four minutes 90% of the time within the district, with an average time of 3.6 minutes.

Station Remodel

Renovation work at Fire Station #20 (Fig Garden) continues. The remodel work has been extensive and when completed the station will have much improved functionality for the crew and great esthetics for the neighborhood. Work will continue in the coming months and the entire project is expected to be completed before December.

Below, we have placed pictures showing the progress of this project. We are confident residents of the Fig Garden Fire Protection District area will be proud of the newly remodeled fire station.



CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

Christmas Tree Lane will be celebrating its 96th season this year. Our opening night will be Saturday, December 1st. The Lane will be open through Christmas Day, December 25th. Our 2018 walk nights are Saturday, December 1st, and Tuesday, December 11th. Let's mark our calendars and enjoy another magical season.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OLD FIG DEPUTY

Garrett Majors is the night shift deputy employed by the Fig Garden Police Protection District. He is one of two full time deputies who provide additional protection to the Old Fig district. This outlines a typical day for him, although there is really no typical day in crime prevention.

- 9:30pm Briefing to share information from previous shifts on Old Fig Garden criminal activity
- 10:00pm Gas up the patrol car and be on active duty in Fig by 10:30pm
- 10:30pm "Hunting" in the garden for potential criminal activity - 5:00am

Old Fig is a major attraction for criminals. It is dark, has lots of cover, and is an affluent area. Many criminals use Old Fig's east-west cross streets to commute from Blackstone to the areas west of Palm.

Deputy Majors moves all over the district boundaries during his time on duty. Night time is prime time for hunting criminals, and he is kept extremely busy. From 12:00 am to 4:00 am, he targets criminals who are cruising in cars or looking for opportunities to steal cars. From 4:00-5:30 am, he looks for criminals who are transients on foot checking out trash bins or stealing property from cars. On most nights Deputy Majors is joined by 2-3 additional deputies – his beat partner, the canine unit, and a floating unit.

- 5:30am Report writing and compilation of crime statistics
- 6:00am Last drive around Old Fig
- 7:00am Head home and log off for the shift

By 8:30am Deputy Majors is home and sleeping unless family or home responsibilities call. He tries to sleep until about 1:30 pm. Then there is the gym, dinner, and a very brief nap. Finally it is time to begin again and get ready for another night in Old Fig.

Deputy Majors said that there has been a steady decrease in crime in the past three years. Additionally, since the beginning of 2018 he has arrested 24 people for DUIs in Old Fig.

If you would like to see for yourself what it is like to patrol Old Fig, Deputy Majors would be pleased to arrange for you to ride along with him on one of his patrols. Look for more information on this in upcoming eAlerts email. If you would like to register for eAlerts, please send your email address and request to FigGardenWatch@gmail.com.

ANNUAL DINNER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
5:00 - 8:30PM

FIG GARDEN SWIM & RACQUET CLUB
4722 N. MAROA AVE.

Wine is included and will be served during the evening

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS TO THIS DINNER. IT'S A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY
FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE OLD FIG

CATERING BY:
PARDINI'S
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00PM

We have invited Fresno County officials and law enforcement serving
our area to attend the dinner and answer your questions.

\$45 per person
RSVP (by sending a check) by Friday, Sept 21st

Questions? Contact Valerie @ 559.779.8691

Casual Attire | Adults only

FIG GARDEN ELECTRONIC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you would like to receive email notifications about crime and law enforcement updates in this area, send your email address to **FigGardenWatch@gmail.com**.

You will receive:

- time sensitive neighborhood crime alerts
- crime statistics compiled by Sheriff deputies serving through the Fig Garden Police Protection District.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OLD FIG!

Please join the Fig Garden Home Owners Association. We work to protect and strengthen our unique neighborhood. The dues are \$70/year. Please mail your check payable to:

**FGHOA
PO BOX 5796
Fresno CA 93755**

Unlike most homeowners groups, our dues are voluntary and we depend on the generosity of our fellow neighbors. Dues money goes to pay fees associated with filing documents that protect the quality of life and integrity of the neighborhood, printing and mailing newsletters to keep you informed, and running the www.oldfig.org web site.



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Sheriff's Dispatch:	600-3111 (for emergencies call 911)
Fresno Humane Animal Services:	600-7387 (PETS)
Fresno County Code Enforcement:	600-4550
24-Hour Domestic Violence Help:	233-4357 (HELP)
Building Permit Info:	600-4540
City of Fresno Water Division:	621-5300, 621-5480
Fig Garden Fire Station (non-emergency):	621-4320 (for emergencies call 911)
Fresno County Library Information:	600-7323 (READ)
Fresno County Public Health:	600-3200
Graffiti Abatement:	600-8107
Fresno County Road Maintenance:	600-4240