

Upper Mandeville Canyon Newsletter

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### REPAVING THIS WEEKEND

Repaving will be done THIS WEEKEND, Aug 22 and 23 on MCR from 3534 and above.

Equipment may arrive as early 6 am. Road grinding work is scheduled to start 7am, Saturday. Wet-coating with a glue-like substance, then asphalt-laying, begins at 8am Sunday (or sooner). End of work is 6pm but could go longer.

Car passage will be rough with extended delays on Saturday. On Sunday, car passage will be extremely difficult but possible in an emergency.

NO STREET PARKING. Cars will be towed. NO BIKES.



### ARCHER EXPANSION

The Los Angeles City Council, with support from Mike Bonin, approved the expansion plan of the Archer School For Girls at Sunset and Barrington. 234,900 sq. ft. of new

construction will begin in 2017 and is expected to last 3 years. Opposition is still strong and a lawsuit is planned. For the LA Times article on details of the expansion, copy and paste this link into your browser:

[www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-archer-school-expansion-20150804-story.html](http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-archer-school-expansion-20150804-story.html).

To learn more about the opposition plans, go to [sunsetcoalition.org](http://sunsetcoalition.org).

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### **CLEAN CONSTRUCTION SITES**

While we're on the topic of construction, we have had some complaints by neighbors getting nails and screws in their tires from neighboring remodels. If your house has construction, please make sure that the site managers clean up the area from screws and nails daily. This can be done easily with an industrial magnet. Let's all be responsible neighbors and have one-less construction-related issue on our hands.

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### **GUIDELINES AND TIPS FOR CONSERVING WATER**

California is experiencing an historic drought. What makes it even harder is that there are more people and business interests than ever who need to share what little water we have.

We have all been challenged to save 20% on our water usage. How are you doing? Here are some easy ideas that can help.

1. Water your yard only 2 days per week, 3 days max. This is the new regulation set forth by the State Water Resource Control Board. Water at night to soak into soil and minimize evaporation.
2. Take shorter showers; install a low flow shower head if you don't already use one.
3. Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Your dishwasher actually uses less water than washing by hand!
4. Don't leave water running when you're not physically using it. When running water to heat up in the shower or sink, collect the cold water in a container to use for other purposes.
5. If it's yellow, it's mellow....

For more tips, go to [www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com).

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## **EL NINO**

The'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.
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## **CO-EXISTING WITH COYOTES**

Some tips from Los Angeles Animal Services

1. Do not feed wildlife. Preferably, do not feed pets outdoors. If you have to, bring in their bowls after 10-15 minutes.
2. Keep trash cans tightly closed
3. Supervise pets and small children when outside, particularly, but not exclusively, after dusk.
4. Remove brush that can create hiding places (and fire hazard!)
5. Safely haze without harming to instill fear. This can include yelling and waving your arms, any sort of loud noise maker (whistles, air horns, pot lids banged

together), throw light projectiles (sticks, small rocks, tennis balls), spray with hose, water gun.

6. Make sure the coyote goes away completely. If he/she begins to walk away and then stops, continue with hazing until he/she has left completely. Mix up your hazing tactics so the coyote doesn't get comfortable with one tactic.

7. Never walk/run away from a coyote. Stand your ground with authority.



#### SCHOOL HAS STARTED

Some schools have already started. Please plan extra time to drive safely! Be Aware!

Yield to children crossing the street and school bus stop signs. A particularly dangerous corner is the right turn at Mandeville and Sunset when children are crossing to go to Paul Revere. Take an extra second to make sure there are no children crossing **before** you turn right! Thank you.

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