



STOP SIGNS FOR SHADOWRIDGE DRIVE

After some ten years of complaints about speeding along Shadowridge Drive and asking for stop signs to make exiting from side streets safe, residents are delighted the stop signs have been installed east- and west-bound at Live Oak.



Benefits from the signs' presence are already apparent:

- Prior to stop sign installation, drivers on Shadowridge Drive routinely ignored the posted speed limits in both directions.
- After stop sign installation, traffic on Shadowridge Drive has demonstrated a calming effect that permits side street traffic to enter and exit Shadowridge Drive safely.
- Benefit derives from elimination of No Left Turn sign for vehicles exiting Live Oak Road onto Shadowridge Drive.
- Benefit derives from reduced traffic diverted onto residential Brewley Lane from Live Oak Road after stop sign installation and removal of No Left Turn sign.
- City of Vista Traffic Commission members observed the intersection and recorded excessive speeds on Shadowridge Drive by many vehicles.
- City of Vista Traffic Commission is on record in favor of Stop Signs at intersection of *(Cont. on p. 2)*

WATER NEWS FROM BRENT REYES, VID

Brent Reyes, water conservation specialist for the Vista Irrigation District, spoke at SVC's general meeting on October 17. His information included –

- VID is promoting the benefits of tap water instead of bottled water, such as a reduction of the proliferation of plastic water bottles in our environment.
- VID's current water main replacement program has been in effect since 1995. The program prioritizes main replacement based on the age of the line, leak history, and pipe material as well as a number of factors related to site conditions. The mainline replacement program has replaced approximately 5 percent of mainlines since its inception.
- In response to a question about our rising water rates, since our water use has dropped with the emphasis on conservation, Mr. Reyes said the fixed costs for water service remain large even though use is variable. Water use is down 15% since the last drought. Ten percent of our future water supply will be from desalinated water, beginning in 2016, which is more expensive. The goal is to use less water per capita. 85% of the water used in California is for agriculture.

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VID water conservation specialist Brent Reyes answers "one last question" at SVD's October meeting.

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Shadowridge Drive and Live Oak Road.

- Three of five Shadowridge Owners Assoc. BOD members favor stop signs at intersection of Shadowridge Drive and Live Oak Road.
- Shadowridge Owners Assoc. BOD at large has received only one resident/owner statement opposing stop signs at intersection of Shadowridge Drive and Live Oak Road.



Holiday Watch

Since its inception in 2006, Holiday Watch has been a staple in the City of Vista every holiday season. Please help us keep you and your family safer this year by following these simple holiday safety tips:

1. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so they're easily visible from the street.
2. After you open your gifts, break the boxes down or cut them up. Don't pile up empty boxes on the street for a thief or burglar to see.
3. If you are going away for the holidays, don't allow newspapers, mail, or advertisements to pile up. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick them up.
4. Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances.
5. Carry only the credit cards or identification that you will need. Do not carry large sums of cash.
6. Be aware of your surroundings. Don't allow your attention to become distracted away from your wallet, purse, or packages.
7. When you are shopping, lock all packages in the trunk. In case you are being watched, move your vehicle to another location.
8. Be wary of requests for donations around this time of year. Give only to charities that you know well.

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VID WATER NEWS

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- In the recent past water rates charged to VID have increased by approximately 6%–7% each year as it is passed along to VID: from the Metropolitan Water District (the largest and most powerful in the U.S.) → the San Diego County Water Authority → VID. VID expects in the near future that imported water rates will continue to increase. Factors contributing to future imported water cost increases are (1) Future habitat restoration and water supply projects in the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta; (2) cost of the desalination plant; (3) Colorado River IID (Imperial Irrigation District) transfer water supplies increasing.
- Carlsbad has a large water recycling network. VID is hoping to partner with the City of Carlsbad to bring recycled water to the Shadowridge golf course and possibly areas off Melrose. The Shadowridge reclamation facility plant was closed in December 2003. The Water Authority has a program to store a 6-month water supply in-county that will be available in case of disasters, such as an earthquake.



9. Don't drink and drive. Be a designated driver.

10. If you see any suspicious activity or become the victim of a crime, contact the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Call: 9-1-1 for emergencies or (858) 565-6200 for non-emergencies

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