

SHADY CANYON CONNECTION

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REPORTING BURNED OUT STREET LIGHTS



If you notice street lights that are burned out or not functioning properly outside the east gate along Shady Canyon Drive, please contact Edison at 800-655-4555 as these lights are maintained by Edison. In order for repairs to be made in a timely manner, please write down the street pole light number that can be found on a silver metal plate on the light poles. If a pole does not have a pole number, then give specific details of where the street light pole is located and what cross street it is closest to. If you notice street lights that are burned out or not functioning properly within the gates of Shady Canyon, please contact Deborah Marino at 949-679-5557 or dmarino@keystonepacific.com with the exact location and pole number if possible and a work order will be sent to the Association's lighting contractor. Thank you!

POOL KEYS

New homeowners are given 4 (four) pool keys free of charge. When a home is sold, it is the responsibility of the seller to transfer the pool keys to the new buyer. If you have purchased your home from a previous owner and were not given pool keys, you can obtain them by either stopping by or contacting the on-site office. Additional keys are \$25.00 each. For additional information, please contact Deborah Martino at 949-679-5557.

VILLAS/SYCAMORES UPDATE

Homeowners in the Villas and Sycamores may have noticed a new maintenance crew working on their front yards. The new vendor is My Botanica. My Botanica came on board in mid October and commenced with an extensive clean up and trimming of the front yards. They are now moving to a maintenance cycle in which they will continue to trim the plant material as well clean up the leaf litter. In the next couple of months, My Botanica will be working with the Villas/Sycamores Committee to begin filling in bare areas and adding mulch to the front yards. If you have any specific concerns that you want to be sure are addressed, please contact Shana Aaberg at 949-679-5660 or saaberg@keystonepacific.com. Please do not make any requests of the workers in the field as this does not allow Management to track your maintenance request and be sure that it is addressed. Thank you for your patience thus far during transition period.



DECEMBER 2009 Reminders

* **Keystone Pacific will be closed in observance of the holiday season as follows:**

* *Thursday, 12/24 - Closed at noon*

* *Friday, 12/25 - Closed all day*

* *Thursday, 12/31 - Closed at noon*

* **Street Sweeping Days:** Every Sunday between 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and every Tuesday between 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

* **Trash Pick-Up Days:** Every Friday. Please remove trash cans from the common areas within 24 after trash pick-up.

* **Wednesday, 12/2/09 - Board Meeting at 4:00 P.M.** Location: Recreation Facility – 75 Shady Canyon Drive.

GATE ATTENDANT CONTACT INFORMATION

EAST GATE:

Phone: 949-509-1947 Fax: 949-509-9282
(Located off the 405 freeway)

WEST GATE:

Phone: 949-823-0015 Fax: 949-823-1836
(Located at 130 Shady Canyon Drive)



TREE PRUNING STANDARDS

Have you ever noticed a tree on the common area near your home that looked as if it was in need of trimming? It may seem harmless to ask your gardener to trim a tree in the common area, however this can be very detrimental to the tree. There are many reasons to prune trees beginning with safety and security, reduction of potential hazards, clearance for pedestrians, vehicles and buildings, prevent or repair tree damage, risk reduction of insect and disease damage and primarily for the health of the tree. Each cut has the potential to change the growth of the tree with no single branch removed without a reason. Improper pruning can cause damage that will last for the entire life of the tree with the potential to shorten that life span greatly.

This is foundation for standards and why a certified arborist chooses to follow the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) A3000 pruning standards as well as guidelines from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

Incorporating these standards into pruning involves common prohibited practices such as removing more than 25% of the tree's foliage in one growing season. This causes a reduction in the tree's ability to photosynthesize and creates unnecessary stress. Lion-tailing is removing two-thirds of the foliage on a given branch. This can lead to branch failure as it changes the structural dynamics of the tree. Limbing up refers to removing branches from the lower portion of the tree. This can cause a tall spindly tree to form and reduces the trunk flare as well as girth of a tree. Topping is not permitted. Avoid heading cuts as these can stimulate the growth of weakly attached branches or watersprouts. Besides severely damaging the tree, once the tree has been topped, it requires immediate and ongoing maintenance. Avoid flush cuts as well as stubs. The correct practice of cutting back to just beyond the branch collar, allows the wound to compartmentalize, which protects the tree from insects and disease. Do not apply wound paint or dressing.

In summary, it is not advisable to apply any maintenance activity such as excessive pruning, mechanical damage, girdling of limbs, trunk or roots that could result in the death of a tree or severe injury. Hiring an Arborist, who has made a career of caring for the urban forest and has the skills to provide sound advice and oversight of service related to trees around your home or business is a safeguard to your investment. Therefore, as the Association goes to great lengths to follow the above standards and properly care for all common areas, we request that you do not perform any maintenance on common area trees. If you see a tree that is in need of maintenance, please contact Management and report your concerns so that they can be properly addressed. Thank you for your cooperation.

