

# Driver License Checkpoint

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On Friday September 25, the El Segundo Police Department will be hosting a Driver License Checkpoint. El Segundo police officers, along with officers from the Manhattan Beach Police Department, will be checking

the license status of drivers in the area of Rosecrans Avenue and Douglas Street. The hours of operation will be approximately 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. If there are any inquiries, please forward them to Lieutenant Raymond Garcia at 310-524-2254. •

# It’s Your Bike! Protect Your Investment!

The El Segundo Police Department is happy to announce that we have rolled out an improved Bicycle Licensing program! As a result of the recent high increase in bicycle thefts, and the recovery of many unidentifiable bikes, ESPD has revitalized the license and registry program for the City of El Segundo. Why should you license your bike??? Theft Prevention & Recovery - Possessing a bike license increases the chances of having your bike returned to you, if it is stolen. Accident Victim Identification – A bike license provides a means of identifying accident victims, especially children, who usually carry no form of identification. It’s Inexpensive - New licenses cost only \$4, and the annual renewal fee is only \$2. Licenses are valid for 12 months from the time of registration - and the license can be transferred to a new owner for no additional costs! It’s Easy – License applications are available at the Police Station or on line at <http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/police/>

documents\_n\_forms.asp. It’s the Law! - Every bike operated on any public street, alley or highway in El Segundo is required by law to be licensed. In addition to registering and licensing your bike, securing your bicycle with an adequate bike lock is highly recommended. In an effort to promote this security request, the El Segundo Police has partnered with Industrial Lock & Security, to provide quality bicycle locks made by *Master Lock* at discounted prices. The locks offered include the “U-Lock” security bicycle lock, which can be purchased for \$19.95 (regular price \$24.95), and the “Keyed Cable” lock that can be purchased for \$29.95 (regular price 34.95). This discount offer will extend from now until the end of the year. Industrial Lock & Security is located at 401 Main Street, in the city of El Segundo. For more information regarding this program, please contact the El Segundo Police Department at (310) 524-2200.

## Trees

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One of the items was a map of El Segundo with strategically placed, colored pushpins providing a rundown of the Hometown Forest project target locations. “All of the trees in El Segundo whether they are in parks, backyards, parking lots or along streets comprise our Hometown Forest,” said project manager Lynnette Kampe. “The pins represent residents who have indicated that they would like a new street tree in front of their homes.” Long-time Tree Musketeers’ Executive Director Gail Church, whose daughter Tara was one of the organization’s founders as an eight-year-old in 1987, looks at Hometown Forest as an integral piece of a much bigger environmental picture. “If individuals in El Segundo take care of their own little piece of Earth, then collectively we will have taken a large step as a community which may influence others,” she said. “While climate change certainly has everyone’s attention, the small things each of us can do to help stop the advance of global warming often become lost in the fury of pointing fingers of blame at government, industry and other countries.” Church added that it makes sound economic sense to increase the population of trees in light of the global warming crisis, California’s rampant fire problem, and what has become the most severe drought in the state’s history. “El Segundo’s tree-lined streets are one of the biggest reasons people are willing to pay what it takes to move here,” she said. “A tree in front of your house impacts the value and quality of life for homes in the entire neighborhood. Cities up north that have been most seriously stricken by foreclosures are actually spray painting yards of vacant houses green in an attempt to stabilize property values. One small thing 200 people in El Segundo can do to fight global warming and the bad economy is to accept a free street tree under our Hometown

Forest project.” Meanwhile, Tree Musketeers’ leaders hope their new Richmond Street headquarters, the organization’s fourth location in its 22-year history, will provide them with the additional space and financial flexibility to continue sending their message to the general public. “The move was motivated by the need to pare down our budget,” explained Tree Musketeers’ President Victoria Tam. “Thanks to many people who helped turn a furniture store into a place where kids are boss, we accomplished that goal and much more.” Tam credited a number of community members and businesses for offering their time and talents to get the offices up and running. Councilmember Bill Fisher coordinated the volunteer effort and provided IT help along with Brook Church, who also moved most of the boxes. Other contributors included Gayle England (electrical, plumbing and handywork), Dave Wagner (carpentry work for the meeting room, kitchen and storage areas), Oneway Paint (painting), Dawn Von Flue (murals), Vital Signs (signage), Group 22 (signage and website design), TG Construction (permits, demolition and windows), and Palisades Screen and Glass (additional windows). The Miranda family, Art Murphy, Chuck Milam and Best Buy employees also played key roles on moving day. “We love you and will be forever in your debt,” said Tam. For more information on Tree Musketeers and the Hometown Forest project, call 310-322-0263, or go online to [www.treemusketeers.org](http://www.treemusketeers.org). The organization will also be honored on September 24 with an award at the second annual Sustainable Environmental Excellence Development (SEED) event hosted by the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition at the Embassy Suites Hotel in El Segundo. Tree Musketeers is one of only two winners in the Carbon Footprint Reduction category.

# Police Reports

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

One male adult was arrested at 0107 hours from California Street and Imperial Highway for driving under the influence of drugs and under the influence of a controlled substance. One male adult was arrested at 0154 hours in the 500 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for plain drunk in public. One male adult was arrested at 0303 hours from Lomita Street and Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public. One male adult was arrested at 0401 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Illinois Street for plain drunk in public. One male adult was arrested at 0458 hours from LAPD 77th Division for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant. Burglary report was taken at 1147 hours in the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took personal property from four different victims. Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1617 hours at the intersection of Whiting Street and Pine Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle. Vandalism report was taken at 1819 hours in the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Victim’s parked vehicle was “keyed. Found property report was taken at 1836 hours in the 600 block of West Holly Avenue. Found were miscellaneous tools in a shopping cart.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Disturbing the peace report was taken at 0845 hours from the 500 block of California Street. Neighbors are in an on-going dispute about noise made by each others vehicles. Grand theft report was taken at 1009 hours from the 200 block of Arena Street. An unknown suspect called the victim posing as her grandson whom she wired \$2800 to in Canada for bail before realizing the suspect was not her grandson. One female adult was arrested at 1245 hours from Imperial Highway and Main Street for driving on a suspended license and was subsequently issued a citation. One female juvenile was detained at 1459 hours from the 400 block of Main Street for being in possession of tobacco and was subsequently issued a citation. One male adult was arrested at 1818 hours from the 1300 block of East Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public. One female adult was arrested at 2156 hours at Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway for one outstanding felony warrant and one outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Vandalism report was taken at 1259 hours from the 600 block of Illinois Court. Unknown suspect(s) broke items on the victim’s vehicle.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

One male adult was arrested at 1342 hours from the 500 block of N. Sepulveda Boulevard for one outstanding misdemeanor LASD warrant. Child abuse report was taken at 1403 hours from the 1700 block of E. Pine Avenue. Traffic accident (no injuries) was reported at 1414 hours in the 700 block of N. Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus parking sign. Incident occurred at 0700 hours. Found property report was taken at 1458 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. A red beach cruiser was found in the park two weeks ago. Grand theft report was taken at 1530 hours from the 500 block of N. Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a laptop computer. One male adult was arrested at 1452 hours from 12000 block of South Hawthorne Boulevard for burglary, forgery and a LAPD misdemeanor warrant. One male adult was detained at 1806 hours in the 900 block of East Grand Avenue and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation. Annoying phone calls occurred between 1430 and 1530 hours from the 300 block of Continental Boulevard. Lost property report was taken at 2018 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. A passport was reported missing. One male adult was arrested at 2121 hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public. One male adult was arrested at 2121 hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public. One male adult was arrested at 2334 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Imperial highway for driving under the influence of alcohol. One female adult was arrested at 2352 hours from Vista Del Mar and Hyperion for three outstanding LASD misdemeanor warrants. One male adult was arrested at 2352 hours from Vista Del Mar and Hyperion for providing false information to a peace officer. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 One male adult was arrested at 0540 hours from LAPD, 77th Division, for one ESPD misdemeanor warrant. One male adult was detained at 0827 hours in the 600 block of Vista Del Mar and then transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation. Misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0901 hours from the 700 block of Loma Vista Street. Attempt identity theft report was taken at 1148 hours from the 2100 block of East maple . Criminal threats report was taken at 1129 hours from 200 block of N. Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) has been calling and threatening to kill employees at the location. Vandalism occurred between 1500 hours on 09/07/09 and 1445 hours on 09/09/09 in the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. A vehicle was scratched. Traffic collision report was taken at 1658 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard. Vehicle versus vehicle. One male adult was arrested at 2232 hours in the 200 block of California Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above. Missing Person report was taken at 2341 hours in the 100 block of Concord Street. One female juvenile failed to come home from school. She called home stating she was with a friend TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 One male adult was arrested at 0112 hours from California Street and Imperial Highway for two LAPD misdemeanor warrants. One female adult was arrested at 0137 hours in the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for carrying a concealed weapon and driving on suspended license.

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