

HOLLYWOODLANDER

President's Letter

Dear Hollywoodlanders,

This is my first time writing as the new HHA president. It's been quite the journey! Because of the hard work of last year's board, we've turned a corner.

We have the City's attention: we are making strides to effect change with the PPDs and the new gate on upper Beachwood that will allow foot traffic but not autos, sunrise to sunset. And we have other new projects to bring the community together. We need to lead with a positive, communal influence. That is what I want to do as President of the HHA.

What this means is high visibility of the board members, designated street captains, delegation of responsibilities to HHA members and, above all, maintaining positive, Hollywood land-affirming communications inside and outside our community so that the residents take pride in our neighborhood and look after each other. Visitors may even feel that pride and enjoy it with respect. Each of you feels this way about Hollywoodland – otherwise you wouldn't live here. It's easy (too easy!) to get caught up in the politics of it all. I'm guilty of it too. We won't always agree on all issues. But as President, with all of your help, we can galvanize this community in a positive manner and thereby accomplish all our goals.

Lucy Gonzalez

Flea Market

Sunday, April 27 from 9am-2pm.

—\$30 per spot

—Register at www.hollywoodland.org (look for Paypal button) or contact Lucy Gonzalez at lucy@newsomdesign.com

—Payment: Paypal, cash or check. If paying by check, make payable to Hollywoodland Homeowners Association.

—No selling of illegal substances or goods.

See rules and regulations at www.hollywoodland.org

ACTION ITEMS TRAFFIC, TOURISM, PARK

On Tuesday, March 25, Recreation and Parks started to construct the new wrought iron gate at the top of Beachwood that will block vehicular access to the Hollyridge Trailhead. Construction on the gate is expected to last several weeks, during which time the trailhead will be shut down because of construction hazards. Once complete (within 6-8 weeks), the gate will serve as a pedestrian entrance to the Hollyridge Trailhead from sunrise to sunset, and will be locked overnight. After that, the only vehicles allowed beyond the gate will be those of Sunset Ranch and Rec and Parks. We've asked that we get an extra DOT patrol covering Deronda and the viewpoint to help keep traffic flowing.

House Stories

By Chris O'Brien

Does your Hollywoodland home have a story told through ephemera of photos, documents, titles, articles, house plans, written or recorded, film or audio? Who lived, slept and played in your home? If you have a story to share, we would love your participation. Please contact us by e-mailing info@hollywoodland.org indicating House Story in the subject line. Deadline for story registration is May 15. We will provide set up easels.

House Story:

Sharing Facades of Hollywoodland Living

Sunday, June 1, 2014

3:00- 5:00 viewing and tea

Hollywoodland Real Estate Office –

Thank you...

Joel Schiller and Albert Heintzelman for building the quaint bookshelf for our free library located inside the west gate. This is a great place for you to donate good books. If you have some books for this community resource drop them inside the west entrance gate.

Melissa Wilmeth for Village Bulletin Board designs.

Thank you Councilman LaBonge, Dan Halden, and John Passo from Public Works for a restoration repair job well done and appreciated by the community. CD4 authorized the repair at the corner of Heather and Durand Drive. Beautiful craftsmanship.



The artist, John Passo – the only LA City stone mason

Hotel News

The Los Angeles Department of City Planning recently issued a memo on March 19th stating that short-term rentals in the city of Los Angeles are illegal in most of the city's residential neighborhoods including R1-zoned areas like Hollywoodland.

Design Review Projects

—November 14, 2013 Preliminary review of 2766 Westshire Drive for a proposed 1,455 SF house, to be continued.

—January 23, 2014 and December 12, 2013 6201 Rodgerton Drive a 1,599 SF room addition. Approved on 1/23.

—February 27, 2014 6068 Mulholland Hwy., a project proposal for a 2,394 SF house with a 220 SF accessory building. To be continued.

LA City Planning Contact:

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Beachwood Drive PPD Petition Update

By Sarajane Schwartz

All of the petitioning on Beachwood Drive has been completed. Thank you, neighbors, for all of the hard work going door to door, and thank you, residents, for your participation. PPDs have now been requested on all of Beachwood and some surrounding streets. They will be in effect on weekend days and holidays. The preferred parking districts were to include lower Beachwood from the village north to Ledgewood. The Councilman had originally included this area in the PPDs, and then against the wishes of residents, removed it. The petitions were also gathered in this area anyway in the hopes that this segment will be put back in. All of the petitions have been delivered to the City. Spring break is still the unofficial target date for the completion of this process.

PPD Additional Info and HHA Board Action

At the March 11 Board Meeting the HHA passed this motion at the request of a resident on lower Beachwood.

Because more than 67% of lower Beachwood residents have signed the petition to be included in PPD G, the HHA moves to recommend to the Department of Transportation and the Office of Councilman Tom LaBonge that all of the Hollywoodland preferential parking districts originally proposed by Councilman LaBonge be honored going forward - including the now excluded district comprising of: 1. Beachwood Dr. north of Belden Dr. and south of Ledgewood; 2. Belden Dr. between Beachwood and Woodshire; 3. Westshire between Beachwood and Woodhaven. This district differs from the others in that residents support 90-minute limits, rather than no parking, out of consideration for our Village businesses. The HHA supports all efforts to resolve the parking issues affecting the residents and businesses in PPD G.

Gate and Shuttle in the Works for Hollywoodland

By W.S. Clements

At a meeting in Griffith Park on the night of Thursday 2/20, representatives of the LA Dept. of Recreation and Parks and the office of CD4 Councilman Tom LaBonge presented Hollywoodland residents with two projects that will help relieve weekend traffic issues at the top of Beachwood and all of upper Hollywoodland.

Recreation and Parks General Manager Michael Shull showed designs for a broad wrought iron gate that will be installed at the top of Beachwood where the street ends and the road into HOLLYWOODLAND Park begins. The new gate will block all vehicles (except for those with business at the stables) feature a pedestrian entrance with a timed lock that will allow visitors to enter any time between sunrise and sunset (with a push-bar opener on the inside so visitors will be able to leave HOLLYWOODLAND Park at all times.

The new gate will put an end to chronic late-night partying at the Beachwood entrance to the park, as well as regulating the passage of hikers and other park visitors. The gate will work in tandem with Preferred Parking, which a super-majority of Beachwood residents recently approved via petition and which LADOT plans to install before summer. The overall effect of the gate and the parking restrictions will be to cut back on the traffic gridlock that occurs at the top of Beachwood every weekend.

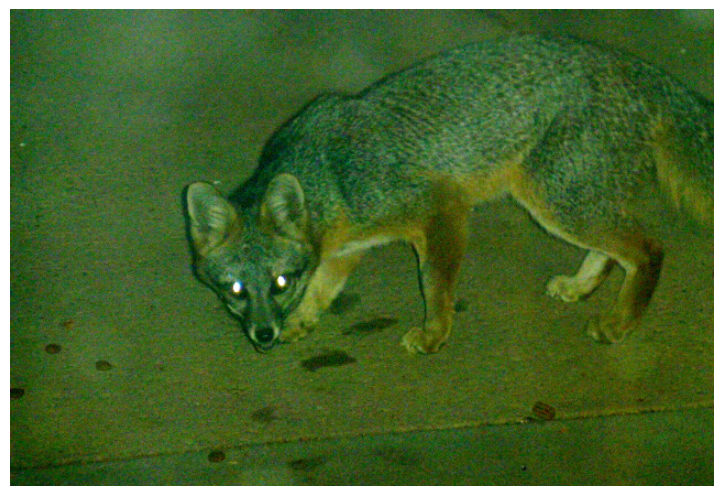
Beyond that, Rec and Parks Asst. General Manager Kevin Regan presented a plan to install a Griffith Park shuttle service that would run between the parking lots around the Greek Theater and a viewpoint on Mt. Hollywood Drive (which is currently closed to vehicular traffic). The new shuttle would be promoted as another option for visitors who want to see the sign.

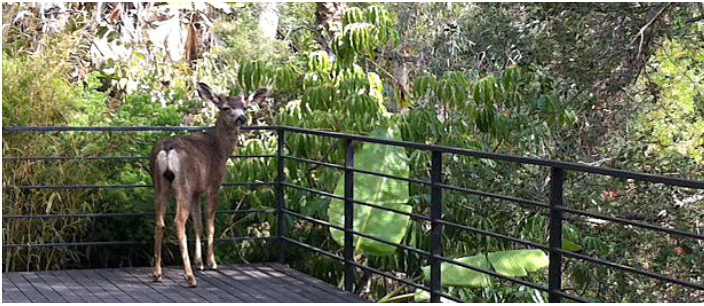
Still in the works are studies of Hollywoodland's traffic and safety issues – and additional solutions to those problems – to be proposed by LADOT, Rec. and Parks, LAPD and LAFD.

Wildlife in Hollywoodland Park Land

By Rose Ware

I have a fruit tree in my backyard that blooms fig like berries which all the animals and birds seem to like. From birds, to squirrels, raccoons they gorge themselves day and night and now I see even foxes like them. The other night I heard some commotion in my garage and it was a raccoon trying to get into a canister of dog food. He saw me and ambled out and then started to eat the berries. I turned to go inside and close the door and within a few seconds there in the shadows was another animal that I thought was either another raccoon or a coyote but instead turned out to be a Gray Fox. And a very handsome one. Of course I scrambled to get a camera and was able to take these and a few other shots but had to take them behind the glass door as I didn't want to frighten him away so they are not as crisp and sharp as I would like. But they are proof that we live in a truly special wildlife area and we need to do everything that can be done to protect these animals that we don't even realize really exist here. Because it's their home too.





Wildlife Sightings

February 8, large, handsome reddish colored coyote setting up camp in a garden on Westshire Drive. Digs a large hole to sleep in and then covering it up the hole when he awakens.

February 11, fluffily bobcat climbed bouvenllia on Westshire snatching a robin.

February 15 Bobcat observed in Beachwood garden sunning himself and overseeing humans.

February 22 baby deer frolicking on Belden Drive deck.

March 1, Mountain lion Westshire Drive, 10:45 PM.

On Facebook, you can join the group called Beachwood Coyote Watch.

Wildlife Reminders:

Do not use any kinds of rat or rodenticide poisons. “The rat poisons kills the rat but it also kills the hawk, owl or bobcat that at the rat. The unintended consequence is that these poisons accidentally kill the natural predators of rodents. They also are tied to notoedirc mange.

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Great Food – Delivered to You

There is a rather new pizza place down in the mini-mall where Victor’s deli has long held the corner. Fresh Brothers’ pizza is good! I know because they stand outside and give away slices sometimes when you take your doggie in for grooming at Tailwaggers. Fresh Brothers deliver: call 323/ 962-6262. Victor’s delivers, too—and they make a mean Corn Beef Ruben: 323/ 464-0275.

We know the Beachwood Café now delivers because the sign is right there. And what are the other great local restaurants that deliver? Send your ideas in, and we’ll get a list going.

Here’s another treasure: Ciao Cristina out on Barham makes great food plus they have an incredibly special feeling in their cozy bar with so many beers on tap. It is a jolly place. They do not deliver-deliver, but they sure deliver good food and good company where our own local Alan and Cristina cook, chat, and serve. Check it out—right across from the Warner Brothers gate, it’s the little red place on the corner. Tell them you’re a Hollywoodlander and Alan and Cristina give you 10% off your meal! How nice is that?

Contractors Contractors Contractors

Angie’s List, Angie’s List, Angie’s List. Sure, we could pay and join Angie’s List, but what about a Hollywoodlander’s List. Everyone needs a good dog walker, handyman, electrician, plumber, appliance fixer, roofer, and masseuse. Let’s say that when one of each of the following types of helpers gets 3 or more recommendations from us Hollywoodlanders, they make our list.

Email info@hollywoodland.org with your recommendation. Next issue, we will list ‘em. It’s a win-win situation because it helps when a man or woman knows our neighborhood and can maybe even serve more than one of us on a given day.

Appliance Fixer _____

Babysitter _____

Computer Person _____

Dog Walker _____

Electrician _____

Handyman _____

House Sitter _____

Masseuse _____

Plumber _____

Roofer _____

Co-Exist in Quiet

In our noisy world, we welcome the quiet of Hollywoodland when we can get it. Sunday is one day for that. All residents are to abide by the “no construction” and “no blowers” rules of Sunday. On the weekdays, it is no noise before 7AM. And parties are good – so long as they do not have amplified noise. Sometimes our guests do not know how voices carry! Try to get them not to holler to each other outside. It’s not easy to be a host—your attention is split in many directions—but remember your neighbors as well as your guests.

Samantha loves the Hollywoodland bag!

