

April 12th HHA Board meeting

agenda will soon be on: www.hollywoodland.org
RSVP to attend a Board Meeting. info@hollywoodland.org.
RSVPs will be accepted on a 1st come 1st served basis due to limited seating in living rooms. We encourage communication: reports, story ideas, ideas, complaints. Send to info@hollywoodland.org, join committees. Check the website for updates.



Upcoming DRB Meetings

 DRB Meets to meet Thur., April 14, 6PM. R.E. Office @ 2700 N. Beachwood. Nuri Cho, LADCP, Nuri.Cho@lacity.org 213/978-1177 Check WWW.HOLLYWOODLAND.ORG for details

PPDland

PPDs on Beachwood South of Ledgewood

The property manager and co-owner of the S.W. property has written an open letter to Councilperson Ryu in opposition to the way the PPDs were instituted around the businesses. See this letter at <http://hollywoodland.org/open-letter-to-councilperson-ryu/>

EXTRA Green Passes

https://prodpci.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/laopm/preferential_permit.htm allows U to pay & printout.

FLASH: ROTV

https://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley/RimoftheValleyCorridorSRS_FONSI.pdf A letter from HHA was sent to Schiff and team concerning proposed legislation. More soon.



Emergency Preparedness

When the Big One hits and everyone in your house is OK, put a White Flag outside on your door. In your car, carry: Water. Pet Food. Flashlight. Emergency Medicines. Good walking shoes.

App: Get this app for your phone:

<https://www.lacity.org/311-directory-online-services/mobile-apps-and-sites/myla311> It will enable you to call in reports and ask for help from The City while you are out walking and spotting trouble or trouble spots.

Closure: Taking a Position

Would a solution to the problems of road congestion, foot traffic, PPD issues, litter, threats to safety, and dinged property values be to close the ad hoc park entrance at the end of Beachwood?

PPDs have improved conditions in certain ways and we appreciate the progress that has been made, but they have also had negative impacts and are far from a solution. Hiking and tourist traffic continues to escalate and the insufficient infrastructure in Hollywoodland forces thousands of people, including children, to walk in our narrow streets. Large sections of our streets are without sidewalks, and this leaves the community vulnerable to serious safety issues: cars, bicycles, and pedestrians vie for space for over a mile of substandard roadway to reach the gate. With only some sections of Hollywoodland as PPDs, the fight between residential needs (access & parking) vs. hikers on foot, tourists on foot and tourists in cars ripple on to other substandard streets in Hollywoodland and then flow downstream past the gates where resident parking is already at a disadvantage.

Closing public access at the top of Beachwood is supported by close to 100% of residents on Beachwood and is also supported by some of the business owners and proprietors. It will be a cost effective solution for the City, reduce the need for PPDs in Hollywoodland, improve the outlook on property values, and most importantly it will dramatically reduce the probability of tragedy in our neighborhood. For these reasons the HHA Board has voted to support a move toward closure.

Other problem spots remain and must be addressed. For example, the "spur" off Mullholland ("dirt Mullholland") has its very own onslaught of visitors, threatening property values of all. The path atop Deronda has easements for official access to the communications tower; it was never intended as a public hiking trail—nor was the expanse of little single-lane Ledgewood that visitors use to trudge up to Deronda. We have 2016 National Park level attendance on a 1920s base infrastructure which was never calculated for mass use. The easements stated in the Quit Claim deed whereby we donated 444 acres to the City clearly testify to this.

For six years we have experienced whack-a-mole; each Band-Aid dreamed up creates a new wound somewhere else. We need comprehensive solutions or we continue to harbor dire threats to safety and the City risks being deemed criminally liable. While it is certainly time for closure at the top of Beachwood to avoid tragedy, we will be vigilant about a total solution for each and all of our tiny inlets to the park in order to return the community to peace and unity. Unlike every other park entrance off Franklin and off Forrest Lawn, these entrances are not official or public. We are enveloped by park on three sides and require a mile of traversing of lower Beachwood just to get here to proceed up a mile here, a mile there on the narrowest of tributaries. This is unsanctioned activity in a fragile R1 neighborhood, and we support closure of the top of Beachwood as a step towards closure of all public access points and a resumption of peace and safety.

COMMITTEE



REPORT

Archive Committee

By-laws, agendas, and meeting notes are being archived and getting ready for the website. This involves combing through paper & digital reports stored on thumb drives. In the future, this Board will pass along clear records and set a precedent for each new regime. ~ Alexa, Committee Chair

Letter to the Editor



In Issue #2 was a poem which said "most visitors are nice" but for those who choose to have sex in our yards and leave dings in our cars we prefer them to walk the pathways on Mars. This poem provoked a note from someone who did not leave her

or his name. Here it is:

March 2016

To the HHA Board,

I was just reading the March newsletter. I appreciate the information and notes about neighborhood events and issues. I've lived here for a fair number of years and have been a member of the HHA through thick and thin. However, I want to say that the recent "poem," in my eyes, is sophomoric, out of line and frankly in bad taste. It is 3rd grade humor at best and reflects poorly on us as a community. At the very least this "poem" should be attributed to the author. Personal opinions are fine, but this "poem" makes me cringe and want to disassociate from the HHA and it makes me feel that the HHA is not the right voice to represent our great neighborhood. This kind of writing does nothing to advance our community in the eyes of those who may be able to help and its silliness discounts a more serious dialogue that I'd hope the HHA endeavors to establish. I don't think I'm the only one who feels this way.

I trust this note will reach the HHA Board and would appreciate if my sentiments could be reflected in the meeting minutes posted at the market. Ideally, a simple comment in next month's newsletter would be appreciated.

Thanks for your review and consideration.

PHONES



Hollywood Police Wilcox: 213-972-2971
Sr. Lead Officer Manny Sanchez 213/793-0704
Hollywood Watch Commander: 213-972-2971
SLO main office (all of City) 323/871-4068
LAFD Battalion 5: 213/485-6275
CD4 Ryu: 213/473-7004 downtown 323/957-6415 Hwd
Ranger Pete: 323/644-6661
Parking violation: 213/485-4184, "1" then "2"
DWP (water leaks): 800/342-5397
Gas smell: 800/427-2200

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HOLLYWOODLAND CONTEST

Something is happening in May. Guess and win a prize!

CLUE #1: May 19th marks a special anniversary in Hollywoodland.

CLUE #2: There were "100s of dancing girls gyrating madly in leopard skin robes." write info@hollywoodland.org

Ryu invites YOU

... to his office to go thru LaBonge material that was headed for the dumpster. Contact Sr. Deputy Catherine.Landers@lacity.org



Did you purchase your \$2 envelope of original Hollywoodland seeds from "My Fair Lady"?

Now's the time! Send a picture if they sprout!

We'll publicize.

More Coyotes ... from Urban Coyote Project on bites " it was known that coyotes were being fed (either intentionally or accidentally) near the attack site. One victim was bitten while feeding a coyote and another was bitten by a coyote that was being fed by her parents." So it appears there is often a human cause to the bites in the first place.

<http://www.urbancoyoteproject.com/blog/2015/3/10/its-coyote-pupping-season-what-you-need-to-know-to-coexist#.VvripJowfBM.facebook>

H O M E L E S S N E S S

Throughout the US the rising cost of housing and an uneven economic recovery has contributed to the rise in homelessness. In warm climates the growing numbers of homeless can be seen sleeping in cars, setting up tents under freeway overpasses and in make shift encampments. In Los Angeles county it is estimated that the number of homeless has doubled over the last two years causing city officials last September to declare it a Public Emergency. What was once a "skid row" problem is now prevalent throughout Los Angeles.

In the past few months, Hollywoodland residents have reported routinely seeing people come into the neighborhood at night to sleep in their cars; recently, a homeless man on a bicycle set out a tarp on a Beachwood sidewalk and spent the night.

My Hollywoodland neighbors and I (on a narrow, curvy side street) were faced with the moral dilemma of wanting to help another person in need and the reality of having an unknown person sleeping within steps of our homes. With concerns for safety, we put a call into LAPD and were told it is not illegal to live in your car on a public street as long as you move the car every few days. We were also referred to DOT for ticketing if in fact the car was not moved. However, we had a very kind Officer come by to let the man know he had best move on.

The Officer also advised the neighbors to call as soon as we see these nighttime visitors cautioning that if one or two of these situations go unreported and word gets around how hospitable and quiet the neighborhood is, one car can quickly turn into a caravan of homeless bedding down in Hollywoodland and there is not much LAPD can do. We were told our best course of action was to make sure the uninvited overnighters knew they would be watched.

As much as my heart goes out to those who have hit upon hard times, I am not comfortable with strangers sleeping (and who knows what else) right outside my bedroom window. For now I will count my blessings and focus on supporting the outreach programs that help those in trouble find better solutions than bunking in a 1990 Toyota or on a City sidewalk.

If you want to find out more information on homeless support programs and providers, please visit www.lahsa.org.

By Anonymous Member

HOLLYWOODLAND  Flea Market May 1st
Clean out your drawers and garages. To register or for questions, contact hhaevents@gmail.com
Sign up at "Events" at www.hollywoodland.org

Are you a painter? Did you ever dream of painting out of doors with fellow painters? Let's do it, HHA members interested in a daytime painting/drawing sessions in one, then two, then three of our beautiful Hollywoodland Garden settings. Let's begin. We'll find the gardens; you bring the easels. Email info@Hollywoodland.org Put art in the head