

Homeowners Association

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#### May 10th HHA Board meeting

HHA information, reports, agendas, policies, and positions are available for reading and comments on www.hollywoodland.org

Distinguished guests invited JUNE: Senior Lead Officer Sanchez To visit a Board meeting, RSVP; RSVPs required due to limited seating in living rooms. RSVPs, inquiries and comments to info@hollywoodland.org



#### **Upcoming DRB Meeting**

**Thur., May 26, 6PM.** R.E. Office @ 2700 N. Beachwood. Nuri Cho, LADCP, Nuri.Cho@lacity.org 213/978-1177 Check WWW.HOLLYWOODLAND.ORG for details



#### **Emergency Preparedness**

June is Earthquake Awareness Month for Hollywoodland. There are too many "experts" talking about the readiness of the San Andreas. We will raffle off an earthquake preparedness kit and offer advice and compiling one for your household and family. Anyone interested in participating in this communication, write info@hollywoodland.org

#### **Canyon Crime**

Within the past two months, three of our businesses were violated, the most recent being a break in at The Market. In under five minutes, thieves managed to get the entire safe out. This took place on Wednesday at 3AM. My Fair Lady Flowers fared equally a couple of weeks prior. A few weeks before it was the Antique Shop. And on the "oh, really?" side of things, someone has been pilfering the free books from the little book case tucked inside the West gate. This is to say nothing of the residents' homes that took a hit, the latest being the construction site on Hollyridge where Doron has been working so long and hard with contractors to bring back that once green mid-century that is across from "the castle." Those thieves took a lot.

The more cameras installed in our homes, the more possible discovery we can share.

# COMMITTEE 4



#### **Kids of HOLLYWOODLAND Committee**

Mothers and fathers: This committee needs a chair. Our kids can use more fun and attention: just ask them. Chris had the idea that with a collection of original decomposed granite rocks kids could learn from a mason how to construct a wall the way our historic walls were constructed. Fun!

#### **MEMBERSHIP** Committee

Membership is up—but we want even more. We are encouraged that residents appear to enjoy our recommitment to communication via newsletter and website attention. We are also encouraged by a positive and useful use of the private group on FaceBook (FB). The FB group is not limited to HHA members but is limited to HOLLYWOODLAND residents. Let's make it even more peace and less bellyache, more creativity and fewer complaints, more unity and more fun. Shares!

In June, we launch a program to welcome new residents to our neighborhood and to encourage them to join HHA. New residents will receive a satchel with a few goodies and a trove of literature designed to get them into the spirit of neighborhood unity and cooperation.

We encourage all members to participate in communication. Ask your neighbors if they are members. If not, encourage them to join. We have a special offer to new members for the remaining ½ year of 2016: \$40, then commence in 2017 with the annual dues.

Unity brings strength, exchange, and creativity.

~ Soren Kerk, Chair

#### **Talk and Action**

Sometimes we say there is too much talk and not enough action, but sometimes it is the reverse. Someone thought that without even talking to the neighborhood about NO PARKING and maybe parking meters here in our area which is not zoned for parking meters would be a good idea. Someone was dispatched and managed to erect one sign. Someone else put in a "What the h---" call and the Council office admitted even they didn't know what was going on, and the sign was quickly sawed off. The stub remained for several days, very dangerous. Finally, someone covered it with an orange cone - and the next day it was gone. How much time. money and trust down the drain.

Communication is key. We do have to talk and we do have to act, typically in that order. It is quite amazing

#### The Bard of Beachwood



Honoring both Shakespeare's and our canyon's history, on Thursday May 19, the HHA in conjunction with The Actors Fund presents a tribute to a 1916 event: 100 years ago, the largest theatrical event of all time was presented right here! It was a one-night production of "Julius Caesar" with a cast of 5000 people. Between 40,000 and 50,000 people attended. It was before Hollywoodland development even began, and it centered on the zone that we now call the Village Green.

We are not seeking to bring that many souls to the canyon Thursday night, but we do plan to honor the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's death on that day. We will place "markers" around Hollywoodland to indicate the enormity of the stage that was made 100 years ago. After the market closes at 8PM, chairs will be set up in the parking lot and this event will take place as night descends: brief "lectures", music, readings, and of course food.

This is a chance to learn, celebrate, and appreciate your neighbors and their talents for history and Shakespeare: Speak the speech!

## **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 downtwn 323/957-6415 Hollywd

Ranger Pete: 323/644-6661

Parking violation: 213/485-4184, "1" then "2"

DWP (water leaks): 800/342-5397

Gas smell: 800/427-2200

#### **EMAILS**

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<u>Sarah.Dusseault@lacity.org</u> HHA: <u>info@hollywoodland.org</u> sometimes how talking with "the other side" can lighten up both "sides" and then a solution appears.

Public works action: Oak tree and slough from the rain caused street debris making Belden almost impassable. Daniel Park and Catherine Landers from Councilman Ryu's office facilitated the clean-up.



### Who decides

So much is going on it our neighborhood, but not always by those of us in our neighborhood. Signs were erected in Griffith Park (GP) in the Hollywoodland gifted portion (see below); a plan was launched about parking meters or limited parking signs near the businesses (see opposite side and see Greg Williams open letter to Ryu on the website); the federal government is moving forward on a plan that will impact GP; HUNC board members were elected and they have a say over our neighborhood; thieves consider our property their own (see other side). The City has a May 17 meeting about its "Hollywood Community Plan" which you should try to attend. A young commentator/videographer posted a YouTube on "Curbed LA" proclaiming us to be right 1 percenter types who just want to be mean and who tell lies to under-funded visitors who just want a close-up selfie.

We will re-commit to posting news on the website for it happens more quickly than newsletters can accommodate; you will be informed either through an email blast or through the FaceBook page or both.

**GP Signs** 



Against the wishes of the HHA Board and the majority of residents, the Griffith Park Advisory Board recommended these directional signs for the Hollywoodland Gifted Park. These include not only distances, but also photo icons for the illegal viewpoint at the DWP easement to the Tyrolian Tank and the much-beleaguered emergency communications center at the top of Mount Lee. These signs will only aggravate an already untenable situation in the park itself as well as Hollywoodland. It is unfortunate that the monies could not be spent cleaning up the graffiti, infrastructure damage and erosion caused by the visitors. The habitat of this portion of Griffith Park has reached its breaking point.