

Homeowners Association

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NEXT Board Meeting: July 12

RSVP to attend info@hollywoodland.org
HHA information, reports, upcoming agendas, guests, past approved minutes, policies, and positions are available for reading and comments on www.hollywoodland.org

Officer Sanchez Met with the Board

Our Senior Lead Officer Manny Sanchez visited the Board. He reported on the "D" climber and he offered tips on how to protect ourselves since the police cannot, as we know, reach us at the time of violations. These tips are reported on our website www.hollywoodland.org in a new section under NEWS called "Safety Tips." Thank you Officer Sanchez.

Motions Passed in May

- To send a letter to the City Council Transportation Committee opposing parking meters in the Village and to request a formal process for study and transparency in the process. Unanimous
- 2. To oppose the proposed City Ordinance changes allowing short-term rentals and granny-flats in all parts of the city and request that City zone Hollywoodland as R-1 exclusively. Unanimous
- 3. To revise the Standing Rules of the board to use Facebook Messenger for emergencies. Unanimous
- 4. To support the Coalition to Preserve LA / Public Integrity Initiate. Pass with one opposed.
- 5. To approve \$500 for the Shakespeare event.
 Unanimous
- 6. To approve \$300 for watering system in the Village Green Planters. Unanimous.



Board Opening

We had a resignation on our HHA board. If any member is interested in serving please submit your name to

info@hollywoodland.org by July 11. Join us?

What's Going on in Dog Park?

One resident communicated with The City to learn about the current construction in Dog Park.

Click here to learn more.

And The City response

Safety First

The Safety Committee is investigating the cost, feasibility, and operations of cameras at the Village Gates. These could be useful in the investigation of suspicious and criminal activity.



There are new levels of noise from The Bowl. One HHA Board member is working on this and will report soon.

HILLSIDE FEDERATION

An HHA Board member will attend the July Hillside Federation in July to seek comments, feedback, and support for a hillside-wide solution to a problem which several streets experience in unique ways and for various reasons. We will report back. See the proposal here.



Failure! We learn from it, right? My attempts at planting the Theodore Payne wildflower mix was a bit of a flop. In the February newsletter, we shared a 1923 Los Angeles Times article about how Payne was hired to beautify the undeveloped Hollywoodland hillsides with wildflowers. I contacted the Theodore Payne Foundation's director and the seed mix manager to recreate the original Hollywoodland mix. We decided not to be overly ambitious about our quest, limiting the sowing to planters in the Village Green. The seeds were sown, but without rain and broken sprinklers the end result was a failure.

I am not discouraged, however, and I made notes for the next rainy season. This is what I learned about sowing: birds love the seeds and the ground must be wet until spouts appear. I had limited success with some individual pots that I monitored and hovered over protectively. These pots produced a bright blue Gilas that were displayed in My Fair Lady's florist shop in May. This encouraged me for the next rainy season. Meantime, I am getting sowing commitments from our empty lot owners so we can share a glorious show *next* spring. Please let me know if you have a barren hillside and would like to participate.

~ report by Chris O'Brien

<u>Safety page here.</u> Report incidents to the authorities, and report them to us. We will post.

Emergency Preparedness

August is Hollywoodland Earthquake Awareness Month.
We will raffle off an earthquake preparedness kit.
We will sponsor a Hollywoodland drill for.
Details to follow in August issue.

Travels with Frank and Louie

Late last month I took a llama backpacking adventure with local legend Frank Pierson and my boy Louie, 'The Backwoods Show Dog'. Ninety-one-year-old Frank has been recovering from some health issues, but is determined to get himself in shape to participate in the Huntsman Games (A Senior Olympics) this fall. He accepted my invitation to do a 15 mile round trip hike in the Sierras as part of his conditioning, figuring the altitude would add to the workout.



We took 5 llamas packing our gear up to Kennedy Lake near Sonora Pass, north of Yosemite. The scenic hike is rather dramatic in places, great views of waterfalls, cliffs and

snowcapped mountains...but there's a lot of dusty slogging too. We camped under lodge pole pines at the edge of the huge meadow below the lake. The grass was high for the llamas and there is a beautiful stream nearby for water. The runoff is still a little too high and turgid for fishing, so I put that aside for later in the year. We all got in some day hiking up to the lake, explored the area and I got some shut-eye in my hammock next to the creek...that's what I'm talkin' about!

All in all it was a great trip...I enjoyed Frank's company on the trail...he's had an interesting life...and what's remarkable to me is his enthusiasm for physical challenges and new adventures. Inspirational!

PHONES 6



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

CD4 Ryu: downtown 323/957-6415 Hollywood

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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Ryu staff: <u>Sarah.Dusseault@lacity.org</u> HHA: info@hollywoodland.org **Neighborhood Integrity Initiative**

HHA agrees it is vital to keep planning & zoning in check in Hollywood proper. Many structures are large and have little parking, affordable housing, or augmentations to keep our city livable.

Give 2preservela \$6—or \$1930 http://2preservela.org/

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

The Good

- 1. No fires over the 4th of July holiday weekend
- 2. Lauren Mann's film "Swiss Army Man" is at the ArcLight
- 3. Many residents did brush clearance
- 4. Frank Pierson and Jack Conrad and Louie went camping
- 5. Bronx moved into the Tolman's house
- 6. Charlie is looking healthy, handsome, and hearty
- 7. My Fair Lady Flowers contributed to welcome packs
- 8. Parking tickets are being given to PPD violators
- 9. Steve Smith keeps racking up awards
- 10. The stupid publicity seeker who climbed the "D" last month was pinched to the highest level possible by law: a fine, restitution, and a work program.

The Bad

- 1. Coyote hunter continues to wound the coyotes
- 2. People walk many abreast in the street
- 3. Children run dangerously and skateboarders careen wildly
- 4. An 18 wheeler took out a wall at Hollyridge and Beachwood
- 5. Tour vans continue up here
- 6. Illegal vendors sponsor hikes and make money off our streets
- 7. Airbnb renters were victims of a weird daytime armed robbery
- 8. Smokers smoke and get away with it
- 9. Visitors stop and park in the red at Vista for their shots
- 10. We pay overtime for the Guard at Beachwood, but violations take place under his gaze. Is he given authority?

The Uglv

- 1. Spent **condoms** at the curb
- 2. Gang tags on the stanchions at The Vista
- 3. Trash in the streets: cans, wrappers, other visitor leavings
- 4. Graffiti on the historic wall under Wolf's Lair
- 5. Visitors **urinating** on Beachwood doorstop <u>yes, see</u>
- 6. Diaper changing at illegal entrance at the top of Beachwood
- 7. Deronda used by cyclists as adventure strip
- 8. No matter how much HHA and Hollywoodland Residents implore The City to pay attention to the powder keg they have created, The City responds with Band-Aids. *They have no memory* of what this

neighborhood was five years ago.

- 9. Scores of visitors **trespass** into the road to The Sunset Stables **after hours.** It is a free-for-all.
- 10. **Erosion** of parkland from illegal, off-trail hikers who access the unsanctioned entrance atop of Beachwood.

