

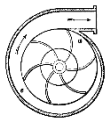


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- HHA Board Meeting: Sep 13
- RSVP to attend any board meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month. Agenda posted 36 hrs. prior and prior motions passed are posted.
- **DRB Meeting** Thur., Aug 11, 6PM. RE Office. LADCP, Nuri.Cho@lacity.org 213/978-1177 HHA Pres & VP met with City on 8/3 about a serious code violation and worked towards its reversal.

New Board Member

We welcome **Laura Davis** to the Board. We look forward to her even handed professionalism. Laura will chair the Membership Committee.



HHA bought a **pond pump** for The Village Green. The plants now get water.

Flashy Accident

Fortunately, no one was hurt in this exceptional incident: A driverless Audi flew down Ledge wood 10PM on a Saturday night two weeks ago. Brakes went out, driver bailed, and car plowed into a wall on 2300 block. Surely this is not what Elon Musk had in mind.



What's that? Huh? Can't hear you. There's too much noise coming from The Hollywood Bowl. Before the summer season is over, HHA may have found a route to gain some relief for next summer. More as it becomes available.

New videos featuring what has transpired in HOLLYWOODLAND since 2011. [Watch](#) this one! From there you can link to his other ones on this issue.

You Report, HHA posts

Safety incidents mount. It is very important that you report incidents to the authorities with time, place, pictures—and please cc: info@hollywoodland.org . . . [we post here](#)



Granny Units

The pols soon vote on a plan to permit "Granny units". For more & to write a letter <http://hollywoodland.org/granny-apartments-plum-letters-now-before-break/>

Crime Uptick

These past 12 months have seen an increase in crime in our once low-crime area. One car stolen from a Ledge wood driveway, a rifling through of a car on Beach wood this weekend, more than a half-dozen mailboxes hit with a crowbar, one construction site on Holly ridge hit twice, and three of our five businesses on the Village curve burglarized. Good time to get security cameras and share viewing with your neighbors. And look below, too – HHA is considering sponsorship of cameras at The Village Green.

Security Cameras



How do YOU feel about **cameras** in the Village? [CLICK HERE](#) to join a discussion. Do you have experience with cameras at your house? Do you have a brand you recommend? An installer? Is it really ok to go wireless? What about cameras in the Village? Do you think it would be a good idea to have a record of license plates entering and leaving HOLLYWOODLAND? Help protect our businesses and ourselves? Keep an eye on the gatherings on The Village Green? HHA is gathering some bids, descriptions, and funding ideas. This involves YOU! We want your views too so [READ ON...](#)

Trespassing

This misdemeanor is getting to be a serious problem in our neighborhood. Up at the top of Beach wood, a visitor-made path goes right up around the gate which cost the City (that's us) 10s of 1,000s of dollars. The agile, willing, selfish walker can just boogie on in after-hours. So too can visitors decide to picnic, party, smoke and listen to music up Deronda onto Mt. Lee drive and up between the houses on Dirt Mulholland. And then there are the many yards and walls which host the thoughtless tourist who just has to get that shot of his friends holding up the HOLLYWOOD sign. Imagine seeding that nice yard at Durand and Heather, for example: a perfect place for the group shot. These visitors don't mean to be selfish: they just don't think.



3 "pros" wanted!

- Landscape architect/designer to assist with The Specific Plan
 - Attorney to review letters, trademark info & land use
 - Biologist to identify wildlife, plant, insect species in adjacent Hollywood land park land
- Here's a chance to put your expertise to work for community enrichment in a way that only YOU can do!

Our 4-legged friends

LA City Animal Control / Wildlife Division is working on the wounded coyote issue. And please DO NOT use rat poison. Yes, it kills your problem rats, but it is a slow death - enough time for the rat to wander out and get eaten by a predator and up the food chain it goes. Next thing you know, bobcats, hawks, owls, coyotes and even P22 get to suffer the same miserable death that the rat that was bothering you in your garage got to have.

My Fair Lady's Flowers

has pre-made \$20 hand ties available. Shop-to-car exchange if you text 760-807-8819 ahead of time.

FIRE

The July 19th **fire was a bit scary for some**. People are working on a detailed report: start, duration, follow up. More as it becomes available. Holly Street had a voluntary evacuation. We want to learn more about that and to begin to fathom our own evacuation.

Hollywoodland Kids

... needs YOU. HHA sponsors some events for our kids (e.g., Halloween, Easter) and much more could be done for our little ones as well as their big ones (you moms and dads). Will you head up or serve on the committee called HOLLYWOODLAND Kids? Think of what you Moms and Dads could share: economies, stories, books, stuff, more stuff, ideas, and resources.



What are *you* reading? [Click](#) and join in discussion. Do we have enough readers to form a Beachwood Book Club or do we talk books right here on line? If there is interest, we will forge a special place where you can add a post of your own or comment on the posts of others.

PHONES



Hollywood Police Wilcox: 213-972-2971
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Hollywood Watch Commander: 213-972-2971
LAFD Battalion 5: 213/485-6275
CD4: 213/473-7004 DTLA 323/957-6415Hwd
Ranger Pete: 323/644-6661
Parking violation: 213/485-4184, "1" then "2"
H2O leaks: 800/342-5397 Gas smell: 800/427-2200



List at <http://hollywoodland.org/contact-us/>

Interview with Alexa, Deronda resident

How long have you lived up here on Deronda?

My dad designed and built the house in 1952, so I grew up here. I lived down next to the Village most of my adult life, but when Dad passed away in 2014 I moved back up. For the record: in 1952 the Hollywood sign consisted of the twisted and mangled remains of the old Hollywoodland sign. There were only four or five intact letters.

Are you at the "foot" by "Five Corners" or more up toward the top?
Close to the top.

I know you folks up here are in one of the 'pinch points' – are you unified as a block, as a community?

My neighbors on both Deronda and Rockcliff are pretty unified. The only caveat is the last four homes on Deronda and all of the homes on the Deronda side of "Dirt Mulholland" are rentals. That's eight homes with only one couple at the top and Guy Polhman truly involved in the situation.

Talk to me about the gate at the end of Deronda: When did it get put in and under what circumstances? When did it disappear and under what circumstances? Do you have any idea of who disappeared it?

When I was a kid in the early sixties there was no gate there and at night the Mt. Lee road turned into a popular speedway for guys, their girlfriends and their muscle cars. After one unfortunate drove off the edge and into the canyon killing all in the car, my dad worked with the HHA and the City to install a gate. The existing gate was built in the 1990s, as part of an agreement between developers of the first three houses on "Dirt Mulholland" and the City to allow the builders to gate that portion of Mulholland. Originally, there was a pedestrian gate, but it did just "disappear" a few years later. It's probably in the bottom of the canyon. The City did not want to bother with a new one.

What's it like up here on a "bad day", e.g., a holiday or a beautiful weekend day?

When the HHA performed traffic calculations last spring the daily pedestrian count was between 336 and 1800 per day and the vehicles came it at 96 - 384 per day with PPDs in effect. Deronda also has a very high count of bicyclists, since they love the challenge of the Mt. Lee Road. Unfortunately, most cyclists refuse to obey the speed limit when they get back on Deronda and it is a nightmare for drivers - an accident waiting to happen. Both this summer and last there has been a sharp uptick in people walking up to the park at dusk when, theoretically, the park is closed. My biggest complaint about all these visitors is that they are so frigging noisy and most have no regard for private property. They are oblivious to the fact that they are in a residential neighborhood, a once very quiet residential neighborhood.

Was it worse before the PPDs?

Before the PPDs it once took me fourteen minutes to turn into my driveway from two houses down the road. It was absolute gridlock. Now the vehicular traffic is much better, but the pedestrians have increased.

Tell me about the 'service road.' To continue reading this interview, [CLICK](#) 