

GRIFFITH PARK NEWS AND UPDATES

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Hello from Park Services Office in Griffith Park!

The Department of Recreation and Parks reminds you to please social distance and wear a face covering while in Griffith Park. Let's work together to keep our park open!

Department of Recreation and Parks Executive Management communicate daily with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health on the COVID pandemic. Decisions are made at the highest level of management, including the Mayor's office and Council Offices to ensure public safety during this crisis. Park closures by the Rangers may occur intermittently and without notice once the park reaches capacity.

*** NO SMOKING, NO FIRES ANYWHERE IN GRIFFITH PARK***

Fines up to \$1000.00

Park updates from Acting Superintendent, Stephanie Smith



- **PARK CLOSURES;** Griffith Observatory, Greek Theatre, carousel , Autry Museum, train rides, Travel Town, Wonderview/Burbank trail to Wisdom Tree remain closed as does the LADOT DASH service to the Observatory. The Griffith Parkline is suspended. Pony rides opening back up soon.

- **The Los Angeles Zoo is open! Playgrounds are open! Exercise area is open!**

- The next Griffith Park Advisory meeting scheduled November 19, 2020 at 6:30pm via zoom. Link to join can be found on the agenda which is always posted on the Griffith Park webpage 72hours prior to a scheduled meeting. The public is always welcome and encouraged to join meetings and participate in public comment. Your voice matters.

- Do you know that Recreation and Parks (RAP) is responsible for the Mass Care Branch for the City of Los Angeles during an

emergency? Amidst the pandemic, RAP had mobilized to set up and operate 24 emergency shelters, 2 trailer shelter locations, childcare services for essential workers and 24 hour maintenance services ensuring a safe environment for all Angelinos involved. RAP still continues to assist around the clock response to every aspect of emergency operations within the department. We are proud of our team who have risen to the challenges of responding to this crisis and being first responders.

We are now in a fiscal crisis due to the pandemic. There is a hiring freeze, no new employees will be hired and many staff will be taking early retirement. This will leave the city parks short staffed for the next fiscal year. There will be no new projects at this time that have not previously been awarded to a contractor or that is not urgent. RAP will continue to maintain the park as we always have. Maintenance staff is among the hardest working and most attentive in the City of Los Angeles.

- The Autry Museum of the Southwest. , <https://theautry.org/AutryOnline> , has some interesting online events happening here, check it out.
- This sweet pup was found in Griffith Park by a terrific couple who arranged to have him brought to a rescue. He is a wonderful dog, loving, cuddly, good with kids and cats, great hiking buddy and he is looking for his forever home. To apply to adopt visit www.maedayrescue.com or see him on Instagram #maedayrescue
- We received many emails regarding a broken fountain and empty trough in Toyon Canyon. Thank you for your concern for wildlife! Toyon is under the purview of Sanitation .Once we let them know they quickly discovered a broken water line and began repair immediately.
- The abandoned sewage building across the street from Live Steamers has been removed.
- Become a member! Friends of Griffith Park is a partner of ours and often has great events scheduled. <https://friendsofgriffithpark.org/>
- The Greek Theatre is hosting drive in movie nights this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Theses dates are SOLD OUT <https://www.cinespia.com> .More good things happening at the Greek soon so sign up for their newsletter today for updates. <https://www.lagreektheatre.com/events/greek-theatre-newsletter>
- If you have comments or questions regarding Aerial Transit Feasibility Study, there is still time to weigh in : hello@griffithparkaerialtransit.com or (818) 600-9525 (leave a voice message)



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A small train engine at Griffith Park's Travel Town was nicknamed 'Donkey' by Harbor Department workers who used it in building the San Pedro breakwater and subsequent deepening of the harbor.
(April 1954)

-Photo/text credit: Valley Relics Museum

Stay Safe and healthy and enjoy the park!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!