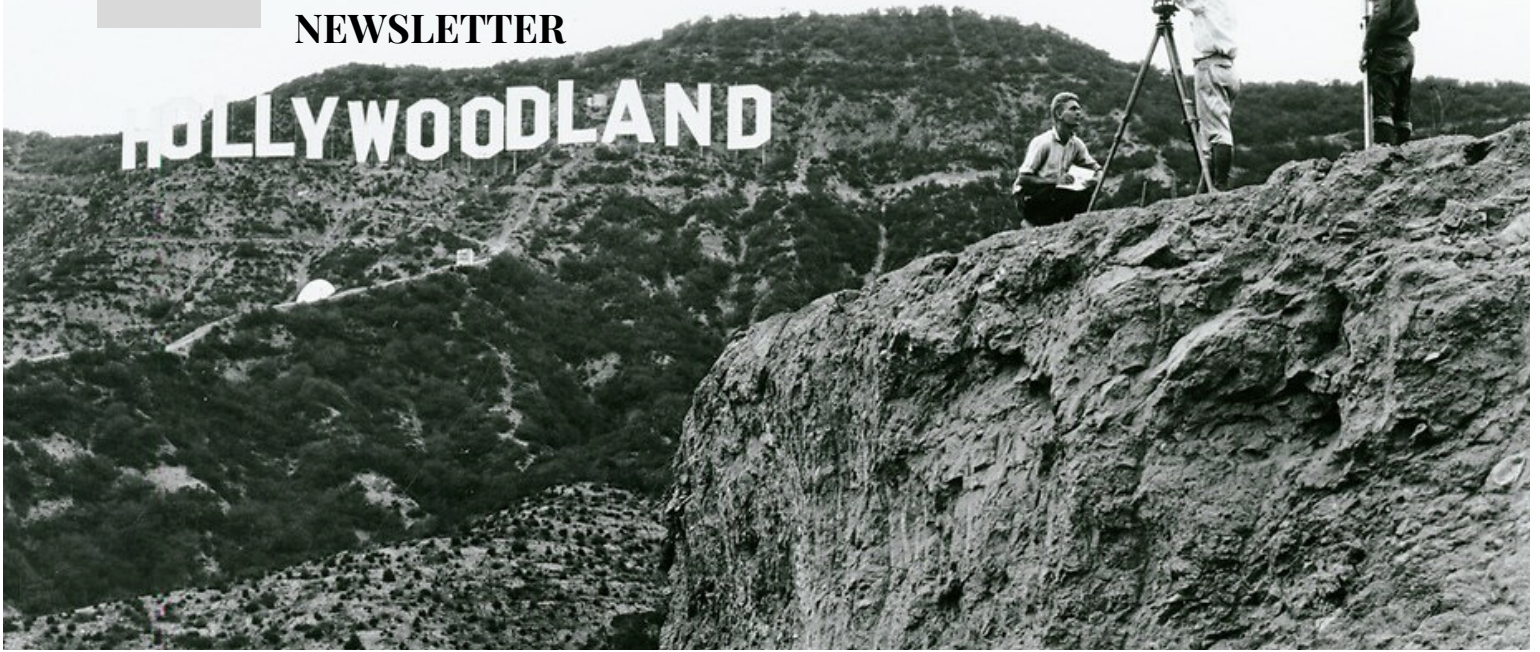




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HOLLYWOODLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Well, I am back at this for another year! There is so much to do. We will be sharing and recovering Hollywoodland's one hundred year history while keeping the day to day issues in order.

In the past we were somewhat immune to homeless people wandering our streets. It is a long, upward, difficult slog to reach Hollywoodland. In March, however "Gary" was spotted by several neighbors on Beachwood, Westshire, Ledgewood, Rodgerton, Woodshire and Durand. He was shoeless, wearing red shorts and quite dirty. Since that visit he has been observed on Franklin, Hillhurst, the Oaks, Los Feliz. Others have observed him at the Gower underpass collection. Our senior lead Officer Mata is on the alert to get him medical assistance. I have met with our county representative for Supervisor Barger to discuss this issue and this is what they shared: "

The Supervisor supports conservatorship/gravely disabled legislation that would be a first step towards stabilizing individuals. The Supervisor would also agree that many issues facing our homeless individuals require more than a housing first approach." In the meantime alert us and Officer Mata if you see Gary or any individual like him who needs more than just housing. Our neighbor, Hoss Zargarian is attending the LAPD monthly community meetings and he can also share updates.

Cultural Heritage Updates: CD4 has obtained funding for both the historic Beachwood/Hollyridge stairs and the cracked wall on double Mulholland. BOE (Bureau of Engineering) geotech division will be evaluating and issuing a preliminary report regarding the wall. Once that is complete recommendations for repair will be developed.

The 100th committee is obtaining bids to light the archways for the east and west entrance gates. We hope to complete the project in 2023 as a present to Hollywoodland. We will gladly accept donations. (continued on page 2)

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Join us for an easter egg hunt,
Sunday April 17th @ 2pm
Hollywoodland Village Green



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Substantiating facts: Interesting the city did not produce a traffic study prior to the Hollywoodland or Barham DWP Projects. The last data was done in 2013. Your HHA is planning to address this by obtaining a program that will measure pedestrian and auto traffic traversing through the village. This is the type of thing your dues support goes towards. Many of you benefit from our volunteer efforts and members donations yet are unwilling to support us. We would like to understand why not.

Sign Concerns and Untruths: The Ramshouse sign adventure was pushed by the mayor's office. Although we were informed a few days before the event, our opinions did not weigh in on the matter. The Mayor's display did not seem to generate the affect they anticipated. Credit to CD4 who strongly discouraged the use of the sign. Being in a very severe high fire hazard zone, coupled with our narrow, steep winding streets and no official entrances into the park should be a clue to avoid such actions.

We will continue to remind the public about the history of Hollywoodland, the facts relating to the current Hollywood sign being 44 years old and the need to continue to tell our story about our unique neighborhood and its surrounding open space.

What we need to know from you!

Do you think Innsdale Drive should have limited access hours and fenced? LHE is proposing this. I have asked for details from Public Works about the ownership and restrictions for the street that has been withdrawn from public use since 1933. I have waited patiently since November! Before moving forward on any issue I feel getting as much background information is necessary to make appropriate decisions.

Do you think Lake Hollywood Estates should be included in our PPD district? They have asked since the city is not issuing new area for PPDs.

Do you have any ideas on how to celebrate our 100th?

Has your fire insurance increased in cost? Have you been canceled?

Should PPDs on Mulholland Hwy. be 7 days a week. Should "No stopping" signs displayed? Do we need more fire warning signs? Why won't the city remove the tour vans even though there is an ordinance allowing this?

The county supervisor has offered to give a presentation for the Ford Theater hiking trail? Do you want it?

Signed, Christine O'Brien, HHA President

Have comments or thoughts you'd like to share? Join our monthly board meeting - second Tuesday every month. For access, please be a current member of HHA and email us at hha@hollywoodland.org

DWP Project Update (Mulholland Highway)

Since February the council office has arranged weekly meetings with various city agencies associated with the underground water vault system currently under construction at Mulholland and LedgeWood. These meetings have included: DWP, DOT, LAFD, RAP, and the affected HOA's. The project is in a very tight space, coupled by the incessant illegal tours and visitors who traverse the vicinity. Their presence makes it unsafe, time consuming and difficult to assure safety to residents and workers. We have asked for an evacuation plan however, LAFD has sidelined us. We will assume the emergency plan developed in 2006-2007 (found in our archives) is what we will follow. Completion of the project is June 2022. The DWP is accommodating our concerns. If any residents needs windshield stickers identifying you as a resident of the neighborhood for the purpose of traversing this area of the neighborhood, please contact the HHA.



HOLLYWOODLAND 100TH ANNIVERSARY

We need everyone's help, enthusiasm and ideas to pull off a happy year-long celebration. How many residents have lived here for over 50 years? How many between 25 and 50 years? How many just joined us in the last two years? Do you know the history of your house: the year it was built and how many residents it housed since then. What amazing and amusing stories came from their lives here? That's what we want: stories! Our community has been home to artists, businesspeople, inventors, saints, and sinners. How many children have spent their blessed childhoods here? What can we bring out and share with one another to deepen and tighten our bonds? What's the story of technology through the decades? Do you think every house had a telephone in the 20s? Party lines? How many incinerators were there in the 20s? Did women hang the laundry out to dry? How did families fit their cars into those tiny garages and their wardrobes into those little closets?

We plan to have a HOLLYWOODLAND museum right there in the Real Estate office where it all began in 1923. In just a few short years, our original mansions, homes, and cottages were built with taste and elegance appropriate for Hollywood. Can you guess the number of "originals?" Was there a single home at all built during the 30s Great Depression or the War Years of the 40s? Which homes were the first in the boom of the 50s? In the museum, there will be photos, newspaper articles, and other mementoes of our neighborhood. And there we can gather and exchange. Let's make that picnic table resound with talk and laughter with our 2022 planning.

In 2023, we will host live events—a dinner at The Sunset Stables (or maybe downtown) music in the Market parking lot, ZOOM lectures on geology, masonry, native plants and wildlife, the great Fire of 1961, the Julius Caesar production of 1916, the history of the Design Review Board and of the HHA, the agony of the mile-long line of cars when the Council person made an ad hoc offer to tourists for free parking on Sunset Stables grounds. The story of LAND falling off the sign. We can also provide on line talks on special "lists" and topics, e.g., what celebrities lived where and when—by street, by decade. On architectural walks some may open up their beautiful homes. It would be great if our teens create something special. For six successive weeks we can walk up and down our not-so-secret stairs—wearing HOLLYWOODLAND tank tops, sporting HOLLYWOODLAND baseball caps, and carrying HOLLYWOODLAND totes. We will light the gates and hang high a banner. Maybe you will write a song.

Your interest and help is key!

Participate in both the planning year 2022 and the celebration year 2023. This is all about community. Write to info@hollywoodland.org. Become an Ambassador for HHA: get your neighbor or the cat down the road to join HHA if they are not yet members. The HHA Board works long hours to preserve our peace, serenity and property values and we all should support them. Heck, you can even run to be a member of the board for the year of 2023: it's the time in history to focus on local!

Let's wring all we can out of our blessed history to blend together a tight and beautiful foundation to meet the 20s as a strong and proud community.

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WILDLIFE ROUND UP

Our big cat P22 has wandered into other neighborhoods recently, but he always manages to return to his real home, Tract 6450. Shortly after his Silver Lake adventure he was observed on Beachwood Drive around 9:30 on Saturday evening, March 11. The following was reported: Two neighbors were walking south on Beachwood Drive near Belden. They heard and saw three coyotes racing down Belden moving south to Beachwood. Because of their yapping distress the two neighbors turned northward to avoid a possible animal encounter. A short time later, a van driving north stopped and told them: "Be careful, we just saw a big cat headed south on Beachwood". Many people living close to the village reported coyotes emitting distressing chatter and howls accompanied by domestic dog wails. The village cams identified these coyotes. One astute neighbor feels the coyote warning howls initiated its fellow domestic dogs. Calls for help can be a universal thing!

Another neighbor (who walks daily in the park) noted huge paw prints after our recent March rain. How could we tell it was our cat and not a big dog or a coyote? One of our nature loving neighbors commented: "Looks like a cat. No imprint of his claws. Dogs can't retract their claws and in that mud, they would have shown."

P22 loves us, we love him. The herd of 130 some deer flower feeding at Forest Lawn keeps him sustained. He keeps us engaged with nature.

Our stunning bobcats, the smaller (and more beautiful) specie of our wild cat population have been observed all over our tract. One neighbor who feeds the birds daily noted many feathers at the feed site and managed to get a glimpse of the handsome feline. Our cams do a great job of documenting our wild friends. Many of the images are shared on our FB page. Not to let the felines rule too much though, our neighbor and professional photographer, Eric Smith has shared some pretty handsome, healthy coyotes images. With that said, one Beachwood Drive resident shared his observation about the "Big Guy" ; that huge , very wolf-like coyote that manages the Westshire Bad Boys. The resident and "Big Guy" had an eye to eye stare down one early morning.

Being a good neighbor is being respectful of another person's safety, well being and property. For those interested in promoting a new ingress / egress into the Park please consider how something like this would affect your property and street if an opening would occur steps away from your doorstep.

Contribute to Hollywoodland's Centennial: Buy Art!

We have seven original prints by the late Freda Maddow. The prints are posted on the HHA website and are being sold for for \$50 each (members of HHA) and \$75 for non -members. This is a way to have beauty in your home and support our preservation efforts.



AROUND IN HOLLYWOODLAND

A BIG ASK: Are you an attorney living in Hollywoodland or know of an attorney (maybe retired) who would like to donate their time and expertise to the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association in our efforts to preserve and protect our neighborhood? Knowledge in land use, trademarks, litigation or nonprofits would be helpful, but not a necessity. If you would like to help please contact us through HHA@Hollywoodland.org, and you will have our great appreciation.

COMING TO YOUR DOOR: As part of our Hollywoodland 100th anniversary celebration, the HHA is attempting to survey every residence--and its occupants--in Hollywoodland, all 580 homes!!

We not only want to know who is living here now, but any information you have on previous occupants, and points of interests in regards to your house. (This will supplement information last gathered by the HHA in the 1980's.) Hollywoodland has always been home to a collection of extraordinary and remarkable people.

And so many of our houses have unique architecture. You'll be receiving a questionnaire. Please fill it out and return it. Information will be closely held by the HHA. Also if you would like to help in the gathering of Hollywoodland history please contact us at HHA@Hollywoodland.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: The HHA has a Safety Committee which throughout the last several years has been primarily dealing with tourism and its negative impacts on public safety including, fire danger, traffic congestion and crime. As you can imagine this unfortunately is an overwhelming charge with the ever growing numbers of visitors. On average there are email exchanges with various City officials several times a week. We work particularly hard on planning for holidays, spring and winter breaks, and other times when there would be an increase in traffic. In addition there has been a lot of time, effort and money put into some major initiatives by the HHA that we anticipate will finally be coming to fruition this year. We hope these will be game changers when it comes to Hollywoodland and these safety issues.

Here some ways that you can help.

- As this is the beginning of a new HHA board year we need new members on our committees. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE ON THE BOARD TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES. Please contact the HHA if you would like to serve on the Safety Committee (or any other committee) to help with these very important problems. HHA@Hollywoodland.org.
- Documentation of these conditions is extremely important. If you witness dangerous, questionable, or illegal activity or conditions in Hollywoodland or near surrounding areas like the 'view site", please take out your phone and record it in photos or video and then send it to the HHA at HHA@Hollywoodland.org.
- If you have safety issues you would like to discuss or need help with please contact the HHA at HHA@Hollywoodland.org.

Get involved with Hollywoodland Homeowners Association.

Email us at hha@hollywoodland.org

Seen Any Suspicious Construction Activity?

Hollywoodland has had illicit construction, potentially for illegal additions and expansions with no regard for the community and the necessary safety regulations and escalating traffic problems. Easily check to see if a permit has been issued, and the earlier the better, because too late can mean no recourse. You just need the house number and the street name.

Check Permit Status:

<https://www.ladbsservices2.lacity.org/OnlineServices/?service=plr>

If you are concerned that a permit has not been obtained, call 311 to report illegal construction.

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ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES IN HOLLYWOODLAND: Are you a family in Hollywoodland with children from newborns through teenagers? Is your child's potential best friend living a few houses or blocks away, but no one knows it? Are you missing out on putting together a carpooling group? Could children and their babysitters--older children--all be living in Hollywoodland? Do you wish you had recommendations for local schools, playgroups, pediatricians, summer camps and other children's activities? These questions could go on and on, and they are just some of the reasons that the HHA has a Parent/child Networking Group. Living in the hillsides where children do not play in their front yards or all go to the same school can be very isolating.

In addition we are currently experiencing a wonderful baby boom in Hollywoodland. New parents have so much information they want to share and at the same time have many questions they would like answered. When it comes to networking the more the merrier. We do have a current group of wonderful parents, but we know there are many more families in Hollywoodland that we want to reach and welcome to our group. You can use it in any way you would like. The HHA also has children's events throughout the year. Last year these included an Easter Egg Hunt, a Halloween Party, and a Winter Holiday Marionette Show. Please join our group by contacting HHA at HHA@Hollywoodland.org. Don't be left out.

ARE WE IN VENICE OR LOS ANGELES?: City officials, particularly our Mayor Garcetti, seem to be obsessed with gondolas--except they want the kind that fly through the air--not the water. Two projects are in the works. One is to travel 40 feet above homes by Dodger Stadium and is to drop off 1000 people per hour. The opposition of residents has galvanized the neighborhood into putting a full page ad in the LA Times. The other project is to drop thousands of visitors daily just feet away from the homes at the end of Deronda in Hollywoodland.

The three routes of this project start in different places in Griffith Park, but all end up in the same place. We have seen no provisions for supervision in our VHFHS Zone, much less how visitors will be kept from the rest of Hollywoodland or how they will be evacuated in case of an emergency. We all thought the past widespread negative feedback on this project had killed it.

But never underestimate the tenacity of the City when it comes to bad ideas. The Mayor just released the Tourism Master Plan, and the gondola is heavily featured as a priority. Of course the HHA will continue to battle against this. Please contact us at HHA@Hollywoodland.org if you would like to get involved.

Beautification Committee and Planning Update

Historic Stairs: The City of LA began work this year to fix the damaged historic Hollywoodland stairs connecting Beachwood Drive and Hollyridge Drive. Nearly two years ago, a large coniferous tree fell across Beachwood Drive with its roots pulling the lower steps and landing out of place, preventing use of the stairs. The affected homeowner's driveways are now fixed, and the sidewalk patched with a temporary asphalt paving at the stair landing until work on the stairs is complete. The stair, known as part of Historical-Cultural Monument No. 535, will be repaired and restored in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the California Historical Building Code. Timing for completion of the damaged bottom steps was not provided by the City's Public Works department. We will keep you informed of future developments.

AROUND IN HOLLYWOODLAND

Historic Stair Cleanup: The HHA Beautification Committee would like to host several cleanup parties this year to sweep debris that has piled up on the six open historic stairs in Hollywoodland. These events will be open to all HHA members who would like to help. It will give us an opportunity to socialize, as best we can with COVID, and improve the appearance of these uniquely Hollywoodland historical stairways. Neighbors adjacent to the stairs will be notified and timing will be coordinated to find appropriate days/times to have volunteers join in to help.

Street Light Survey: A few years ago, the City of LA embarked on a program to fix and upgrade the historical lampposts in Hollywoodland. Much effort was put into ensuring correctly colored lamps were installed and the street light system was functional.

Fast-forward to 2022, with a walk around the neighborhood, overgrowth of vines in the lamp bezels, broken lamps and non-functioning lights can be seen. Good lighting is key for safety and a well-maintained system can be a sense of pride for our neighborhood. The HHA Beautification Committee with the assistance of HHA President, will conduct a Street Light Survey to present as a report to the City of LA with the goal of improving maintenance and getting neglected items fixed before our 100th year Anniversary in 2023.

There is a lot of work to do, we are excited to be a part this special neighborhood, and welcome members to become involved in the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association.



Hop on down to the Annual Hollywoodland Homeowners Association's *Easter Egg Hunt*



Come Enjoy:

- Designing Poster Art
- Lessons in how to draw spring-themed images
- Hunting for Easter Eggs filled with goodies!

Sunday, April 17th, 2-3 PM The Egg hunt begins in the village
Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket

We could use some extra help the day of the event. If you would like to volunteer please contact us at HHA@Hollywoodland.org

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