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# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

## SLT Successfully Advocates for Release of Reservoirs Working Group Minutes

To insure residents and stakeholders are prepared for the Silver Lake Reservoirs Master Plan Community Workshop on November 2, last week Silver Lake Together filed a legal request for minutes of the July 18 and September 26 Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) meetings. The minutes, which are public information, document discussions held at private SWG meetings held with the reservoirs master plan project team. Following the request, the minutes were provided and posted on the [Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan \(SLRCMP\) website.](#)

The SWG is made up of five community groups which are charged with representing stakeholder interests. You can identify speakers by the group's initials.

### **Community workshop:**

**1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, November 2**

**John Marshall High School Gym, 3939 Tracy St 90027**

*\*Editor's note: Whether you are in favor of maintaining the Silver Lake reservoirs as a protected habitat for migratory birds and urban wildlife or converting the complex to a public park, we encourage you to read the minutes and attend this crucial meeting on November 2. Design alternatives that will impact Silver Lake and the reservoirs' environment will be presented.*

READ THE JULY MINUTES

READ THE JULY WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

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## Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary Works to Protect Endangered Bufflehead Ducks in Nearby Rowena Reservoir

The Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary is asking area residents to join their campaign to protect the highly climate endangered Bufflehead, North America's smallest diving duck. Over 70 Buffleheads are residing in the protected Rowena Reservoir on Hyperion and Rowena, which contains underground tanks that are part of the LADWP's drinking water system and protected from humans and commerce.

CD4 Councilmember David Ryu recently presented a motion to convert the reservoir to an active, unfenced public park, threatening the Bufflehead and the 60-plus bird species that have been seen at the Rowena Reservoir.

To join the Sanctuary's campaign to protect the Bufflehead and their peaceful home, email your concerns to [david.ryu@lacity.org](mailto:david.ryu@lacity.org) and [rachel.fox@lacity.org](mailto:rachel.fox@lacity.org) or call the CD4 field office, (323) 957-6415.

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*Torres died on October 12. He was a hero who served in numerous positions in the Los Angeles Park Ranger Division for over four decades, including acting chief.*

## Thank You, Captain Albert Torres

City of Los Angeles Park Ranger (LAPR) Captain Albert Torres didn't live in Silver Lake but his dedication to Griffith Park's precious environment and wildlife benefited us all. Captain Torres died early Saturday morning, October 12, after he collapsed the day before while patrolling an area affected by the Saddle Ridge fire the day before. He was working a 14-hour shift doing what he loved best: protecting his park, the animals that live there and all of us who treasure this magnificent resource.

As former Council District 4 Councilmember Tom La Bonge said, "There was nobody who loved the parks, the people and all of the wildlife more than Art Torres. For over 40 years he was an incredible steward of the land. Captain Torres was a great asset to the parks and to humanity. He will be missed by all."

**Prayer service and visitation: Sunday, October 27, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Old North Church**

**Funeral Service: Monday, October 28, 11:00 a.m., Hall of Liberty Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive 90068**

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CAPTAIN TORRES](#)

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## City Issues Red Flag Fire Warning Starting Today

Due to the forecast for extreme weather conditions, the city's Red Flag Parking Restriction Program has been activated today. According to CD4 Councilmember David Ryu, the Los Angeles Fire and Transportation Departments implement the program to

remove illegally parked vehicles in posted locations within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) The parking restrictions are planned for at least 24 hours and will be reevaluated based on weather conditions. The law also prohibits brush and grass clearance during Red Flag days. Residents should avoid any lawn or yard work, along with outdoor use of metal saws and other power cutting blades.

Visit [lafd.org](http://lafd.org) or @LAFD on Twitter for updates, and have a go bag ready should you need to evacuate. Email [cd4.issues@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.issues@lacity.org) if you have any questions.

For areas in the VHFHSZ, look for the "Red Flag Days" no parking signs.

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*Felicia, a 12-year old Dachshund who lives with Silver Lake History Collective Co-chair Michael Masterson, gets ready for the 12th annual Howl-O-Ween Doggie Costume Pageant. Felicia is a frequent contestant and enjoys wearing costumes.*



## There's Halloween... and Then There's Howl-O-Ween!

Silver Lake's 12th annual Howl-O-Ween Doggie Costume Pageant will be held this Sunday, October 27, at the Silver Lake Dog Park. According to Paul Michael Newman, Northeast Silver Lake Neighborhood Watch, people without dogs (including families with kids) are welcome to attend and observe the fun event.

Registration, participation and attendance are free. Dogs of any size can participate and all dog entrants will receive a prize. The L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks, L.A. City Council District Offices 4 and 13, and the Northeast Silver Lake Neighborhood Watch present the popular pageant.

**Howl-O-Ween registration takes place from this Saturday, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and the pageant from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

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*In 1933 Griffith Park was the scene of a deadly fire, killing 29*

people. Photo, Los Angeles Times;  
[learn more in this L.A. Times article.](#)



## Ceremony to Honor Lives Lost in 1933 Griffith Park Fire

On Saturday, October 26, Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Park Foundation and the Griffith Charitable Trust will hold a dedication ceremony to honor the 29 men who lost their lives fighting the tragic 1933 Griffith Park Fire. The Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust is donating a beautiful memorial sign, new shade trees and a bench overlooking the site.

For more information, email [rachel.fox@lacity.org](mailto:rachel.fox@lacity.org) at CD4



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### Let Us Know!

Need help with an issue in Silver Lake? Do you have ideas that will help our neighborhood or want to share community news?

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