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Silver Lake Nuisance House Attracts 150 Partygoers in Midst of COVID-19

On Saturday night, May 2, police were called to the 2600 block of Ivan Hill Terrace to investigate a disturbance. Several police units, along with a Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) helicopter, were used to clear approximately 150 partygoers who were packed into the residential home, valued at more than \$1 million. Silver Lake Together editors viewed two videos recorded on the night of the party that clearly showed a very large crowd of partiers. None of the attendees were adhering to current social distancing policies or wearing masks. The videos, which were shot outside and inside of the house, were turned over to LAPD.

Silver Lake Together learned that another party with 50-plus attendees was held just last night (May 13). This most recent violation was reported to police.

The house, owned by a person named "Joseph," is listed on multiple short-term rental platforms and has been a concern for residents for quite some time. After an investigation, LAPD has determined that this house falls within the Party House Ordinance and the city attorneys office will pursue further investigation. According to neighbors, "Joseph" does not live in the house for any length of time, which could be a violation of Los Angeles' Home Sharing Ordinance.

Read Councilmember David Ryu's press release for more information about party houses and home sharing polices

[Click here for more information on home-sharing in L.A](#)



A temporary homeless shelter on Riverside Drive near Griffith Park is on track to open in June. Photo by Sandy Driscoll, The Eastsider.



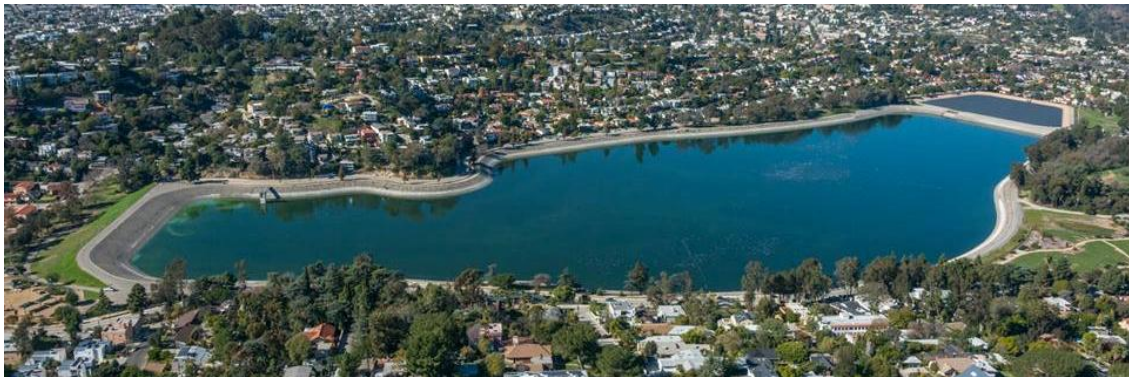
Trailers parked in Friendship Auditorium parking lot on Riverside Drive.

New Homeless and At-risk Housing Projects on Riverside Near Completion

Residents who attended a recent Zoom meeting on the homeless and at-risk housing projects on Riverside Drive near Griffith Park report that both projects are near completion. The tent-like structure, located just south of the popular Griffith Park fountain and due to open in July, will house 100 homeless individuals from the neighborhood (70% men and 30% women). All will be required to apply for the program and there will be an 11:00 p.m. curfew. PATH will offer therapy services, job training and other support. Each resident will

be provided with a bed and three meals and the program is scheduled to run for three years. The city is also considering converting a warehouse building, located near the bridge by the I-5 freeway entrance, to a homeless shelter for families, run by PATH.

In addition, 40 trailers populating the Friendship Auditorium parking lot are being used as temporary housing for at-risk COVID-19 individuals. The trailers are part of Project Room Key and each houses one person or a couple. The city is providing security, sanitation and meals. The Zoom meeting was attended by Catherine Landers and Rachel Fox of Councilmember David Ryu's office and Awade Khan-Variba and Stephen Flecher from PATH.



LADWP Announces Plan to Help Silver Lake Reservoirs 'Breathe'

Last week, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) announced proposed mitigation projects for both the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs. Residents who live near the reservoirs received letters outlining a proposed aeration and recirculation project that is designed to improve the water quality, including odor control and the water's visual aesthetics. Because the water in the reservoirs no longer circulates, the aeration and recirculation system will help the bodies of water stay healthy and attractive. A public comment period on the project began on May 7 and will last until June 5; a LADWP presentation is available online today, May 14.

[Click here for LADWP aeration and recirculation project presentation](#)



Whoops! Photos show new traffic mitigation signs on Earl Street, but some information is incorrect.

Earl Street Signs Up, But Not Quite Right

After a long effort, residents of Earl Street won their fight for traffic mitigation signs and the Department of Transportation (DOT) began installation of the new signs last week. However, there are several mistakes on the signs that DOT is correcting. The signs from Glendale Boulevard onto Earl Street currently read, “no turns 7-10 AM.” The correct time is 6-10 AM. Signs from Silver Lake Boulevard onto Earl Street read “no turns 7-10 AM,” instead of “no turns 4-7 PM.” Linden Waddell, who is part of the Earl team that worked to have the signs installed, said it will take DOT a few weeks to replace the incorrect signs. There are also several NO LARGE TRUCKS ONTO EARL signs (trash and city trucks are exempt). Earl Street residents launched the traffic mitigation initiative after the small, narrow street became a popular shortcut for commuters thanks to GPS apps.

Watch ABC News video residents reacting to traffic and accidents. Silver Lake Together advocate Anne-Marie Johnson was involved in the mitigation efforts.



Photo on left shows partially reopened Fletcher Avenue. LADWP expects the busy traffic corridor to be fully opened by May 16. Photo on right shows a portion of newly paved Glendale Boulevard.

LADWP Completes Fletcher Project Ahead of Schedule

According to LADWP project manager, the Fletcher Pump Station Suction Line Replacement project is almost complete. While adverse impacts from COVID-19 affected the schedule, most lanes are now open to traffic, the new pipeline installed, and the Fletcher Pump Station is back in service. Sidewalk restoration is scheduled to be completed the week of May 11 and all street restoration and lane re-openings are scheduled to be completed by May 16. One of the last activities is configuring the traffic controllers. However, due to COVID-19, LADOT techs are operating around 50% capacity, which may delay the lane reopening date.



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