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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

*An overflowing trash can and graffiti welcome visitors and residents to Silver Lake.
(Photo by Nicole Speed)*



Is This Who We Are?

After years of discussion, in December of 2020, the City of Los Angeles disassembled and moved a 1941 Streamline Moderne Texaco station, located at 1650 Silver Lake Boulevard, to an unidentified location until a new site could be identified. What remains is a patch of land cluttered with graffiti and trash. On a block that features fine restaurants and upscale shops, this eyesore is what people see when they enter Silver Lake.

Residents and business owners have repeatedly asked the city to provide appropriate trash receptacles and remove the graffiti, but so far the requests have been ignored.

To express your thoughts about blight in Silver Lake, email editor@silverlaketogether.com. We will share your concerns with city officials.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STATION'S HISTORY

Latest Silver Lake Crime Report

Silver Lake's acting senior lead officer, Jose Ramirez, reports a range of criminal activity took place in the community **from August 8 until September 14**, including a homicide on Sunset Drive and 17 cases of grand theft auto. SLO Ramirez stated that while Silver Lake is one of the safest neighborhoods in LAPD's Northeast Division, every citizen should hide valuables that are visible in their cars, garages, etc.

Report highlights include:

- Homicide on Sunset Drive
- Rapes, robberies and assaults—none reported
- Shots fired at Waterloo and Duane
- Burglaries—two on Sunset Boulevard, two in the 3100 block of Griffith Park
- 17 grand theft auto (mostly on Silver Lake Boulevard)
- 20 burglaries from motor vehicles (mostly on Easterly Street north of Sunset)
- Stolen recovered vehicle (2600 Block of Corralitas Drive)
- No violent crimes
- No property crimes

Meet New Silver Lake Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez



SLO Jose Ramirez is planning a “Coffee with a Cop” at LAMILL Coffee on 1636 Silver Lake Boulevard, Thursday, October 7. **Residents are invited to stop by anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and get to know your LAPD officers, city council field deputies and other city representatives. (And coffee is on SLO Ramirez!)

For more information, email editor@silverlaketogether.com



New Public Hearings for 4311 Sunset and 4100 Sunset

In January 2021, Silver Lake Together hosted a community meeting to discuss the proposed Junction Gateway project with the developers and residents of the neighborhood. Frost Chaddock presented its redesigned plans for the mixed-use buildings located at 4100 and 4311 Sunset. Public hearings on the projects are now scheduled as follows:

4311 Sunset

October 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

[MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT AND HOW TO COMMENT](#)

4100 Sunset

October 6, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

[MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT AND HOW TO COMMENT](#)



The Vica project, at Sunset and Micheltorena, provides 31 units scaled from studios to a penthouse. (Photo by Scott Everts, [SAE Photography](#))

A Tale of Two Buildings

Architect Scott Plante, co-founder of Silver Lake Together and co-chair of Silver Lake's Urban Design & Preservation Committee, takes a close look at two new housing projects on Sunset Boulevard. Plante explains that while some may decry the pricing, the rates

reflect the market and the high cost of constructing housing in Los Angeles.

READ THE ARTICLE

CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on the Need for True Compassion



Yesterday, Councilmember O'Farrell wrote that there is nothing compassionate about enabling unhoused individuals to live or die in squalor on city sidewalks. And according to *The Eastsider*, he also introduced a resolution that would enforce the city's new anti-camping ordinance within 500 feet of 17 CD 13 locations, from Echo Park and Silver Lake underpasses to the Barnsdall Art Park.

City staff and outreach workers have previously offered unhoused residents shelter, housing, services, meals numerous times at these locations, said O'Farrell. "People experiencing homelessness belong indoors in safe, secure, managed environments. There is nothing compassionate about enabling unhoused individuals to live or die in squalor on city sidewalks."

READ THE ARTICLE FOR THE LIST OF PROPOSED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS



A famous Eugene Kinn Choy commission is the 1962 Cathay Bank headquarters in the heart of Chinatown, which balances Corporate Modernism of the 1950s with decorative elements that recall dynastic palace architecture of the Ming and Qing eras. The firm is

Video Tells Story of Silver Lake's Pioneer Asian Architect Eugene Kinn Choy

According to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, fewer than one in five new architects identify as racial or ethnic minorities, and approximately two in five are women. **Silver Lake's Eugene Kinn Choy** was the second Chinese-American to become a member of the American Institute of Architects and overcame unimaginable obstacles to become one of America's foremost architects. He was the first Chinese-American graduate of the USC School of Architecture (1939) and founded a successful firm inherited by his sons.

The Silver Lake History Collective interviewed Eugene Kinn Choy's son Barton in a fascinating—and provocative— video.

[VIEW THE VIDEO](#)

Tomorrow is Deadline for City Redistricting Commission Community of Interest Input

Every decade, city council district boundaries are redrawn based on the U.S. census. The Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission is tasked with this chore and seeking your input. The new boundaries will determine who represents Silver Lake and other communities in Los Angeles.

The Commission will only be accepting publicly hand-drawn maps, online maps from Districtr, and written statements on communities of interest (COI) until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021.

[MORE INFORMATION ON L.A. CITY'S REDISTRICTING EFFORT](#)

In Case You Missed It...

How Silver Lake Voted on the Recall Election

This *Los Angeles Times* article has a handy link to precinct results on the recent recall election.

[LOS ANGELES TIMES RECALL DATA](#)



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