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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

TOGETHER We Are Building a Stronger Community! Top Stories of 2020

The [Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team](#) (SLT) is dedicated to solving neighborhood issues in Silver Lake – and advocate for residents and businesses in our historic community. Here are the top issues we addressed on your behalf in 2020 (listed in no particular order). We look forward to continuing to work TOGETHER in 2021!



The Silver Lake Reservoirs Master Plan was top of mind for residents who will be most impacted by changes to this iconic natural preserve. Silver Lake Together kept the community informed on the many issues involved in proposed changes and worked with community organizations like the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary to present accurate and

timely information.

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SLT continued to fund and distribute free Slow Down Silver Lake signs to remind motorists that adults, children and pets live, work and play in Silver Lake and deserve safe streets.



[Read the article and request your sign](#)



By the time Silver Lake's reservoirs had been drained for over two years, the community's famous blue herons had moved on to quieter digs just off the Ivanhoe Reservoir on Tesla. But protecting their urban sanctuary requires ongoing vigilance, as community activists discovered – once again. Learn how SLT worked with the community and the Bureau of Street Lighting to stop construction during the herons' nesting season.

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Covid, Covid, Covid. Beginning in March, the coronavirus pandemic threatened the health and safety of people around the globe. To help Silver Lake cope with COVID-19, Silver Lake Together published a series of articles and the *Staying Safe In Silver Lake* guide. SLT also responded to specific questions and concerns from members of the community.

[See the guide](#)

In May, a Silver Lake nuisance house attracted 150 partygoers in the midst of COVID-19. SLT responded quickly and worked with LAPD and the city attorney's office to help neighborhood residents and ensure the party house was shut down. (House pictured is in Hollywood.)



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In June, SLT supported a motion by community equity activist Nina Sorkin to redirect funding to park-poor communities and take a stand to address racial inequalities in access to green spaces.

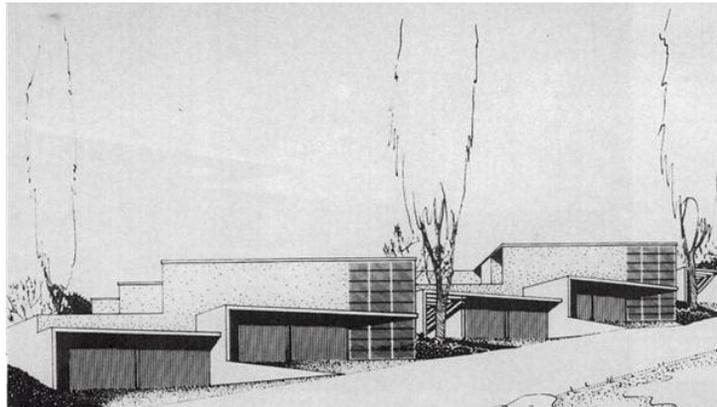
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In July, SLT kicked off a series of neighborhood meetings with senior officers from LAPD's Northeast division. SLT is working with the community to create stronger working relationships with LAPD and make Silver Lake safer for all. The fifth meeting will be led by Silver Lake Community Church Pastor Kyle Joachim and take place this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Email editor@silverlaketogether.com to learn more.



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Scott Plante, architect and Silver Lake Together co-founder, authors a series of articles for SLT's bi-weekly newsletter about the historic and current architecture that defines Silver Lake.



[Read Scott's recent article "How the '50s Communist Scare Stopped a Lower-priced Housing Vision in Silver Lake"](#)



SLT worked with the offices of CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu and CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to re-install COVID-19 safety signs at the Silver Lake Reservoirs. Nearly all of the signs had been slashed or removed by vandals, which is an ongoing problem.

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After residents alerted Silver Lake Together that a tent, which was inhabited, had been installed on the walking path between The Meadows and the dog park, SLT reached out to city offices and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). Compassionate assistance was provided and the tent was removed quickly, potentially avoiding the problems experienced at the Echo Park Lake Recreation Center.



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Black Lives Tattered: As names of 260 Black and Brown Americans that are woven into the Silver Lake Reservoir complex fence became faded, tattered and, in many cases, unreadable, SLT asked organizers to work with the community to remove the tattered names. The removal project is ongoing.



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Throughout the year, SLT worked closely with LADWP representatives Dawn Cotterell and Michael Ventre to keep the community informed about a number of projects that impact Silver Lake.



[Read the article on the recent water valve project on Rowena](#)

And sadly, one of the top stories in 2020 was the death of Janis Purins, a longtime Silver Lake resident and tireless advocate for transparency in local government and the preservation of Silver Lake's environmental and cultural diversity.



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