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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Speakers at Angus Street Transportation Meeting Overwhelmingly Reject Proposed One-way Designation

The majority of Silver Lake residents speaking at a community meeting held to discuss traffic safety issues on Angus Street rejected a controversial one-way designation. Twenty-one residents spoke against the proposal to convert Angus Street between Moreno Drive and Kenilworth Avenue to one-way westbound, while 12 speakers were in favor of the change. According to a resident who attended the August 15 meeting, several speakers noted that the proposal was an ill-conceived recommendation that would cause more cut-through traffic on adjacent Silver Lake streets. Attendees expressed strong support for installing sidewalks, reducing speed limits to 15 mph, repainting crosswalks, trimming shrubs and adding speed humps. Residents also called for more traffic enforcement and asked the city to stop WAZE from directing drivers to residential streets.

The meeting was held after CD4 acknowledged that residents should be involved in proposed changes to their neighborhood – and that traffic safety mitigations on Angus would impact surrounding neighborhood streets.

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS IN THIS SURVEY. Responses are due by August 30.

LA's Housing Crisis: 91% of New Units for High Income Earners

According to a press release issued by CD4 Councilmember David Ryu, 91 percent of housing units constructed in Los Angeles over the past five years were built for high-income earners, more than twice as many than meets demand. The startling statistic, based on data from the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, indicates only nine percent of homes built in the same time period were for very low, low and moderate income households. Angelenos earning above-moderate income saw 73,387 units come online between 2013 and 2018, while moderate-income residents received the smallest share, 430 units. “We are in a lopsided housing crisis that continues to develop homes for those at the top while ignoring the rest,” Councilmember Ryu said.

The press release also reported on new legislation introduced by Councilmember Ryu to address the city’s affordable housing crisis, including how the Ellis Act is enforced in Los Angeles to limit evictions and increase tenant protections, along with incentives to build more middle-income housing.

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Next Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Community Workshop August 24 at the Reservoir Meadow



Photo by V. J. Waidler

The second Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Community Workshop will be held from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., this Saturday, August 24, at the Reservoir Meadow. Master Plan design team members will conduct guided tours and review possible plans for the future of the iconic reservoirs. Attendees will have the opportunity to write their opinions in a survey, which will also be made available online. Based on emails received from residents and stakeholders, there are varying opinions about opening more reservoir land for public use, versus concerns about protecting Silver Lake’s environment and native wildlife. Residents have also expressed concerns about potential construction issues, such as draining the reservoir, security and funding.

The workshop is open to all. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12, and no dogs, bikes, skateboards or scooters will be allowed.

EMAIL THE MASTER PLAN DESIGN TEAM at eng.slrcmp@lacity.org

Second Reservoirs Master Plan Meeting
8:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24
Silver Lake Meadow, 2300 Silver Lake Boulevard

Gas Leaf Blowers: Dangerous for Our Health and Against the Law



Gas leaf blowers are noisy, smelly and annoying. Plus, they are bad for the environment and for anyone who inhales the toxic fumes. According to an article in Green Energy Times, California’s statewide Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) reports that the best-selling commercial **leaf blowers emit as much smog-forming pollution during just one hour of use as driving a 2016 Toyota Camry about 1,100 miles.** In fact, workers and people using a gas leaf blower are exposed to more ultra-fine particles –than someone receives standing next to a busy road. And, according to the article, “...experts predict that smog-creating emissions from leaf blowers, lawn mowers and other small gas-powered non-vehicular engines will eclipse smog emissions from cars and trucks on the American road.”

To help residents eliminate gas leaf blowers from their neighborhood, Silver Lake Together has produced a flyer that can be distributed to people using the harmful blowers. Need help? Email Editor@SilverLakeTogether.com and a community advocate will contact you. (Your information will be confidential.) The goal is to help resolve the situation and avoid involving city agencies and LAPD. **(The city no longer offers a “buy-back” program.)**

[DOWNLOAD GAS LEAF BLOWER FLYER](#)

[READ THE GREEN ENERGY TIMES ARTICLE](#)



The swim center and tennis courts at 3401 Riverside Drive are a popular destination for Silver Lake residents.

DASH to the Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts and Adult Community Center?

An announcement that the community swimming pool on Riverside Drive will remain open for an additional month raises a question: should there be a DASH bus from Silver Lake to the nearby pool, tennis courts and adult center? While the Griffith Park facility is a short walk or bike ride from Silver Lake, many local residents believe a DASH bus would provide easier access to the swimming center and park activities. The pool, which was scheduled to close after Labor Day Weekend, will remain open on weekends through September 29. The additional month of operations is being funded by \$59,131 in Council District 4 discretionary funds.

**INTERESTED IN A DASH BUS? EMAIL
EDITOR@SILVERLAKETOGETHER.COM**

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Abandoned scooters on lawns and sidewalks are a common sight in Silver Lake.

Scooter Mania

While the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requires that Dockless Mobility Providers – better known as scooter companies – adhere to regulations outlined in a one-year permit program, enforcement is another issue. According to city regulations, LAPD and LAPD traffic division officers can ticket people riding an e-scooter on the sidewalk. Moreover, scooters left at a location for more than five consecutive days without moving are subject to removal by L.A. Sanitation. In addition, riders are required by law to hold a valid driver's license. However, Silver Lake residents report an increasing number of scooters are abandoned on private property and scooter drivers – especially younger riders – often drive recklessly on sidewalks.

The dockless scooter program was introduced to help L.A. residents access public transportation more easily. However, the scooters have become a popular recreational activity for tourists, especially younger visitors. According to *LAist*, approximately 20,000 total vehicles (including e-bikes) are on the streets, and as of May 2019, more than 16,000 can still be deployed.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT L.A.'s CAP ON DOCKLESS SCOOTERS](#)

[REPORT VIOLATIONS THROUGH THE 311 SYSTEM](#)

[READ THE LAist ARTICLE](#)

**LADOT Offers
Free Rides on
DASH Buses
for Students in
L.A. County**



Students who qualify and apply for the Student K-12 and/or College/Vocational Reduced Fare TAP Card can now ride DASH buses for free, even for non-school related trips. The new program went into effect for the 2019 school year.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FREE DASH PROGRAM



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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