



CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



An Interview with Retired LAFD Battalion Chief Daryl Arbuthnott About Being Prepared

Daryl C. Arbuthnott, Ret. LAFD Battalion Chief, with over 4 decades with the LAFD, provides vital fire safety information.

This is a DON'T MISS interview. Mr. Arbuthnott has a Masters of Science in Enterprise Risk Management and a Bachelor Of Science in Public Administration. He is also a proud John Marshall High School - Barrister, class of 1978.

Link: [Interview with STL Arbuthnott](#)

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Ivanhoe Reservoir Refill Update from LADWP

Refilling of Ivanhoe started in November 2024. The flow is being pumped slowly to adhere to regulations from the Division of Safety of Dams, a process that will take about 4-5 months. The water refilling in Ivanhoe will go through the spillway to fill Silver Lake.



How Blessed We Are...

As we all witnessed in real time, our neighbors to the east and west lives will never be the same. Loved ones were lost to the unreal wind-fed flames and properties were completely leveled. Angelenos will always remember where they were on January 7th, 2025. Silver Lake Together shares our support and sympathy to all whose lives were forever changed. And we so appreciate and thank the first responders based in Los Angeles County and those from Canada, Mexico, Oregon, Arizona, Northern and Central California, and other locales who came to our aid.

We who live in or near Silver Lake, are so blessed to have two wonderful bodies of water to help protect our families and homes. It's not if we will be faced with the same natural disaster. It's when. All the water in the world could not equal the velocity of the winds our county experienced, but the subsequent fires that threatened Mountain Gate, Mulholland, Griffith Park and Castaic, were quickly controlled thanks to large, man-made and accessible bodies of water. Unfortunately, due to climate change, these deadly, wind-driven fires will not be a once in a generation experience: they will become much more common.

It wasn't so long ago when there was a very loud minority of people calling for the emptying of our wonderful Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs, and to be replaced with multi-million-dollar homes. The current Silver Lake Master Plan advocates for the spending of up to five hundred million dollars, and 20 years of off and on construction to drastically "reimagine" the reservoirs, including temporary draining. Let's stop the madness. Let's all take a deep breath and be grateful that when a

wildfire hits our urban community, tucked deep into our topography, the LAFD will have the tools to aggressively protect our lives and property.

Supplies and donations are still needed. Please continue to provide help by donating to:

The American Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles.html?srsId=AfmBOoqy27S43c4f-n0WmKriMY9vOwIzmpL71RP3zh9KDNwkp5CSxUSt>

The Dream Center

<https://www.dreamcenter.org/>

Silver Lake Community Church

[Silver Lake Community Church](#)



Overflowing trash bins at the corner of Sunset and Hyperion

Let's Do Our Part...

Due to the tragedy of the recent horrific fires in Los Angeles, the subject of trash on our Silver Lake streets seems minor while our fellow City residents recover. Nevertheless, the presence of litter and trash along our streets has affected the City's quality of life over the last several years and needs to be addressed as our City moves forward.

Litter and trash are nothing new. There are historical accounts of litter along the

ancient Roman roads that connected its' empire. Indeed, the challenge of disposing it also not new: Monte Testaccio in Rome is a 115 foot high mountain of ancient amphorae, originally used for storing olive oil.

Our City does a decent job of keeping our streets clean, a challenge for a city of almost 4 million people. Our culture enables this: multiple disposable products, few trash cans, and, unfortunately, the laziness of throwing trash on the street expecting it to be picked up.

This needs to change: we all benefit from a cleaner neighborhood.

Nevertheless, we can do our small part by picking up things we see on the street in our immediate neighborhoods. Picking up the occasional fast food wrapper that the wind blows out of a trash can, or the plastic bottle thrown out of a window by a lazy driver will help reduce litter and keep our City clean. The downstream effects are immeasurable, as this trash would not wind its' way through the City to the ocean.

Silver Lake Together has been following a continual overflowing trash issue at the corner of Sunset and Hyperion. Multiple area businesses share bins, which were too small. SLT contacted the Bureau of Sanitation , who was unaware of the problem. They worked with businesses to increase trash bin sizes, and the situation is improved. SLT continues to monitor the situation.

While we can all try and keep our immediate neighborhoods clean, larger issues such as that on Sunset need the City's attention. If you see a situation that needs attention, we encourage you to report it to the City so they can address it.

Report trash and litter issues here:

[MyLA311 | City of Los Angeles](#)

Update

The City has repaired the broken street lights along Silver Lake Boulevard and removed a significant amount of the encampment at Temple, Beverly, and Silver Lake Boulevard.

From our story last fall: [What a Welcome...](#)

Silver Lake Crime Statistics

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Our monthly report from LAPD SLO Jose Ramirez:

Silver Lake crime statistics for the period January 1, 2025 to February 3, 2025:

Robbery: 2

Burglary: 11

Grand Theft Auto: 10

Burglary From Motor Vehicle: 22

Theft: 16

Grand Theft Person: 2

Traffic Statistics cover Northeast Division December 29, 2025, to January 25, 2025:

Total Crashes: 40

Traffic Fatalities: 1

DUI Traffic Collisions: 3

Hit & Run: 16

Vehicle vs Pedestrian: 1

Bicycle Involved: 1



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