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LADWP continues work on the reservoir aeration project.

Reservoir Rumors Debunked

Recently, Next Door and other social media platforms lit up with reports that LADWP was poised to vote on a resolution to not refill decommissioned reservoirs with water from any source, which would lead to the Silver Lake Reservoirs and others going dry. SLT investigated and found that a resolution introduced by LADWP Commissioner Mia Lehrer was pulled from the agenda of the May 9 DWP Board Of Commissioners meeting and the rumor was false.

According to a source at the city, "The goal of the LADWP is to maintain a healthy water level of the Silver Lake Reservoirs when possible. But if our region is faced with 'extreme drought conditions,' the evaporating water will not be replaced."

LADWP is supporting clarifying language in the new draft of the master plan EIR stating that decommissioned reservoirs will not be refilled during extreme drought conditions until conditions allow for refilling.

The aeration and recirculation project that is in progress at the reservoirs will continue. The project is said to cost millions of dollars and is expected to be complete in 2025. The reservoirs have already been re-piped to bring water from the Pollock Wells.

Lehrer, the author of the pulled resolution that would prohibit the DWP from refilling the reservoirs lost her firm's bid to draft the new SLRC Master Plan. Many community members feel she is not taking into consideration urban wildlife and migratory birds which rely on the water in the reservoirs and the residents who rely on the restorative beauty the complex provides.

Crime Prevention Is Up to Us

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez



LAPD Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reports that over the last four weeks reporting districts 1171, 1172, 1144, and 1145 have recorded 25 burglaries from motor vehicles, spreading concerns in the community. The Los Angeles Police Department is working closely with community police advisory boards to alert residents to NOT attract thieves by leaving their valuables visible inside vehicles. Citizens are also encouraged to contact 9-1-

1 or [LA Crime Stoppers](#) to submit any tips or suspicious activity. It's important all incidents are reported so LAPD can track patterns and occurrences.

In total, there have been 73 crimes reported from April 2 to April 29, 2023.

- 0 homicide
- 0 rape
- 2 robbery
- 3 aggravated assault crimes
- 0 gang related
- 0 shots fired
- 0 victims shot
- 9 burglary
- 10 theft
- 10 grand theft auto
- 25 burglary/theft from motor vehicles
- 2 recovered vehicles
- 1 violent crimes
- 11 property crimes

Additional updates:

- The Los Angeles Police Department and Shake Shack are partnering to encourage Silver Lake Elementary kids to attend school. The class with the best attendance will receive ice cream treats each month.
- On May 10, 2023, Northeast officers and the central traffic division will conduct enhanced traffic enforcement in locations where local residents have complained about drivers running through stop signs, speeding and disobeying posted signs.
- As summer nears, LAPD reminds all local residents living near the Silver Lake Reservoirs Meadow to report any suspicious activity and parties goers setting up rave parties.
- On May 13, May 27, and June 3, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., LAPD is holding a car wash fundraiser at LA Express Car Wash, located at [2580 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90039](#). All proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly to LAPD Northeast youth programs.

LOOKING FOR MORE STATS? USE THE LAPD WEBSITE AND CRIME MAPPING FEATURES

CD 4 Councilmember Blames Toyota for Catalytic Converter Thefts



Fourth District Councilmember Nithya Raman voted against an ordinance to make

unauthorized possession of a catalytic converter a criminal offense. The motion was adopted by the city council on April 18 and is intended to provide police an additional tool for combating the thousands of catalytic converters thefts that have occurred in the city in the last few years.

Raman justified her vote against the measure by claiming that prosecuting offenders would cost the city more time and money and not make the city any safer. She placed blame on Toyota in particular, since one of the most popular targets of catalytic converter thieves is the hybrid Prius.

[READ THE YAHOO!LIFE ARTICLE AND WATCH VIDEO OF RAMAN'S COMMENTS](#)

Recently, federal, state and local authorities took down a nationwide catalytic converter theft ring. Arrests occurred in several states, including California.

[VIEW DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS RELEASE](#)

One measure car owners can take to help law enforcement is to get an identification number etched on their vehicle's catalytic converter. On May 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., LAPD Northeast senior lead officers are hosting a VIN etching for catalytic converters event at Eagle Rock Plaza, located at [2700 Colorado Blvd.](#)



1-877-ASK-LAPD Number to Call for Homeless Issues

LAPD reports that safety concerns regarding homeless encampments and incidents are a common complaint, including crimes, trespassing, tents blocking sidewalks, narcotic use,

etc. If a crime is not involved, citizens are encouraged to report all concerns to LAPD's new programs, CIRCLE (now operational in Silver Lake and Franklin Hills) and LAHOP. Responders from these services are trained to de-escalate incidents and work to house our homeless population. The CIRCLE (Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement) program is designed to help law enforcement focus on crime suppression and prevention by diverting non-emergency calls related to homelessness. Proactive Embedded Response Teams (PERTs) will be deployed during the day, seven days a week, in areas of high need within the service community.

Important number:

- Homeless quality of life issues, calls involving a member of a vulnerable population (i.e., child/family, medically frail individual, etc.) and requests for CIRCLE should all be directed to **1-877-ASK-LAPD**.

LAPD Northeast Division Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez and CIRCLE Program Director Shannon Prior explained the new programs at a recent Silver Lake Together community meeting.



Look! Up in the Sky! Website is for the Birds

The Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary folks recently pointed us to a website that tracks the flight of birds as they migrate. The BirdCast site includes specific information for Los Angeles County, so if you're curious about what's up there (other than planes and helicopters), click on the link. The Silver Lake reservoirs are regular way stations for many migratory birds and home to many others.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT BIRDCAST WEBSITE](#)

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