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# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

## LAPD Provides New Information on Recent Silver Lake Crimes

*Photo: Los Feliz Ledger*



The Los Angeles Police Department has updated facts about two recent crimes that stunned Silver Lake Residents. According to LAPD Detective III Jeana Franco, Northeast Robbery Coordinator, suspects who allegedly entered the popular Nail Station salon on Rowena Avenue near Hyperion and robbed customers and staff at gunpoint are still at large. The alleged crime took place on November 21 during busy afternoon hours. Detective Franco confirmed the unidentified men who were seen at the Nail Station may also be connected with serial crimes in the Silver Lake area, which are under investigation.

Detective Franco also clarified that a reported home invasion on Kenilworth Avenue in Silver Lake's Moreno Highlands neighborhood has been classified as a "hot prowl." The alleged perpetrator entered the home but did not force entry, and a person who was

home at the time was not physically harmed. The disturbing crime is still under investigation.

Detective Franco points out that the most important way residents can stay safe is to pay attention to their surroundings and report all criminal activity. She noted that individuals who walk while looking at a phone or wearing earbuds can be distracted and are more vulnerable to crimes. LAPD also recommends businesses keep loose cash out of sight and that they install high quality surveillance cameras. LAPD personnel are available to advise business owners on the best placement for surveillance cameras.

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## Ivanhoe School Community Mourns Beloved Crossing Guard

*Floral tributes were left near the intersection on Rowena where crossing guard Robert Torres protected students and parents for 15 years.*

Silver Lake's Ivanhoe school is mourning the death of Robert Torres, who was a crossing guard at the school for the past 15 years. According to a recent email sent to parents by Ivanhoe Principal Lynda M. Rescia, Robert came to Los Angeles from Cuba in the 1980s and loved his work at Ivanhoe. The school has set up an envelope at the office where people who knew Robert can leave cards or notes, which will be shared with his family.

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*Photo: Los Angeles Times*

## Arrest of Ivanhoe Teacher Makes Headlines

In more local crime news, the arrest of Ivanhoe Elementary School fifth grade teacher Molly Jane Hoene put Silver Lake in the news across the country. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Hoene, who is 52, was arrested on December 3 at the Silver Sands Racquet Club in Palm Desert in conjunction with an alleged hit-and-run on the 3000 block of Berkeley Avenue that left bicyclist David Molina severely injured. Hoene was subsequently released on a \$50,000 bond. Molina remains in the hospital. The Los Angeles County district's attorney's office charged Hoene with felony hit-and-run with severe bodily injury a week prior to her arrest. She has been reassigned to duties "outside of the classroom."

Silver Lake Together reached out to LAUSD to determine the date when Hoene was removed from the Ivanhoe classroom, but we have not received a reply. Local news sources also reported that Ivanhoe principal Lynda Rescia informed parents that crisis counselors would be at the school on the Monday morning after Hoene's arrest.

[READ LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY ON THE HIT-AND-RUN](#)



*Photo: Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Department*

## Free Shuttle Brings Car-free Access Throughout Griffith Park

On December 7, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Department of Transportation launched the Griffith Parkline, a free parkwide shuttle, which, for the first time, gives visitors car-free access to Griffith Park. The new shuttle will run on Saturday and Sundays, from noon to 10:00 p.m., and features 12 stops, including the Los Angeles Zoo, Griffith Observatory, Travel Town and Park Center. There is also a Hollywood Sign stop for access to hiking trails for viewing the sign. The GP Parkline connects with the all-electric DASH bus route, which is available seven days a week from the Vermont/Sunset Metro Red Line station and carried a record 517,956 passengers in

fiscal year 2018-2019.

Silver Lake Together is working to establish a Silver Lake shuttle that would connect residents to the GP Parkline, as well as the Griffith Park pool, the Griffith Park Adult Community Center and areas of Los Feliz.

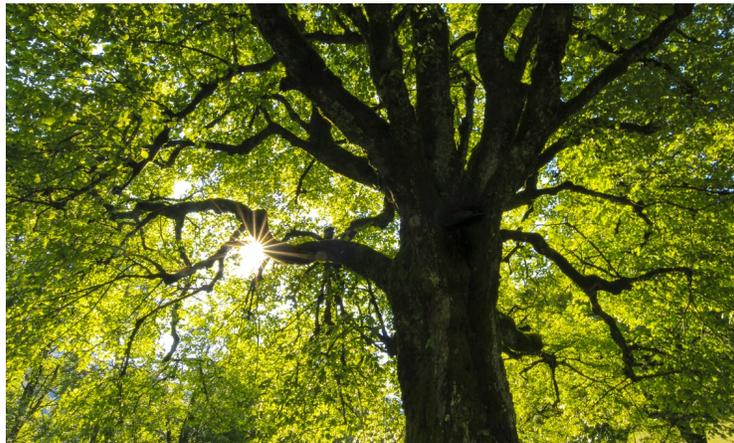
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## Tree Protection Legislation Passes City Council



According to a press release issued by Council District 4, L.A. City Council has approved legislation introduced by CD4 Councilmember Ryu and Councilmember Blumenfield to secure the long-term health and safety of the city's urban forest. The motion and Budget and Finance Committee report give nine instructions to the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), including a report on the Bureau's efforts to restore tree maintenance staff to pre-recession levels, a proposed comprehensive street tree inventory plan, new sidewalk design options that could save street trees from removal, and more.

Councilmember Ryu noted that, "Our trees have been undercut for years by budget shortfalls, drought, and disease. It's time to start restoring Los Angeles' urban forest - starting with better tree policy, proactive tree maintenance, and a long-term strategy." Councilmembers Ryu and Blumenfield first introduced the motion in October 2018, in an effort to create a long-term strategy for tree care in a changing climate. Silver Lake activist Hugh Kenny and other community members have fought to preserve L.A.'s urban canopy and provide safeguards in Silver Lake and across the city.

[READ THE PRESS RELEASE](#)

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*LADWP programs encourage residents to transform lawns and create a sustainable landscape that includes California Friendly plants.*

## LADWP Offers Free Turf Replacement Workshop on December 14

Silver Lake residents interested in transforming their lawns to a drought-tolerant, sustainable landscape by removing turf can still sign up for a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) free hands-on workshop on December 14. A second workshop will be announced at a later date. LADWP is also offering a turf removal rebate to residents who replace lawns with California Friendly plants, including low-water native species, appropriate for the Los Angeles climate.

[APPLY FOR A TURF REMOVAL REBATE HERE](#)

[SIGN UP FOR THE TWO-PART WORKSHOP](#)



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