



CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Top Silver Lake Stories in 2023

The future of the reservoirs—and our community—continued to dominate Silver Lake news in 2023. The lead articles in four issues—and top topics at SLT community meetings—were focused on the proposed Master Plan for the reservoirs [July 27](#), [August 22](#) and [August 1](#) and [tree removal at the iconic reservoirs January 31](#).

Alleged [arsonists setting fire to neighborhood trees also captured the attention of readers April 20](#) and [June 16](#), along with questions about the viability of the Neighborhood Council system [also June 16](#). In addition, Scott Plante’s articles about unsafe “dumping grounds” surrounding homeless encampments in CD 13 were popular. [September 28](#) and [November 28](#).

To read the full articles, click on the links above and scroll to the story.



Pexels photo by Jill Wellington

2024 Goals

The new year is all about resolutions and goals. Here are Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team's top priorities for the year ahead. We hope you will join us in making Silver Lake better for all by focusing on these issues that impact our neighborhoods.

- Secure a dedicated traffic light turning arrow at the dangerous intersection of Glendale Boulevard and Riverside Drive.
- Work with LADWP to prohibit all unauthorized signs or "art installations" posted on the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex fence.
- Enforce the Los Angeles Municipal Code that prohibits dogs in the meadow and the Grassy Knoll picnic area.
- Keep the Meadow an area for passive and non-business activities as it was originally intended.
- Work with LAPD to add a motor officer who will regularly patrol and ticket infractions on Silver Lake Blvd. at Duane Street.
- Join together as a community to enforce the state-wide prohibition of the sale of new gas-powered blowers, mowers, weed trimmers, chainsaws and power washers, which went into effect on January 1. The city of Los Angeles banned gas-powered leaf blower use in 1998.
- Increase the reach of Silver Lake Together.



Follow the saga of the shopping carts in this article by Anne-Marie Johnson, co-founder of Silver Lake Together. At times it will make you laugh but abandoned carts are a troubling symptom of a government that doesn't care.

When ASAP Means Nothing

I first noticed an abandoned Home Depot shopping cart on November 22 during my morning walk. It was parked in front of a home on the 2300 block of West Silver Lake Drive. I reported it to Home Depot immediately and was given the typical “We’ll take care of it ASAP” response. Nothing happened.

A few days later I contacted a company licensed by the city to pick up abandoned shopping carts and their response was, “If there’s anything in the cart, we will not touch it.” I assured them it was empty and they said they’d get to it “ASAP.” Still nothing.

While waiting for some kind of assistance, the shopping cart began to be moved to different parts of West Silver Lake Drive, which turned into a game of “whack a mole”.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE SHOPPING CART](#)

LAPD and Shake Shack Team Up to Support Area Youth Programs

Monday, February 19, 2024, at Shake Shack, 3903 Sunset Blvd., in Silver Lake

Los Angeles Police Department, Northeast Division, Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reports that LAPD and Shake Shack are teaming up to raise money for Northeast youth programs, including PAL (Police Activity League) and Cadets. Shake Shack's support goes beyond just providing a venue for the fundraiser. Their generous contribution of 25 percent of sales for one business day will have a direct impact on the success of these programs, enabling them to reach more young individuals and create meaningful experiences.

SLO Ramirez said, "Police youth programs play a valuable role in fostering a positive relationship between the police and young individuals and make a difference in the lives of our community's youth. We hope you will encourage your friends, family and colleagues to join in this initiative. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of our youth, enabling them to become active, responsible, and active leaders in our community."

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Kudos to our community and LAPD's Northeast Division for keeping crimes in check during the holiday season. As SLO Ramirez has noted, package and car thefts typically increase during this period. However, the latest stats seem to indicate that we were vigilant and protected our property and belongings. Remember, LAPD can't keep Silver Lake crime free without everyone's help!

Northeast Area Crimes

November 26 to December 23, 2023

Homicide - 0

Rape - 0

Robbery - 1

Aggravated assaults - 2

Gang related crimes - 0

Shots fire - 0

Victims shot - 0

Burglaries - 6

Theft - 9

Grand Theft Auto- 10

Burglaries from motor vehicles - 23

Recovered vehicle - 1

Violent crimes - 1

Property crimes - 12

Slow Down Speeders in Silver Lake

Residents and stakeholders are reporting an uptick in speeders in Silver Lake, especially on dangerous hillside streets. In fact, community members note that some drivers aggressively

push back when asked to slow down. You can do your part by posting a *free* Slow Down Silver Lake sign and working with SLT to obtain more traffic patrols.

Contact editor@silverlaketgether.com to request a sign. And be sure to include your address!



LAPD Annual Holiday Toy Drive

Santa dropped in for the festivities December 9 at LAPD's Northeast Station. Santa (and the toys) were a big hit with the kids. LAPD extends a huge "thank you" to all who gave generously to make this event a success.

Let Us Know!

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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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