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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Slow Down Signs Are Back

You asked. We heard you. Silver Lake Together launches new campaign to keep neighborhood streets safe.



After receiving ongoing requests for the popular Slow Down Silver Lake signs, the Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team (SLT) has produced new signs, which are available to Silver Lake residents free of charge. The eye-catching blue and green traffic safety signs will be distributed on a “first-come, first-served” basis. The campaign is designed to remind motorists that adults, children and pets live, work and play in Silver Lake and deserve safe streets. Many residents have expressed concerns about speeding and cut-through traffic on Silver Lake streets, especially in areas where children walk to school.

To request a Slow Down Silver Lake Sign, email editor@silverlaketgether.com

LADWP map shows area of Rowena Avenue that will be closed for work to replace a 42-inch cone valve, which was originally installed in 1954. The new valve will improve water service reliability in the area.



Road Closures on Rowena Begin This Weekend

SLT has confirmed with the LADWP that on Saturday, November 23, crews will begin work to replace a valve in an underground vault on Rowena Avenue, at the entrance to LADWP's Rowena Reservoir Complex and to the west of Hyperion Avenue. Because of the scope of work, there will be partial and full closures of Rowena Avenue on select Saturdays through mid-December. Michael Ventre, LADWP communications, media and community affairs, clarified information about the upcoming closures as follows:

- Work will take place on three Saturdays, November 23, December 7 and December 14. Work hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- On November 23 and December 14, the westbound lane of Rowena Avenue will be closed and some parking along Rowena Avenue will be restricted during work hours.
- There will be a full closure of Rowena Avenue on Saturday, December 7, as the valve installation is completed. All closures and detour notifications will be posted.
- If any weekday work is needed, it will be done during non-peak traffic hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- The bus stop will be temporarily relocated during construction hours. The contractor is responsible for obtaining traffic control officers during the closures.

Although the project is located in Los Feliz, the closures are expected to impact traffic in Silver Lake.

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But, Wait, There's More... Road Closures in Your Future

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power also announced that the Fletcher Drive Pump Project is on track to resume in January and continue through April 2020. LADWP began preliminary work on the project to replace aging water pipes in early 2019 and presented detailed information about the project and road closures at community meetings in 2018 and 2019. At that time, LADWP expected the right-hand turn lane from Fletcher to Glendale Boulevard, along with one left-hand turn lane, to be closed for three months.

Work hours are now expected to be Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some Saturday work and extended hours may be necessary. LADWP will provide access to local businesses and the surrounding neighborhood throughout construction. No interruptions to water service are expected.

According to LADWP, the Rowena Avenue project to replace an aging valve must be completed before work on the Fletcher Drive Pump Project begins.

Additional information about the closure and detour plans will be posted on SilverLakeTogether.com and in this newsletter.

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Silver Lake as it looked in 1908.

December 2 Is Deadline to Complete the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Questionnaire

On November 2, 300-plus residents who attended a community gathering to discuss the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan overwhelmingly supported measures that

would protect wildlife habitats and the natural environment—and rejected proposals to add swimming, boating, a café, commerce and other attractions to the historic reservoirs complex. At the meeting, the Board of Engineering project design team presented three conceptual alternatives: *Islands Overlooks*, *Active Edges* and *Blended Spaces* to attendees.

Stakeholders who were not able to attend the meeting can still express their opinions about the future of the reservoirs in an online questionnaire, which is available until December 2. While some questions may be confusing, respondents can clarify their answers in the “Other” field at the bottom of each section, and in the “We want to hear more!” box at the end. (Questions #29-#46 are optional; all others must be answered to be counted.)

Various community groups have issued survey guides, such as this [one](#) from the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, an organization that works to foster a safe and serene habitat where birds and wild animals can find shelter and thrive within the reservoirs complex.

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Off-leash Dogs Raise Safety Concerns



Citing fears of being “trolled,” a woman who walks her newly rescued dog on the Ivanhoe reservoir path, shared her concerns about owners who let their dogs off leash in a Next Door post. Her story received 114 likes and 85 comments, with the vast majority agreeing that off-leash dogs are a growing public safety problem on the walking path.

In a recent issue of this newsletter, Silver Lake Together also reported on resident’s concerns about both on-and- off-leash dogs at the Rec Center. Dog owners use the playground as a shortcut to the dog park and exercise their dogs in the grassy area below the reservoir that is reserved for human activities. In addition, several parents have reported dog-biting and aggression incidents.

Online respondents to a survey conducted by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience in 2018 and 2019 said that off-leash dogs were the leading reason they avoided particular places in the reservoir area. Silver Lake Together will continue to advocate for the protection of all residents and visitors, especially children, and work to support enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Codes.

To get involved or share your concerns, email
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