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# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

*Silver Lake Together is committed to bringing you news and tips about Staying Safe in Silver Lake during COVID-19. In this issue, we also revisit a project that fell by the wayside – and is raising concerns.*



*Counter-what-wise? Despite an order to convert the path around the Silver Lake reservoirs to a one-way, counterclockwise direction, walkers and runners are still traveling both ways. Photos show a new sign outlining the counterclockwise order and a couple walking in the correct direction next to mask-less runners heading the wrong way. Signs are placed every few yards around the reservoirs.*

## Safer in Silver Lake: Walk Counterclockwise

Due to concerns about crowding around the Silver Lake Reservoirs, walkers and runners must now travel in a counterclockwise direction. Councilmembers David Ryu (CD 4) and

Mitch O'Farrell (CD 13) made the announcement late last Friday after residents and visitors expressed their fears about the lack of physical distancing at the reservoirs during the COVID-19 pandemic. People using the popular path must also wear city-mandated face masks and adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

On March 30, Mayor Garcetti announced closures at the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex, including the Silver Lake Meadow and portions of the reservoir's heavily-trafficked pathway.

[READ THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE](#)



## Silver Lake Ranks High in COVID-19 Cases

Despite efforts to keep residents safe, Silver Lake ranks in the top tier of communities in Los Angeles County for cases of COVID-19. According to the *Los Angeles Times* daily Coronavirus tracker, on April 15 there were 84 confirmed cases in Silver Lake, just below Sherman Oaks (85 cases) and Hawthorne at 87. Echo Park, which had an estimated population of 43, 932 in 2008 – compared to 43, 338 residents in Silver Lake – had nine cases on the same date. Los Feliz, with a population of 32, 153 individuals, had 21 cases. The difference between the Silver Lake, Los Feliz and Echo Park numbers is dramatic. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health data gives the cases per 100,000 in these communities as: Echo Park: 63.13; Los Feliz: 97.19; and Silver Lake: 190.55. The highest rate is in LA's Little Armenia neighborhood with a rate per 100,000 of more than 585.

[TRACK CORONAVIRUS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA](#)

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## LMU Survey Shows Wide

## Support for Safer at Home Orders; One In Five Do Not Have Anyone They Can Depend on for Care



According to a study of Los Angeles County residents conducted by Loyola Marymount University (LMU), an overwhelming majority of Angelenos (95%) support the Safer At Home order. And while most Angelenos (59%) say that the local government response has been just right, another 30% think that local government could do even more. Plus, nearly half of Angelenos (48%) have been let go or had their hours reduced and nearly one in five Angelenos do not have anyone they can depend on for care. LMU researchers conducted 15-minute telephone interviews and online surveys, in both English and Spanish, with 2,000 adult Los Angeles County residents from March 23 to April 8. The margin of error is  $\pm 2\%$ .

Commenting on the survey, Mayor Eric Garcetti said, “At the beginning of this crisis, I reached out to Loyola Marymount, knowing that the center had done amazing work looking at the way we look at our city and each other and I knew that this was information that could arm us with the right decisions to save lives. ” In 2018, LMU’s Center for Urban Resilience also conducted a survey on the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of residents and stakeholders who utilize the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex.

[SEE THE LMU COVID-19 STUDY](#)

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## Silver Lake Together Issues Staying Safe in Silver Lake Resource Guide

To help Silver Lakers sort through the flood of emails, news alerts and social media posts about the Coronavirus pandemic, Silver Lake Together has curated a COVID-19 resource guide. The *Staying Safe in Silver Lake* guide focuses on resources and information that pertain to local residents, including links to city and county information, health resources

and “good to know” items. The guide will be updated as new information is received.

If you would like to recommend a resource, please email [editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com).

READ AND DOWNLOAD THE STAYING SAFE IN SILVER LAKE COVID-19 GUIDE

This just in: *Deadline* published an updated [list of testing centers in L.A. County](#) for individuals who are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Tests take five to 10 minutes to complete and are available by appointment only.

## City Provides Free Delivery Services for Seniors and Dependent Adults



Silver Lake community advocate Nina Sorkin contributed this important information about Critical Delivery Services (CDS) for older and dependent adults. [Through Workforce Development Aging and Community Services](#), CDS delivers food and other vital items to individuals who are unable to leave their homes due to COVID-19. The service is available 24 hours a day/ seven days a week.

[Call 1-888-863-7411 to request delivery service. Learn more here.](#)



## Neglect Breeds Problems

*Photos of the defaced historic Texaco station show rapid deterioration in just over a month. A gaping hole in the protective fencing indicates people may be entering the property without authorization.*



On March 3, *The Eastsider* reported that a historic Texaco station located on Silver Lake Boulevard in Silver Lake would soon move to a new home. Then on March 19, Governor Newsom ordered all Californians to stay home – and the City of L.A. began to focus almost exclusively on the COVID-19 pandemic. While it is easy to forget about projects like moving a Texaco station during a crisis, neglecting this type of issue can also create problems for neighborhoods and residents. As the photos illustrate, the site has been defaced by graffiti. It also appears that people are coming and going through a large hole in the chain link fence that surrounds the property.

According to *The Eastsider*, the 1940s-era building was nominated for historic status by CD 13 Councilmember O’Farrell. However, the councilmember subsequently supported a deal with the property owner to move the station, rather than having it declared a landmark. A CD 13 representative said there are still plans to store the Texaco station at the Recreation and Parks service yard, located along the Los Angeles River in Atwater Village. While we understand that moving the station is not a priority, Silver Lake Together urges the City to remove the graffiti, repair the fence and maintain the site.

**Do you think the site of the Texaco station should be cleaned up? Email us at [editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com).**

[READ THE EASTSIDER ARTICLE](#)

## The Los Feliz Ledger Needs Our Help



Silver Lake Together supports independent, local journalism. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the *Los Feliz Ledger* has lost many of its advertisers and is in danger of not being able to publish the printed newspaper or online edition. Meanwhile, they are working around the clock to provide quality reporting on how COVID-19 has and is affecting our community. Please support the *Ledger* by making a donation [here](#). Every contribution will help these talented journalists continue their work.

[READ THE LOS FELIZ LEDGER STORY](#)

## Remember to Take the 2020 Census

*April 13, 2019, file photo*



The Associated Press reports that the U.S. Census Bureau is delaying the deadline for counting everyone in the U.S. until mid-August because of the novel Coronavirus. However, now is an ideal time to be part of this once-in-a-decade census. The 2020 census will help determine how many congressional seats each state gets, as well as the distribution of \$1.5 trillion in federal spending. And city officials note that Los Angeles could lose billions in federal funds over the next decade if the count is not accurate.

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