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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



Proposed Tokio Florist site plan

Tokio Florist Restoration Inches Forward

Scott Plante, architect, co-founder of Silver Lake Together, and co-chair of Silver Lake's Urban Design and Preservation Committee, reports that efforts to restore the historic Tokio Florist property on Hyperion continue to progress. According to plans being developed by Breland-Harper of Echo Park, the iconic site would be completely renovated into a professional office space. In addition, a new, small three-story office building will be built into the hillside and a new one-story retail building will be constructed. The garden will be restored by James Corner Field Operations, the urban design and landscape architecture firm behind the High Line in New York City and Tongva Park in Santa Monica. Next steps? An application for tax relief under the Mills Act has been submitted to the city's planning department.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

SILVERLAKE RESERVOIR

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL (323) 561-3262

APRIL 6TH
10AM-3PM

East side of Silverlake
Reservoir North of the Dog
Park!

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Silver Lake Together Co-sponsors LAPD Free Catalytic Converter Theft Protection Event

In an effort to combat catalytic converter thefts in Silver Lake, LAPD's Northeastern Division will offer vehicle owners free VIN (vehicle identification number) etching on converters from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 6. Catalytic converters, devices attached to the undercarriage of a vehicle that are used to regulate its emissions, contain platinum and other precious metals, making them a lucrative target for thieves. Converter thieves often target Hondas and Toyotas that sit high (vehicles often seen on the streets of Silver Lake) and it take thieves just minutes to saw off a converter.

Free VIN etching will take place by appointment on Silver Lake Boulevard on the east side of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex, north of the dog park. The program is presented by LAPD Northeast Division and co-sponsored by CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and Silver Lake Together.

Data shows California leads the nation in the skyrocketing number of catalytic converter thefts, a 33-percent increase for 2020 and a 380-percent increase over 2019.

Call 323.561.3262 before April 6 to make an appointment for free VIN etching .

[READ MORE ABOUT THE STUNNING INCREASE IN CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS IN CALIFORNIA](#)

Bigamist Builds Hillside Home

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historicplacesla.org*



According to the Silver Lake History Collective, "Bigamist Builds Hillside Home" could easily have been the headline announcing the then-new Nin-Pole house in Silver Lake in 1962. Anaïs Nin had one husband in New York and a second one, Rupert Pole, here. He commissioned the house to be designed by his stepbrother Eric Lloyd Wright (Frank's grandson) in the hopes it would tie Nin to her life here. It seems to have worked since she lived in the house from when it was built until her death in 1977. In the History Collective's revelatory interview, Eric Lloyd Wright relates the story of this legendary home and its owners.

[WATCH THE INTERVIEW WITH ERIC LLOYD WRIGHT AND SON, DEVON WRIGHT, AND WIFE, TREE WRIGHT](#)

[READ THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE: ANAÏS NIN'S LOS ANGELES HIDEAWAY STILL KEEPS HER SECRETS](#)



Death Trap Update

After a recent article on Silver Lake “death traps,” Silver Lake Together received a resounding number of emails asking that a protected turn signal be installed at the intersection of Glendale Boulevard and Riverside Drive. One area resident reported that her daughter was severely injured when traveling north on Riverside Drive and was hit by another driver, attempting to go east on Glendale Boulevard. Her daughter suffered 16 broken bones and is disabled for life.

SLT will continue to work closely with LAPD and CD 13 to find a solution for this dangerous intersection.

If you think a protected turn signal should be installed on Glendale and Riverside—or have other traffic safety concerns—email Editor@silverlaketogogether.com.



Once Again: It's Silver Lake, Not Silverlake

The Eastsider recently reported that the correct spelling of Silver Lake is still being debated. Cheryl Revkin, co-chair of the Silver Lake History Collective and founder of the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce, answered the question with a resounding, “Definitely two words.” The City of L.A. and LADWP officially refer to our community as Silver Lake, but there is a one-word contingent, led primarily by local businesses, who continue to

spell it incorrectly — think Silverlake Ramen and the Sunset Junction sign that welcomes visitors to “Silverlake.”

We encourage residents and businesses to use the correct spelling. After all, we don’t say Beverlyhills, Santamonica or Centurycity!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Photo by Ignacio Genzon for the Los Angeles Times

Mountain Lion P-22 Again Spotted in Silver Lake

On March 10 we reported the news that that L.A.’s most famous mountain lion, P-22, was seen on Berkley Circle in Silver Lake but had safely returned to his regular stomping grounds in Griffith Park. However, on March 26, the *Los Angeles Times* reported a mountain lion was seen heading northbound on Benton Way about a half-mile below the Silver Lake Reservoir. The big cat wore a collar around its neck and is [believed to be P-22](#), the only mountain lion known to reside in the Griffith Park area.

We urge residents and drivers to be careful when walking or driving in the area, both to protect themselves and all wildlife. P-22 is a reminder that we live in a crucial pathway for wildlife traveling between Griffith Park and the L.A. River.

[READ THE LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY ON P-22’S MOST RECENT VISIT TO SILVER LAKE](#)

Neighborhood Safety Discussion on April 6

If you’re interested in making our community safer, Silver Lake Together encourages you

**Silver Lake/Echo Park
invite you to attend:**

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY DISCUSSION

Please join Northeast Senior Lead Officers Paialii and Ramirez, City Attorney G. Taylor, CD-13 Field Deputy M. Guerrero, LA County Probation, and your community of neighbors to connect in person to discuss important neighborhoods safety issues.

Wednesday April 6, 2022 | 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: Silver Lake Recreational Center
1850 W. Silver Lake Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90026

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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