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NEIGHBORHOOD.**



Reservoirs Aeration and Recirculation Project Kicks Off; Ivanhoe Reservoir Expected to be Drained This August

According to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), work on the Silver Lake Reservoirs aeration and recirculation systems will begin this Spring and continue through mid-2022. During the construction of the recirculation system, **the water in Ivanhoe Reservoir will be drained into the Silver Lake Reservoir sometime in August 2021** and returned in April 2022. Once the work within Ivanhoe is completed, the reservoir will be refilled with water from the Silver Lake Reservoir via the new recirculation system and

supplemented with groundwater from a local well, if needed. **Silver Lake Reservoir will not be drained.**

LADWP will present the project plan at an upcoming Silver Lake Together virtual community meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 22. To attend, email editor@silverlaketgether.com.

The Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC) is an operational facility and LADWP continues to maintain the open water bodies, including maintenance of the water quality to control algae growth and reduce potential odors from anaerobic (lack of oxygen) conditions.

[READ THE PROJECT PLAN DESCRIPTION](#)

RSVP editor@silverlaketgether.com to attend the LADWP meeting.

Breaking News: Is CD 4 Councilmember Raman Proposing Eliminating Height Restrictions on Hillhurst in Los Feliz?

If a flurry of posts on Next Door are accurate, Councilmember Nithya Raman would like to make last-minute changes to the proposed Hollywood Community Plan and eliminate building height restrictions on quintessential Hillhurst Avenue in Los Feliz. The Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), which has been in existence for over 100 years, posted a link to a website with more details and instructions on how to comment on the plan to up-zone portions of Los Feliz to allow denser, taller, wider buildings with less parking requirements.

[MORE INFORMATION AT THE LOS FELIZ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION](#)

In the next newsletter, SLT will write more about how community plans could impact historic neighborhoods like Los Feliz and Silver Lake.

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Return to

Silver Lake



Spring is here and Silver Lake's iconic Blue Herons are nesting again in their favorite Silver Lake tree, not worried by thoughts of COVID restrictions or openings. For decades, the majestic birds built nests within the reservoir complex. However, after a large-scale construction project required the draining of both Silver Lake Reservoirs for over two years, they relocated to quieter digs on private property just outside the Ivanhoe Reservoir. Their new home is relatively peaceful and since 2018, they have successfully hatched and raised chicks. But their urban sanctuary must be protected and Silver Lake Together has alerted LADWP and Street Services that it is heron nesting season. This means there should be no adjacent projects or noise.

Please do your part and protect our precious herons. If you hear or see activities that interfere with their peace, email editor@silverlaketogether.com and we will notify the appropriate city agency.

LEARN ABOUT THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT OF 1918

The Sakai-Kozawa Residence/Tokio Florist in Silver Lake is a rare and highly intact example of a residence associated with a Japanese American family and their longtime floral business in Los Angeles. (Photo: M. Rosalind Sagara / L.A. Conservancy)



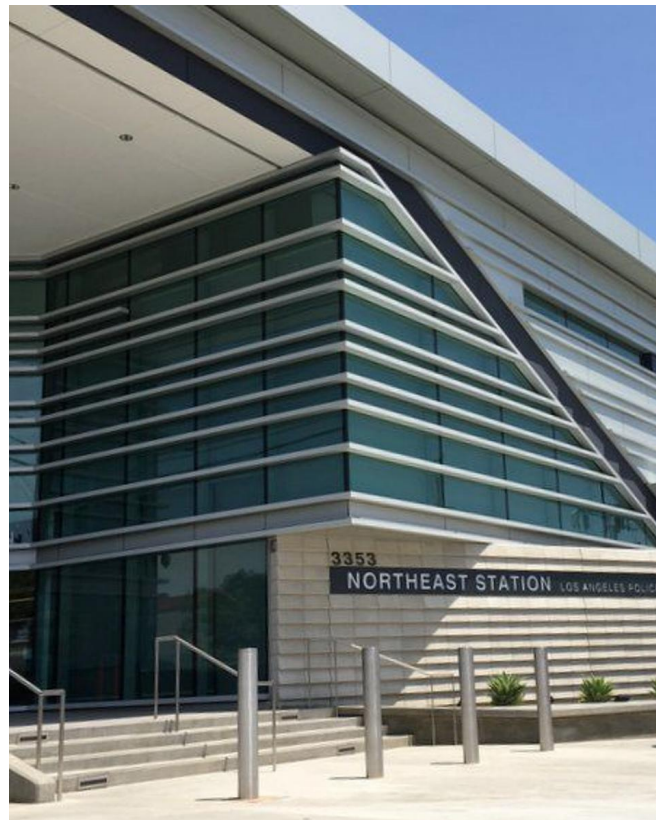
Efforts to Preserve and Revitalize Historic Tokio Florist Move Forward

Since the Los Angeles Conservancy declared the Sakai-Kozawa Residence/Tokio Florist and Pole Sign Historic-Cultural Monument #1198, interest in the future of this iconic building has increased. On March 4, Echo Park architectural firm Breland-Harper presented revitalization plans for the Tokio Florist site to the City's Cultural Heritage Commission. Working with landscape architect James Corner Field Operations, they are developing a preservation approach and master plan for the site.

Two new structures are currently proposed: an 800 square foot retail building, and a 7,500 square foot new office structure. The existing house would be rehabilitated, and the buildings would be located in an extensively preserved landscape. The plans were presented to the Cultural Heritage Commission for information only, and detailed plans will be presented at a later date for approval.

READ THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY DESCRIPTION OF THE TOKIO
FLORIST CULTURAL MONUMENT

Important Community Policing Meeting



(Photo: The Eastsider)

Silver Lake Together's next community policing meeting with officers of LAPD's Northeast Division will take place at **6:30 p.m., Monday, March 22 on Zoom** (following the LADWP presentation at 6:00). With an uptick in violent crime and robberies, especially in adjacent communities like Echo Park, this will be an important opportunity to voice concerns and learn from LAPD. Silver Lake Community Church Pastor Kyle will attend the virtual meeting and remedies for unhoused neighbors and concerns about mental health issues will also be addressed.

To attend the meeting, RSVP to editor@silverlaketgether.com

CD 13 Continues Pop-up Vaccine Program

CD 13 is continuing its popular “pop-up” COVID-19 vaccine program for qualified residents of the council district. According to the latest update from Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell’s office, individuals who are 65 and older, teachers, school staff, restaurant workers, those with certain underlying conditions and others are eligible to receive the vaccine.

CD 13’s community outreach was created to help residents avoid the sometimes confusing or conflicting information about signing up for the vaccine. A third vaccination site will be open Tuesday, March 23 through Saturday, March 27 in East Hollywood. To confirm if you live or work in CD 13, use [this link](#).

If you are interested in scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination through CD 13, complete the [Interest Form](#), which will be used to determine eligibility. Once a person is deemed eligible, they will receive additional information.

[SUBMIT A VACCINATION INTEREST FORM \(ENGLISH/SPANISH\)](#)

Questions? Call CD 13 at (213) 207-3015 or email CD13RSVP@lacity.org

In Case You Missed It: Modified Street Sweeping Program



From last SLT newsletter: Streets LA is modifying its street sweeping program, moving from weekly sweepings to every other week. Effective March 1, residents can sign up to get email notification of when their streets will be swept. Notifications will be sent 24 to 48 hours in advance, giving residents a chance to move their cars. While many streets in Silver Lake are residential and not swept often, the new guidelines apply to surrounding throughfares and communities.

[SIGN UP FOR STREET SWEEPING NOTIFICATIONS](#)

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