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Nancy Drew Is On the Case

Everyone who has driven or walked near the intersection of Rowena, Glendale and Lakewood has noticed the unsightly development that has been stalled for several years. Silver Lake resident and Urban Design and Preservation member Debbie Slater put her

Nancy Drew sleuth hat on, polished her magnifying glass and provided this timely update on the 2800 Glendale Boulevard project.

A building permit for the site was issued in September 2018 to Everelle Build, a small Silver Lake-based residential construction firm. Construction started, and the project immediately faced challenges. The pandemic exacerbated those challenges, with the project being mothballed. Construction resumed over the summer. Window installation and roof panels have been installed and further activities will increase the pace of the project. Completion is expected within a year. Hardy Wronske, owner of Everelle, told Slater that he is in regular contact with the neighbors to manage security and construction logistics.

Mr. Wronkse, who in a previous iteration of Everelle built the well-regarded Buzz Court small lot homes project on Rowena, apologized to the community and believes once 2800 Glendale is completed "it will indefinitely improve the vacant lot it replaces."



Walking the Walk

There's a lot of talk about compassionate solutions for people experiencing homelessness who resort to living on the streets. As the old saying goes, talk is cheap, but recent statistics on the homeless crisis show Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell is putting words into action. In fact, homelessness decreased 23% in CD 13 since 2020, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

According to information from CD 13, the council district is:

- Building more affordable and supportive housing
- Creating more interim housing
- Investing in supplemental outreach services.
- Introducing robust tenant protections and creating rental relief.
- Converting existing building stock into housing
- Pioneered the city's first-ever model of unarmed crisis response

In his report, Councilmember O'Farrell noted that CD 13's comprehensive approach is effective and urges the City to adapt these measures across Los Angeles. Silver Lake Together applauds the CD13 team for "walking the walk" and putting words into action.

READ COUNCILMEMBER FARRELL'S REPORT

Invite to Community Meeting and Latest LAPD Crime Stats

Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez is responsible for emergency and non-emergency radio calls in Car Area 11A71 (24 hours a day / 365 days a year).



Silver Lake Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reports that there will be an in-person Silver Lake community meeting, hosted by LAPD Northeast Division on September 22, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed will include increased interaction with those who are homeless, increase in crime, requests for more patrols, and other issues faced by residents, officers, city attorneys and city representatives. To RSVP and for more information, please email, 39570@lapd.online.

Following are the latest crime stats for the Northeast Division, which includes Silver Lake, portions of East Hollywood, Echo Park, Cypress Park, Elysian Park and Eagle Rock.

Crime Stats: August 21—September 17

Homicide: 0 Rape: 0 Robbery: 1

Aggravated Assaults: 8

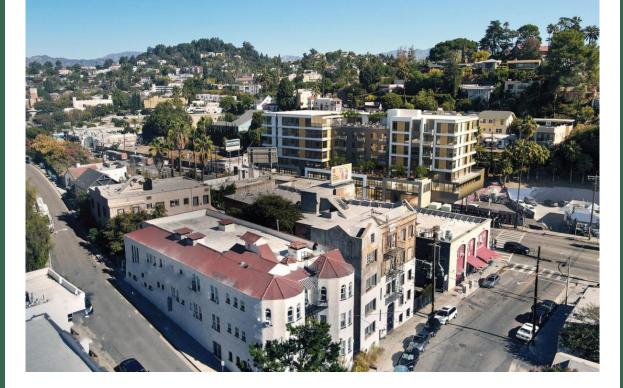
Gang Crimes: 0 Shots Fired: 0 Victims Shot: 0 Burglary: 8 Theft: 6

Grand Theft Auto: 10

Burglary From Motor Vehicles: 19

Recovered Vehicles: 3

Violent Crimes: 2 Property Crimes: 7



A new development by RYDA was unanimously approved by city council, despite objections by neighbors, which focused on its size and scale and lack of a full environmental impact report.

3209-3227 Sunset Blvd. Development Approved by City Council

In a unanimous vote, the Los Angeles City Council moved to deny an appeal submitted by neighbors of a new project planned for <u>3209-3227 Sunset Boulevard</u>. According to an article in *Urbanize*, the city "...approved the construction of a seven-story building containing 86 studio, one-and two-bedroom apartments above roughly 8,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space and a 69-vehicle automated parking garage." The project includes a density bonus that permits a larger structure with less on-site parking in exchange for setting aside 10 of the proposed apartments as deed-restricted affordable housing at the very low-income level for a period of 55 years.

READ THE COMPLETE URBANIZE ARTICLE



The Silver Lake Meadow is a passive space dedicated to quiet activities like simply enjoying nature and the outdoors.

More Good Meadow News

Silver Lake Recreation Center Director Gordon DuPree reports that Rec and Park is in the process of printing signs with language clarifying how the Meadow should be used. The new signs, which cite the applicable Los Angeles Municipal Codes, will be installed in the Meadow and other park areas under Rec and Park's supervision. The signage will help park staff better serve and educate the community and ensure that all parkgoers and surrounding residents safely enjoy the peaceful beauty of The Meadow.



Silver Lake Community Church hosted the Neighborhood Support Day event as part of its ongoing service to people experiencing homelessness.



Participant Gavin R. gets his photo taken for a new I.D.

Silver Lake Community Church Hosts Event Providing Services to Homeless

The Silver Lake Community Church is a shining example of an organization providing effective service to people experiencing homelessness. Rev. Kyle Joachim, pastor of the Silver Lake Community Church, reports on the Neighborhood Support day that took place at the church on September 14. The event was organized by Councilmember Nithya Raman's Office (CD 4) and SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition. Each guest was

greeted with a hot meal and cold water as volunteers ushered them around to the many different stations, where participants were able to get new ID's and birth certificates, register to vote, sign up for food stamps, get help with immigration issues, and even talk to a public defender about getting their record expunged. Medical providers were on site to administer COVID and MPX vaccinations, do basic health check-ups, and connect participants with mental health services. There was also a shower and laundry truck available to help folks freshen up, and the "free haircut" chair was busy all day. The event benefited more than 40 individuals experiencing homelessness.

To donate to the Silver Lake Community Church:

silverlakechurch.com

To volunteer, contact:

SLCC - kyle@silverlakechurch.com

SELAH - https://www.selahnhc.org/volunteer

CD 4 - https://councildistrict4.lacity.org/cd4volcorps



This short section of Maltman is currently a green space with mature plant material, and has been used for years as a walkway between Crestmont and Sunset. The City is considering removing public access and transferring the pocket space to a private property owner.

Maltman Street Vacation Update

By Scott Plante, Architect and Co-founder, Silver Lake Together

In August, we wrote that a section of Maltman Avenue, situated between Effie Street and Crestmont Avenue, is being considered for vacation by the City of Los Angeles. At the September 13, 2022 city council meeting, the vacation request was referred to the Public Works Committee for further consideration. No meeting date has been scheduled as of yet.

How you can get involved:

With a city short on parks, this pocket space provides a natural habitat for wildlife and a respite from the increasing urban heat island. Silver Lake Together urges the city to retain this green space and turn it into a small park and preserve the public's right of way.

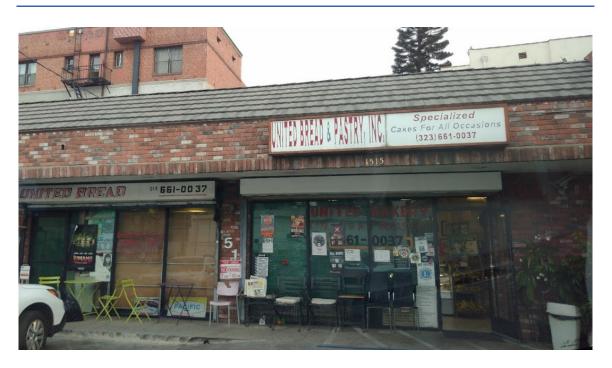
If you object to taking this public space for private development, please contact Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office and refer to Council File 20-1482: Vacation of Maltman Street Between Crestmont and Effie.

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The story of United Bread & Bakery is told on the Silver Lake History Collective's YouTube channel (link in story).

Silver Lake's Lifeblood: Legacy Businesses

On July 1, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council approved a new Legacy Business Program. Silver Lake is home to many legacy businesses and continues to benefit from these long-time, diverse and community-based small businesses. More information about the Legacy Business Program can be found here.

The Silver Lake History Collective recently conducted a video interview with the family

owners of United Bread & Bakery, which has been in business on Sunset since 1985. The video featuring this participant of the legacy business program can be viewed here at SLHC's YouTube channel.



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