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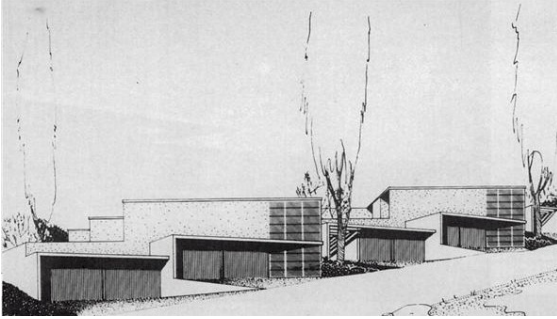
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## Silver Lake Neighborhood Leaders and LAPD Meet to Strategize Effective Community Policing

Silver Lake Together held its fourth virtual "LAPD and the Community" meeting last week. More than 20 Silver Lake neighborhood leaders participated, along with Northeast Division Captain Arturo Sandoval and Senior Lead Officers Jesse Aispuro and Gina Paialii. The goal of the meetings is to further strengthen the working relationship between the community and LAPD and enhance safety in Silver Lake by sharing alerts and crime statistics.

Silver Lake Community Church Pastor Kyle Joachim will lead the fifth meeting and guide a discussion on how the community can realistically and safely help those who are experiencing homelessness. Attendees will also discuss details of the first phase of a workable plan to help the Northeast Division become a stronger partner with the community. If you'd like more information, please email [editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com).

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*Architect Gregory Ain's visionary design for affordable, cooperative housing in Silver Lake effectively ended his career. In 2019, a unit with Ain's signature glazed glass and sliding partitions listed for \$925,000. (Photo by [Curbed LA](#))*

## How the '50s Communist Scare Stopped a Lower-priced Housing Vision in Silver Lake – and Branded Its Creator “The Most Dangerous Architect in America”

By Scott Plante, architect and co-founder Silver Lake Together

The Avenel Cooperative Housing project is one of Silver Lake's architectural landmarks. Designed by visionary architect Gregory Ain, the 10-unit cooperatively-owned complex at 2839 Avenel Street was designed in 1947 and funded by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) in an effort to increase the post-war supply of housing. However, the 1950s Red Scare took a toll on Avenel and its architect, and Avenel was considered a “Communist” housing project for its communal design. J. Edgar Hoover branded Ain “the most dangerous architect in America” due to his progressive thinking, and he was under surveillance by the FBI.

[Read more about the Avenel Cooperative Housing project](#)



## Black Lives Continue to be Tattered

Silver Lake Together thanks those who recognized the deplorable condition of many of the names installed on the reservoir's fence were less than honorable and volunteered their time to remove them. But more needs to be done. We again ask that all of the names be

respectfully removed, not in a piecemeal fashion, but completely, to avoid further insult to the memory of these individuals. As pictured above, many of the remaining names continue to erode, fade, and appear to be ignored and forgotten. Those honored deserve better.

[Read the original article](#)

## Homeless Encampment Appears at Reservoirs



Residents have alerted Silver Lake Together that a tent has been installed on the walking path, affixed to the reservoir fence located on Silver Lake Boulevard, between The Meadows and the dog park. It appears that the tent is inhabited. SLT reached out to LADWP, LAPD, CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). We hope passionate and proactive assistance will be provided immediately to avoid the problems experienced at the Echo Park Lake Recreation Center.

## LAPD Reports Sharp Uptick in Stolen Cars; Advises Residents to Take Safety Precautions



At the recent "LAPD and the Community" meeting, LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Jesse Aispuro informed attendees that during the week of November 9 six vehicles were reported stolen in Silver Lake. This is a notable increase in this type of crime and SLO Aispuro advised residents to take additional safety precautions, such as using a "club" to prevent thefts.

The meeting was attended by Northeast Division Captain Arturo Sandoval, Senior Lead Officers Jesse Aispuro and Gina Paialii and community leaders. Officers also advised attendees to report all emergencies to the LAPD and non-emergency concerns to 877-ASK-LAPD, a toll-free number. designed to help reduce the number of non-emergency calls to 9-1-1. Captain Sandoval noted that reporting crimes or disturbances helps the



police allocate vital resources, leading to safer neighborhoods.

Learn more about the difference between an emergency and non-emergency

*A socially aware woman sports a mask that compliments her personal style while another woman walks mask-less around the reservoirs.*



## Semi-Woke in Silver Lake

As COVID-19 cases and deaths surge across Los Angeles, residents are reporting an increasing number of “mask-less” individuals in Silver Lake, especially around the reservoirs and on heavily-trafficked streets like Sunset Boulevard. Surprisingly, a number of those being reported are younger women, who are often said to be “woke” on social issues. According to a recent article in the *New York Times*, a well-fitted mask protects the wearer – and others – from the dangerous coronavirus. Plus, new research shows adding a filter and improving the fit makes cloth masks work even better.

Virtually all health experts agree that face masks help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. It’s a fashion statement we applaud, and we ask all who live or visit Silver Lake to be “woke” and wear a mask.

Is It Time to Upgrade Your Mask? Read the New York Times article

Read the Los Angeles Times article on a new limited Safer at Home order aimed at slowing the virus spread



*Wishing all in Silver Lake a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving weekend!*



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