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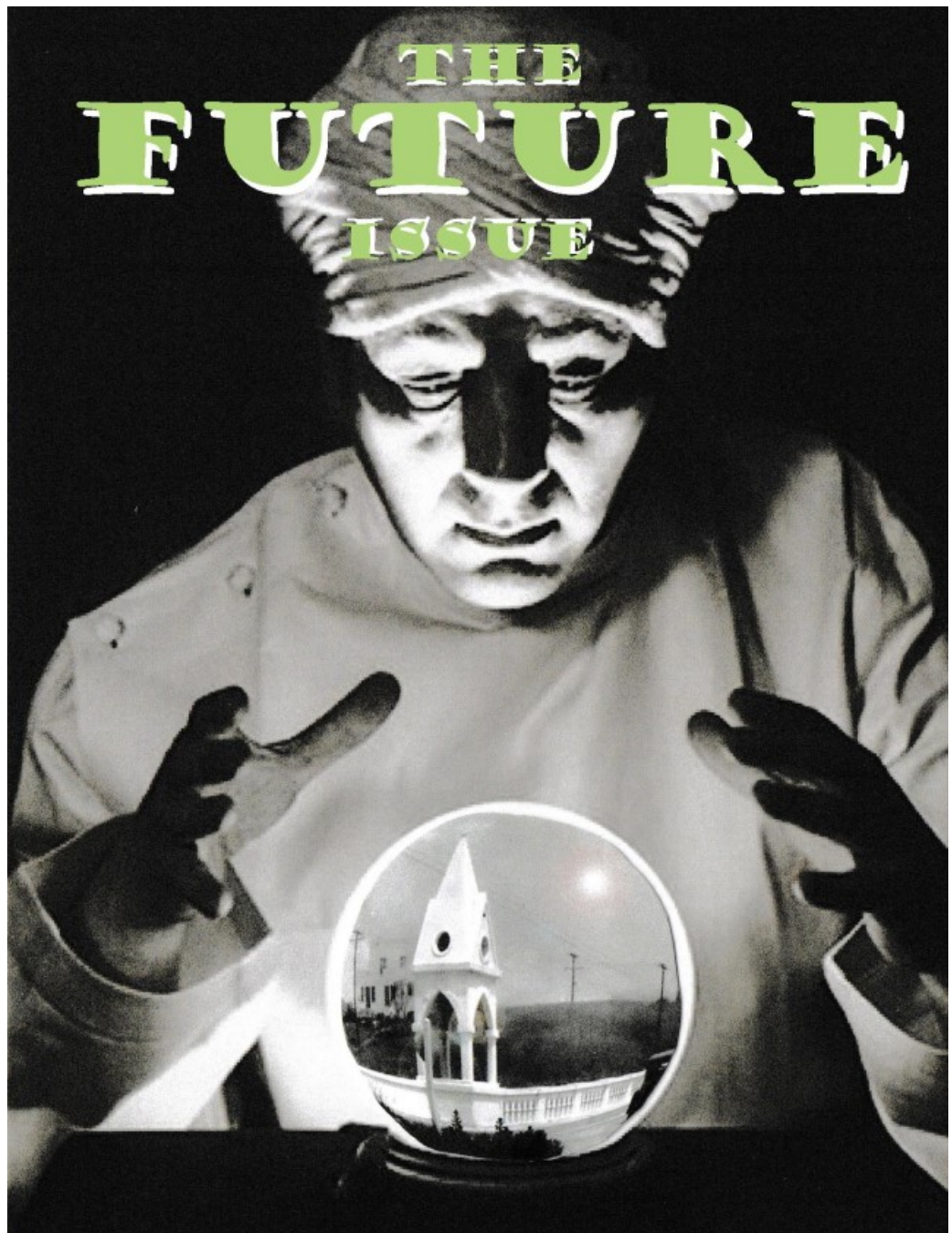
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President's Message / Shirley Mims

What does your future hold? How does what you do today influence the future for you and others? In the Franklin Hills, the future depends on you.

The myriad projects and events that FHRA has been involved in are the launching pad for future generations that keep your organization going. You can help by joining or renewing your membership with the FHRA.

30 years in the making, the FHRA has a strong future ahead. We have a great bunch of people living in these hills with many who show up to volunteer for neighborhood clean ups and garden work parties, regularly pay member dues, and serve on the board.

Member dues help to pay for materials for community projects, garden plants and tools, paint to eliminate graffiti, water for the median, publication of the Overview, and planning organized events. Additional donations can be earmarked for specific projects. By investing your time and energy, and making a contribution you ensure a long and strong future for our neighborhood.

The board has been busy transitioning all the work that retired member Bruce Carroll used to do. Steve Myers has designed new web pages and an email system that makes it easier for us to use. Elizabeth Richardson has taken on the membership duties as well as continuing as secretary. Carole Nese is helping with the treasury. We still need an editor for future editions of the Overview. Please see the announcement on page 17.

I hope you can join us at the FHRA annual meeting on April 28th. Lycee International de Los Angeles (LILA) is graciously hosting the event. See details on page 10. Bruce Carroll will return to once again show off the historic photos that he's collected over the years. Councilmember David Ryu, Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor, Animal Control Officer Hoang Dinh, SLO Lenny Davis and the Fire Department will give updates for the neighborhood and answer questions. I look forward to seeing everyone there. ■



Errata: Overview 54 had two mistakes. The electronic version posted on franklinhills.org has been corrected.

1. President's Letter (Pg. 2): Corrected spelling of Steve Myers' name;
2. Shakespeare Bridge Garden (Pg. 19) Corrected neighbor's name from Marlene Wayne to Toby Leaman for her help watering the heritage roses. ■

The Future of Franklin Hills' Wildlife / George Grace

Over the last 40+ years that I've lived in Franklin Hills, there have been frequent visits on Clayton Ave. from squirrels, skunks and possums, joined less frequently by coyotes, and raccoons. In 2015, we even had a local bobcat that hung around for a few months! (The bobcat photo on page 10 was taken in my neighbor's yard in 2015).

Seeing all this wildlife gives me a lot of pleasure. I even think I recognize some of the skunks and possums that come over regularly to drink from the water bowls I spread around the yard.

Why is wildlife so successful in Franklin Hills? Answer: even though our neighborhood is fully developed, it still offers plenty of the three essentials that wildlife needs to exist: shelter, food, and water.

Shelter: Lots in the neighborhood are relatively large, and have well established vegetation offering a range of places for wildlife to live and raise their families. In addition, the many decks, crawl spaces, and sheds offer cover to our opportunistic wildlife. If zoning doesn't change, our wildlife's available shelter ought to stay the same for many years.

Food: Opossums, skunks, raccoons and coyotes are omnivores with diets that include insects, fruits and vegetables, nuts, grubs, worms, rodents and other small mammals, birds, snails, carrion, frogs, fish, and eggs; and of course in our urban environment, available pet food, and edible garbage from open dumpsters, garbage cans, and compost piles. All prefer to forage at night, but can occasionally be seen during the day, particularly in drought years. And this brings us to the third essential factor for their preservation.....water.

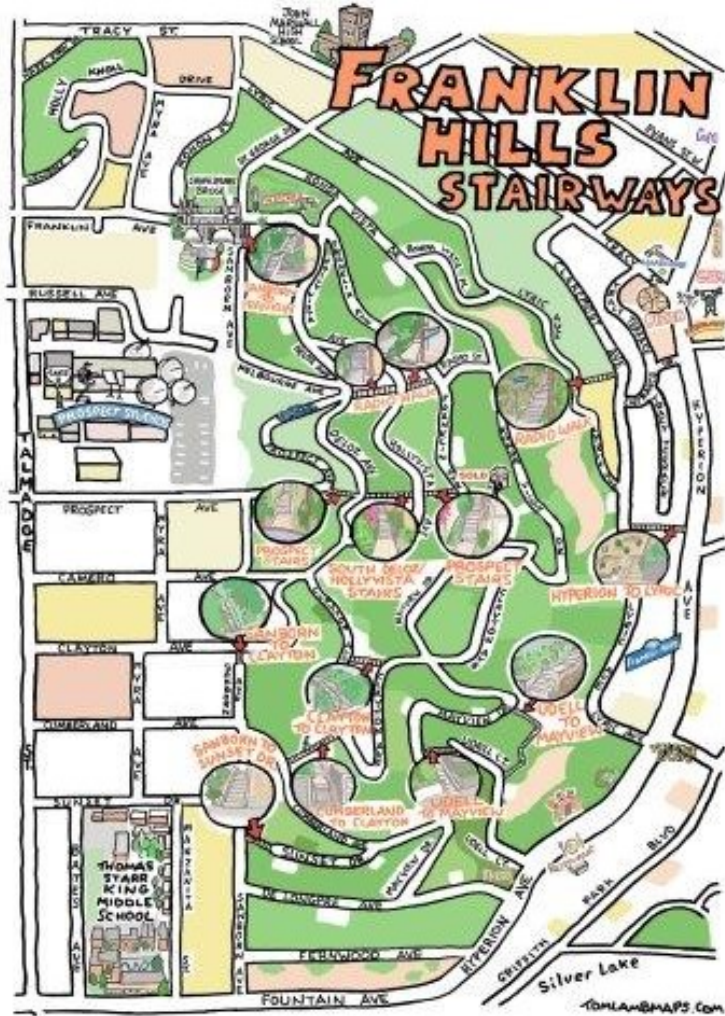
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Franklin Hills Stairways Map by Cy Saelens

(Editor's note: Many of us in the Franklin Hills received a postcard of this delightful map. The author who commissioned the work is also a neighbor and graciously granted permission for the FHRA to print it in this Overview edition and to post it on the FHRA website to share with the neighborhood. We hope you enjoy it!)

Tom Lamb is a cartographic artist who designs custom hand-drawn maps with his unique style combining colorful illustrations with precise representations of neighborhoods and fun little details throughout his art. As a former Angeleno, many of the maps from his original series depict local neighborhoods including Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Atwater, Eagle Rock.... His commissioned work also includes custom maps for city officials, LAPD, and corporate businesses. He exhibited his work at many local events including Art Expo and Downtown L.A. Artwalk, and has been written up in such publications as Los Angeles Magazine and Time Out L.A.

Lamb's latest map "Franklin Hills Stairways" was commissioned by local real estate agents Cy Saelens & Kareen Slajer who wanted to offer a unique but also useful marketing postcard that every neighbor would want to keep. And once again, Tom Lamb delivered a perfect and fun map representing the 14 Stairways, well-known buildings, local businesses and...even Cy & Kareen selling homes.

In addition to simply enjoying Lamb's newest artwork, hopefully this map will also encourage residents to better discover Franklin Hills by searching and walking every stairway.

If you would like to have a full resolution postcard of this art, please contact Cy or Kareen. ■

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The Future and the Franklin Avenue Median Garden by Melinda Taylor

Readers who saw the most recent issue of The Overview may have read about my happy experience revisiting the past, by getting involved in the Franklin Avenue Median project almost 25 years after I originally designed it. As this issue of The Overview has a focus on the future, I'd like to report on the Median garden today, and also share a few thoughts about how gardens evolve into the future.

As a landscape architect and landscape contractor who works with architects all the time, I am constantly reminded of a significant difference between landscape and buildings: Buildings are delivered as completed

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King is Quiet Once More / Charley Mims

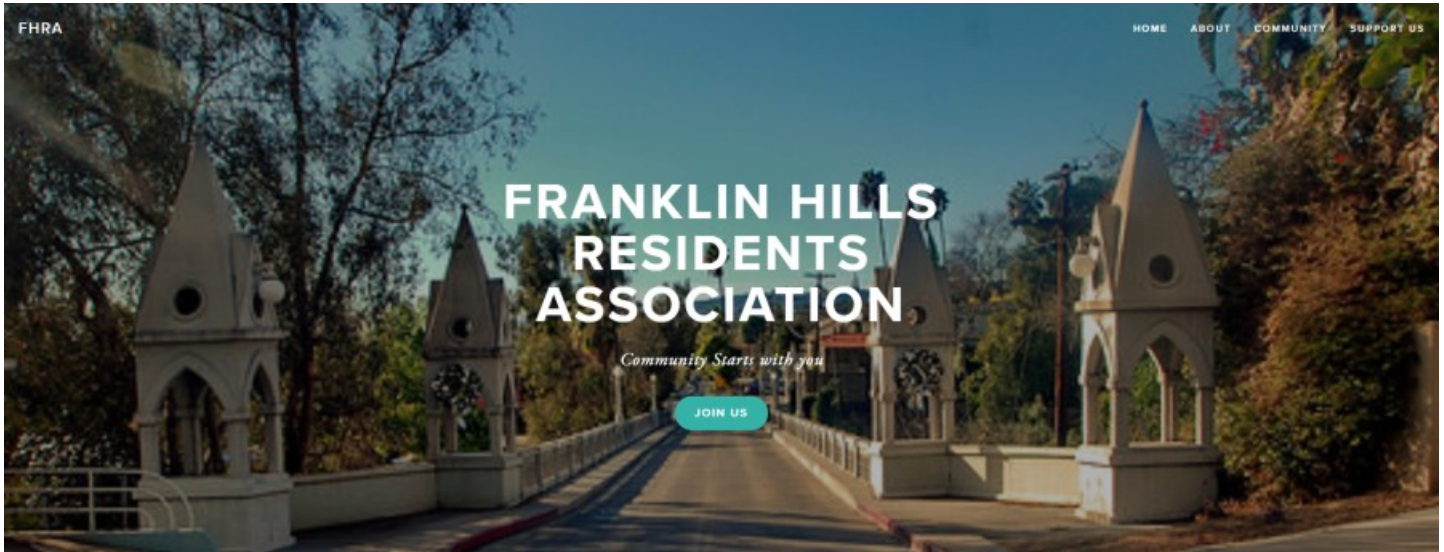
It has been over a year since David Brooks and I met with the Principal at King Middle School, Mark Naulls, to discuss the loud noises coming from the school's public address system. Reveille was played early in the morning, loud announcements were made all during the day, and the bells or buzzers announcing the next class were overly loud. Principal Naulls agreed to check into a new public address system so he could have more control over the volume and where it was used (inside only or outside) and to get back to us. He refused to consider not playing reveille. He never did get back to us. No updates, no information on when a new system could be installed, no communication.

We had initiated our meeting based on numerous complaints from surrounding neighbors about the excessive noises and the new lighting system that directed bright lighting into the homes of neighbors on the surrounding hillsides.

After a few months had passed without any reply, we contacted Councilman David Ryu's field deputy, Adam Miller for help. Adam reached out to Principal Naulls without obtaining any satisfaction. He later reached out to Zelendria Robinson, Operations Coordinator for the LAUSD. A meeting was arranged between Ms. Robinson, Adam Miller, our Senior Lead Officer Lenny Davis, and Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor from the City Attorney's Office. Ms. Taylor and SLO Davis shared their knowledge of City codes with Ms. Robinson. She decided to stop the playing of reveille, and to attenuate the other announcements and noises emanating from King Middle School.

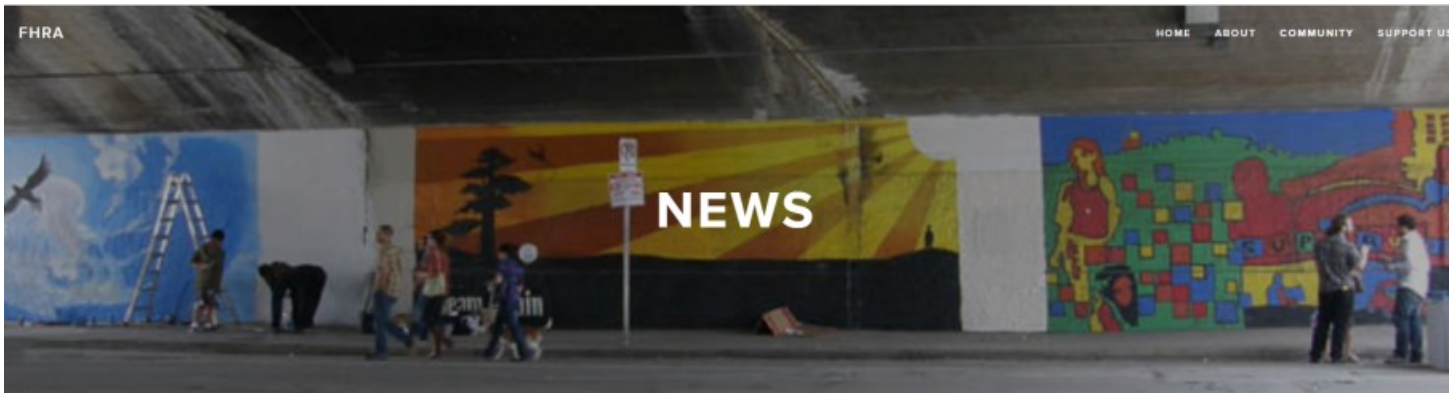
Neighbors have reported a greatly diminished level of noise coming from our neighborhood Middle School and their pleasure with the collaborative work accomplished by Ms. Taylor, SLO Davis, Mr. Miller and of course LAUSD Operations Coordinator Zelendria Robinson. This has demonstrated how City officials working together with Unified School District officials can find solutions to problems impacting our Franklin Hills neighbors. King Middle School is a valuable educational resource for neighborhood children. We are pleased to have King located within the Franklin Hills. ■

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New and Improved franklinhills.org Website / Steve Myers

The original www.franklinhills.org website and fhra@franklinhills.org email box were setup by Bruce Carroll way back in 2001, at the dawn of the Internet boom. For its day these new technologies were a great achievement and provided a modern alternative to infrequent newsletters or other manual means for communicating with FHRA members. 17 years later the technology for creating and managing web sites and email boxes has changed and so FHRA has undertaken the project to migrate and upgrade our website hosting service and email provider. By the time you read this article our new website will be live. Please take a look and share the link with your friends and neighbors. The website address is the same, but the look and content is all new and improved: <https://www.franklinhills.org/>. Our main email addresses will also stay the same fhra@franklinhills.org, but will now be easier for FHRA board members to use. Other existing @franklinhills.org email addresses have also been migrated to our new email provider, such as garden@franklinhills.org and editor@franklinhills.org. Please check www.franklinhills.org for a full list of FHRA email addresses and to learn about all of the new and improved website content and features. We've also added some exciting new features, including an up-to-date events and news section, and a fully functional web site shop. You can use the new shop to renew your yearly membership, and purchase Franklin Hills historic photos, t-shirts, and other merchandise, see <https://www.franklinhills.org/shop/>. Let me know what you think at communications@franklinhills.org. ■



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works; we do not expect buildings to change much after their completion. Landscapes or gardens, in contrast, take years to mature, and the formal and conceptual ideas that might have generated a garden's design will likely not be physically manifested for years after a garden is planted. When a building is completed, the architect's work is done. Architects, for practical reasons, rarely have ongoing relationships with the buildings they design. Buildings are finished by the time people move into them, and there is typically no opportunity for architects to modify buildings once they are in place.

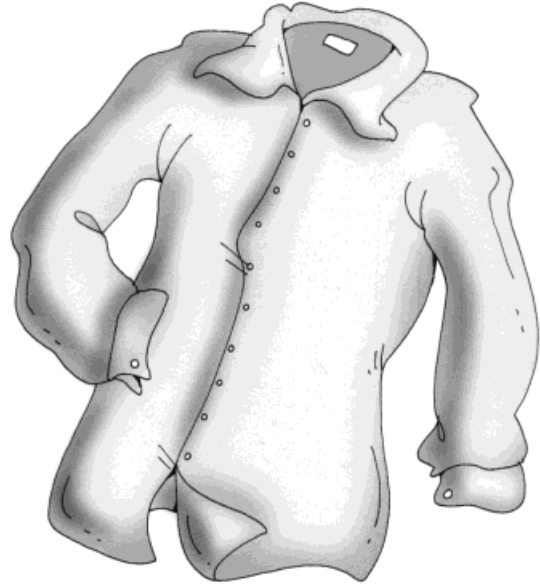
Landscape architects also rarely have on-going relationships with the gardens they design once these gardens are planted. But unlike the situation of architects and their buildings, landscape architects leave their gardens long before these gardens are "finished"; typically, they leave their gardens at the point when they have really just begun. I don't know how or why this standard practice began; perhaps when the new profession of "Landscape Architecture" arrived, it picked up customs already adopted by and suitable to the practice of architecture without much considering their suitability to the practice of landscape architecture.

But some landscape architects who are also landscape contractors, as I am, practice landscape maintenance as well as design. We don't necessarily have to abandon our gardens as soon as they are planted. We can enjoy the luxury of being able to watch our gardens grow into maturity, and have the opportunity to "tweak" them as part of our work. Landscape design is a dynamic process. It takes place over a period of years. This is never so clear as when one is visiting gardens of the world, many of which have developed over centuries.

I recall hearing two friends talking together on the Median back in 1995 when volunteers came out to plant the Median garden. "Everybody keeps saying how nice this is going to be," one said. "But I don't get that. I think it looks great now. Why are people talking about it in the future?"

That comment resonated with me. When I look at a garden my eyes see the future, not the present. When I look at the Median garden, I'm seeing the desired future I imagine for it. This trained way of seeing is so ingrained in my habits, it's pretty much automatic. I see plants in the size they will be, with the colors they will have, and I see all the plants around them in the same way. I see the future of the garden, and I make design choices with that seeing in mind.

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Have the shirt off my back.

When the Dalai Lama was asked what word of advice he would give to others, he replied, "Attention!" Attention is the simplest form of love, as directing your notice to another says you care. "Attention" is always on my mind. My relationships with my clients mean the world to me. I give the "shirt off my back" in attention. I know that I must earn a client's trust and confidence daily—and that the way to a healthy relationship is via my full attention to my clients' needs.

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Investing in Community Ecosystems / Hannah Spencer

As gardeners, we're always looking to the future. We're wondering what the next season has in store, what vegetables to plant, when to harvest, and how to preserve our crops. Throughout the year, we're investing in the soil of our plots to proactively prepare for each planting. This year at the community garden, we're planning for the future of the community. We're focusing on improving the ecosystems of the garden to help encourage monarchs, honey bees, and other pollinators.

One of our goals this year is to become a certified monarch butterfly habitat. The monarch butterfly has seen a huge decline in population due to habitat loss, herbicides, and pesticides. Every year monarch butterflies migrate to California and Mexico to wait out the winter. As an organic community garden, we have the perfect habitat and opportunity to help provide a space for local pollinators and monarchs. One of our initiatives includes building a communal flower bed which is both beautiful and provides for our local ecosystem. There are about 15 different native milkweed plants that are drought tolerant. We're taking steps to phase out tropical milkweed, which can sometimes harm monarchs, and are planting native milkweed. Milkweed is the only plant that monarchs use to host their larvae and eat as caterpillars. The plants aren't just good for monarchs, they also provide nectar for honey bees and other pollinators. In addition to our communal flower bed project, we also plan to plant milkweed evenly throughout the garden. While this tactic is for ecosystem sustainability, it also provides a benefit to the gardeners by encouraging the local pollinators to spread throughout our plots, pollinating our vegetable plants.



Monarch butterfly enjoys lantana among bougainvillea

If you are interested in participating in the Franklin Hills community garden activities, check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinHillsCommunityGarden>) for more information on our public events. We have a wait list, but would love to welcome more Franklin Hills neighbors to our community. If you are interested in gardening a plot, please email our co-coordinators Kristen and Hannah at garden@franklinhills.org. ■



Flowers and thriving plants at the Norman Harriton Community Garden

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Shakespeare Bridge Garden Reopening Party / Shirley Mims

It's finally done! It's been done since November of last year when FHRA received the controls and instructions for the water system. We are exceptionally grateful to the Bureaus of Sanitation and Engineering for their dedicated service to restore the garden with improved retaining wall, new plants and a new water system. Now in its 15th year, the Shakespeare Bridge Garden is set to last many more years into the future of this wonderful neighborhood.



City Landscape Artist Gilbert Tascione demonstrates the new water system at the Shakespeare Bridge Garden.

A few neighbors have donated plants from their yards. FHRA also purchased some. The Bureau of Sanitation supplied the rest and also built the retaining wall and installed the new water system along with cobbles at either end of the retaining wall to help capture water runoff from the slope.

Pink monkeyflower is winding its way up the pole at the end of Monon. Blue and purple Ceanothis native to Griffith Park and Verdugo Hills along with existing blue flowered plumbago grace the hillside. Clearwater Blue fescue grasses decoratively line the front boulders. City of Los Angeles official native plant Toyon Christmas Berry will grow large and cover the water control post and front of the green cage that contains the backflow preventer.

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*A bobcat in neighbor's back yard.
(Photo by David Berger)*

CAVEAT: Please don't feed wildlife. Feeding them is against the law in Los Angeles carrying a fine or even jail time. If they become habituated to humans, they can be dangerous to you and your pets, and if deemed a nuisance, most likely trapped and killed.

Water: Water availability is the most troubling problem for local wildlife. I did some research, and found some encouraging data. As reported in Science Magazine in 2014:

“For decades, Los Angeles has guzzled far more of its water from melted snow in the Sierra Nevada mountain range and the Colorado River than from local, rain-fed rivers and aquifers. But although climate change threatens to make mountain snow less reliable, new research says southern California's rain won't dry up in the future. The analysis—one of the most detailed climate change forecasts for any city to date—predicts that Los Angeles's average rainfall will probably stay roughly the same in decades ahead, despite the current drought.”

Even though the L.A. weather hasn't followed this prediction for the last few years, I'm hoping this is just an aberration from the study quoted above. In the meantime, in these dry times, we can help by putting out water bowls, and making our pools, fountains and ponds accessible to the critters that roam our neighborhoods.

And one last thing. We have a new resource for helping sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife: Wildlife Care of Southern California. Representatives are presently working in the area now to save a sick coyote. I hope they are successful. If you see an animal that needs help, call them at 805-581-3911. Check out their website at <http://wildlifecareofventura.org>.

If you are like me, you wouldn't want to lose our Franklin Hills' wildlife, and I don't think we will if we all do our part to keep our neighborhood the same as it is today. After all, they were here long before any of us. ■

**FHRA Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 28th, 11 AM to 1 PM**

Lycee International de Los Angeles (LILA); 4155 Russell Ave.

Free Parking on Campus

Join us!!!

Q&A with City Officials: Councilmember David Ryu, Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor, Animal Control Officer Hoang Dinh, SLO Lenny Davis, the Fire Department, others. Refreshments, Community Garden tour, Goodies, More!

LAPD Update / SLO Lenning Davis



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone finds yourselves well. We all wonder about our future and where life will take us. LAPD does this also. We are always looking to the future to see how we can better serve and protect. We have everything from a planning unit to see how we can expand, to a technology unit that looks how our equipment can be more efficient and a computer program that tries to predict where certain types of crimes might happen. What can you do to protect yourself and your family in the future? By starting now. You live and I serve a beautiful and wonderful community. Violent crime is very low and we mostly deal with property crime. But a lot of people become complacent or think that "This is Franklin Hills, crime only happens somewhere else."

Now is the time to be thinking about these things before you or your neighbors become a victim of a crime. Start at home. Make sure your windows and doors are locked when not at home. Is there plenty of lighting at night around the yard? Think about investing in security cameras or a doorbell camera. Now think about the neighborhood. Have you met all your neighbors around you? Share your work/vacation schedules so you can spot suspicious activity. Consider starting a neighborhood watch on your street. It doesn't have to be formal. It can just be a great way to meet your neighbors and exchange information. Maybe order and post some neighborhood watch signs in the area. And finally, think about the community as a whole. The future of it is in everyone's hands. If there is an area that looks neglected, how about a community clean up involving the Councilman's office? Become involved in your Neighborhood Council or local community service groups. If you are able, join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Lastly, the most important thing to remember is that if you see something, say something. If something doesn't seem right, report it right away. A lot of people think that by posting a comment in Nextdoor (private social network), it gets reported to LAPD. It does not. We have no way to monitor the posts in Nextdoor and unfortunately there is misinformation posted. If it is an emergency or crime in progress, call 911, otherwise report suspicious activity to our non-emergency number at 877 ASK-LAPD (877-275-5273). Then let your neighbors know what is going on. American writer Anthony J. D'Angelo wrote "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

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Senior Lead Officer Lenny Davis ■

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Meet our Neighborhood Prosecutor: Gabrielle Porter Taylor

by *Elizabeth Richardson*

Bet you didn't know we in Franklin Hills have a Neighborhood Prosecutor? And it's, in the words of Martha Stewart, a 'good thing'. When a neighbor contacted the Franklin Hills Residents Association about a house behind him that had been foreclosed in the home loan crisis and was illegally occupied by suspected drug dealers, we called our Neighborhood Prosecutor. When the neighbors living next to King Middle School couldn't get any response from the school administration about the blaring noise from the morning reveille and loudspeaker announcements, the Neighborhood Prosecutor was called in. We, and those affected neighbors have been extremely grateful for her successful, persistent, and deft handling of these cases.



Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Porter Taylor, esq. (left) with City Attorney Mike Feuer

Our Neighborhood Prosecutor is Gabrielle Porter Taylor, esq. She works out of the LAPD's Northeast Division offices at 3353 North San Fernando Road when she isn't downtown in court. But the program is much broader than just handling cases. In fact, prosecuting a crime is actually a last resort. Ms. Taylor describes her job as one where she has the ability to contact all sorts of city agencies to solve problems, primarily through 'just sitting calmly down with everyone involved and finding alternate solutions sometimes just by having a conversation'. But when she calls someone, be it a resident or a city agency, they tend to call back. That's action!

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Prosecutor program was originally set up by City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo (2001-2009). The program was significantly reduced during the tight budget times in the mid-2000s. When Mike Feuer was elected City Attorney in 2013, one of his first priorities was to find the funding for the program which is now fully staffed at each of the 21 LAPD divisions. Gabrielle Taylor was appointed by City Attorney Feuer in 2014.

The relevant laws primarily used by Ms. Taylor are as old as the hills with firm roots in English common law although you could probably find much earlier examples in the Code of Hammurabi

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Introducing Field Deputy Rachel Fox / Shirley Mims

We are fortunate to have met with new field deputy Rachel Fox of Councilmember David Ryu's office. She brings enthusiasm to learn about the FHRA and a "can do" energy for the Franklin Hills neighborhood.

As a Field Deputy, Rachel assists with constituent cases and handles issues for Central Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake neighborhoods. Prior to joining the Councilmember Ryu's office, Rachel worked to support training and consulting programs for the Center for Nonprofit Management. Rachel is a proud alumni of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Summer Internship Program, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Chapman University. She can be reached by emailing rachel.fox@lacity.org or by calling (213) 473-7004.



Councilmember David Ryu's Field Deputy Rachel Fox (right) with Relay For Life Committee Chairs (left to right) Pat Tashma and Nina Sorkin, and Say Cheese owner Glenn Harrell

We will miss former field deputy Adam Miller. Passionate about solving the homeless problem, Adam left his role as field deputy to transition full time into working on the homeless crisis. Please congratulate Adam in his new endeavors and join FHRA in welcoming Rachel in her new role for the Franklin Hills. ■

Welcome JMHS Principal Dr. Gary Garcia by Carole Nese

I had the great pleasure of meeting Dr. Gary Garcia in the fall of last year, just a short while after he had taken the position of Principal at John Marshall High School (JMHS). A real sports fan and a man with energy and enthusiasm, he was very excited about being at Marshall High. He also expressed an interest in reaching out to the residents, neighbors and local community organizations that surround the school. FHRA looks forward to continuing a great working relationship with Marshall High School and the students and developing one with Dr. Garcia.

Beginning his career as a teacher of English at Alexander Hamilton High School (Los Angeles Unified School District) in 1985, Dr. Garcia has also served as the Coordinator of the Humanities Magnet at Hamilton High School, Assistant Principal at Paul Revere Middle School and as the LAUSD Local District 3 Testing and Intervention Coordinator. Dr. Garcia returned to Hamilton High School (3,000 student enrollment) in 2006 as principal and served 9 ½ years. The 2017-2018 school year will be Dr. Garcia's 32nd year as an educator and his 22nd year as a school site administrator.



*Dr. Gary Garcia,
Principal of Marshal High*

After serving in multiple LAUSD central office positions, Dr. Garcia has returned to the principalship, now at Marshall High School. Dr. Garcia is pleased and honored to serve again as a
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(1754 BC) and many religious texts. (see sidebar on page 15). Clearly sorting out neighborly relations has been with us since the dawn of time.

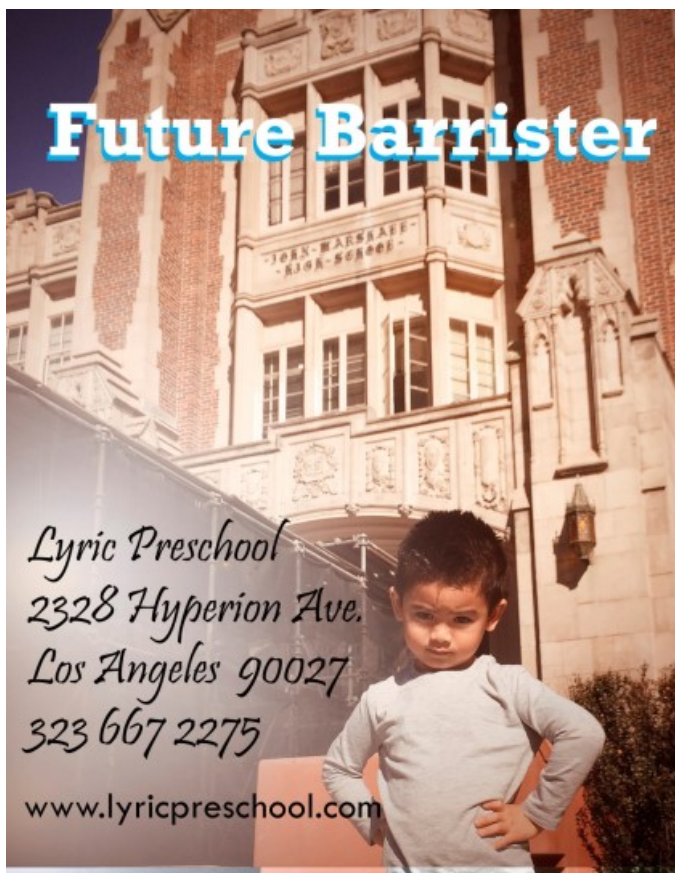
The two main laws used by Neighborhood Prosecutors are the Good Neighbor laws and the Nuisance laws. Think barking dogs, absentee landowners who let their land and buildings deteriorate, suspected meth houses, construction noise. These are the “quality of life issues that drive people insane” she said.

Ms. Taylor has a lot of experience that she brings to the job. She was a teacher and Development Director at Dolores Mission School in Boyle Heights and is credited with keeping the Dolores Mission’s doors open. Graduating from Loyola Law School, she has worked as a special prosecutor in the Family Violence Unit and has worked in Central Trials where she prosecuted many misdemeanors. Prior to joining the LA City Attorney’s office in 2006, she was a Deputy District Attorney for the Riverside County District Attorney’s office.

All that experience comes in handy as the LAPD’s Noretheast Division covers many different neighborhoods including Atwater Village, Cypress Park, Eagle Rock, East Hollywood, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Franklin Hills, Garvanza, Glassell Park, Highland Park, Los Feliz, Mount Washington, Silver Lake, and Solano Canyon.

Should the need arise, you can reach Gabrielle Porter Taylor at the Northeast Division of the Central Bureau of the Los Angeles Police Department, 3353 N San Fernando Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90065. Her contact information is gabrielle.taylor@lacity.org and (323) 561-3403 (the desk phone at the station.) ■

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principal of a school with a distinguished history and tradition such as John Marshall High School.

During his career, Dr. Garcia was appointed to serve on Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa’s Council of Education Advisors in 2005. In addition, he was selected Principal of the Year in the LAUSD Local District 3 in 2010 and by the Association of California School Administrators, Los Angeles Region in 2013. Dr. Garcia has also served as a member of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council from 2008 to 2012 and was the elected president of the LAUSD Senior High School Principals Organization in 2013.

Dr. Garcia holds a B.A. in English and a teaching credential from Loyola Marymount University, a Masters in Education Administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills and a Doctor of Education from the University of Southern California. Dr. Garcia is married and has two sons who are LAUSD graduates.

We’ve enjoyed working with former Principal Patricia Heideman and look forward to continued good relations with Dr. Garcia. Please join the FHRA in welcoming Dr. Garcia to the neighborhood. ■

Nuisance Laws: *A legal action to redress harm arising from the use of one's property.*

The two types of nuisance are private nuisance and public nuisance. A private nuisance is a civil wrong; it is the unreasonable, unwarranted, or unlawful use of one's property in a manner that substantially interferes with the enjoyment or use of another individual's property, without an actual Trespass or physical invasion to the land. A public nuisance is a criminal wrong; it is an act or omission that obstructs, damages, or inconveniences the rights of the community.

(<https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/nuisance>)

Nuisance in English law is an area of tort law broadly divided into two torts; private nuisance, where the actions of the defendant are "causing a substantial and unreasonable interference with a [claimant]'s land or his/her use or enjoyment of that land", and public nuisance, where the defendant's actions "materially affects the reasonable comfort and convenience of life of a class of Her Majesty's subjects"; public nuisance is also a crime. Both torts have been present from the time of Henry III, being affected by a variety of philosophical shifts through the years which saw them become first looser and then far more stringent and less protecting of an individual's rights.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuisance_in_English_law)

Good Neighbor Laws: an early definition found in the New Law Book by Giles Jacob in 1729.

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Vitagraph (ABC) Studios circa 1920 years before the bridge




B

Franklin Hills & surrounding areas September 17, 1927




C

Vitagraph Studios circa 1925 Bridge upper left of photo




D

Hyperion & Griffith Park Bl. seen from Lyric Ave. 1925




E

Looking east across Silverlake 1923




F

Griffith Park Bl. looking NE across Hyperion 1920s



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View south from Franklin Hills across Fountain down Sanborn 1917




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View west along Fountain 1917 with "Intolerance" set in distance upper center




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View across Hyperion with Franklin Hills' developer Frank Strong 1917



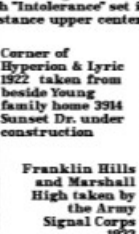
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View SE across Hyperion from Sunset Dr. behind Francis Young 1925



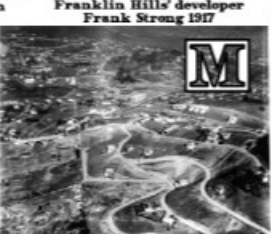
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Corner of Hyperion & Lyric 1922 taken from beside Young family home 3914 Sunset Dr. under construction



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Franklin Hills and Marshall High taken by the Army Signal Corps 1932



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Prospect Stairs Clean Up / FHRA



Before (left) and After (right) photos of the Prospect Stairs clean up effort

In November 2017 the FHRA helped a caring neighbor organize a clean up of the lower Prospect Stairs. Half a dozen volunteers showed up to help with the effort. The stairs were swept clean from top to bottom in just a couple of hours.

Councilmember Ryu's office hauled away all the bags of trash that were filled and also spent some time cleaning out nearby gutters and curbs.

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New Trees on Franklin Ave. / Shirley Mims



An emergency sewer repair on Franklin Avenue ordered by the Public Works Bureau of Engineering brought down the large eucalyptus (photo at left) and other trees across from the median island in January. The tree's roots had grown into the pipe which needed to be replaced. Some neighbors were upset about the removal. Others were glad it was taken out. Several jacarandas have been planted in their place. The photos below were taken on the day of the removal. ■



Eucalyptus tree removal (left); new sewer pipe (center); cut trunk (right, by Alexandra Weiss). Can you guess the tree's age?

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St. Catherine's Lace

But I also understand the mind-set of the volunteer who spoke on the Median twenty-three years ago. The qualities of harmony in a garden design can be seen immediately, and one doesn't need to see into the future to appreciate them. Yesterday I took a walk along Franklin Avenue and looked at the Median garden. I saw the past, the present, and the future. I saw plants grown to maturity, lending "gravitas" to the scene. I also saw lovely little plants --6" tall, 4" wide silver-colored sticks just recently planted, and I saw these plants as they will be--a big shawl of patterned silver, draping the shoulders of palm trees. I saw a dot pattern extending along the length of the strip, and I saw how that dot pattern would become big swaths of foliage color and texture that will make a bold composite design extending the length of the space. For now, the transition from dots to swaths is still the future. But the future will arrive.

Looking at the Median garden in its current form, I think the most obvious thing passers-by may have noticed is our re-shaped Mexican Bush Sage plants in the flat area of the site. They are now back to growing in their natural shape. When we released them from an artificial "boxed" form that had been imposed upon them by previous gardeners, their flowers, composed of velvety purple calyces with extended white petals, began extending high above their leaves, swaying back and forth in the wind as traffic passed by.

When traffic on Franklin Avenue is congested, and you are nearly at a stand-still, you can seize the slowdown as an opportunity to notice some other things we've done. The new *Eriogonum giganteum* (St. Catherine's Lace) we planted a few months ago are growing and putting on flower heads, which will grow up to a foot across, and bear tiny cream-colored flowers that turn pink and then brown over the summer and fall. A new *Trichostema lanatum* (Woolly Blue Curls), planted at the end of the Median near the bridge, has started putting out beautiful blue flowers. On the flat area of the Median, wild-flowers are up and growing, with blooms soon to follow. A few California Lupine have already begun to flower. All the new growth on buckwheat, salvia, sagebrush, and deerweed plants prove that spring is close at hand!



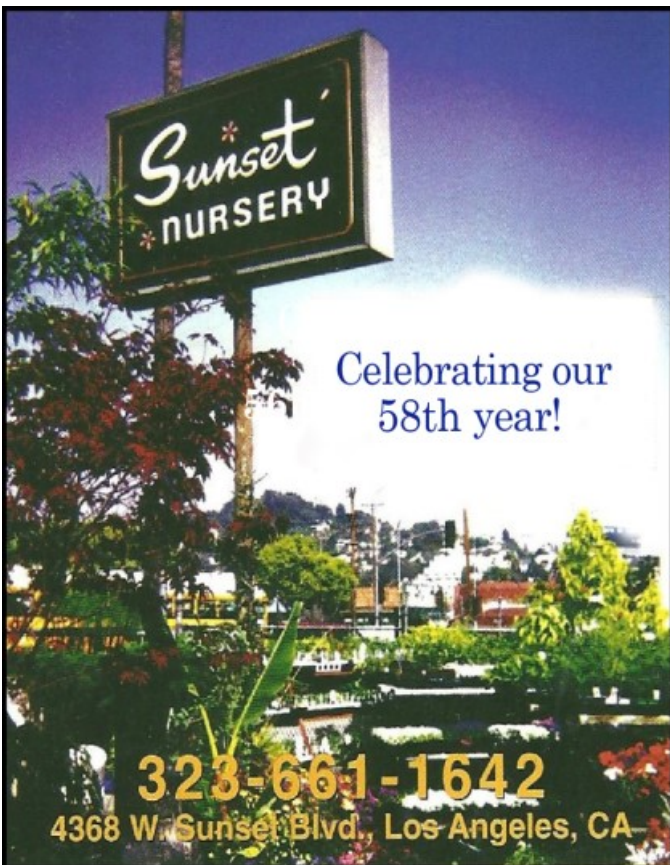
Woolly Blue Curls

After The Overview's most recent edition came out, we received some very kind notes, one with a very generous donation enclosed, in response. Thanks to all of you who contacted us! It is a joy to share your pride in the beauty of our neighborhood, and in the accomplishments we can make working together. Thanks especially to M-K O'Connell and family for their generous end-of-year support. We deeply appreciate your contribution!

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I hope that you are enjoying the Median garden. If you want to comment on anything written here, please contact me at median@franklinhills.org. I'd love to hear from you. ■

Manuel Molina (rt) and Mauricio Ramos (lt) cleaning the flat



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Rosemary, lavender and more grasses fill the flat area. ... And our heritage roses are back, planted along the new retaining wall.

Regular work parties where neighbors get together for a couple hours to clear out weeds, pick up trash, and prune the plants are a great way to make sure this beautiful garden is maintained. If you are interested in helping to head this up, please get in touch with me at shirley@franklinhills.org.

The re-reopening ceremony is planned for June. Sign up for FHRA alerts at fhra@franklinhills.org or watch for a post at Instagram @franklinhills and on our website www.franklinhills.org for more details. We hope you can join us. ■

COMMUNITY MATTERS!

The Franklin Hills Community of the Future / Carole Nese

How do you envision the Franklin Hills Community in a decade...or more?? What do you want it to look like?

Surveying the residents in the neighborhood, here are some of their comments:

- less traffic, no cars, better roads;
- more modern environmentally friendly housing;
- prettier, draught tolerant flowers, plants and trees all around;
- healthier eateries, more local merchants;
- grocery and other store deliveries by drones;
- less worry about thefts, burglaries and home invasions;
- fewer hungry and homeless;
- more local jobs, smaller, more modern schools;
- less pollution, smart trash cans, environmental trash and waste disposal;
- more bicyclers and walkers, better group transportation, individual aerial transportation;
- innovative new infrastructures to accommodate a growing population;
- more local and accessible emergency responders;
- kindness, caring and courtesy among neighbors;
- more help for the needy, children, seniors, pets;
- robots taking jobs away?!



New construction increases density

Some of these ideas seem almost unbelievable today but so was the replacement of the horse with the automobile in the beginning of the 20th century.

What will Franklin Hills look like in 10, 25 years or 50 years...2043...2068?? What about the predicted Earthquake, will it have happened in the next decade or so, and how will it change our lives?

Could we have been more prepared?

What's your idea of a perfect Franklin Hills of the future? We want to know. Please send your comments to fhra@franklinhills.org.

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