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A HOLIDAY GIFT OF SNOW TO END THE DROUGHT

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I was at a real estate open house on a recent weekend, just to see what houses are going for in Franklin Hills. I was amazed that people would pay so much to live here, even in “That Special House” with a view of the Griffith Observatory, Mt Baldy, Century City, Glendale, the Pacific Ocean or Downtown LA. Then I thought back to when I first found Franklin Hills in the 1980’s and fell in love with first the views, then the location and soon, the neighbors.

From walking the dog around these narrow, winding streets—each with a different view of an interesting part of Los Angeles to the fact that we are close to the San Fernando Valley, Glendale and downtown, I knew this place was right for me. Neighbors were friendlier than other places I had lived. We had impromptu “meetings” out on the street when people came home from work or on a weekend afternoon.

A neighbor at the open house pointed out that we are close enough to freeways to use them but are tucked away in an area that doesn’t suffer from freeway noise, pollution or attract criminals who might use them for a quick getaway. Our narrow, twisty streets that we at times rue also discourage some criminal activities.

Other reasons people want to live in Franklin Hills are things like our proximity to good shopping areas such as Hyperion, Vermont and Hillhurst, where businesses really care about the neighborhood and help keep it interesting and attractive. I’ve spoken before of *Baller Hardware and Artware* with the “Make Art Not War” mural that they commissioned on Tracy Street and which was created by Shepard Fairey who now lives in the Franklin Hills. Baller also donates tools, gloves and trash bags to our clean-up events.



(Photo by Bruce Carroll)

Tony Fanara from *Palermo Italian Restaurant* has given us countless pizzas and support whenever we need his help for an event. His restaurant has become a neighborhood institution. Richard Stanley of *Coldwell Banker Real Estate*, a neighborhood historian, has brought photos and tales of Franklin Hills’ and Los Feliz’ past to liven up our annual meetings. Joseph Tannous (now on our Board of Directors), Koko Bakchajian of Hi-Tech Automotive, Ross Carter of Coldwell Banker Real Estate— I could go on and on with names of local businesses that have pitched in with help in Franklin Hills, way beyond advertising in our little paper.

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John Marshall High School Tower Construction

By Charley Mims

A small group of Franklin Hills Residents Association board members and a neighbor who lives across the street from the High School met with Principal Patricia Heideman to ask why the construction was taking so long. The Principal shared that the Construction Facilities Division of the LAUSD discovered unanticipated conditions in the size and material composition of the Tower.

They are continuing investigations as to how best to provide seismic protections for students, staff and visitors. When they have completed their investigation, they will develop a set of plans and specifications to strengthen the Tower while maintaining its historic fabric and character.

The scaffolding at the main entrance to the High School will need to remain in place to protect people from the potential of pieces of the Tower falling off and hurting someone.

After they have developed the information needed to create a plan, we will work with the LAUSD staff to set up a Town Hall for neighbors so the preliminary plans and construction schedule can be presented and discussed. More to come soon!



Scaffolding in front of Marshall High (photo by Charley Mims)

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A Bobcat in Franklin Hills!

By George Grace

A number of bobcat sightings have been reported in Franklin Hills in the last two years raising questions about 1. where they (it) came from, 2. whether they've become permanent residents of our neighborhood, and 3. how will their presence affect us.

On September 24th, the first part of the mystery was partially solved when my friend (and fellow FHRA Board Member) Shirley Mims sent me the following email along with the great photos that accompany this article: "A bobcat chased a squirrel through our back yard! Boy, they were fast... The squirrel got away. Then the bobcat decided to rest up in one of our tree wells... Thrilling."

The bobcat had tags in its ears. After some research, Shirley discovered that the tags are associated with Dr. Seth Riley at the National Park Service (NPS) in Thousand Oaks. Dr. Riley heads the NPS' 20+ year project that has studied and tracked wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to determine how they survive in our increasingly urbanized environment, and how best to conserve them. (Griffith Park's famous mountain lion P-22 is a part of the study.) NPS provided the following information:

1. The bobcat was tagged at the north end of Griffith Park five years ago on 10/1/2010.
2. He is an adult male and was an adult at the time he was tagged.
3. He was designated B256 by NPS, meaning he was the 256th bobcat to be captured in the NPS' study. Currently, up to 326 bobcats have been tagged to date, mostly in Thousand Oaks and Agoura Hills.

The second part of the mystery – whether he is a permanent resident – can be inferred by examining typical local bobcat behavior, readily available on the internet from websites like UrbanCarnivores.com. According to the website:

1. Bobcats are solitary and territorial. They don't share their "space" with other bobcats.
2. Male home ranges are around 2 square miles, while the female home ranges are around 1 square mile.
3. Bobcats will cross secondary roads (i.e., smaller than freeways), but are less likely to cross freeways regularly. *(continued on pg. 5...)*




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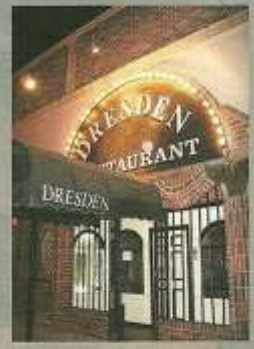



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Based on this information, I think B256 lives in Griffith Park, and that Franklin Hills is part of his home range. He is probably a permanent “visitor”, to Franklin Hills, not a “resident”.

As for the third part of the mystery, how does B256’s presence affect us (and should we be worried), here is more information from UrbanCarnivores.com:

1. Bobcats are carnivores, and locally prefer to eat ground squirrels, rats, mice, gophers, and rabbits.
2. Bobcats in California tend to avoid human interactions.
3. Male bobcats weigh around 16 to 18 pounds.
4. Although there have been reports of attacks on domestic cats and dogs, bobcats locally have never been documented to eat people’s pets or to attack people.

To net it out, we have a new bobcat visitor who will probably be seen on a regular basis as he makes his rounds. As for me, I have a 15 pound dog, but I’m not worried. I’ll just take the usual precautions required for living in an urban wildlife area. If you spot him, please send emails and photos to FHRA so we can share them with everyone.



Apparently B256 likes to take a nap before heading back home to Griffith Park (photos by Shirley Mims)

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Lethal Dose: Rat Poison & Local Wildlife

Local residents may inadvertently be poisoning wildlife. National Park Service researchers have found a direct link between exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly known as rat poison, and the deaths of wildlife in and around the Santa Monica Mountains. How rodenticide works its way through the food chain:

- 1 Targeted rodents**
Rats and other rodents who eat rodenticide do not die right away and may even become lethargic as they approach death, making them easy prey for larger predators.
- 2 Predators**
Raptors, snakes and larger predators consume poisoned rodents.
- 3 Top of the food chain**
Mountain lions feed on smaller predators laced with lethal poison.*

Unintended victims

In the Santa Monica Mountains...

- 11 of 12 mountain lions tested positive for exposure and two died from poisoning.
- 93 of 105 bobcats tested positive for exposure and 70+ died from related secondary disease.
- 20 of 24 coyotes tested positive for exposure and 12 died from poisoning.

As of April, 2012

How anticoagulant rodenticide kills
These compounds interrupt blood-clotting, which leads to uncontrolled bleeding and death. They may also suppress the animal's immune system, making it susceptible to other diseases. **Symptoms include:**

- Nosebleeds
- Bleeding gums
- Ruptured blood vessels, causing bruising
- Internal hemorrhaging

What is mange?
A microscopic mite that burrows into the skin and causes...

1. Extreme itchiness and skin lesions.
2. Fluid and nutrient loss through the skin.
3. Infection, starvation, hypothermia or other complications, eventually leading to death.

Check the label
Here are the most common anticoagulant compounds:

- Bromadiolone
- Brodifacoum
- Diphacinone
- Difethialone

SOURCES: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area research, L.E.K. Serreys, UrbanCarnivores.com
CREDIT: National Park Service nps.gov/samo

Urban wildlife are victims of local pest control poisons. Protect our wildlife, don't use rodenticides (Source: http://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/news/upload/RodenticideInfographic_Apr2014.pdf, used with permission).

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LAPD Update

Senior Lead Officer Lenning Davis



Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone is doing well. It is amazing how fast the year has gone by. I would like to start off with how we are doing in crime. The top crimes in Franklin Hills continue to be car break-ins/auto theft and burglary. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to remove anything inside the car and to lock it. Over 40% of cars that are stolen or have things taken occurred when the vehicle was left unlocked. If it's important enough to bring it into your car, it should be important enough to take it with you when you park your car!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our National Night Out this past August. We had seven organized events in our Division, including the events at the Greek Theater and at Citibank on Glendale Blvd. Turnout was great and it was a lot of fun for both officers and the community.

With the Holidays fast approaching, I would like to mention a few safety tips that can make them a little safer for everyone:

Neighborhood Watch

helps fight crime!!

To help keep our neighborhoods safe, join a Neighborhood Watch group on your street, report suspicious activity, and sign up for FHRA alerts at fhra@franklinhills.org.

- If you are shopping, make sure you hide your items in the trunk of your car or bring them with you. Don't leave them in plain sight in your vehicle.

- Be careful with your credit cards and how you use them. Identity Theft is on the rise and you may be a victim and not know it.

- Many of us will be ordering gifts online and having them delivered to our homes. This is what thieves are looking for. Have the packages delivered to a secure PO Box, to your work or only left if you sign for them. If you suspect your mail or a package was stolen, report it to the Postal Inspector immediately.

- Lastly, be aware of your surroundings. We all get distracted as we go about our daily lives. Please take the time to take in what is occurring around you. If anything looks suspicious, call us immediately.

Soon we are moving into our new station next door to our old one. It is a beautiful, state of the art facility that will really help us serve the community better. It also has a large community room that can be used by the public. Look for an announcement in March for our grand opening and open house.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and as always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or issues. My email is 26028@lapd.lacity.org and cell is (213) 793-0763.

Lost and Found—Did you lose a glass water bottle? One was left behind at the FHRA annual meeting on June 20th. Please contact Chris Boutelle at 323-309-3434 or grp45@aol.com to claim it.

FHRA's 27th Annual Meeting Good Neighbors + Good Info = Good Times

By Bruce Carroll

The highlight of the FHRA's annual meeting on June 20, 2015, at the Lycee International de Los Angeles (LILA) was a chance to meet and be heard by our new city council member, David Ryu, then councilmember elect, who attended nearly the whole meeting so he could familiarize himself with our little corner of LA. He promised, "I'll be here again and again...to discuss issues and how my council office can best serve you." Saying, "it's time for us to all unite and move forward."

Later in the meeting he moved forward enthusiastically, almost seeming to take a few dance steps, to greet termed-out council legend Tom Labonge. With just 10 days left in his years of service as CD-4 representative LaBonge concluded, "It's been an honor to serve you and if there are any last questions I'm going to give it to David." LaBonge had long sought the origin of who put the "Shakespeare" in our bridge. He concluded it was City College English teacher Barbara Benjamin Cohen, a Ronda Vista resident, who first used the term in a 1974 interview with the LA Times. *(continued on pg. 9)...*



An advertisement for 'The Rental Girl' real estate service. The background is a scenic view of Los Angeles with the Hollywood sign visible on a hillside. At the top center is a hexagonal logo with the text 'The RENTAL GIRL'. Below the logo, the text reads 'Meet The Rental Girl' in large white font, followed by 'She's leased and sold more than 3700 properties in Los Angeles' in a smaller white font. A dark rectangular button with white text says 'LANDLORDS LEARN MORE'. Below the button is a white downward-pointing chevron symbol. At the bottom, the website address 'landlords.therentalgirl.com' is displayed in white text.

Northeast LAPD Captain Jeffrey Bert reported to the overflow crowd that our area was "one of my safest neighborhoods" but pointed out there has been "an uptick in residential burglaries and an increase in burglaries from motor vehicles." Those made up one-third of our area's nighttime crimes and he noted, "50% of the cars were unlocked." Commenting, "a big chunk of our criminals are not going to take the time to smash the glass or jimmy a lock." Asked about the big explosion and fire on Sunset Dr. earlier this year, where butane canisters were found up to a ¼ mile from the scene, he explained that the butane was used to "extract honey oil, hashish oil from cannabis plants."

The LA Fire Department was represented by Capt. Scott Souter from station 35 on Hillhurst who urged residents in this extreme drought year not only to quickly remove dead vegetation, but also to take extra precautions when parking their cars on our narrow streets. He asked drivers to park close to the curb and away from corners, explaining the LAFD's large trucks "need about 100' clear on each side of turns." He showed a dramatic video of a brush fire noting it's "like being thrown into a war zone."



The chair of the East Hollywood Los Feliz Homeless Coalition, Dana Cremin, spoke about the need to fund services to help the homeless. Her group is raising \$150,000 to provide an outreach van staffed with knowledgeable professionals to meet the homeless where they are and provide them the services that they need explaining, "The theories around homelessness now strongly believe that when we allow encampments to mushroom, when we give money to

panhandlers, when we offer food and what not, instead of encouraging our homeless neighbors to seek services, we are actually enabling them. It's like giving an alcoholic a drink."



Councilmember Ryu also spoke about his depth of experience with homeless issues in the past working with one of the area's largest mental health hospitals. He'd give out business cards to homeless on the streets saying, "I'll get you a meal, housing and a job." He termed it "very frustrating" that in 13 years and 200-300 cards no one called. And said he'd make the problem a "high priority." (See Community Contacts on Pg. 17 for Councilman Ryu's contact info.)

Local historian and realtor Richard Stanley took the crowd on some backward time travel with a presentation of photos from the Los Angeles Public Library's extensive collection. They were taken

about 75 years ago by Herman Schultze who lived at 2806 St. George Street. Schultze was a refugee from Nazi Germany who seemed fascinated by his new neighborhood. One of the many pictures that entertained the audience was an image of "Marshall High School when kids took bikes instead of buses."



Representing our host, LILA, was former student and now campus assistant David Padilla who ably handled all the technical details and introduced the school's artist in residence Mileece, an environmental designer who described her Bio-Library creation as a "sound sanctuary, a place where the kids can go to get away from urban noises (see page 10).

...article continued on page 23 (see Annual Meeting).

The Sacatela Creek Bio-Library and Sound Sanctuary

by Shirley Mims



When you cross over the Shakespeare Bridge you might notice the white geodesic dome on the LILA grounds below the bridge to the south. This dome contains a very special garden. Completed last year by sound technology artist Mileece, the Sacatela Creek Bio-Library and Sound Sanctuary is a place where students are encouraged to sit contemplatively and become aware of the natural environment that surrounds them.

In a large city like Los Angeles, children can easily become disengaged with nature. This domed sanctuary invites participants to listen to what is going on around them. Stillness triggers a soundscape of wild environments. Plants include milkweed, grasses, banana and kangaroo paw. A stream runs through the garden offering native wildlife a chance to drink. The purpose of the garden is to reconnect school children with nature and to develop their awareness of their natural surroundings. An experience in the garden is designed to take the listener out of his or her ordinary thought and expand that awareness to all else that is around us. Mileece explains that the garden was designed to “illustrate how sound can tell us about our environment”. For example, if a child hears a bird, then the idea is to invoke the child to think about whether there are other birds and how many, and if a bird is in a tree then wonder how many trees are in the area.

Participants at the FHRA annual meeting in June had an opportunity to meet Mileece and have an inside look at the garden. Several people cozied themselves into grassy nooks and sat quietly while admiring all the greenery and listening to the sounds of running water and crickets. A large transparent window allows those inside to see the native garden planted outside around the dome. It was a lovely day. *(continued on pg. 11...)*

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Mileece has been working with sonic multimedia for much of her artistic career. She is internationally acclaimed for her performances using plants to create music and other socially significant projects. She enjoys making a contribution to our understanding about ecology and the importance to just pause and listen in this urban world for the innate sounds of nature that reconnect us to those sensations that are fundamental to our peace, well-being and existence. We were grateful for the time she took to share this special garden with us and hope those who saw it had a wonderful experience.

Franklin Hills Neighborhood Recognition



In June 2014, we asked our then City Councilmember Tom LaBonge to move our request for the City of Los Angeles to officially extend our Franklin Hills neighborhood limits north to include the area along Tracy Street and west to the intersection with Talmdage Avenue.

Councilmember LaBonge, while initially promising to support our request, later decided to leave this decision to his successor, our new Councilmember David Ryu. We will be following up with the City to pursue a positive outcome.

Thank You, Franklin Hills!

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Thank you for another great year!

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The Median Has Matured

Shirley Mims and Elizabeth Richardson

The Franklin Avenue median reached its 20-year anniversary in November. In 1995, the Franklin Hills Residents Association worked with city agencies and local residents to transform the once asphalt laden, graffiti spattered median island into a drought tolerant and California native garden.

Several original plants survive. If you hike in Griffith Park, you might recognize the California Buckwheat with its red and white dried flower blooms. You will also spot agave and sage. The brilliant red tubular flowers that bloom in autumn on the flat area are called *Salvia greggii* and attract hummingbirds. Other plants include the following from excerpts by Melinda Taylor who landscaped the original median and wrote 'The Median is Maturing' for the Winter 1997 issue of the Overview, two years after the median was first planted.

"*Muhlenbergia rigens*, or "Deer Grass", a clumping cool-season grass (meaning its active growth begins in the late winter or early spring), dominates the flat area of the median. This California native grass has proven itself as useful and adaptable as it is beautiful, excellent for holding the slope and preventing erosion damage, and heat and drought tolerant as well.

The *Eleagnus pungens*, or "Silverberry", produces an inconspicuous flower which smells like carnations. When in bloom, the median air is sweet with their fragrance. This outstanding plant has so many commendable attributes - beautiful silvery brown foliage, fast, angular or spreading growth, and adaptability to a variety of difficult conditions."



Sparaxis blooms every fall (above); California poppies, *Salvia greggii*, Mexican sage (below left)

Over the years, the median has changed as Melinda foresaw. Newer plantings include Mexican Sage on the flat area, *Sparaxis* in front of the memorial rock, and the Bird of Paradise, the City of Los Angeles' official city flower, which surrounds the historical sign. At the west end of the median, we recently planted Toyon Berry, the new official native plant of Los Angeles. This bush will produce white flowers and red berries, and will fill the front end of the median as it grows.



Thanks to some re-landscaping by Disney, we have come into possession of some succulents which should be planted soon (perhaps even by the time you receive this issue of the Overview). Nothing is static in nature and the median garden is a perfect example of it.

Maintenance of the garden is done by a hired gardener who comes biweekly and by a rotating crew of dedicated volunteers who join our regular clean up events. In July, several community members braved a rare thunderstorm and cleared out the undergrowth on half of the slope. Future maintenance days are planned and we encourage you to join our intrepid and joyful band of volunteers. Please check the FHRA website for announcements or receive notices via our FHRA alerts system at fhra@franklinhills.org.



BEFORE

The median the way it had looked for most of its nearly 70 years. An asphalt island adorned with weeds and graffiti until the FHRA worked hard to bring change in 1995.



ASPHALT GONE

It took lots of heavy equipment and city workers to get rid of the old pavement. Then garden designers Melinda Taylor and Ricardo Accorsi could plan the planting.



PLANTING DAY

November 11, 1995 dozens of neighbors and volunteers young and old turned out to bring the median dream to life with plants.



ONE YEAR LATER

Things were looking pretty good. The plants were flourishing. Compare the upper left photo with the one above.



2015

A labor of love for many Franklin Hills residents who lend their helping hands at semi-annual cleanups

(photos by Bruce Carroll and Shirley Mims)

Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Block by Block

A Call for Volunteers, by Carole Nese

Los Angeles...Earthquake Country... and we are constantly reminded about the “BIG ONE”. Our first thoughts are to protect our family and our homes. “Hope for the best, prepare for the worst” is the familiar mantra. But we don’t have to do it alone.

The FHRA is planning disaster preparedness activities in 2016, starting on a block by block basis by combining Neighborhood Watch and Preparedness. Getting to know your neighbors on your block is the first step. Start by walking your dog, strolling with your children, jogging or just saying hello to your neighbors when they pass by. Get familiar with your neighbors and where they live on your block. The FHRA neighborhood is unique and diverse and much of it is narrow, winding streets. Keeping our neighborhood safe includes preparing for the unexpected and finding and helping those in need. In a disaster all of us including seniors, individuals with special considerations, children and pets may need more assistance.

The FHRA has created an Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Committee. The committee will begin by mapping our neighborhood block by block. We will start this project early next year. We need volunteers from each block in the neighborhood including block captains to help us with this project.

The first step is to get together with your neighbors on your block, watch a video together and talk about it. The video will explain how to mobilize your block into teams that will go door to door after an earthquake and check on each home to see who needs help and what needs to be done after an earthquake. For example, helping those inside who might need assistance, assessing the gas and water situations and checking on pets.

We can all work together to keep each other and our neighborhood safe. Take the first step and join us! We’re calling on all block captains, past, present and future plus others to pitch in. This is an FHRA project to prepare ourselves, our neighbors and our entire community and address concerns about food, water, communications and first aid in the event of disaster.

The objective of safety preparedness is to never need it! Please send an email to: FHRA@franklinhills.org and be a part of the team! This is just the first step to secure our community safety, read your FHRA emails for routine progress reports! We will be using the Map Your Neighborhood model (for more information go to: mtwashingtonjessica.org).

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – MYN is designed to bridge Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT) and individual preparedness.

- Learn the first 9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster
- Identify the Skills and Equipment Inventory each neighbor has
- Create a Neighborhood Map identifying the locations of gas and propane
- Create a Contact List that identifies those with specific needs
- Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood after a disaster.

WHAT ARE THE 9 STEPS?

Step 1 – Take care of your loved ones

Step 2 – Dress for Safety – Protect your head, hands and feet

Step 3 – Check the Natural Gas and Propane and shut-off if you smell, hear, or see evidence of a leak

Step 4 – Shut off Water to prevent contamination from possible broken pipes elsewhere

Step 5 – Post OK / NEED HELP sign

Step 6 – Place a Fire extinguisher on the curb visible to neighbors

Step 7 – Go to the Neighborhood Gathering Site

Step 8 – Form Teams to listen to emergency radios and check on neighbors

Step 9 – Return to the Gathering Site and report findings

Holly Days? Holy Days?

*'Tis time! Deck the halls with boughs of holly...
In a frantic rush to show we're jolly.*

*Holiday Season...Let's pour on the Cheer...
Shopping lists, parties and flashing reindeer.*

*Now, just imagine, NO bells a jinglin'...
The malls bereft of phony Kris Kringlin'.*

*It's hard to conceive a true silent night...
Ditto that Christmas here will be white.*

*But let's try as this season is greeted...
Keep its true meaning...don't further defeat it.*

*We all can bestow a truly fine gift.
One simple Smile gives someone a lift.*

*Peace takes a whole world of Smiles...Goodwill.
Why not start right here on our Franklin Hill?*

Bruce Carroll



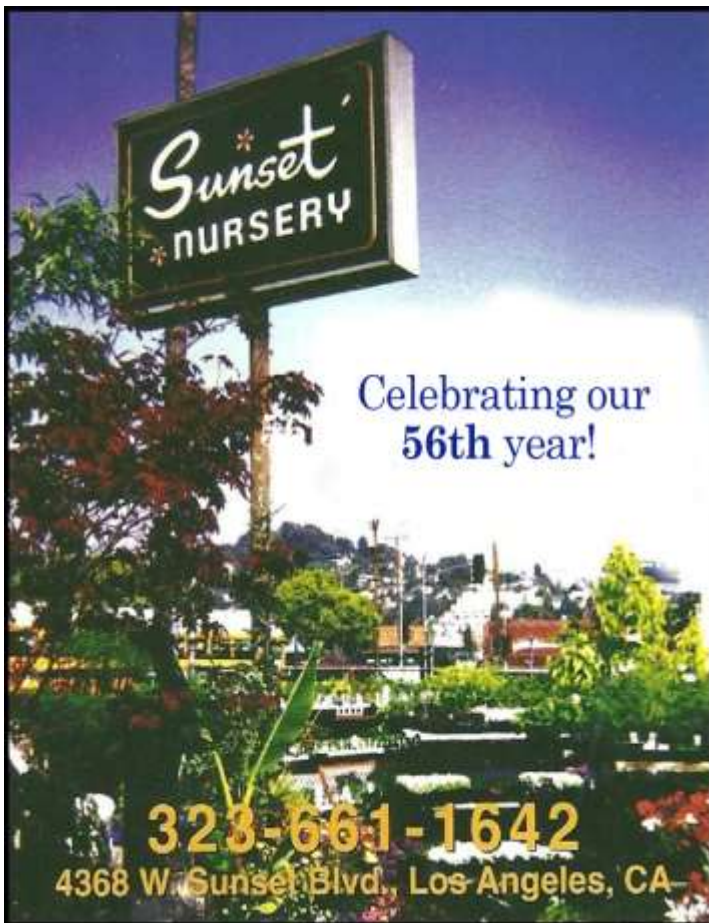
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3. Down Radio Walk (4.2 mile)
4. Up Sanborn from Clayton (1.3 mile)
5. Up Sunset from Sanborn (1.3 mile)
6. Up Cumberland (1.3 mile)
7. Across Clayton-Clayton (4.2 mile)
8. Down Mayview-Udell (4.1 mile)
9. Up Udell-Mayview (1.3 mile)
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Helping Hands Hying Hyperion

By Annie Chow

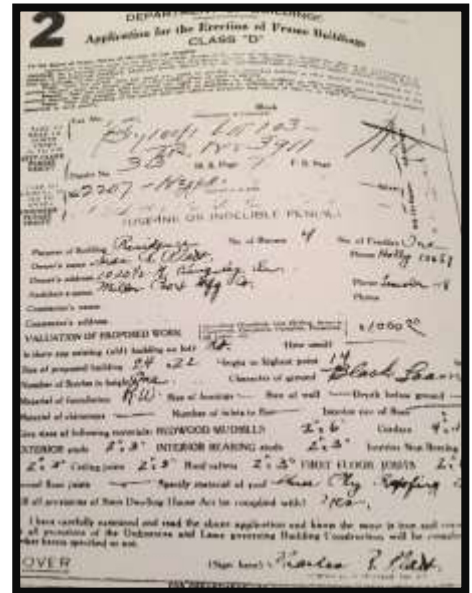
A “hipster’s paradise...a hotbed of cool hangouts, some of which have been hidden here for years.” That’s how Hyperion Avenue was described in 2013 on the website LosAngelesCBSLocal.com*. However even with these hangouts and with recent renovation developments taking place on Hyperion, more can and needs to be done to make the Hyperion Corridor a better, safer, and more beautiful place.

Back in the 1920s, Charles Platt, an African American builder, built two neighboring hillside homes. In 1922, he built 2207 Hyperion Ave. and lived there with his family. In 1928, he built 2205 Hyperion Ave. History repeated itself 80 years later when Joseph Tannous, a general contractor (www.jtconstructioncompany.com) specializing in hillside homes, purchased and rebuilt 2205 Hyperion in 2000 and subsequently rebuilt 2207 Hyperion this year. He also bought 2211 Hyperion in 2015 and has plans to renovate that house as well. House by house, Tannous, an FHRA board member, is improving the aesthetics of the neighborhood.



During renovation of 2207 Hyperion, Tannous found this photo of the original builder’s family (left), in the back wall of a walk-in closet.

From the city he got a copy of the original building permit (right) for what began as a 528 sq. foot house costing \$1,000 to build.



Beyond that Tannous is continuing the transformation of Hyperion by helping to deter graffiti. In 2011, the Franklin Hills community recognized him as a "successful graffiti fighter in the neighborhood." The security cameras on his property have led to the arrest of half a dozen taggers since 2009. At his suggestion, the owners of 2207 Hyperion installed security cameras to help deter graffiti. To date, He has applied for and received the \$1,000 awarded by the City of Los Angeles' Graffiti and Illegal Dumping Reward Program** several times and has been awarded a total of \$6,000. Residents are encouraged to do the same. In October he sent video of four recent taggers to the Principal of Marshall High who was able to quickly identify two of those shown.

However, in addition to renovation projects and the deterrence of graffiti, proper tree trimming and cleaning up of the sidewalks needs to take place in order to truly make Hyperion a beautiful and safer walking, dog-friendly and people-friendly community. (continued on Pg. 19...)

(*; **, see next page 19 for web-links and additional photos)

FHRA Historic Photo Collection



If you don't have a time machine, but want to step back into our area's past, checkout the FHRA's Historic Photo Collection.

Click on the link near the top of the www.FranklinHills.org website.

This one shows Griffith Park Blvd. in the foreground looking towards Hyperion to the left in the early 1920's.

See below for more on the early development and current efforts to improve Hyperion.

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[www.losangeles.cbslocal.com/top-lists/walking-tour-of-hyperion-corridor/](http://www.losangeles.cbslocal.com/top-lists/walking-tour-of-hyperion-corridor/)

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www.lacity.org/311-directory-online-services/servicedetail/3684 - Graffiti and Illegal Dumping Reward Program Applications – LAPD



2205-2211 Hyperion after restoration of the three homes



2207 and 2211 Hyperion before restoration (photos by Bruce Carroll)

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Refer to Community Contacts on page 17 for other helpful numbers.

Shakespeare Bridge Garden 2015

By Shirley Mims

Twelve years ago Councilmember Tom LaBonge helped us establish this garden. Progress continues on the rework of the Shakespeare Bridge Garden underneath the Shakespeare Bridge. Our grand re-opening ceremony should be sometime in the spring.

We'd like to thank Ryan Toles and Justin Zhang who are with the Bureau of Engineering for their services. They have made several trips over the last year to meet with us and lay out the garden, revised the drawings as needed to suit the City's budget and design restrictions, and coordinated the construction work. Gerry Valido from the Department of Beautification facilitated the application process and made sure all the correct approvals were obtained. And thanks to Adel Hagekhalil, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, who approved the funding for this project.

We especially want to thank Monon neighbors Toby Leaman and David Brooks who have taken turns and shared the watering of the garden's heritage iceberg roses at their homes. Roses from the original garden were dug up and stored in pots when the garden's water system was damaged by City trash trucks a couple of years ago. The roses survived and are thriving due to our neighbors' helping hands.

Roses were the main cause of delay for this project. Thorns are deemed a safety hazard and therefore were not allowed in the garden. After several conversations with many City agents, we were able to finally get approval for the original roses that were planted and have been maintained without any injuries over the years.

We'll let you know when we'll celebrate the reopening of the Shakespeare Bridge garden. We hope you will be able to join us.



Original Bridge Garden planting in Nov. 2003

Proposed 2016 version of the Bridge Garden





Summer Picnic

By Shirley Mims

Thanks to those who turned out on a very hot day in August for the FHRA summer picnic in front of Marshall High. We especially appreciate Jane Cantillon who organized the wonderful musicians who played live blue grass music. Jane also hosted a watercolors table and guided guests on making their own masterpieces.



We are also grateful for the businesses who supported the event with samples and raffle prizes. Please thank them when you visit: Say Cheese, YAS, California Gold BBQ Rub, Yuca's, Baller Artware, Trader Joe's, Tomato Pie and Laemmle Theatres. One lucky person also won a pair of concert tickets for the Greek Theater.

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Relaxed Parking Enforcement May Save You \$\$

by Bruce Carroll

Have you ever gotten a ticket for violating a street cleaning parking sign? There may be some relief. The Bureau of Street Services (BSS) website has a page dedicated to "Routes with Relaxed Parking Enforcement"

http://bss.lacity.org/restricted_parking_sweeping_routes.cfm

There you can find by 8am which routes for that day should not be ticketed. The routes that cover the Franklin Hills are: 7P322 (North of Franklin and St. George) 7P327 (west of Sanborn) and 7P328 (east of Sanborn). According to Sgt. Kimmi Parker of the Parking Violations Bureau (PVB), "If a motorist is issued a street cleaning citation on a route that may have been relaxed, the motorist may contact the Parking Violations Bureau at (866) 561-9742. The phone number is also on the back of the citation. PVB can verify if the street cleaning route was relaxed."

The BSS website also allows you to find whether restrictions had been relaxed for any particular route during the previous 90 days. For example, Franklin Hills routes 7P327 and 7P328 should not have been ticketed on Sept. 16 or October 7, 2015. If you got ticketed outside of our area, you can look up the route number and check to see if relaxed parking applied the day you got the ticket.



Thanks to Franklin Hills neighbor Dean Konno who passed along this tip, writing, "Hope this helps you prevent getting a parking ticket. Not the way anyone wants to help the City of L.A. pay its bills."

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Annual Meeting (continued from pg. 9)

In addition to all the interesting guests there was also FHRA business to be dealt with. Before outgoing FHRA President Chris Boutelle inspected the Bio-Library, he presided over the FHRA election where five candidates for two years terms on the FHRA board were elected by acclamation.

New to the FHRA Board is contractor Joseph Tannous, a 15-year Hyperion resident who has worked hard to rehabilitate that area. Returning to the board will be retiring president, and new Chair Chris Boutelle; new FHRA President Tim Cowell; Secretary Elizabeth Richardson; wildlife guru George Grace; and Treasurer Bruce Carroll who reported that the organization's finances were on an even keel.

Vice President, Shirley Mims gave an update on the reconstruction of the garden under the Shakespeare Bridge. Her husband and fellow board member Charley Mims gave an update on the status of the Franklin Hills neighborhood identity sign proposed for the corner of Tracy and Talmadge. Shirley also gave away some surplus rose bushes from the garden along with a cornucopia of other raffle prizes which included: Dinner for two donated by Palermo, movie tickets from Laemmle Theatres and Arclight and Disney themed prizes.

Let's all get together next year around the same time to celebrate our nifty neighborhood.

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