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President's Letter

by Tim Cowell



But Winter always turns to Spring... So says Buddha, and so it has come to Franklin Hills. We have welcomed the rain of winter, but now we embrace the blooms and sweet fragrance of our neighbor's flowers. As we celebrate the wafting of such pleasant scent, we are also reminded of the alarming smell of a home fire. You will learn in this issue, of a recent total loss of a home

and the gallant efforts of our firemen to save the property and the neighboring homes.

We are so fortunate in our part of Los Angeles to have such beautiful landscaping and green space surrounding us. The hillsides that drop to the street, and yards where sidewalks wind to your front door, they once again are green as grass. The recent snowpack reports say that we have 160% of normal water reserve. We might just very well be out of the historic drought. We will likely have enough water to keep it all green through the coming year. It is still good practice to keep conserving water, so keep those showers to a minimum, or perhaps share one with a friend.

The board always has an eye on ways to help our friends and neighbors be safe and secure. We are working on a program called "Map your Neighborhood" which helps keep those closest to you aware and ready to help each other in case of a natural disaster or a safety incident. See the article in this issue, and come to our Annual meeting on April 29th, at Prospect Studios. We are looking forward to presentations from our neighborhood police, firemen, and City Councilman David Ryu.

Our beautification efforts to help the Shakespeare Bridge median and rose garden along with stairway clean-ups are vital to keep our neighborhood desirable with home prices rising. Please support and join our efforts. Your neighborhood deserves it.

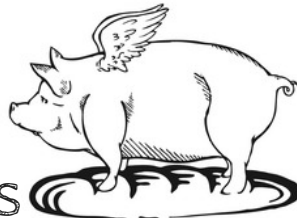
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BY BANH OUI

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"In the spring time, the only pretty ring time,
When birds do sing, hey ding a ding, ding;
Sweet lovers love the spring."
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- William Shakespeare ■

Councilmember's Letter
by Councilmember David Ryu



Dear friends,

It is my honor to serve the people of the Fourth District as your Councilmember. Council District 4 offers a taste of the best that Los Angeles has to offer -- stretching from Sherman Oaks through Griffith Park to Miracle Mile and the Hollywood Hills. The district encompasses a diverse and vibrant community.

Part of this vibrancy in Council District 4 includes the Franklin Hills community. Franklin Hills is a charming and historic neighborhood surrounded by regional and iconic amenities, such as the Shakespeare Bridge, Griffith Park and Observatory, Barnsdall Park, and the Greek Theatre.

Since I've been in office, I've met with countless residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders to discuss the most pressing issues impacting Franklin Hills. Public safety is our number one priority. Our office has been working with community members to address solutions for cut-through traffic, crime prevention, sidewalk repairs, and basic city services -- all issues that impact the public safety and quality of life for our residents. My goal is to approach these long-standing issues with common sense solutions.

I ran for reform, change, and a fresh perspective -- and I strive to instill these values in every decision I make throughout my tenure. I made commitments to our neighborhoods and residents to restore trust in local government, preserve residential neighborhoods, fight for fiscal accountability, advocate for infrastructure improvements, prioritize community engagement, and promote public health, education, and safety.

While some days can be challenging, there's one thing I know for sure: I love serving as your Councilmember. There is much more work ahead of us and I look forward to working with you all to make Los Angeles a more livable and accessible place for all Angelenos.

Sincerely,

Councilmember David Ryu ■

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LAPD Update by Senior Lead Officer Lenning Davis



Hello,

I hope everyone is doing well. I can't believe Spring is already here. Time to put away the umbrellas and break out the sun hats and shorts.

A quick update on crime. Violent crime continues to decline in Franklin Hills with a slight rise in property crime when compared to last year. By far the biggest problem we all face is car break-ins. I am always asked "What can I do to prevent my car from being broken into?" There is one very simple thing that you can do, and that is don't leave anything inside! Franklin Hills is a wonderful, beautiful community to live in, and unfortunately that can make a lot of us complacent. There is no reason to leave your computers, phones, musical instruments or anything else of value in your vehicle. Even if you lock it or are just going to be a few hours inside. It only takes a couple of seconds to break a window to see what is in that bag or inside that jacket. Please, if it has any value to you at all, take it with you or secure it in the trunk.



Several hand drawn maps hang in the community room of the LAPD Northeast Division station. This one covers SLO Lenny Davis' area. The Shakespeare Bridge and Franklin Hills are seen in the upper left quadrant. Maps were hand drawn by Tom Lamb. (Photo by Shirley Mims.)

I would like to take this time to talk about our Air Support Division. Most of you have seen at some point one of our helicopters (Airships) flying around, possibly shining a bright light as it circles above. The Los Angeles Police Department Air Support Division is the largest municipal airborne law enforcement organization in the United States and operates from the LAPD Hooper Heliport downtown. Their role in assisting patrol officers is invaluable. They almost always arrive over an emergency call before patrol officers do, and provide us with information on what to expect when we arrive. They can see things that we can't on the ground, especially what is behind a wall or on a roof. I have been in Griffith Park on a missing person call and fortunately the Airship found the person long before we could by searching on the ground. Car pursuits are one of the most dangerous situations that officers face. Once an Airship flies over and starts following the pursuit, usually the officers can start slowing down and let them monitor it for us, directing us as it progresses. I know they can be pretty loud, especially late at night when they are hovering overhead as you try to sleep. But airships play a vital role in law enforcement, and literally have saved officer's lives. Take care and be safe! ■

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Lock It: Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended and always lock your valuables in the trunk.

Hide It: If you don't have a trunk, hide valuables under the seats, in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle.

Keep It: Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

FHRA Treasurer's Report – No Need for Red Ink *by Bruce Carroll*

Thanks once again to our members' generosity, FHRA's 2016 income from memberships, \$4,110, and member contributions, \$2,731, was up over 6.5% from 2015. Our total income from all sources at \$20,914.68 was up \$4,876.39, seemingly a terrific 30% increase from 2015, BUT all is not as it seems at first glance. In 2016 we received \$4,230 of ad revenue from the December 2015 issue of our Overview newsletter. In contrast last year the Overview came out in November and our great neighborhood advertisers paid up quickly so only \$650 of ad revenue was received in early 2017. Bottom line, if we compare apples to apples the year to year revenue increase is \$1,287.39, just over 6.5% higher than our 2015 total income from all sources.

As discussed above our biggest source of income was from Overview ads, totaling \$12,120. And for the second year in a row the Overview ended with a net gain due to a reduction in printing expenses. Donations to the Franklin Avenue median maintenance more than doubled to \$415. We'll need a lot more this year with a major median redo in the planning stages. The Norman Harriton Community Garden took in \$1,385 in garden dues and contributions down \$125 from 2015. Sales of FHRA T-shirts and Historic Photos (check them out on our website at (www.franklinhills.org/fh-historicfotos.pdf) were also up, at \$119 an almost 18% increase from 2015. And bringing up the rear, as usual, we earned just \$34.68 in bank interest and dividends, but it was up almost \$4 for the year.

A very bright spot in the 2015 financial spending picture was the Overview where expenses were down for the second year in a row at \$6,037, a reduction of 17%. Spending on outreach, community projects, cleanups, donations to local charities, etc. came to \$2,298.13 up over \$1,000 from 2015. At the Harriton Community Garden on the LILA campus they made numerous improvements pushing expenditures up \$374 to \$2067. Along the Franklin Avenue Median costs were down to \$1,544, about 9% below 2015.

Most of the savings were from reduced water use to fight the drought. Insurance costs for FHRA and its volunteers were up \$50 to \$1,296. The cost for communication including our website, www.FranklinHills.org, e-mail FHRA@FranklinHills.org, voicemail/fax - 323-908-6078, and snail mail - PO Box 29122, LA CA 90029

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GRAFFITI

Do you see graffiti on your property? It is important to clean it off immediately. Leaving it up only invites more graffiti. If you need paint or materials and would like help with your graffiti problem, contact the FHRA at fhra@FranklinHills.org

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Neighborhood Safety by Gina Post-Franco

As you are probably aware, crime in California has been trending upwards over the last few years. Post Alarm Systems' officers patrol many communities in the city of Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, and the San Gabriel Valley. As a result we are informed of many incidents that you may never hear about. After any serious crime, there is always an opportunity to meet and speak with local law enforcement in an attempt to understand what went wrong, what efforts have been made to catch the perpetrator, and the success of those efforts. Most importantly, from our perspective, we get a chance to understand how the crime occurred and how to prevent it in the future. Recently, in Hollywood, we were informed of a murder that occurred in a residence.

The loss of life was the result of an intrusion by a stranger that went horribly wrong. The intruder had attempted to get into other houses that night, but had failed in each attempt. At the last house, the intruder found an unlocked door and entered. No alarm activation occurred to deter him. He was discovered inside the house by a friend of the homeowner who was subsequently attacked resulting in the loss of his life. In the aftermath, two issues were found to be critical:

1) The house either had no alarm or the alarm was not armed - this allowed the intruder to enter without anyone being aware and without the alarm generating an automatic call for help. Additionally, the lack of an audible activation failed to create a level of deterrence that might have prevented this entry from ever occurring;

2) Cameras on various houses in the neighborhood were extremely helpful to the police in identifying the intruder (who has been arrested and is being extradited from another state).

Based on this occurrence (as well as many others), we offer the following recommendations to help you prevent intrusions from occurring at your home:

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- Install cameras - while cameras usually provide after-the-fact information, we have been told repeatedly by law enforcement how helpful a high-quality picture

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Board Transitions: Long Term Board Member Bruce Carroll Steps Down. *by Tim Cowell*

While the season turns from spring to summer, The FHRA board will see change as well.

Outgoing Board member, Bruce Carroll who was born in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, on Fountain Ave. (now the Church of Scientology) has lived in and around Franklin Hills most of his life. He spent a short part of his early career life working for ABC in New York. Bruce's childhood was spent in Beverly Hills, in a home on Rodeo Drive. His father, Carroll Carroll was an entertainment industry leader who is best known as the man who put the "Bing" in Bing Crosby. And ghost wrote books with Bob Hope, Liberace, Henny Youngman and many more.

Bruce's start in the news business was at the ABC Radio News Desk as an assistant and he was the only staffer on duty when the news came across of the anti-Castro Bay of Pigs, invasion of Cuba in 1961. He eventually worked on the Evening News, writing for a young Peter Jennings covering the "race to the moon" and NASA. Leaving New York, Bruce transferred to Los Angeles as Assignment Editor for the West Coast News, landing back in his home neighborhood working at ABC Prospect Studios.

Bruce's passion for limiting impact on traffic, lead him to buy his first home in Franklin Hills in 1970, which he still owns today. His tenure at Prospect lasted until his retirement in 1989, and then working special assignments until his last story in 1995. That story, was the trial of OJ Simpson, which he produced with Ken Kashiwahara. Bruce was actually shown on several stations as he was seen running down the street outside the Courthouse, moments after the news broke that the jury had a verdict. (He was actually in the process of urgently moving his car to avoid a parking ticket) What a way to close a career, one of making the news broadcast happen, to actually being on the news!

Bruce initially joined FHRA in 1989, and the board in 1991, to help restrain ABC Prospect from constructing tall buildings on the lot. They had just initiated a new master plan that outlined growth that included tall office buildings. This was actually one of the founding principles behind the inception of the organization. Thankfully ABC (now Disney) has been restrained in their development of the largest area of land inside our border. He joins Charley Mims and Chris Boutelle as our longest tenured board members.

Bruce has worn many hats during his time on the FHRA board, currently the Treasurer, Historian, Photo Archivist, maintains the membership role, issues the FHRA alert to our email list, and has steadfastly kept us all well edited in the Overview publication, bi-annually. There is no amount of thanks and praise that we can heap towards Bruce for his immeasurable contributions. Needless to say we will miss him terribly and will need more than a few members to fill his shoes.

Bruce you can expect a few calls now and then, as we try to figure out just how you managed to get so much done on behalf of your neighbors. Two other members, Joseph Tannous (2 years) and current 2 term president Tim Cowell (4 years) are also making way for new board positions to be filled.■

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If you have a complaint, you can contact the LAPD Noise Enforcement Team at (213) 996-1250. Refer to Community Contacts page for other helpful numbers.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH HELPS FIGHT CRIME!

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

Shakespeare Bridge Garden *by Shirley Mims*



Same scene, different tractor. Awaiting rain to clear and work to resume. (Photo by Rick LaRocca.)

The Shakespeare Bridge Garden WILL be completed. Materials were delayed when their cost required that the job go to bid. The materials have since been received. At the time I am writing this, we are waiting for the weather to clear. The rain has been a blessing for California but has since put this project on hold. Once construction resumes, it will take about 30 days to complete. Then we can finally start planting!! Hopefully by the time you read this we will be planning the reopening celebration. Stay tuned.

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Butt Trash by Elizabeth Richardson

I loved smoking (note the past tense). Easing off back in the late 70s, was a necessity when I noticed that, while I loved the nicotine jolt, I didn't really feel as well as I used to at the end of the day. It's a hard habit to break. I feel for every smoker I see.

These days I walk my absurd dog three times a day and my lung capacity is better. I notice the bougainvillea, the northern mockingbirds, the sunsets AND the **cigarette butts** in the cracks in the streets or along the edges. Casting blame, the first litter bugs that came to mind were the daily stream of gardeners and repairmen. Until Halloween. OMG. The next morning's walk told a whole different story. Parents. Teenagers. Neighbors had dropped cigarette butts everywhere.

Then there was this ad on TV. The one with the golden retriever on the beach running up to sniff at a discarded cigarette butt in the sand.

Thank heavens for the Internet. The facts found there are startling. 37% of all cigarettes butts end up as roadside and beach litter. The cost of picking up that carelessly flicked away butt is huge. When I smoked, I smoked cigarettes with filters thinking I was doing myself a favor. Not so, says the American Cancer Institute. There is no real benefit to the smoker from smoking a filtered cigarette. True, the filter prevents some of the heavy metals and bad organic chemicals from going into our lungs. But think, when the cigarette butt is thrown onto the street all those horrible things wind up poisoning the soil, sand, and, worst of all, our water. Goldfish die in water that has had a butt dropped into it. The paper in the filter biodegrades but not the actual filter itself which breaks into tinier and tinier pieces harming aquatic life particularly. Yes, the detritus from Franklin Hills inevitably winds up in the Pacific Ocean.

What to do? Can't do much about the gardeners and the service people. For us neighbors, please stub your cigarette out and drop the butt in the black trash barrel or best don't smoke on a walk. Empty your car's ashtray responsibly. Be a hero to our neighborhood and the environment. Earth Day's coming up in April. Think global, act local. ■



White dog investigates three cigarette butts on the street

An advertisement for Dresden Restaurant. It features the restaurant's logo, name, and address. The text includes: "DRESDEN RESTAURANT American Continental Cuisine", "Home of Certified Angus Beef", "Dinner Nightly 4:30pm - 11pm", "Happy Hour Nightly 4:30pm - 7pm", and "1760 N. Vermont Avenue 323-665-4294". It also mentions "Valet Parking in Rear www.thedresden.com Zagat Rated". There is a Facebook logo with the text "LIKE US ON facebook" and a photo of Marty & Elayne at the piano bar.

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House Fire on Prospect Avenue *By Chris Boutelle*



photo in post by Rick Johnson, an FHRA member since 2001

On the evening of Thursday, March 9th, Franklin Hills was jolted by the sound of fire trucks approaching and thick clouds of smoke emanating from the home of Mr. Gerd Lester at 3923 Prospect Avenue, who was in a local hospital with a broken elbow at the time of the fire. With a great deal of sirens and horn honking, the fire trucks, including a hook and ladder truck came upon the already engulfed single story residence and attempted to douse the fire.

Great billows of smoke blanketed Franklin Hills from Prospect over to Tracy and Hyperion, as fire fighters attacked the garage and front portion of the house which luckily was readily accessible from the street. The members of our local Fire Station # 35, led by Captain Tim Ramirez, managed to contain the fire with only minor damage to surrounding structures but due to fire, smoke and water damage the house seems to be almost a total loss. The fire seemed to have started in the crowded garage, possibly due to a faulty electrical circuit. No one was injured due to the fire.

Mr. Lester, who was often seen around the neighborhood (and even occasionally at FHRA meetings) with one of his little Yorkshire terriers says that when he gets out of the hospital he will be rebuilding as he had lived in Franklin Hills since 1986 and definitely considers it home.

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MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Would you be willing to host a meeting to organize your neighbors in the event of a major disaster? FHRA safety committee is here to help you and will provide materials and assistance with the presentation. Contact either Carole Nese at Carolene@gmail.com or Shirley Mims at Shirley@franklinhills.org



photo in post by Jennifer Russell

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On speaking to Captain Ramirez, I found out what we all know to be true. Our narrow streets and people parking on the tight corners greatly hampered getting the engines to the home. Also, some traffic got caught in the way as fire trucks attempted to get as close as possible to the burning structure. Due to the configuration of our neighborhood, I am not sure what can be done to allow the fire fighters better and faster access to our homes, but you may be able to find out more at our annual meeting to be held at the Prospect Studios on Saturday, April 29th (more details on page 20) when Fire Captain Ruben Navarro will speak on fire safety in our homes and on our hills. I hope to see you there. ■

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Franklin Avenue Median Island Restoration by Charley Mims

As we discussed in our last issue, the median island on Franklin Avenue west of the Shakespeare Bridge needs restoration. The plantings need to be properly trimmed, and in some cases removed and replaced with new plants. Our original intent was to provide drought tolerant plants. We intend to “spruce up” the plantings and return to our original design intent. The irrigation system has been repaired a number of times. It now requires a major reconstruction including new sprinkler lines, new valves, new quick coupler connections and general repairs. Ms. Melinda Taylor, a local resident who originally designed the landscaping for the median and owns a landscape design and construction firm, has offered to volunteer her time and efforts to help with this project. We will nonetheless need to raise money to pay for the new equipment and for the installation costs.

The FHRA Board, working with Ms. Melinda Taylor will be developing plans for this restoration. We will share these plans with the neighborhood when they are developed. Some of this work will be costly. While we will be using some existing funds for this work, we are asking neighbors to help with the funding of this restoration. When you send in your dues this year, please consider making an extra contribution for the restoration work on the median island.



City flower bird of paradise (orange) and Mexican sage (purple) in full bloom.



In full bloom: Salvia Greggii (red, in foreground) attracts hummingbirds and Mexican Sage (purple).



Sweet smelling Sparaxis (annual) in front of the memorial rock.

Community Garden Update
by Hannah Spencer



Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables are blooming at the Norm Harriton Community Garden!

Spring has sprung at the Norm Harriton Community Garden in the Franklin Hills, and we couldn't be more excited to get back to work after all the rain we have had over the winter. Weeds and veggies have happily taken over many of our garden plots, which we now prepare to clean up and plant our spring crops. The rain has transformed our community garden into a green oasis. Bees and birds alike, joyfully gather together in a display of true spring celebration. It's as if we haven't seen this much rain in 5 years....Speaking of celebration, we are preparing for our Open House, which happens to coincide with the Lycee International de Los Angeles school's LILA-palooza! Be sure to come by and visit the garden on Saturday May 20th, from 1:00 until 7:00 PM.

If you are interested in participating in the community garden activities, check out our Facebook page (<HTTPS://www.facebook.com/FranklinHillsCommunityGarden>) for more information on our public events. We also share many gardening and outdoor hints and pictures. We have a wait list for our plot openings, but we love to welcome more Franklin Hills neighbors into our community. If you are interested in getting your name on the wait list please email, Kristen or Kirby, garden@franklinhills.org.

Coyote Hazing Meeting – January 19, 2017 by George Grace

How to coexist with coyotes is always a controversial subject in Los Angeles. Some residents want them extirpated by any means possible, while others, like myself, believe that we should learn to “live harmoniously” with the critters that were here many years before us. Luckily for people like me, current city policy does not allow trapping, and mandates educating the public on ways to coexist with local coyotes. To further this goal, Los Angeles Animal Services has been promoting local neighborhood meetings to teach Angelenos how to “haze” coyotes. “Hazing” is a relatively new method to scare away coyotes that you encounter when you are outside, and is used to prevent them from becoming habituated to humans.



On Thursday, January 19, 2017, at the Griffith Park Visitor Center Auditorium, Franklin Hills Residents Association (FHRA), Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), The Oaks Homeowners Association, and the Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) sponsored a joint meeting to teach members and neighborhood residents how to “haze” coyotes.

The meeting was conducted by Cathy Schoonmaker and Justin Brown from the National Park Service, who are currently heading up a study of urban coyotes in Los Angeles. Nyla Arslanian, President of LFIA hosted the event. Shirley Mims from FHRA spearheaded the refreshments, and FoGP President Gerry Hans, Board member Kathryn Louise, and I, helped with organizing and promoting the event. Brochures were supplied by Project Coyote and other local organizations. 100 free coyote deterrent whistles were also available for attendees – all gone by the end of the evening.

L.A. Animal Services Wildlife Officer Hoang Dinh opened the program, and described the City’s policy and role in local wildlife control. Officer Dinh has a particularly difficult job, since he is the only Wildlife Officer in the City. Next, Cathy and Justin discussed local *Coyote Hazing*,
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The Charm of Franklin Hills-It's Residents Caring about our Community
by Carole Nese



A neighborhood is all about the residents. The people who live next door, across the street or down the block and the ones you see walking their pets down the street. If you get to know your neighbors, you make your community a safer place. These are the folks who will be there to help when you need it.

How often have you seen a neighbor going next door to help out, offering a ride to someone in need *Franklin Hills Charm, Continued on Page 21...*

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The McFerrin House, by Robert Peters, A.I.A., 1962. Mid-Century Modern post-and-beam home with walls of glass. Thrilling views of Glendale and the San Gabriel Mountains all the way to snow-capped Mt. Baldy. Well-organized open floor plan flows from entry foyer to living/dining areas to kitchen/family room. Twinned fireplaces form room divider.

1243 Brunswick Avenue
South Pasadena

\$1,500,000
4 Bedrooms
3.5 Baths
3,591 square feet,
per assessor



John C. Austin, Architect of City Hall and the Griffith Observatory, 1906. Original character details: hardwood flooring and built-ins accent such features as the clinker-brick inglenook; grand, winding staircase; formal dining room with stained glass and paneled office alcove. Arroyo and mountain views; terraced gardens.

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A Vitagraph (ABC) Studios circa 1920 years before the bridge

B Franklin Hills & surrounding areas September 17, 1927

C Vitagraph Studios circa 1928 Bridge upper left of photo

D Hyperion & Griffith Park Bl. soon from Lyric Ave. 1925

E Looking east across Silverlake 1923

F Griffith Park Bl. looking NE across Hyperion 1920s

G View south from Franklin Hills across Fountain down Sanborn 1917

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

I View across Hyperion with Franklin Hills' developer Frank Strong 1917

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

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

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

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

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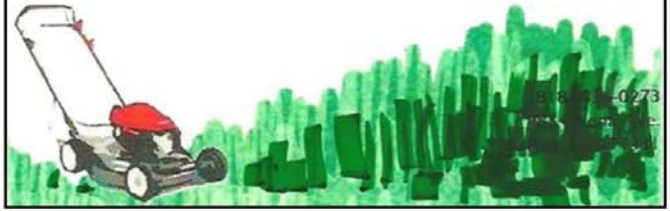
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FHRA Meets With Principals at King Middle School and John Marshall High *by David Brooks and Charley Mims*

King Middle School

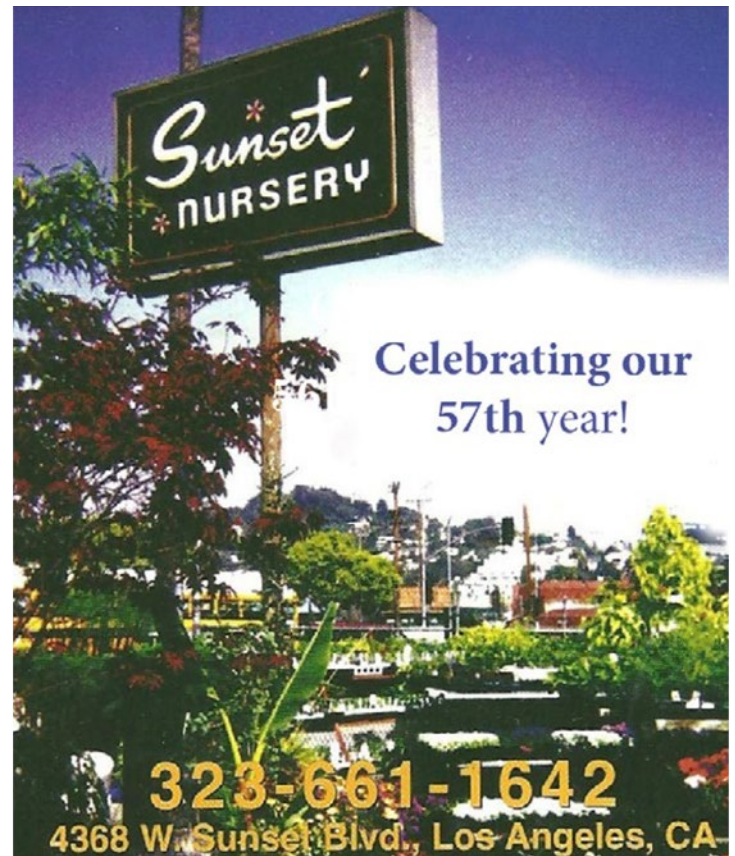
On January 24, 2017 FHRA Board members David Brooks and Charley Mims met with Principal Mark Naulls in his office at King to discuss complaints from the neighbors about excessive noise and intense bright lights emanating from the school. Mr. Mark Naulls shared that the additional outdoor lighting was installed partially for security reasons, but mostly so King could host soccer games played by pupils from feeder elementary schools. He wants to make King the choice for these kids when they choose a middle school to attend. David and Charley explained that the bright outdoor lights mounted on power poles and the sides of buildings were turned on when there was no activity on the playgrounds. They are also left on all night long. Mr. Naulls said that they were supposed to be turned on only when a school permitted activity was scheduled and were to be turned off by 9:00 pm. This is not happening. He said he would check into making sure the policy was enacted on the lighting. The lights were still on late at night when we checked in early spring. David and Charley also suggested that the school shield the lights so they point to the ground and not up into the night sky. We should be more like Tucson, which has a dark skies policy in place, so kids can see the stars.

Regarding the noise from the public address system, Mr. Naulls said it is a security issue so he can address students in the case of a lockdown due to a stranger on campus or other security problem. He shared with us that the system was old and not in good repair, so he must keep the volume settings on high and broadcast to both all classrooms and all outdoor areas. When the system was newer, it could be targeted to some or all classrooms without outdoor speakers being used. Now not. We suggested he contact District maintenance to either fix the P. A. system or to replace it. We also discussed non-security uses of the system to play reveille. Mr. Naulls said the students like reveille and he believes it helps them get to their classes on time. We suggested they drop reveille, turn the volume down, and only use outdoor speakers when there is a true security emergency. He said he would check with District maintenance and he would set up a follow up meeting afterwards. We expressed our appreciation for Mr. Naulls meeting with us and look forward to the next meeting.

John Marshall High School

On February 9, 2017 FHRA Board members Chris Boutelle, Carole Nese and Charley Mims met with Principal Patricia Heideman and four students in her offices at Marshall to discuss the playing field maintenance and the possibility of installing lighting so football games and other events could be scheduled later into the night. The students advocated for field lighting, thinking they could raise money for student activities by renting the playing field out to soccer games and other night activities. Ms. Heideman shared that with the limited amount of money available, she would prioritize replacement of the artificial turf rather

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FHRA Takes Action by Carole Nese and Shirley Mims

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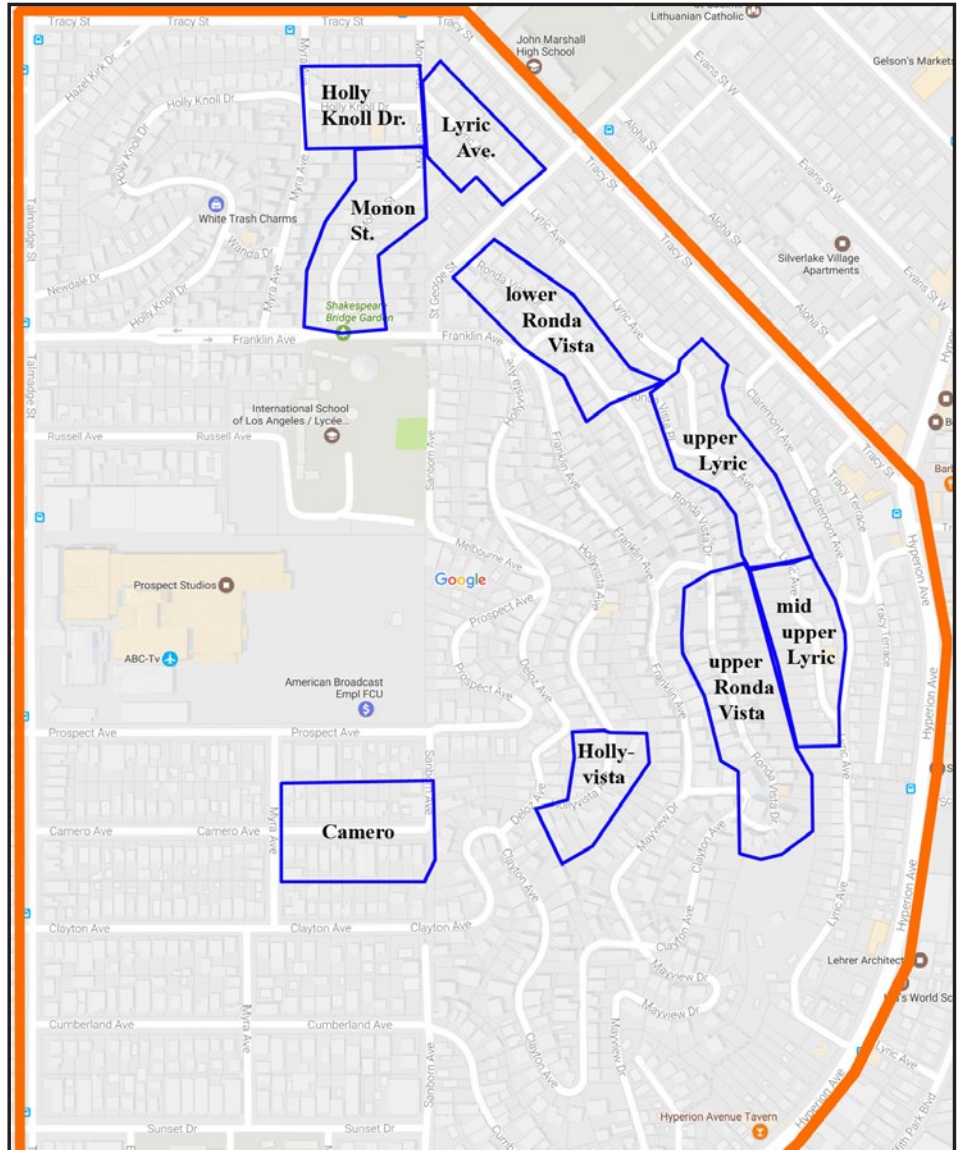
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The FHRA Emergency and Safety Committee has received many requests from residents asking for a Map Your Neighborhood Block presentation. So far Shirley Mims and Carole Nese have provided close to a dozen Emergency/Safety presentations to interested neighbors who have gathered together, met their neighbors, and now have a preparedness plan for an emergency. Participants are equipped with:

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- An emergency checklist for their home and to do list of items to have ready to prepare home and family
- A Map Your Neighborhood Disaster Readiness Guide (developed and copyrighted by the Washington State Emergency Management Program). The guide includes a contact list that residents complete by hand and is shared with only the neighbors on their block
- Greater communications with neighbors.

In the Summer, the FHRA Emergency and Safety Committee will host a group practice drill in the community. If you would like to be prepared and part of this comprehensive preparedness program to protect your family and get to know the neighbors that will be there to help you, contact: Carole Nese at carolene@gmail.com and Shirley Mims at Shirley@franklinhills.org



Blue outlines show organized and in-progress blocks for the Franklin Hills area Map Your Neighborhood program.

...*Coyote Hazing, Continued from Page 14* coyote behavior and how to cope with any you might encounter. They described both “passive” repellent techniques – such as fences, removal of food sources, and motion activated devices; and “active” repellent techniques including “hazing”. After a coyote hazing video was shown, Cathy and Justin demonstrated various methods and devices to haze coyotes. They advised attendees to always carry deterrent devices when they walk, bicycle, or hike in the area. Devices shown/demonstrated included objects to throw, air horns, coyote rattles, umbrellas, and whistles. After the presentation, there was an extensive question and answer session that lasted until everyone had been recognized.

It is important that we all learn to live with coyotes. They are going to be here for a very long time. If you weren’t able to attend, and would like to learn how to “haze” coyotes, a video of the meeting will soon be posted on YouTube. YouTube also has other videos that you can watch by searching for “coyote hazing”.

Please report your coyote encounters at <http://gmrnet.com/Coyotea.html> ■

...*FHRA Meets Principals, Continued from Page 18* than use money for lighting. We discussed the potential impacts on the surrounding neighbors-- Issues such as bright lights shining into the windows of homes and additional noise generated by a great increase in games at night. Ms. Heideman plans to check with the District about funding and the ability to shield any night lighting. We all agreed to meet after more information is developed. The high school kids were intelligent and engaging. The students were one senior, two juniors and a freshman. We felt it was a good start to what should be a continuing dialogue with the Principal and with the students. ■

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or preparing food for the family that is ill? In Franklin Hills this is a common occurrence and nurtured by neighbors getting to know each other and wanting to help.

One of the most noticeable gestures are the folks that pick up pieces of trash in the street, along the sidewalk and in other's front yards. Or how about those who sweep the curbs in front of their house and their neighbor's house?

Everyone who does more than their part deserves recognition. Next time you see an individual cleaning up the neighborhood like the resident "walker" with gloves and a trash bag picking up litter as they go along, say thank you.

These expressions of caring in our community are what make Franklin Hills special and the neighborhood we all appreciate!■

...Neighborhood Safety, Continued from Page 6

or video can be in apprehending a perpetrator. Post has specialists who can help you to select and install the most appropriate equipment for your application. While a camera may not prevent a crime at your house, a camera that is watching the street in front of your house may provide enough information to the police for them to apprehend the person that broke into your neighbor's house. Since intruders often will work a neighborhood, that arrest may prevent your house from becoming the next target.

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If you have any other questions, please feel free to call Phil Peters or Gina Post. You can reach Phil on his cell at (626) 232-9335 or Gina can be reached at our office (626) 446-7159.■

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