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Your Neighborhood Council Update

February 2007 Edition

Note from the President

Hi everyone!

This is such a challenging time for us to live in Hollywood. All around us is the buzz of construction and redevelopment, and sometimes it feels like we're losing our sense of Community, of Neighborhood. But then we see what a difference our efforts make, and we are re-energized.

As we move into this New Year, your Neighborhood Council is planning several Town Halls on the issues that confront us. These will pull together the resources that we need to address our many, myriad problems. Whether your concern is Renters Issues-based or Public Safety and Transportation, or Emergency Preparedness, or Planning, Land Use and Development, our Committees will respond to your concerns and give you the tools that you need to effect real change.

We aren't just all work and no play.. Among the many events coming up, we'll be getting involved in the River's School Day and Clean-Up on April 27th, Earth Day is coming up the end of April, the annual Friends of the L.A. River Cleanup on May 12th. There may even be a few Beautification Projects or Events that you would like some help with.

So let us know what's on your mind.. Email us at info@HollywoodUnitedNC.org and let us help. You can also go to www.MyHUNC.com and explore our Committee pages.. Get involved!

Best,

Susan Swan, President of H.U.N.C.

Cheremoya Elementary Reflection Area & Mural

by Gary Slossberg

FIRST THINGS FIRST!! WE NEED YOUR VOLUNTEER CREATIVITY AND ASSISTANCE AT CHEREMOYA ELEMENTARY (Date yet to be set, but coming soon!!)

Due to successfully receiving funds from the City's Community Beautification Grant program, HUNC, in partnership with students and staff at Cheremoya, will be creating a Reading/Reflection Area and Mural in the playground area of



Cheremoya!

The idea for the project originated when Assistant Principal Elizabeth Harker approached HUNC's Youth and Education

Committee expressing her desire to create a safe space for students to read, relax, and do homework before and after school or during recess time. Currently, due to the redevelopment of the playground area this past summer, a campus location does exist, but the purposed purpose sits with us to get it done. With your creative assistance and volunteer time, the Reading/Reflection Area will consist of benches, potted plants, and a mural, designed and created by the students. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Co-Chairs of the Youth and Education Committee, Erin Dabbs at edabbs@hbcfl.org or Gary Slossberg at garyslossberg@yahoo.com or 323-839-0929 and get ready for a new look at the Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School playground!

A Brief Visit with Senior Lead Officer (LAPD) Michael Shea:



by Bechir Blagui and Maurece Chesse

We are very fortunate to have the experience, commitment and talents of the Senior Lead Officer team of Michael Shea and Armen Sevdalian for our area. They have a huge daily schedule but we were fortunate enough to spend some time with at least one of them to field a few questions.

(SLO) Mike Shea's law enforcement experience goes back 28 years in Hollywood alone. Most passionately stated by Mike, the first action we as a community should embrace is to *"Get To Know Your Neighbors!!"* As to the best step we as citizens can take to assist in law enforcement, *"Get involved with Neighborhood Watch programs."*

On the issue of surveillance cameras within the Hollywood area, we were granted a tour of the central camera control room which is well on its way to run as a close second to those of a major Las Vegas casino. Surprisingly, most of the funding came from private sector sources to include neighborhood organizations. As to their effectiveness, the cameras have contributed a lot into creating a sense of safety yet he couldn't confirm a major drop in crime rates due to cameras only.

Heard about LAPD's "Smart Cars"?! - police vehicles equipped with cameras and hi-tech elements to help officers; imagine a stolen car or bad guy being instantly recognized with a single scan and the Smart Cars' value is immediately understood. According to Officer Shea, Hollywood Division will have one of its own units within the next year which will be exclusive to the Hollywood Community instead of City wide!

Los Angeles Cyclists Celebrate 2nd Annual

"Bike Winter" With 2 Weeks of 2 Wheeled Events

LOS ANGELES – BikeWinter opened on February 2nd and for two weeks (maybe more!) local cyclists “post and host” bike-related events including social rides, cheap-date rides, serious races, bike-in movies, blood-donor rides and everything in between, all intended to celebrate and promote the Los Angeles cycling culture.



“There’s no better way to experience Los Angeles, connect with new people and build community than on a bicycle,” says Enci Box, a cycling advocate from Hollywood.

BikeWinter organizers provide the framework and anyone can “post and host” by creating their own bicycle-themed events, posting them on BikeBoom.com and hosting them anywhere in the Los Angeles area.

Popular events repeating from last year include the “Metric Century,” a 100K tour of LA and “Feel My Legs, I’m A Racer,” a 10-hill stage race of the most brutal hills in Los Angeles. (the world?)

New events this year include the “Echo Park Paddle Boat” Ride, the “Curtain Call” Theatre Ride, and the “Tour de Crap,” a group ride from Silver Lake to the Hyperion Sewage Treatment Plant for a private tour. (and lunch!)

BikeWinter’s origins lie in the BikeSummer tradition, which originated in San Francisco in 1999 and has traveled to Chicago, Vancouver, Portland, New York, Seattle and Los Angeles. The impact of BikeSummer2005 was so dramatic that LA organizers channeled the energy into BikeWinter.

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Renter’s DO Have A Voice with Hollywood United first Renter’s Committee.

by Ryan Olehass

We are really excited to announce that for the first time since being organized as Hollywood United Neighborhood Council a Renter’s Committee has been formed. As you may know, a large percentage of our resident stakeholders rent or lease their homes & apartments. H.U.N.C. has always advocated renter’s rights, but now we have a committee that meets once a month designed to unearth the major issues facing renters.

This committee will research the issues and present their recommendation to the H.U.N.C. Board for further action. The committee is Co-Chaired by H.U.N.C.’s two Renter Seats, Ryan Ole Hass and Norma Foster.

The committee meets every 2nd Monday of the month (April’s meeting will be on Monday the 30th due to the Easter Holiday) from 6:00-7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in! For more info please check the H.U.N.C. website.

Contact Ryan at Ryanhunc@gmail.com for any renters issues. www.Myhunc.com for more info about committee schedules, issues and make suggestions.

CURRENT OR UP-COMING EVENTS

February 17, 2007 Los Angeles River Tour

See the *Mighty Los Angeles* on a FoLAR Tour!

FoLAR’s bus tour of the Los Angeles is coming up on February 17th. Sit back and let us do the driving! Price of admission includes lunch, and many great sites along our local River. The January tour will be lead by FoLAR outreach director [Joe Linton](#), author of [Down By The Los Angeles River: Friends of the Los Angeles River's Official Guide](#). Space is limited, so [sign-up](#) early. For information and/or [to sign up go to FoLAR's website](#), or [email](#) or call us at 323.223.0585.

Upcoming River Tours:

[Saturday Feb 17th 10am-4:30pm](#)

Car Caravan Tour

(members \$25/non-members \$35)

2007 Walks Schedule

FoLAR’s monthly [Down By The River walks](#) continue the third Sunday of each month (except December). The detailed 2007 schedule is up now on the [FoLAR website](#).

February 18 - Headwaters in Canoga Park

March 18 - Marsh Park in Elysian Valley

April 15 - Lashbrook Park in El Monte

May 20 - Cornfields, now LA State Historic Park in Chinatown

[more details and more walks at folar.org](#)

SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE IN LA Los Angeles is facing a severe blood shortage. You can help save lives by becoming a volunteer blood donor today. Make an appointment to donate at your nearest blood donor facility . Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit <http://www.redcrossla.org/blood>.

Many hospitals have blood donor facilities; including Childrens Hospital LA at 323-669-2441 , Cedars Sinai Medical Center at 310-423-5346 and Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center at 818-847-4433. Give the gift of life.

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Full Board Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every Month at 6:30 PM (unless a meeting date lands on a holiday) Location: Upper Terrace of First Presbyterian Church - (6054 Yucca at Gower)