



STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Your Advocate for Studio City

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Breaking News INSERT

COME, HEAR AND SPEAK TO YOUR CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMEMBER AT THE NOVEMBER 14 SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING



Our guest speaker, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, is the assembly member in Sacramento for Studio City and surrounding areas. The Assemblymember Nazarian will speak re the Los Angeles River improvements, recent Golf and Tennis movements and other legislative actions coming from Sacramento which could impact Studio City and the present status of a recent proposal to allow 4:00 a.m. bar closing. Q and A will be part of the program.

MOORPARK MYSTERY

As contributors to the SCBA, many of your dollars are spent on repairing or replacing damage from theft, car accidents, and vandalism. We have had several incidents with the most recent being a theft of some newly planted plants at the Moorpark Parkway. The SCBA has no clue as to who stole these plants. We have recently replaced them.



Missing plants -- Moorpark Parkway

At Coldwater and the 101 Fwy, the water valve was stolen, a scrap of metal with a value of about \$15.00. Repairs and replacement cost \$600. There was a vandalized monument sign at Campo de Cahuenga wash and the monument sign hit by a car on Laurel Canyon at the 101 Fwy. These costs were over \$4,000 each to repair.

SCBA has many projects, it would be most helpful if the community could let us know if anything out of the ordinary has occurred. Listed below are locations of SCBA projects. Contact information 818 509-0230 or StudioCityBeautificationAssoc@gmail.com. Also visit studiocitybeautification.org to learn more about our projects.

SCBA PLANTED AND MAINTAINS THE MEDIANS AT:

Vineland and Ventura, Maxwellton and Laurel Terrace, Ventura west of Lankershim, Coldwater Canyon and 101 Fwy., and Laurel Canyon and 101 Fwy.

SCBA also planted and maintains: two mini parks. Oakdell Sanctuary at Laurel Canyon and Oakdell and the Oasis at

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In a couple of weeks the SCRA staff will update the SCRA database removing members who have not renewed for 2017-2018. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter; If your label read 6/17, **your membership has expired** and you will no longer receive the SCRA Newsletter and periodic updates from the SCRA E-News and Notes.

To renew online visit: StudioCityResidents.org. Alternatively, you can mail your check to: Studio City Residents' Assoc., P.O. Box 1374, Studio City, CA 91614 (please note the zip code). Or, you can renew by calling the SCRA office at 818 509-0230 between the hours of 10:AM and 12 Noon weekdays. Membership fees are **PER HOUSEHOLD**: \$25 regular or \$10 seniors.

Each member counts to help make Studio City a great community. Thank you for your continued support.

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Ventura Blvd across from Marshalls.

In addition to the above, SCBA is responsible for the installation of the bus seating area at Fryman and Laurel Canyon Bl., planting palm and pastiche trees along Ventura Blvd, and the installations of the Radford Artwalk, Rio Vista Reading Garden, and Studio City Library.

ASK THE SCRA

One of the functions of the SCRA is to empower its members, who are the eyes and ears of the community. The SCRA can assist by providing opportunities to make all of Studio City a better place to live. Please send questions to scraboard@studiocityresidents.org.

Q: Can you please tell me when the south bank of the river, between Whitsett and Coldwater will be opened and will there be an opening ceremony?

SCRA: The Council Office reached out to the project manager and was told this past June it was in the hydro-seeding phase. From July-August, the contractor was monitoring the area to make sure the seeds grew properly. After that time, the south bank will be handed over to Recreation and Parks; they will maintain and construct the ramp which is slated to be completed by the end of 2017. The SCRA will notify its members if there will be an opening ceremony.

Q: A new McMansion was just built across the street and the owners are parking a large boat in front of the house on the street. Is this permitted by L.A.?

SCRA: Cars, trailers, boats, etc. can only be parked in

the same place for 72 hours. You can call Valley Parking Enforcement at (818) 374-4823 to report anything parked for more than 72 hours. Parking Enforcement will then come out (usually the same day), and put their secret "mark" on the object with wheels and then start their own 72 hours. For legal reasons, they don't take our word for a start day, they must start their own start date. You should be able to get rid of the boat, although it is often parked just on their driveway which is legal unless they have parked it, even an inch, over the sidewalk or parkway apron for the driveway.

Q: The "scoring" done on my neighbor's new sidewalk last week was not done when the cement was wet. It was done by saw cut the next day. I have never, ever seen this before. The "scoring" doesn't even look like scoring and it certainly doesn't match the scoring on either side of the replaced sidewalk. Why was the contractor allowed to get away with this? This is not real "scoring."

SCRA: With all the sidewalk replacement work now rewiring up across the City, SCRA has asked LA City to get the word out to the inspectors regarding the "scoring" requirements in the "Standard Specifications Permit Manual", "...**when new sidewalk is constructed adjacent to existing sidewalk, scoring lines shall correspond to existing scoring**" and that all "scoring" be done when the concrete is wet.

Q: There has been a large apartment complex construction site going on for over a year now at 12123 Valleyheart Drive near Laurel Canyon. Living on that street a block away, I drive by it numerous times a day. There is a huge trailer permanently parked there that impedes traffic. Coupled with large trucks dropping off

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materials and their tractors and equipment, the road is often reduced to one lane. On numerous occasions I have almost gotten into an accident as there is no one there to regularly control traffic. It's a huge safety issue as the road curves there making it a blind pass when driving by this spot. Can you please advise how this can get addressed?

SCRA: Contact Frank Bush the head of L.A. City Building & Safety. frank.bush@lacity.org . Send him this exact email.

STUDIO CITY HAS NEW SIDEWALKS

When planning and upgrading Ventura Boulevard many years ago, the city failed to install sidewalks for the full length of the Boulevard in Studio City resulting in sections that were left incomplete. These sections resulted in pockets of dangerous conditions. Lisa Sarkin, Board member of the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, and the former Land Use Chair of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, identified the missing sections of the sidewalks and located the means to fund construction. It has finally paid off and construction has begun.

The South side of the boulevard opposite Marshalls has been completed. The current phase is beginning east of Coldwater across the street from Pinz Bowling and will continue on the south side of Ventura to Whitsett. A retaining wall will be constructed just west of Fairway to accommodate a sidewalk. The Coldwater Curve

landscaping will be preserved with a sidewalk built around the trees. Some access points to the local businesses will be closed thereby creating more street parking. A one way driveway into the businesses on the curve will be established with striped parking planned.



TO THE MARKET

The Studio City Farmers Market is pleased to welcome "Tummy Thyme", a small batch producer of artisanal baby food. They source from local growers whenever

possible and always select food that is at the peak of the season. Their food delivers dynamic flavor profiles and color combinations that will stimulate a baby's developing taste palate and visual curiosity. Their food is also jam-packed full of important nutrients. Not only is their food fun and flavorful, their recipes have been carefully considered to meet a baby's developmental and nutritional needs. They are located near the children's section at the market by Radford Avenue. To find out more about Tummy Thyme go to tummy-thyme.com.

The Studio City Farmers Market recently made a \$2,000 donation to Camp del Corazon, an organization that provides a medically supervised residential summer camp for children ages 7-17 who are living with heart disease, as well as additional programs for these children and their families. The camp serves about 300 children each year. These children are not eligible for the summer camping experience offered by other camps due to the fact they require round-the-clock medical supervision and care. Camp del Corazon offers kids a chance to forget their ailments and to connect with others who have had similar experiences. The Studio City Farmers Market is proud to make a donation to such a great cause. Learn more about Camp del Corazon, visit campdelcorazon.org.

MAKE A CHILD HAPPY - TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE LAPD HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



The SCRA has made arrangements for toys to be collected for the "LAPD Holiday Toy Drive" during two Sundays at the Farmers Market, November 26th and December 3rd.

Each year, our members donate many "new unwrapped" toys to the LAPD. Drop off your unwrapped new toys or stuffed animals at the special SCRA booth from

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8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on either of the two Sundays, Nov. 26 or Dec. 3. Uniformed officers will be there to collect the toys along with the SCRA volunteers.

These toys are taken by the North Hollywood Police and distributed to children in the east Valley. In past years the police officers have packed their cars with toys and driven around with their sirens sounding; the children hear them and come running and laughing, filled with excitement, joyfully accepting their gift.

SCRA MEMBERS RECEIVED GREAT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL LIONS

At the September Community meeting, SCRA received valuable and heartwarming information about Los Angeles County's Mountain Lion population and the efforts that are being made to save and protect these magnificent animals which are so important to the health of our local eco system. We all know about P22 who crossed two freeways and is now living in Griffith Park; he now has a challenger.

Recently P55 safely crossed the 101, 118 freeways. This was a very dangerous undertaking which is the reason that The National Wildlife Federation is working towards building a wildlife corridor across the 101 Freeway in Agoura. All approvals have been obtained and funding is in place to start work on phase one. To learn more about building the wildlife corridor visit savelacougars.org.

PROMISE NOT KEPT ADJACENT TO SOUTH WEDDINGTON PARK

When the Metro Redline was built in 1993, Metro promised the SCRA and the Island Community, which encompasses South Weddington Park, there would be a permanent wall between the metro users, the park and the neighborhood. The wall was built along Valleyheart

Drive and Bluffside, just off of Lankershim Blvd. In 2015, the wall protecting the Island Community was cut to accommodate a staging area for the first Valley Ciclavia Event. For the sake of this community event, the



SCRA and Island Community agreed to the cut and the erection of a gate provided that when the gate was put in place, the color would match the existing wall and there would be plantings in front of the gate. All parties agreed.

Two years later, all the plants that were planted in small pots in order to hide the Ciclavia gate are dead; the color of the gate does not match the rest of the wall

The small pots with plants were intended to replace well-kept landscaping that once had existed. Upon inquiry, the neighbors were told CD2 had only committed to water/maintain the plants for two years. Additionally, CD2 has no money for maintenance.

SCRA has requested maintenance be transferred back to MTA. The MTA gardeners should remove the dead plants, (which are an eyesore), replant using pots large enough to have the proper scale aesthetically and incorporate adequate drainage still holding enough soil for large plants/trees to root and mature. For more information, contact Jackie Keen, District Director of Council District 2 at 818-755-7676 or jackie.keene@lacity.org

SCRA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA), Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates as Officers of the Association for office for the year 2018: President/Alan Dymond; Executive Vice President/Barry Johnson; Treasurer/Charles Blakeslee; Secretary/Connie Elliot.

In addition to the above, any person residing in the household of a Regular or Senior Member may be nominated as an Officer by filing a written petition bearing original signatures of a minimum of twenty-five (25) Regular or Senior Members no later than December 1, 2017 with the Associations' office.

IN MEMORY OF KARIN FLORES

We, the board of Save LA River Open Space, were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Karin Flores. Karin was a member of our team as our social media consultant, and we considered her our friend. Karin was a conservation activist, and a tireless L.A. River advocate. Her enthusiasm for All Things River was infectious; her passion for doing the right thing was contagious; her knowledge of natural systems was unparalleled. Karin was one of a kind and will never be replaced. She will be greatly missed.

ASSISTING THE BEE POPULATION: ALTERNATE CHOICE OF PESTICIDES

Following July's article on Saving the Bees, here are some suggestions for alternate applications that will assist in keeping your garden "clean" by avoidance of harmful chemicals. Natural options are bacillus

thuringiensis (Bt), which is usually sold as a spray that comes in bottles, diatomaceous earth and kaolin clay. Diatomaceous earth can be spread around the affected area; kaolin clay is mixed with water into a slurry that can be sprayed. Check local organic gardening centers or go online for suppliers.

For more information visit savingourbees.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Alan Dymond

CHANGES FOR 2018: MEMBERS INPUT REQUESTED

Gearing up as we approach the upcoming year, the SCRA and its two sister organizations, SCBA and SLAROS, held a retreat at which we reviewed where we are and how to keep our three organizations an active force and advocates for Studio City ensuring our members concerns are being heard locally and by those in the political spectrum.

The retreat took place Saturday morning, October 21 at "The RAIN", a lounge and restaurant, on the second floor above Pete's coffee shop on Ventura Blvd. Our moderator, Bob Greenfield of Greenfield Management Strategies, donated his professional services. RAIN donated their facility and a breakfast. A big thank you to RAIN and Bob; your generosity is much appreciated.

Our last retreat was held in 2010 by SCRA; it was time to take a fresh look at our operations. To this end, SCBA and SLAROS were invited to attend and actively participate and give their fresh input on other, better ways of accomplishing our missions.

Some proposed changes for which member input is welcome:

Members can elect whether they would like to have this Newsletter delivered electronically or would prefer to receive a print copy. In past surveys, the consensus was to remain with a print Newsletter. However, now we are hearing many members would prefer an electronic version. We would continue to facilitate those members who would like a print copy.

Another change could be to the bimonthly community meetings, second Tuesday of the month at the school auditorium at Rio Vista Elementary School. Should these be held quarterly instead? Should they be at a different time and/or location? On these two issues, we would appreciate your timely input.

Internal restructuring will also take place by initiating a quarterly joint board meeting with SCRA, SLAROS and SCBA. The joint sessions will keep all of these board members current as to what issues are being faced by each board. For example, SCRA and SLAROS have a common interest in the Weddington Golf and Tennis site. The individual board meetings will be maintained.

Three main issues surfaced at the retreat:

Increase the awareness of SCRA, i.e. increase our membership base. The number of members we represent carry weight at any public hearing;

Establish/grow Social Media presence;

Formally reactivate the Land Use committee due to the many issues coming up which will truly affect us all; e.g. revising the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific plan.

*Please call or email your thoughts on the Newsletter option and the Community Meetings, timing and place.
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Volunteers are always welcome. Thank you.

Alan Dymond

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SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, Nov 14, 2017

AGENDA

7:00 p.m. Refreshments/meet your neighbors.

7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Adrin Nazarian, California Assemblyman for Studio City.

MEETING LOCATION:

**Rio Vista Elementary School
 4243 Satsuma Avenue
 Studio City, CA 91602**

Located on the corner of Whipple Street and Satsuma Avenue.

Free parking is available in the school parking lot along with street parking. Do not park opposite the school on Satsuma Ave. Follow the signs to the meeting.

