



September 2022

SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING - SCRA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Bridges Academy - GYM
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Meeting from 7:15 PM to 8:45 PM

Live Zoom for members unable to attend in person

Join us as we celebrate 60 years of advocating for and enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Studio City. The September Community meeting will include recognition of the SCRA's 60 years of volunteerism on behalf of our membership from representatives of Council District 2, Council District 4, and Assemblymember Nazarian.



Our guest speaker for the night is Assemblymember Laura Friedman. She will introduce herself to our community and speak about her views on the future of California.

The 60th year celebration at Bridges Academy will begin at 7:00 PM, the meeting will start at 7:15 PM, and end at 8:45 PM. There will be light refreshments.

The SCRA will provide a live zoom feed for members who are unable to attend in person. To attend the SCRA live zoom virtual meeting, send an email to SCRA no later than Monday, September 12th at ZoomMeeting@studiocityresidents.org and we will place you on the invitation list for this meeting. On September 13th, the morning of the meeting, SCRA will email you an invitation link to attend this meeting on Zoom. Attendees will be muted but will be able to ask questions via Zoom Chat

Since the policy regarding Covid requirements is dictated by school policy at the time of the meeting and is subject to change, we strongly recommend that you be prepared to wear a mask and show proof of vaccination, if necessary.

BURBANK AIRPORT NOISE

Save Our Skies LA is the petitioner in the 9th Circuit Federal Court for review of an action by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for making GPS-related changes to aircraft departure procedures out of Hollywood Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport.

The FAA made changes to aircraft departure procedures resulting in significant increases in noise levels in our community.

On checking the status of the lawsuit regarding the noise from jet departures from Hollywood Burbank Airport, the SCRA was informed that the court has not yet made any ruling; it is still under consideration by the court. As soon as the court takes any action, we will be informed and will pass on the information.

HELP NEEDED

Save LA River
Open Space



Twitter Czar to post for SLAROS.
Postings will be provided.
Interested? Contact us at:

SaveOpenSpace@SLAROS.org



UPDATES FROM YOUR BOARD

Light at Berry Drive and Ventura Blvd.

Seven and a half years after the original motion by the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the new traffic signal at Ventura and Berry is now in operation as of June 30th. CD 2 had informed SCRA last fall that the installation would be completed this fiscal year. The fiscal year ended July 1, 2022, so the city was one day ahead of its deadline. LADOT over the past 5 years has been saying that the project would be completed "by the end of this fiscal year"... and this year it finally came true! SCRA and those who exit the hills onto Ventura Blvd are thankful that this much-needed light is up and running.

Light at Rhodes Avenue and Ventura Blvd.

For more than 6 years, SCRA has been working with LADOT to install a safer crosswalk at the intersection of Rhodes Avenue and Ventura Blvd. This crossing has low visibility and pedestrian traffic is high, with near misses daily. Funding has been available for this project for at least the last 4 years.

CD 4 has informed the SCRA that LADOT is working to construct an ADA-compliant crossing with curb ramps at Rhodes & Ventura. Provided that all the necessary materials are delivered timely, the goal is to install a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon by the end of August. We will keep everyone updated as we learn more from LADOT on the completion date and the details of the activation ceremony.

Restoration and cleanup of the LA River - Southside - Laurel Canyon to Whitsett

Several years ago, Assemblymember Nazarian's office, working with the SCRA, located and secured a grant from the MRCA to obtain funds for the restoration of the bike path along the south side of the LA River from Laurel Canyon to Whitsett. Additional funds were also obtained by CD 2.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was tasked to create the plan and execute it. The bid for the RAP proposal came back costing a lot more money than expected and the funding did not cover the costs of the work as proposed by RAP. CD 4 is now working with RAP to revise the scope of work to bring it in line with the funding available. Studio City residents and businesses are desperate to have this work completed and the SCRA will continue to work with Councilmember Nithya Raman's office on this much-needed restoration of this blighted area. Due to the length of time that has elapsed, RAP now needs to request an extension of the MRCA Grant from MRCA. Unfortunately, due to RAP's lack of creating a scope of work in line with the funding available and now the possible loss of funding from MRCA, we are left without any date for the work to begin.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Meg McDonald Seltzer, SCBA President

We start our report to you with a good news update on the Pink Dawn Chitalpa in front of the gas station on Moorpark at Tujunga. As you may recall, this tree was planted by Urban Forestry and CityPlants in cooperation with Studio City Beautification Association to replace a downed tree. Management of the 76 Station adopted the tree and agreed

IT'S NOT TOO LATE, YET...

If you don't renew your membership by Sept. 30th:

- **this will be your LAST Newsletter**
- **you will MISS OUT on all the discounts available with the SCRA Member Discount Card**
- **we will STOP emailing you our informative and newsworthy eBlasts**

Stay informed, stay connected, and strengthen our special Studio City community, renew NOW.

It's easy, you can renew online at StudioCityResidents.org OR you can call the SCRA office at 818-509-0230.

SCRA values your membership and we don't want to lose you.

**PLEASE, DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER,
RENEW NOW.**

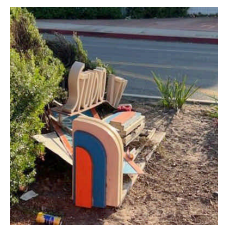


to water it. When we first shared with you the story about this tree in our March 2020 newsletter, we showed you this picture of a skinny little baby tree not even as thick as the poles holding it up. SCBA has been following its progress and now like proud parents we are pleased to show you a current picture of this sapling as it grows into a beautiful, healthy, lush tree.

On the not-so-good news side of things, our beautiful Studio City Welcomes You sign on the Laurel Canyon median (across from Campbell Hall) has been destroyed. SCBA board member Chip Meehan went to the site after the damage was discovered and reported the destruction was caused by one car. On the side of the median, he found a stretch of dead plants with a single set of tire tracks.

Because SCBA now has a Constant Contact account, we were able to share this sad news with you right away. And your outpouring of outrage and heartbreak came quickly:

- Gggrrr!
- Hurts to see it!
- UNBELIEVABLE!!
- Truly pathetic.
- We love that welcome sign!
- Oh, no! Definitely heartbreaking.



SCBA is mulling options and getting estimates. We'll keep you posted.

And thank you for supporting SCBA through Amazon Smile and the Ralphs Rewards Card. These wonderful programs donate to our non-profit Studio City Beautification Association every time we shop and there is no cost to us. If you have not yet enrolled in either of these opportunities, we invite you to visit our website, www.studiocitybeautification.org, and click on "Loyalty Programs".

Stay safe and see you in the neighborhood.

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: Loud production noise at Radford Studio: So sorry to be emailing you on a Sunday night at 9:30 PM. But I just got home from a very long trip and I can't even begin to describe how bad the noise from Radford Studio is right now. I had to call security twice.

SCRA put our member in touch with management at Radford Studio with a positive result. Our member had a meeting with the CBS crew who was genuinely concerned and contact information was exchanged. So far, the noise has been abated.

Q: My neighbors and I are looking for solutions to an intermittently but very noisy neighbor. Our neighbor is a professional sound engineer, renting a home with a music studio that he has apparently insulated. The volume from the music is sometimes pretty loud but not as bad as the deep vibrations of the bass that travel through the rocks and into our homes and can continue until dawn. His world begins when ours ends and parties sometimes start at 11, or 2 am, with great big SUVs with their motors running and music throbbing sometimes for hours in front of our homes. Sometimes there are bodyguards. Basketball games on the back deck at 2 am with a little baby next door. Do you have any suggestions for us?

SCRA: Mike Feuer, LA City Attorney has set up a Neighborhood Prosecutor program to settle neighborhood disputes. Here is the link to find your Neighborhood Prosecutor. Visit www.lacityattorney.org/neighborhood-prosecutors. This is a great program with good results. You will be dealing directly with an attorney from the city attorney's office. Please let SCRA know if you have trouble with the process.

Q: Why haven't I received my SCRA Membership Discount Card?

SCRA: Thank you for writing. We know that members love the discount card. We checked your membership status and it appears that you have not renewed your membership for 2022 to 2023. Please go to www.studiocityresidents.org where you can easily renew online. Your card will be mailed to you in 7 to 10 days. And if you have a special local merchant that would like to join the free program, send us an email and we will contact them.

STUDIO CITY'S BELOVED ARTIST, KARL JOHNSON IS "FLYING" OFF INTO SPACE



Prolific artist, Karl Johnson, donated and installed numerous sculptures that we have all come to enjoy around Studio City including the obelisk on the corner of Ventura Place/ Laurel Canyon, the two blocks of sculptures at



TO THE MARKET

Lucky for us, California summers are long, which means summer fruits - those delicious peaches, plums, apricots, pluots, nectarines, and even grapes, are in season for a little while longer. Fresh corn on the cob has a short window left and it's so sweet it doesn't even need to be cooked before adding to salads and a multitude of dishes.

As a reminder, there is plenty of parking for the Market in the Radford Studios parking structure. This is located on Radford Avenue about a block north of Ventura. Parking is free and available every Sunday beginning at 8 AM.

Also, please remember that dogs are not allowed at the Market. It is a health code violation. Therapy dogs are not considered service animals and are not allowed.

To keep up to date on Market happenings follow us on Instagram @studiocityfm

Radford Studio along Radford Ave., the seating area at Fryman Canyon/ Laurel Canyon, and the bird houses at Oakdell Ave/ Laurel Canyon. Karl, who passed away on August 7, 2015, is "flying" off into space, enjoy your travel amongst the stars, Karl.

SCRA received the letter below from Karl's sister Diane:

"You may not remember me, but Karl was my brother, and I along with my family attended the CBS party in 2015 to honor my brother. That being said, I thought that I would drop you all a note - hoping to put a smile on your face in memory of Karl.

As background... a few years ago I bought a Tesla and a bit later my Niece also bought one. In June of this year, Tesla contacted me, because of my referral, to let me know that I had earned the chance to launch a photo into space and welcomed me by sending a picture if I was selected (among others). I submitted a picture of Karl standing by his poster from the CBS party.

Karl will be traveling to space along with the picture of his sculpture. It only seems reasonable that someone who loved and traveled the world -should go into space."



Did you see Steve and Steve at the Farmer's Market on August 7th? Our bubble giveaway sure was a big hit with the 'younger crowd'!



Joanne and Lana had plenty of hand fans to pass out, they certainly came in 'handy' on a VERY hot Sunday!

HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE



As previously reported in the SCRA Newsletter, the ever-increasing volume of commuters using Studio City hillside streets between Whitsett Avenue and Lankershim Boulevard as cut-throughs—and resulting significant safety concerns—prompted SCRA and Studio City Neighborhood Council to work with Councilmember Paul Krekorian

and the Department of Transportation to develop a three-phase Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan before the pandemic.

Phase 1, which included signage and some street line painting, was completed in 2021. Since then, unfortunately, there has been little to no City enforcement of posted Phase 1 traffic restrictions. In addition, some tweaks are needed to Phase 1 based on community experience.

So far, Phase 2, which includes some bump-outs and realigning some street footprints, and Phase 3, which includes electronic speed signage on Laurel Canyon, have not been implemented.

Since the Studio City hillside area is now represented by Councilmember Nithya Raman, your SCRA Board members are continuing to follow up with her office to obtain enforcement and ensure the entire Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan is not lost in the transition between council districts. We'll keep you posted.

ACTION NOTICE - SAVE WEDDINGTON GOLF AND TENNIS

The Save LA River Open Space Board and the SCRA Board ask everyone to click on www.saveLARiveropenspace.org. Scroll down to "WE WRITE IT, YOU SEND IT" and send an email to Councilmember Nithya Raman expressing your concern about the large sports complex Harvard-Westlake is proposing on this valuable open space that is adjacent to the LA River.

Note: Some browsers are not compatible with our website, if the top link does not work for you, copy and paste the letter, click on the email link and send. Be sure to provide your name and zip code.

THE PROPOSED "RESIDENCES AT SPORTSMEN'S LODGE" APARTMENTS

SCRA continues to follow developments on the proposed "Residences at Sportsmen's Lodge" apartments. The latest document to appear is the Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA). You can view the Planning Department summary for this document at:

<https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/environmental-review/scea/sportsmens-lodge-project>

And you can download the actual SCEA Document at:

<https://tinyurl.com/28x4zhv9>

As usual, the Planning Department will accept written comments beyond the August 29th deadline, but don't wait for long after you receive this Newsletter.

The SCRA, as well as the Studio City Neighborhood Council, are reviewing this project in an effort "to provide a compatible and harmonious relationship between residential and commercial development where commercial areas are contiguous to residential neighborhoods" as stated in the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. The Plan also has the purpose "to assure that an equilibrium is maintained between the transportation infrastructure and land use development in the Corridor and within each separate community of the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan area."

Building shadow on adjacent residences, transportation issues during and after proposed construction, as well as landscaping/trees are also of significant concern. SCRA also has a major issue with the height of this proposed project. The Specific Plan allows a 30-foot height on this section of Ventura Boulevard and the SCRA wants to make sure the height isn't increased beyond any State-mandated Density Bonus laws that trump the Specific Plan (Only State law can trump a Los Angeles Specific Plan). Any Exceptions to the Specific Plan or Zoning Variances beyond the State-mandated Density laws would be opposed by the SCRA. Studio City has a long and thorough history of community support of not allowing Exceptions and Variances, particularly where over-allowed height is concerned, and the Planning Department has supported our community's wishes... we'll see what happens this time as we roll the dice.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023 - STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The election for the Studio City Residents Association offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, for the 2023 term will take place at the Annual General Meeting, on January 10, 2023.

Nominations for the above offices may be filed in writing at the SCRA offices, 12069 Ventura Place Ste H or by mail, SCRA, PO Box 1374, Studio City, CA, 91614, Attention: Nominating Committee, no later than October 10, 2022. The committee members are Martha Hanrahan, Claudia Freedle, and Joanne Brenner. Pursuant to the bylaws, Alan Dymond, as President, will act as chair of the committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Alan Dymond

THANK YOU!

SCRA appreciates the especially generous support of Leadership Circle members in its vital mission to advocate for Studio City and cultivate community. **Thank you to ALL our renewing members.**

Recently, Harvard-Westlake issued a newsletter alleging, that other than temporary noise during construction, the Final Environmental Impact Report would lead to a conclusion that the environmental impacts were less than significant. i.e., that the impact is of no significance to the surrounding environment.

This is what Harvard-Westlake would like to happen for their Sports Complex. But those who make that decision, have not done so nor have they made or ruled on any environmental impact created by their project. Harvard-Westlake is not the decision maker and their conclusion, of having no significant impact, is being challenged in the hundreds of documents filed with the LA City Planning Department.

Studio City Residents Association (SCRA), Save LA River Open Space (SLAROS), Save Weddington, and other individuals, have submitted detailed, substantive comments, about flaws and inadequacies in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), including, but not limited to:

- Inadequate analysis of biological impacts associated with the removal of hundreds of mature trees, particularly for a project located just steps from the bank of the Los Angeles River
- Failure to disclose public health impacts to the Los Angeles River and groundwater associated with the proposed artificial turf
- Lack of accurate assessment of dump truck trips associated with extensive excavations and grading
- Reliance on inadequate project detail and mitigation for noise impacts

The DEIR is tainted, as a whole, by its failure to provide a clear description of the private use of the project site; it does not allow for a full assessment of impacts, and the loss of an athletic facility to the public.

Moreover, Harvard-Westlake has yet to disclose the change in uses at its Coldwater Canyon Campus that would be a result of moving nearly all its athletic facilities to the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club. How will Harvard-Westlake use the numerous athletic facilities already contained on its campus, or does Harvard-Westlake intend to replace these facilities with more intensive uses?

The Studio City Golf and Tennis Club is the largest remaining undeveloped site adjacent to the LA River and requires careful consideration of the best use of this unique and important site. Thus, SCRA and SLAROS have also focused comments on alternatives to Harvard-Westlake's proposal that would ensure public availability of this river-adjacent site, while also providing enhanced water reclamation features. These significant issues, and others raised by the public, must be fully addressed before any further consideration of the Harvard-Westlake project can move forward.

SCRA and SLAROS found the DEIR to be wholly inadequate and have filed responses and challenges to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). If the Project does not move forward as proposed, which is the position we urge the city to affirm, a revised DEIR must be recirculated to address the many failings.

Harvard-Westlake's next step is to respond to the many failings of their DEIR. If the Planning Department requires a recirculated DEIR, then the public can again respond to any inadequacies found. If Planning chooses to issue a Final Report, there will be public comments and hearings followed by the project going to the Los Angeles City Council for a decision.

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AGENDA

**7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet
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- Assemble member *Laura Friedman*
- SCRA Celebrates our
60th Anniversary

Live Zoom for members
unable to attend

MEETING LOCATION

Bridges Academy—GYM
3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd
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Free parking in school lot.
Enter on Maxwellton.



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Hello Again.

The SCRA Member Discount Card is back for our 4th year! We are celebrating the SCRA's 60th anniversary and are proud to support our local businesses.

When you renew your membership, you will receive your new Member Discount Card that is welcomed at these local businesses:

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