



STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Your Advocate for Studio City

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MOUNTAIN LIONS OF LOS ANGELES

The Sept. 12th SCRA September Community Meeting will feature Tessa Charnofsky, MSW MPA, Urban Wildlife Manager National Wildlife Federation. Her topic will be "Mountain Lions in Los Angeles". Included in the discussion will be our local resident of Griffith Park identified as "P22" who is near and dear to all of us. Here is your opportunity to catch up with his wanderings and his progress.

Also discussed will be the upcoming "P 22 Day", the opportunity to trace P 22's journey to Griffith Park and the Urban Wildlife Festival.



One of the National Wildlife Federation's missions includes creating wildlife corridors. There will be an update on the wildlife corridor (bridge) that is planned to be built across the 101 Freeway near Agoura.

Wildlife needs connectivity just as, on our part, we need to keep our connections to wildlife. This coexistence concept is what drives The National Wildlife Federation's vision for California and Los Angeles.

The book, "When Mountains Lions Are Neighbors," by Beth Pratt Bergstrom, will be available for purchase at our meeting with all proceeds going to support the National Wildlife Federation.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT



The SCRA is pleased to announce the appointment of Charles Blakeslee CPA to the position of Treasurer for SCRA and its two sister organizations, SCBA and SLAROS. The position became vacant upon resignation of the prior treasurer, Bryan Abrams. Charles will serve the balance of Bryan Abram's term that runs through the balance 2017. Bryan is thanked for his service over the past years and thank you to the other applicants who volunteered for the position.

WILL WORK FOR FOOD: THE PLIGHT OF BEES AND HOW TO HELP THEM

Bees make it possible for crops to grow becoming the start of this planet's food chain. Eighty five percent of crops grown for human consumption, including most of the fruits and vegetables that humans and livestock eat (or in the usage of cotton) have to be pollinated by bees.

A mounting number of studies show that bees are dying at an alarming rate due in large part because of neonicotinoid exposure. Many agricultural crops depend on bees, the most important pollinator. The Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing four of the most widely-used-bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides and the agency wants to know what the public thinks about these toxic pesticides. Public input is your chance to assist the EPA help save the bees.

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THE SCRA WANTS YOU!

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) sent membership renewals earlier in the summer, and there are several members who have yet to renew. The SCRA urgently needs members to renew to maintain the strength and support of the community in its efforts to advocate on behalf of all Studio City residents.

The SCRA is actively working on many fronts to continue to improve the quality-of-life in Studio City, including efforts with Councilmember Paul Krekorian and Assembly member Adrin Nazarian to save Weddington Golf and Tennis as open space.

SCRA puts over \$50,000 back into our community every year! Using money from memberships and fundraising activities, SCRA is able to fund school programs and needs that are not covered by the school district, pay for equipment and programs at our parks and libraries that the City cannot fund, build and maintain pocket parks and landscape medians.

Each of our members count. Strength comes in numbers. Some officials in Los Angeles are influenced by special interests, often disregarding the voice of the people most affected by their decisions. Yet, the SCRA's strong and large membership requires that these decision makers listen to our concerns.

Please check your mailing label to see if your membership has been renewed. If you see 6/17 on the label, your membership has expired and must be renewed immediately to ensure the SCRA has your support. It is easy to renew online at: 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). You can also renew by calling the SCRA office at 818 509-0230.

Thank you for your support.

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Organic pesticides are a great option to help keep a garden "clean" by avoiding harmful chemicals. Three great natural pesticides options are diatomaceous earth, bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) and kaolin clay. Diatomaceous earth can be spread around the affected area. Typically, kaolin clay mixed with water into a slurry can be used to spray. Bacillus thuringiensis usually comes in bottles as a spray form. Check local organic gardening centers or look online for suppliers. At the local level, pulling weeds by hand is the least harmful way to keep a pristine lawn or garden without adversely affecting the bee population. Using fewer pesticides, either directly on lawns and gardens or through the food we consume, can have a significant impact the bee population.

Another way is to grow a variety of native plants or plant a pollinator garden to help support a native bee population. Although some people are afraid of attracting pollinator bees to their lawn or garden, the less aggressive species of bee tend to be native pollinators, unlike a typical yellow jacket or non-native honey bee. According to the USDA, in the event of a pollinator bee sting, it tends to be mild compared to the more aggressive breeds. Use natives in your ecoregion for your edible garden to attract these particular pollinators. A side benefit is fresh, organic produce. Be sure to avoid using harmful pesticides and other toxic chemicals.

Many concerned homeowners have taken to backyard beekeeping in an attempt to help the honey-making species. A benefit to a garden with well-pollinated native plants is a surplus of honey.

Finally, Earth Justice is a nonprofit organization working on the bee issue and many other environmental issues that impact not only California but also nationwide. A visit to their website is well worthwhile, at www.earthjustice.org.

STUDIO CITY BEAUTIFICATION

With the possibility of more heat fluctuations, Studio City Beautification is preparing to resume our renovation of the Moorpark Parkway. We had halted the work over concerns about the plants survival, but now that the worst of the heat wave appears to be behind us, we can once again focus on bringing back the beauty to this site. We were very lucky to have received expert guidance from Huntington Library Gardens landscape manager, Scott Kleinrock. Kleinrock had studied the site and created a redesign that not only revives it, but also encourages greater beauty overall. Just look at the recently renovated Oasis site and you can see the results of his invaluable expertise.

Unfortunately, the "Studio City Welcomes You" sign behind Ralphs at Campo De Cahuenga Way has yet again been

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vandalized. This time, letters were ripped off and it was tagged on the back. LAPD was notified and photos were taken of the tagging for their gang unit. The

SCRA has generously offered to cover the costs of the repairs and our sign fabricator will be removing the sign shortly, if not already done, to repair and refresh this important gateway sign to Studio City.



Back in 2014, SCBA worked with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to beautify Laurel Canyon at Wilacre Park. Many stumps were cleared from the path and the Wilacre Seating Area, was created. On June 1,

2017, in honor of the creator, local artist Karl Johnson, a stanchion sign was added and dedicated in his memory. Joining us were members of Karl's family as well as Councilmember Paul Krekorian and CBS Studio Center President Michael Klausman. If you haven't already done so, be sure to stop by and pull up a seat!

Studio City Beautification is looking for volunteers! Lending a hand not only fosters community well-being, but we are sure it will be a gratifying experience for you as well. If you are interested in volunteering your time or want to find out more, please send an email with your contact information to StudioCityBeautificationAssoc@gmail.com.



GOLF & TENNIS HAS AN ALLY IN STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER ADRIN NAZARIAN

For the last several months Assemblymember Nazarian has been working with Save LA River Open Space to spread the word, garner support and identify funds to purchase the

open space at Weddington Golf and Tennis. Nazarian has arranged to attend ten open houses throughout his district. Four of the meet and greets have already taken place reaching over 100 people. The events are



TO THE MARKET

Market shoppers are keenly aware of the food they consume, and for that reason they have made Diamond Mountain Ranch a popular booth every Sunday. This family-run ranch in the hills of Northern

California provides high quality, free range, grass fed food that has no added growth hormones or unnecessary chemicals. Animals on the ranch include chickens, turkeys, pigs, cows, rabbits, lamb, yaks, goats and their specialty, bison. From ribs, to ground meet, to sausages and pork belly, they have just about every cut of meat available. Stop by their booth on Sunday. They are located at the end of the Market, by Laurel Canyon.

Another new favorite at the Market is Completely Pickled. In addition to their small batches of delectable spicy and garlic pickles, they carry a great assortment of pickled items. Customers can choose from pickled Brussels sprouts, green beans, jalapeños, asparagus and even green tomatoes and pineapple. Many items sell out every week so stop by on Sunday and try a sample. Completely Pickled is located on the north side of the street near Radford.

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed at the Market, except for service dogs. It is a health code violation and the health department can shut the Market down if unauthorized pets continue to frequent the Market.

geared to give attendees an update by Nazarian and SLAROS on saving this parcel and an opportunity for people to express their thoughts on moving forward.

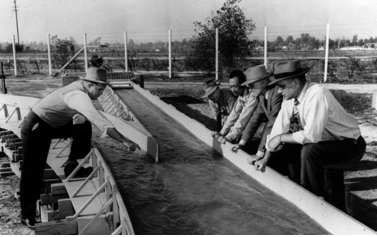
If you would like to host a meet & greet to educate your neighbors or attend one of the upcoming meetings, please contact Emma Taylor, Field Representative to Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, at (818) 376-4246 or email Emma.Taylor@asm.ca.gov.

RIVER LA - REVITALIZING OUR RIVER

Jon Switalski, Executive Director, Outreach for River LA, was the speaker at the July SCRA community meeting at the Rio Vista School Auditorium.

By way of background, River LA is the name of the nonprofit Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation River LA's whose mission is to ensure the 51 mile length of the LA river from Calabasas to its end at the ocean in Long Beach brings

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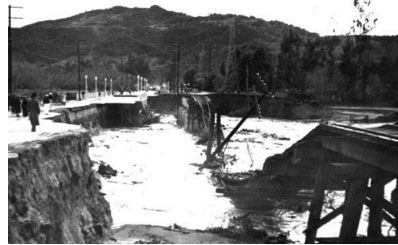


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people, water and nature together. Their mission is to develop an infrastructure bringing about the objective of making the Los Angeles

River a public amenity achieving multiple objectives. Among the key initiatives is the collaboration of stakeholders to create a continuous 51 mile active transportation and recreational corridor which would create significant social and economic benefits to the region as a whole. For further details, Google "LA River Index".

Jon Switalski pointed out one of the biggest challenges is to find ways to alter the appearance of a flood control channel but keeping the prime objective of a flood control channel that is to function as originally planned, i.e. to prevent a repeat of the destructive floods of 1938. The channel cross sections range from rectangular, box like, here in Studio City and trapezoidal, sloping sides, as is seen alongside Interstate 5 by Griffith Park.



Little can be done for the box-like sections other than create landscaped walking and bike paths along the river banks that lead to adjacent parks. This approach has been quite successful here in Studio City starting at the north bank from Whitsett to Coldwater and beyond westward. For the trapezoidal section of the river, a different approach may be to cut holes in the slope and plant vegetation. At all times, such works must not interfere with the flow of water during the rainy season. Several examples were given that indicated how even minor changes could reduce the flow that could lead to raising the water level up-stream. With physical constraints which cannot be reconfigured, the engineering and hydrological challenges are great. River LA, using many different approaches, is confident that even though the river cannot be restored to what it was, it will become so much more than just a flood control channel.

ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE
By Dorothy Wait, Chair, Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City on Whitsett said after the killing of first graders and their teachers at Sandy Hook such violence would no longer

be tolerated. Some kind of action is necessary.

Why We Fight and who do we fight for: We fight for all the children of Sandy Hook, who were cruelly denied their birthright of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We fight for families, neighbors and country so that all that live here may have security and enjoy a life in an environment that is free from harm.

Responsible Gun Ownership is a start. We believe there must be background checks to identify mental health and criminal history issues for all gun sales including gun shows and internet sales. We are for the education of parents and legislation about gun safety at home. We oppose the sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines. We want much more done in the field of mental health.

What we will do: We will disseminate and explain information about local, state and federal legislation to community organizations and faith groups. We will maintain contact with elected officials and organizations that fight for responsible gun laws. We will raise awareness and organize forums on gun violence prevention.

On September 17, at 2 p.m., we will host a "Conversation with Assembly member Adrin Nazarian including Gun Violence Issues" in our sanctuary. We will hold our 4th annual march and rally on the 5th Anniversary of Sandy Hook December 17th leaving the church grounds at 11:30 am to march to the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and Laurel Canyon for the rally. The Community is invited to join us for both events.

You don't have to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church to support this important work. For more information, visit at uustudiocity.org.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018: STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The election for the Studio City Residents Association offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, for the 2018 term will take place at the Annual General Meeting, January 9th. 2018.

Nominations for the above officers may be filed in writing at the SCRA offices, 12069, Ventura Place Ste, H or by mail, SCRA, P.O.Box 1374, Studio City, CA, 91614 no later than October 10th 2017. Attention: Nominating Committee, Martha Hanrahan, Claudia Freedle, Robin Seidel. Pursuant to the bylaws, Alan Dymond, as President, will act as chair of the committee.



PARKWAY NO PARKING POLICY

The City of Los Angeles will no longer allow people to park their cars in a parkway (the space between the sidewalk and curb.) Under L.A.M.C. 80.53, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within the area of a parkway. A parkway can also be located where no curb exists between the sidewalk and the public street, the area reserved by the City for landscaping and utilities.

The move was prompted by parked vehicles blocking the pedestrian right of way. This is both a safety hazard and a neighborhood nuisance and enforcement began on August 14, 2017.

BONNIE GOODMAN

Long time Board member Bonnie Goodman, Executive Vice President, has retired from the SCRA Board. Bonnie was the leading force in bringing first the Holiday Parade then the Winter Family Festival/Festival of Giving to Studio City. Bonnie was also SCRA's liaison to Carpenter Elementary School and, very importantly, the editor of the SCRA newsletter. Bonnie's talents will be very much missed by the SCRA Board and the greater Studio City community.

The Board thanks Bonnie for her contribution and tireless efforts in all that she contributed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Alan Dymond

President's Report

Four items to talk about: one of great import, one unfortunate, a brief status update and change in an SCBA officer.

Weddington Golf and Tennis

Our members may recall the presentation by Jon Switalski, at the SCRA July Community Meeting (see full report herein River LA). Switalski is the Executive Director Outreach of River LA. The Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation (River LA) may be part of the efforts to keep the Weddington Golf and Tennis facility as the Los Angeles River Natural Park. The SCRA received a formal letter on July 27th from River LA that stated in part "...River LA supports the Los Angeles River Natural Park as being consistent with the goals laid out in our River LA Index." (The Index details what LA River aims to achieve in revitalizing the Los Angeles River.) The River LA letter has now been added to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority resolutions which supported acquiring the Weddington property and add to the efforts to locate funding sources to purchase the facility for the public benefit along the river, not just locally and Valley wide but also the creation of more parks and open space along the length of the Los Angeles River.

Winter Family Festival

Unfortunately, for various reasons that occurred earlier over the spring, the SCRA board had no choice but take a hiatus from the Winter Family Festival for 2017. Our event coordinator moved out of state with her family. A key park person is on extended leave of absence during the critical planning stages and other essential players were unable to assist. Nevertheless, come the New Year, SCRA will form a committee in January 2018 to review and consider moving forward to a 2018 Festival

Harvard Westlake

At the July SCRA board meeting, the SCRA voted to oppose a proposed parking structure opposite the existing campus on the west side of Coldwater Canyon that included a football field on top with flood lights. The parking structure would connect to the campus on the east side by a footbridge A public hearing was held August 8th with several members speaking in opposition. Several important objections were raised by the SCRA such as excessive excavation, failing to comply with height limits and vacation of the public airspace over the canyon so a pedestrian bridge could be built all for the benefit of Harvard Westlake. A rough count of those for and against the project were about 50-50. The hearing officer will prepare a report and recommendation which will be considered by the City Planning Commission at a tentative date of September 28, 2017. The question of vacating the airspace will be heard by the city some time in August.

Barry Weiss, president and board member of Studio City Beautification Association, has resigned from that post effective July 31st. Barry is sincerely thanked for all his work over the years. The SCBA vice president, Karen Younce, will assume the duties for the interim.

Alan Dymond

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SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING

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AGENDA

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

7:30 p.m. Tessa Charnofsky, Urban Wildlife Manager, National Wildlife Foundation

MEETING LOCATION:

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

Located on the corner of Whipple Street and Satsuma Avenue.

The SCRA Community Meetings have moved to Rio Vista Elementary School, 4243 Satsuma Avenue, Studio City, CA 91602. Free parking is available in the school parking lot along with street parking. Do not park opposite the school. Follow the signs to the meeting.

