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**Councilman David Ryu**

**Special Date**



COMMUNITY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 - 7:15 PM  
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Our November Meeting will be on a special date. The second Wednesday of November, November 14, 2018. Our guest speaker will be our Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu. Councilman Ryu was elected our City Councilman in 2015. His career in public service started as Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke. During his time as Senior Deputy, he worked on many issues that affected our community – such as public health, housing, children and family services, transportation and senior services. He is the first Korean American to serve on the Los Angeles City Council and only the second Asian American.

Councilman Ryu will discuss improvements that need to be made to our community. This will be your opportunity to discuss neighborhood issues with him and to meet with his staff. His staff will discuss what services are available to you or your neighbors during our Social Hour. Are there street or other issues that need to be addressed? If so, as is customary at all our Meetings, meet with Councilman Ryu one on one at the end of the Meeting.

At the outset of our meeting, LAPD Captain in charge of policing for Sherman Oaks will be speaking. Captain Phil Hearn was recently named as Captain in charge of the Van Nuys Division which oversees Sherman Oaks. This will be your opportunity to hear from the new LAPD Captain and to find out his goals and objectives. If you would like to speak with Captain Hearn before the Meeting, he will be attending our Social Hour as well.

Jules Feir announces that Mistral will be the Restaurant of the Month. Mistral is located at 13422 Ventura Boulevard. This exceptional French restaurant was established 30-years ago by Henri Abergel and has received the Open Table award as one of the top 100 restaurants in the United States and considered among the top San Fernando Valley restaurants.

In a City where restaurants come and go, the guests keep coming back to enjoy their delicious food in a beautiful setting. Make sure to sample their delicious food during our Social Hour that starts at 6:15 p.m.

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Tom Glick, Chair of SOHA's Homelessness Committee, reports that in mid-summer 2018, in coordination with Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, the Homelessness Committee helped identify two sites in Sherman Oaks as candidates for either permanent supportive housing or bridge housing based upon the criteria established by Councilman Ryu's office.

During the past months since Councilman Ryu recommended these two sites for formal feasibility analysis by the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Committee's members have continued to work to provide Councilman Ryu and his staff with ideas for additional and/or alternative sites within his District as suggested on the Councilman's website and by the Councilman at his September 20, 2018 community-wide meeting. SOHA is eagerly awaiting Councilman Ryu and his office to announce to the community the results of the official feasibility analysis by the CAO for these two sites.

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Bob Anderson reports that LA Metro broke ground ahead of schedule in October on the Orange Line Improvements Project. The Orange Line is Bus Rapid Transit that runs east-west just north of Sherman Oaks from North Hollywood to Warner Center and then north-south to Chatsworth. It has the highest ridership of any Metro rapid transit and is being improved with two grade separations (overpasses) and up to 35 railroad-type crossing gates. LA Metro predicts these improvements will reduce travel time by 20%, increase ridership by 40%, and improve safety for buses, automobiles, and pedestrians.

Sherman Oaks is lucky because the two overpasses cross Sepulveda and Van Nuys Boulevards just north of us and should reduce traffic delays on those streets. LA Metro plans to finish the Improvements Project by 2025. LA Metro is also converting the entire Orange Line fleet to fully electric zero-emission buses by 2020. For further details, go to <http://www.shermanoaks914.com/current-developments.html> and click on Orange Line Improvements Project.

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On Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. SOHA will have hosting its 20th annual Toy Drive in the parking lot of Gelson's Market at 4520 Van Nuys Boulevard next to Best Buy. Gelson's will provide delicious snacks and desserts as they do each year.

We invite everyone to stop by, bring an unwrapped toy, visit with Santa Claus and speak with many of our local elected and non-elected officials who will be in attendance. Our local Police and Fire Departments will have vehicles on display. There will be a City garbage truck for children to sit in and explore.

The gifts are distributed by the County Department of Children & Family services to the children under their care and are probably the only gifts they will receive.

We look forward to seeing you at the Toy Drive on Sunday, December 9.

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In October, Councilman Ryu's updated brush clearance Regulations were passed unanimously by City Council. The Ordinance will give the City more tools to prevent and fight fires in communities like Sherman Oaks by banning metal weed whackers, raising the standard of brush clearance requirements, and other measures.

After months of work with the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and the Sherman Oaks Chamber, Councilman Ryu has told us that the City will begin weekly street sweeping of Ventura Boulevard. This is a one-year pilot project. Continuation of the weekly sweeping is contingent on Councilman Ryu securing City funding.

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Sherman Oaks remains a safe place to live. LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Jose Saldana and Trent Berry, recently addressed the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and were pleased to announce that compared to this time last year crime has gone down 9% and crime was mostly home and auto burglaries (not auto theft). A couple of cars were broken into at Fashion Square and they suggested that if you go there it's safer to park near the food court where there is a lot of foot traffic or near the entrance to the mall to avoid problems.

It confounds the LAPD that people aren't taking the time and actually don't consider locking their car doors. Don't trust your car to lock itself. Use your fob or your key to make certain your car doors are locked whenever you leave it, even if it's in your own driveway, behind a gate. No matter how many times the police tell us this, many of us seem to ignore or forget the advice.

Finally, they said to make certain you lock all home windows and doors and if you have an alarm system, use it even if you're leaving the house for no more than an hour. All of the homes broken into in the last month were vulnerable because the homeowners hadn't secured their homes.

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Marshall Long is working with Natasha Parker on updating the SOHA Website. One of the new features will be the addition of informational material from the various Committees. These will be added to the Current Projects category and will be updated regularly. We are hopeful that this can provide our Members and the general public with accurate information on ongoing activities and SOHA's positions on them.

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Nancy Sogoian Chairs our Membership Committee. She says – Keep SOHA strong: Please support our work on your behalf! *Tell a Friend, Bring a Neighbor!* As a non-profit, 100% member-supported organization, SOHA is as strong as its support from our community. All residents of Sherman Oaks, whether homeowners or not, benefit from a strong Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association.

Why? Because SOHA works tirelessly to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life for ALL Sherman Oaks residents! *If you are not a member, please join now!* Your \$30 annual membership is a great investment in your community!

We ask that you please share this newsletter OR our new membership flyer with your neighbors and encourage them to join. Bring them to a meeting where they can learn what's happening in Sherman Oaks, speak one-on-one with our illustrious speakers and enjoy delicious food from a different local restaurant every month!

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The Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Art Walk & Roll on Saturday, December 1 from Noon to 5 p.m. It will take place from Ventura Boulevard and Woodman Avenue. It will feature live music, artists and special deals at local restaurants.

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There will be no Newsletter or Meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you at our November 14, 2018 Meeting, the Sunday, December 9, 2018 Toy Drive (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and then at our January 16, 2019 Meeting.

Very truly yours,



Richard H. Close, President