



Silver Lake Improvement Association NEWS

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Silver Lake Improvement Association goals are the creation and maintenance of a clean and safe environment for the residents of this community as evidenced by a decreasing crime rate and increasing property values.

Recent Successes

Stairwell Closed

The pedestrian walkways that connected Silver Lake Blvd and Sunset are CLOSED! These were once sites of unpleasant odors, broken bottles, trash and graffiti. Thanks goes to the combined efforts of Councilman Woo's office and members of our association who pushed this to a done!

Crack-Houses Shut

Two "Crack" houses have been shut down recently. Northeast police did a bust at 838 N. Lafayette Park Place and the abandoned house at 3404 Sunset Blvd. burned down.

Walls Stay Clean -

Delinquents Arrested

The Graffiti Busters, headed by Rose Garcia, continue to keep Sunset Blvd. clean of graffiti despite the non-stop efforts of a hand-full of juveniles to mess up the walls. Two youths have been arrested by RTD police who have a very active surveillance unit. Also, hard at work on graffiti and trash removal is the Vendome team south of Sunset headed by Mary Whitecloud and the Vendome team South of Silver Lake, headed by Carmen and Fred Estrada.

Upcoming Meetings

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Russian Orthodox Church community hall, 650 Micheltorena. Park in the parking lot off of Micheltorena and walk up the stairs to the hall.

Thursday, October 19

Special Guest BOB FERBER, Assistant City Attorney for gangs, brings 10 years of expertise and success in helping communities around Los Angeles combat gang problems. He has a wealth of information to assist us in solving our community problems, gang-related and otherwise. Our senior lead officers will also be in attendance to give us a crime update and get input from us. DON'T MISS this event.

Thursday, November 2

Special Guest Speaker JEAN ANDERSON, Resource Coordinator for the Northeast Juvenile Justice Centre, will share with us his successes with delinquent youths who go through the community service program. This includes painting out graffiti, picking-up trash, and cleaning the parkways in lieu of being locked up. Call for more information.

Motto for the Month - Report Crime!

Key Numbers

Life-threatening emergencies	911
To report all other types of crimes. (Information Reporting Office)	485-7227
To report Narcotics activities.	1-800-662-BUST
Rampart Station Front Desk	485-4064
Northeast Police Station Front Desk	485-2563
Bill Medina, Senior Lead Officer, Rampart	237-0539
Joe Writer, Senior Lead Officer, Northeast	237-0511

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Commendations

Officer Bill Medina

SIA recognizes Senior Lead Officer, Bill Medina, of Rampart Police Station for his continuing work in helping us to tackle crime and graffiti. Bill can be seen regularly with his paint sprayer cleaning up Sunset and adjacent streets. He has gone to court on two occasions recently to rid an apartment building of drug activity. He regularly attends our association meetings and is the officer we call to discuss our crime problems and solutions. Most recently, Bill agreed to come with us on our "Moonlight Walks" (better known as patrols) and this is far above and beyond his job description. We appreciate your caring and interest in our community!

Frances Passerelli

Frances Passerelli of the Silver Lake Seedlings is acknowledged for her continuing work with the youth of this community. Frances takes juveniles who have community service hours to do and puts them to work cleaning up our neighborhood. The area around the Silver Lake bridge is looking mighty good thanks to the hard work of Mauricio Alvarenga and his friends, Jose Argenah, Juan Diaz, Eddie Diaz and Cris Konreghian. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Cleaning and Landscaping for Beauty

Allan Jackson, owner and Mariam Tombaugh, manager of the apartments at 2953-2957 Silver Lake Blvd. are commended for setting a good example. Mariam can be seen regularly cleaning along Silver Lake Blvd., and Allan's garden is a glorious sight to behold!

Gino Bresse and Troy Williams, residents of the area and professional landscapers have voluntarily planted cacti and palm trees along the south western wall at Sunset and Benton Way. This spruce-up is really appreciated!

Businesses Join In

Six businesses along Sunset have "Adopted a Basket" making a change in the litter scene along the boulevard. Under this program, businesses are given a trash basket by the city in exchange for keeping it emptied.



Association Creates Teams to Achieve Long-Range Goals.

Join A Team

In a recent meeting, SIA members set up projects and teams to speed the way to making Silver Lake totally clean and drug-free. There's lots to do and you are invited to join in the fun. Pick a project that interests you and give the team leader a call tonight!

Sunset Blvd. Clean-Up

Purpose: Give Sunset a face-lift by helping its businesses keep the sidewalks and walls graffiti and trash-free. Encouraging a return of artists/craftsmen to the community along Sunset. Call Barbara Dakin, Team Leader at 413-4221.

Graffiti Busters

Purpose: Gets graffiti removal units working through-out Silverlake maintaining clean walls, lamp posts, street signs, etc. through-out the area. Paint is provided free by the Council Office. Call Rose Garcia, Team Leader at 664-0747.

Anti Drug/Gang or "The Vendome Capers"

Purpose: This team is dedicated to remove drug-dealing off of Vendome and neighboring streets. It works with police and city officials to get drug dealing gang members out of our community. Join in the fight. Call Jerry Sider, Team Leader at 668-1076.

PR Capers

Purpose: Creates our promotion in newsletter, flyers for events, news releases, etc. Team Leader is Carol Woodruff at 661-8831.

"Moonlight Walks"

Purpose: To deter night-time crime. Bill Medina is our police escort on these frequent walks to observe the neighborhood and locate "hot spots" of activity. Call Shirley Martin, Team Leader at 385-2961 for information on dates and times.

If you would like to find out more about the Silver Lake Improvement Association, contact Barbara Dakin, Executive Director, at 413-4221.