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Silverlake 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.

Commendations

The following businesses and individuals are commended for their generous donations and contributions to our very successful October 28 Clean-up:

Doris Lowry

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The Clean and Green Team

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LA Donut

Cuba Restaurant and Sandwiches

San Remo Co.

A Clean-Up Smash!

On October 28, over 75 property owners, tenants, kids and neighbors gathered together to clean up graffiti and trash in various parts of the Silverlake area. They were joined by Deborah Bell from Operation Clean-Sweep, the Clean and Green Team from LA Conservation Corps, Bill Medina from Rampart P.A.C.E. and Joe Writer from Northeast Police Division. Meeting first at the Russian Orthodox Church parking lot and dividing up into teams, the enthusiastic cleaners painted away over 5000 square feet of graffiti and filled two 15' x 5' dumpsters full of trash, furniture and debris.

The most spectacular change occurred in the alley just west of Vendome Street off Sunset Boulevard where drug dealers and

homeless had taken over the area. After the clean-up, they were gone and haven't returned since. They can't stand our cleanliness!

After a long morning of hard work, the group met back at the Church to be rewarded with a delicious lunch donated by many of the local businesses and individuals. Thanks to all the dedicated Association members who lent a hand: Sunset Team led by Rose Garcia and Joe Radogna; Marathon Team led by Mary Ann Kunkel, Paul Kachel, Carmen Fabra and Sonja Ackerman; The Coronado Team led by David Bermudez and Susanna Whitmore and special graffiti removal artist, Pete Quesada; and the Vendome Crew, headed by Dina Hernandez and David Gehl.



Before



After

New Groups Form Within Silverlake

Vendome Street

The Vendome Property Owners Association, headed by Eddie King, dedicated to ridding Vendome of the gangs and drug dealing. Please call Eddie at 254-2874 to help.

Coronado Terrace

The Coronado Terrace Neighborhood Watch, headed by Susanna Whitmore. This group has already held one meeting attended by 45 residents. Next meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 2 pm. Call Susanna for details at 413-3010.

Edgecliffe-Maltman

Edgecliffe-Maltman Neighborhood Watch held its first meeting on November 8. It is headed by Katherine Railton. Call Katherine for details at 663-7607.

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Bellevue Park Community Improvement Group

Headed by Richard Filon, this newly formed group had its second meeting on November 9. Call Richard for details at 664-8275.

Sunset Businesses Community Watch

This group will hold their second meeting on December 13 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Reiyukai American Association, 2741 Sunset Boulevard. Sunset business owners, please join. Call Nina Greenberg at 485-6741 or Barbara Dakin at 413-4221 for details.

The Eagles Fly

On November 3, approximately 100 citizens of Silverlake along with 14 Guardian Angels began patrolling Sunset Boulevard. This new group, formed by Silverlake residents Rose Garcia and David Gehl are called the Silverlake Eagles.

The purpose is to visibly deter criminal activities (such as drug dealings) in an area and to take our streets back! We welcome newcomers to our nightly patrols.

The Eagles want to make this a total community-involved effort. They need your support in whatever manner you can give it. Circulating flyers, donating sandwiches and soft drinks, contributing money towards Eagle T-shirts, as well as joining them in the patrol are all needed actions. In order to keep the Guardian Angels with us, we need to give them our united support. Please call David Gehl at 663-4296 or Rose Garcia at 664-0747 for details.

Extra special commendations to Rose and David and the Guardian Angels for creating this group!



Citywide Clean-Up

On Saturday, December 16, there will be a city-wide clean-up from 9 am - 12 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Barbara Dakin at 413-4221 to find out how to get involved.



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For the Record

Our October 19 Meeting

On October 19, Bob Ferber, the Assistant City Attorney for gangs, met with us to share his expertise and experience in handling gangs and their crimes. Bob's office is currently working with other communities such as ours and winning the fight against gangs. His example of how the Hollywood property owners banded together to handle prostitution was inspiring and emphasized the importance of being organized as a group and using our combined voice to get the assistance we need from others. Bob expressed his willingness to help apartment owners with drug and crime problems, to come up with effective ways to handle them. He volunteered to meet with the apartment owners along Vendome Street who are facing these problems on a daily basis.

As a result of this, Bob and Bill Medina, Sr. Lead Officer of Rampart, met with several apartment owners from Vendome. The result was the formation of the Vendome Property Owners Association, headed by Eddie King. Eddie and his associates plan to communicate in volume to the correct agencies to stop the crime and drugs on their street. Anyone is welcome to join, especially those of you who live on Vendome. Call Eddie at (213)254-2874.

Many thanks to Bob Ferber for helping to create this!

Our October 5 Meeting

On October 5, Warren Davis, a Lincoln Heights community leader, shared his successful actions in ridding his neighborhood of gang and drug activities. Warren pointed out the importance of establishing an excellent working

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relationship with the police department. It is also important to take down and report license plate numbers of cars coming into the area to purchase drugs. He mentioned that if the neighborhood looks well-cared for, without graffiti and abandoned cars, it acts as a deterrent to criminals.



Graffiti Summit

A Graffiti Summit will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 9 am - 2 pm at the City Hall. This event is open to everyone and all are encouraged to attend. It will be an open forum on how we can remove graffiti from our streets. City-wide participation is expected and your ideas are welcome and important. Contact Deborah Bell at Operation Clean-Sweep for more information. Her number is 237-1797.

Upcoming Meetings

We meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Russian Orthodox Church community hall, 650 Micheltorena Street. Park in the parking lot off Micheltorena and walk up the stairs to the hall.

Thursday, November 16

Topic: Earthquake Preparedness. George Stamer, Silverlake resident, recently trained as a 13th District Emergency Response Team Leader by the L.A. Fire Department will present preparedness materials supplied by the Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Project. The presentation will cover the basics on home and family safety and what can be done now to get ready for such an emergency.

Thursday, December 7

Special Guest Speaker Mike Woo, Councilman for the 13th District, will be on hand to discuss the problems we all share and what we can do about them. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with your councilman.

Neighborhood Crime-Reporting

Tips!

Situation

What to Do

Usted no habla ingles. (If you do not speak English.)	La linea espanol: 485-4333 Este numero conecta la llamada con un hispano parlante.
Life Threatening Emergencies or Serious Crime in Progress (Burglary, Arson, etc.)	Dial 911
You need police assistance – not immediate (such as graffiti writing in progress, or noisy loitering group, etc.).	Call Police Communications: 485-2681 or 625-3311
Burglary or break-in. Offender is gone.	For North of Sunset Contact Northeast Police Station Main Desk: 485-2563 For South of Sunset Contact Rampart Police Station Main Desk: 485-4064
Report on-going narcotics activities in the neighborhood. Cars frequenting possible drug dealing locations.	Call 1-800-662-BUST (1-800-662-2878) and Submit a written report to your Senior Lead Officer Rampart, Bill Medina: 485-4080 or 237-0539 Northeast, Joe Writer: 485-2548 or 237-0511 To request an undercover agent call the "BUY TEAM": 485-2126
Report on-going gang-related activities.	Call the C.R.A.S.H. Unit Rampart: 485-6580 or Northeast: 485-2566
Observe persons with possible stolen merchandise.	Report the details to your Senior Lead Officer Rampart: 485-4080 or 237-0539 Northeast: 485-2548 or 237-0511
For any other crime report, general police assistance or information.	Contact your Police Station Main Desk or Police Communications Info. Reporting Office: 485-7227
Any situation that could lead to crime: abandoned cars or houses, excessive litter, graffiti, loiterers.	Call PACE Coordinator: Rampart, Bill Medina: 485-4080 or Northeast, Mark Perez: 237-0511 and your Council Office: Mike Woo 485-6471 or John Ferraro 485-4377

