



CARTHAY SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS: But the real winners are the communities they serve.

JOE CONNOLLY of Carthay Square Neighborhood Association has won an award of \$2500 from the L.A. Times in the category of Community Services for working tirelessly to improve the quality of life in our community. 36 winners in twelve categories were selected from a population base of over 5 million residents and from among thousands of nominees. Winners were asked to donate their cash award to charity and Joe chose the Turning Point Homeless Shelter in Santa Monica. Along with the cash, Joe was given an inscribed Tiffany clock and a chance to become a finalist in the Times' "Volunteer of Distinction of the Year Award." Congratulations, Joe, and thanks for making a difference.

FALL FESTIVAL OF COLORS
The time of year has come again for CSNA membership renewal and for our 2nd Annual Street Party to be held on Sunday, September 13, 1998 from 1-5 pm on the 1000 block of Point View Street between Whitworth and Olympic. Everyone who lives within the Hayworth-Pico-Stearns-Olympic area, their families and neighbors, are invited to share in the festivities.

You can help! Show up at 8:00 am to help set up or volunteer for booth duty with **MICHAEL SIMMS** (323/857-0025) or **JOE CONNOLLY** (323/934-4767). Leave your name and number, you will be called back. The street will be barricaded during the party. Free popcorn and sno-cones will be served all day. There will be clowns, face-painting, music and dancing with a DJ, games, a raffle for kids and adults, Police cars, fire trucks, CSNA Membership booth, balloons, local mer-

chants, city services information, moon-bounce, food court, our Citizen Patrol, dog training, private security cars/ reps, and much much more. Last year's block party was great. This year will be even better! Save the date, Sunday September 13, 1998.

MESSAGE FROM JOE

STARBUCKS opened in July at the corner of Olympic and Fairfax. It's gratifying to see a major development like this in our area. For those of you who don't know how big a break this is, let me share a little story with you about how far we have come. Three years ago we contacted Trader Joe's to move into a vacant commercial space in our neighborhood; their response was "...the crime in your area is too high." Our response to them was "...you better move in while the leases are still low."

We now have to work harder than we ever have to assist our business districts revival. The LA City Council is pursuing BIDs (Business Improvement Districts) along the Fairfax and Pico corridors. The US Post Office is just finishing its huge add on. The Shell and Mobile gas stations are gone. The LAPD wants to take over cleaning up our alleys as a part of a grant study environment.

We now have a golden opportunity to make our business district much better and in the process increase our property values and our quality of life. We have got to find a way to encourage the property owners and business owners on Fairfax Avenue to invest not only in their futures, but in ours.

The history of the area is that CSNA has done surveys, architectural renderings, planted trees, established an adopt-a-garbage-can program, radically reduced crime and illegal businesses, held monthly meetings, assisted with alley clean ups, and the list goes on and on. We

have also benefitted from the work of UCLA Urban Planning graduate student, SARA SHEETS, local architect, PETER MERLINS SOFA renderings, two surveys by local residents, and the cooperation of local merchants. JULIE SERQUINIA and a handful of others are spearheading a program called SOFA (South of Fairfax). We have to thank many people, but in spite of all that has been done, we still have a lot to do. SOFA is our associations tentacle inside whatever can happen and hopefully will happen on Fairfax Avenue. All great neighborhoods in this city have a bustling commercial strip. Without this piece of the puzzle in place, we will always be considered the neighborhood association that almost could. We must take every measure within our power to make sure that the commercial strip that could be can. We are going to make this happen and together we can be the best. I look forward to working with you to make sure that it does.

Joe Connolly

LOTS OF CHANGES AT CARTHAY CENTER ELEMENTARY

If you've driven past Carthay Center Elementary School lately you may have noticed some changes: newly painted kindergarten fence, jungle gym in the process of being enameled, trimmed lawn, sidewalk tunnel entrances being repainted in school colors... This is the direct result of the combined efforts of incoming kindergarten parents, current Carthay parents and interested neighbors from Carthay Square, Carthay Circle and South Carthay. In addition to the changes you can see from the street, Carthay Center also boasts a brand

new custodial staff who are in the midst of cleaning the school from top to bottom, repairing the sprinkler system and setting in place a new maintenance structure that will insure that everything remains in tip-top shape during the upcoming year.

Not all of the changes at Carthay are cause for celebration, however. We are saddened to say good-bye to Principal Wayne Moore who has decided to move on to a year-round school. Principal Moore's dedication and enthusiasm over the last 10 years have been instrumental in helping turn Carthay into the thriving, LEARN community school that it is. He will be sorely missed.

Every setback however is also an opportunity. Because Carthay is a LEARN school, the new Principal will not be appointed by the district but will instead be chosen by a selection committee made up of Carthay "stakeholders:" parents, teachers, community and staff. This committee, now in the process of being formed, will sort through resumes, interview candidates, and ultimately choose the best person for the job. It's an exciting and empowering process that serves not only to find the best principal, but to help the school focus its goals for the future.

The rejuvenation of Carthay Center Elementary should be good news for all the residents of Carthay Square, whether they have children or not. If other neighborhoods who have reclaimed their schools, (Hancock Park, Third Street, etc.) are any indication, Real Estate values tend to rise with the local school's test scores. Young families move in and neighborhood businesses thrive. Already, a passing motorist stopped one Saturday morning on seeing a group

of Carthay parents painting the jungle gym: He was considering buying a house in

Carthay Square and wanted to be sure the local school had neighborhood support. Our paint-stained clothing assured him that it did.

If you'd like more information or to donate money to the school (all monies donated stay within the school) please call CHARLIE COHEN at 937-7085. (The Carthay Parent's Booster Club is currently raising money to hire a full time gardener and matching funds for two new playground/recreation areas.) And if you have any suggestions regarding the selection of the new Principal please let us know. Remember, Carthay Center Elementary is YOUR neighborhood school.

Charlie Cohen



TOM BERGINS CLOSES

The classic Irish steakhouse at 840 Fairfax Avenue has been purchased by a new owner who plans to turn the pub into a grill club. The new restaurant will feature aged prime rib and porter house steaks cooked over a wood burning grill. Dining will be in doors and on a newly constructed outdoor patio.

FALL FESTIVAL OF COLORS STREET PARTY

Carthay Square Neighborhood Association

2ND ANNUAL
SUNDAY { SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1998
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM }

1000 BLOCK, POINT VIEW DRIVE

street closed during party

EVERYONE
who lives within the
Hayworth ~ Pico
~ Stearns ~ Olympic
area, their families
and neighbors, are
INVITED
to share in the
FESTIVITIES

- You can help!
- Show up at 8:00AM to help
- set up or volunteer for
- booth duty with Michael
- Simms (323 857 0025) or
- Joe Connolly (323 934 4767)



FREE POPCORN & SNO-CONES ALL DAY!

Clowns, Face painting, DJ, Games, Raffle for kids and adults, Police cars, Fire trucks, CSNA membership booth, Balloons, Local merchants, City services information, Moon bounce, Food court, Our citizen patrol, Dog training, Private security cars/repos, and Much Much More.

CARTHAY SQUARE EXECUTIVE BOARD

OFFICERS:

President: Joy Connolly
Vice-Pres: Sara Jane Rose
Treasurer: Kelly Gugliuzza
Secretary: Penny Paxton

BLOCK CAPTAINS:

HAYWORTH

Michael Sims & Sara Jane Rose

Joe Connolly

Charlotte Williams

Susan Nickerson

Judith Meuli

Ray Marcus/Bill Aron

Robin Jameson

Mingo Serquinia

Pearl Greenberg

Penny Paxton

Joseph Cruz

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POINT VIEW

STEARNS

COMMITTEES:

Joe Connolly

Joe Connolly with Michael Sims
Michael Sims

Sara Jane Rose
Julie Serquinia

Victoria Diaz
Rhonda Milrad
Will & Marti Ebersman
Leni Gerber
Peter Merlin & David Logan
Officer Scott Hallock
Tim Johnson
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On Tuesday, August 4, 1998, an estimated 31 million people dedicated the night to fight crime. People in all walks of life throughout the nation, and extending into Canada, set aside this night to focus their attention on crime in their localities and to increase citizens' awareness of appropriate methods of crime prevention.

Various areas found residents marching in noisy and attention-getting parades, or simply by congregating in small groups for front lawn cookouts and observation of their areas. the simplest way for citizens to participate, and one which can be practiced on a year-round basis, is fully lighting the exterior of their homes during the hours of darkness. Security experts all agree that crime has a tendency to "run away from the light".

National statistics on criminal activities have shown a decrease in frequencies and occurrences and it is felt that the annual participation of so many citizens focusing on their localities, has certainly contributed to the decrease.

Awareness of crime prevention measures, which is an objective of the National Night Out Against Crime, assists in empowering our residents in fighting crime and frees them from the fear which criminals count on to insure inaction by their victims.

By continuing to become aware of crime prevention measures, and properly utilizing those measures, we should enjoy a further decrease in local criminal activity.

Sol Jamerson
CSNA Correspondent

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SEPT 13, 1998:
2nd Annual CSNA Street Party 1:00 to 5:00 pm (The entire block of 1000 S. Point View)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 1998: General CSNA Meeting

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 1998: 2nd Yard Sale

NOVEMBER 1998: 3rd Newsletter due.

NOVEMBER 1998: Executive Board Meeting

DECEMBER 1998: Holiday Party-Neighborhood Patrol 1999 Schedule.

CRIME REPORT

By: Senior Lead Officer,
Scott Hallock

The summer months are here and we are all busy with B-B-Qs, family outings and good times. The days and nights are warmer which means doors and windows will be left open. It is so important to make sure that this summer will be a fun filled great season without the devastating occurrence of a theft or burglary.

Consider these statistics of resident burglary and then look at your homes and see what can be done to make it more secure.

In April of this year in Wilshire Division alone there were eighty-six burglaries (meaning someone breaks into your home and steals your property). In eight of the eighty-six burglaries the resident was home when the burglar broke in. In May there were fifty-eight resident burglaries and in five of these the resident was home. What this means is that while you're sleeping, eating dinner or watching TV someone breaks into your home and confronts you. The most popular point of entry is an open bathroom or bedroom window and an unlocked front or back door. Here are some tips to consider when securing your home:

- 1.) Lock all doors and windows
- 2.) Extra outdoor lighting
- 3.) Motion detectors on outside lighting
- 4.) Security bars on doors and windows
- 5.) Timer lights on inside lights
- 6.) Leave a TV or radio on when you are away

7.) Do not leave garage doors wide open

8.) Do not leave drapes open allowing anyone to see in your home

9.) Install wood dowels in window sills

10.) Be aware of who is around you or who is at your door if some knocks.

I have been focusing my efforts on the alleyways east and west of Crescent Heights between Pico and Olympic. In March there was a major garage burglary problem. There was also evidence of gang activity, graffiti, homeless scavengers and illegal dumping. I made the alleyways one of my priorities and began to attack the problem with everything I had.

First, I contacted our Crime Analysis Unit which keeps crime statistics and tracks crime. I discovered that a majority of the burglaries occurred on trash pick up day, leading me to believe that scavengers and the homeless were likely suspects. I then contacted our Bike Unit and advised them of the problem. You may have noticed officers riding their bikes in the alleys and through the neighborhood. They were responsible for making over two dozen arrests for crimes ranging from theft of recyclables, possession of shopping carts, drinking in public, urinating in public, and warrants.

Then I notified each Watch to give the alleys and surrounding area extra patrol. I, myself, patrolled the alleys and made several arrests. On one Saturday I painted out graffiti. JOE CONNOLLY, the President of CSNA, passed out over three hundred flyers, contacted the city to clean up the alley, chopped all the weeds and monitored the alley for graffiti.

Last week I informed the Chief of Police of this project and he is very interested in the outcome of our efforts. I am happy to announce that as of last week there have been no new burglaries, no graffiti and the alley is being cleaned up.

I believe that if these crimes and activities would have been permitted to continue that crime would have skyrocketed and like a cancer eventually destroyed the area. But we took back the alleys and with the combined efforts of the police and the community we can count this project a great success. Please have a good and safe summer and feel free to contact me for any ongoing problems at 213-485-7992 ext. 11.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter staff consists of two people, PETER MERLIN, and alternately of DAVID LOGAN. In order to be more newsworthy, we would like to produce the Newsletter four times per year. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in some way in the expanded production of the Newsletter, please call Peter at 213/931-0171. There is lots to do. We need people who will write about issues that concern them. We need people to go out and get ads to help make the Newsletter self-supporting; (businesses have been eager to participate since a \$25 business card size ad is an inexpensive way to reach our community.) If you happen to have QuarkXPress on a PC and are interested in layout and design, you may become a guest editor. New newsletters could be produced alternatively by different members of the neighborhood utilizing the same format. Please contact us with your ideas.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE AND WHY ARE THEY ALWAYS WALKING THRU THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAT- URDAY MORNINGS

by David Schulman

Ed Note: David and his wife Rachel are new residents on Point View. David is a Supervising Attorney with the AIDS/HIV Discrimination unit for the City of Los Angeles.

Ever notice an increase in foot traffic through the neighborhood on Saturday mornings, especially on Whitworth? Have you noticed folks are all going west around 9:30 or 10, and east around 12:30 or 1?

Who are these folks? And why do they have those little knit skullcaps on their heads? They don't look like Hasidic Jews. In fact, they don't even look Orthodox — some of the women wear those skull-caps, too. Who are they??

Well, we're members of the Library Minyan.

A minyan traditionally means a quorum of ten Jewish men, the minimum number for community

prayer. But more colloquially, a minyan means a community of Jews praying together. And guess where this minyan first started praying? That's right, a library. Good guess!

The library is located at Temple Beth Am, the large, newly-remodeled Conservative synagogue that takes up most of the west side of the block on La Cienega between Whitworth and Olympic.

Fifteen or twenty years ago, a group formed a leaderless, egalitarian minyan that met in the library at Beth Am. There was no hired help — no rabbi in charge, no cantor. There were rabbis who joined — even the rabbi who is now the senior rabbi of Temple Beth Am, itself — but they joined as egalitarian members. Members debated the role of women and eventually decided that, unlike in Orthodox communities, women would have full, equal participatory rights in the service and count towards the prayer quorum.

Minyan members perform all parts of the traditional Saturday Shabbat ("sabbath") morning service, as well as services for other Jewish holidays throughout the year. We

read from the Torah, give the sermon, serve on the ritual committee, supervise childcare — everything necessary for the minyan to exist..

The Library Minyan outgrew the library many years ago. Today, we meet in the temple's beautiful new chapel (the rest of Beth Am's members meet in the main sanctuary).

Many minyan members have moved to Carthay Square and the surrounding neighborhoods so they can walk to Beth Am. Though not Orthodox, for some, not driving is part of their ritual Shabbat and holiday observance. For others, while they might drive on such days if necessary, they prefer to walk. For all, walking through our beautiful neighborhood reminds us that Shabbat and other holidays are times to put away the concerns of the week to pray, study, and share in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to:
SUSAN SHURMAN and
LARRY JACOBSON on the birth of their son, Ian Max, born 6/28/98 and weighing 8lbs, 12 oz. Ian is 22 inches long. **BRAD AND PARIS SUMMERS** have a new baby boy, CAILEAN born 11/97. A baby girl born to **TROY AND LOUISE WILSON**, EVIE, on 1/30/98 (2nd child). A baby boy (CHE) born to **VICTOR ROLO & VICTORIA DIAZ** on 3/11/98 (2nd child).

In Memorium: **JACK LOGUE**, a long time resident on the 1100 block of Point View Street has died. He is survived by his wife, Nell

MARVIN BROOKS tragically died in June of 1998. Our association joins his brother, **WILLIE**, and the Brooks family in their sorrow.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____

One year membership per household: \$20

Make checks payable to:

*Carthay Square Neighborhood Association
1143 S. Hayworth
Los Angeles, ca 90035*

YOUR COMMENTS: _____

NOTE: CSNA dues are renewed on July 1 and effectively run from July 1st thru June 30th of the following year.