



## WHITHER CARTHAY SQUARE .....

*During the fall of 2001 and then in January and February some concerned neighbors have been meeting to discuss the revitalization of Carthay Square Neighborhood Association. Their reasons for wanting to maintain a neighborhood association ranged from creating and being a part of a community, maintaining the accomplishments of the association, participating and advocating for our neighborhood in the larger neighborhood council, communicating with each other via the newsletter, to providing more security for the neighborhood. We asked them to put their thoughts into their own words with the following results:*

### **DIRECTION/LEADERSHIP**

After years of leadership from a strong Association President, JOE CONNOLLY, the Association has been rudderless for most of the past year.

A group of concerned Association members and Block Captains recently met to discuss the leadership situation, legal status of the Association, and activities such as Association parties and yard sales.

The consensus among this group is that a committee of equals might represent the Association in its dealings with the Los Angeles City Council, the Neighborhood Council, Police Department and city agencies instead of Association officers.

The bylaws of the Association, however, provide for the election of officers- a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer- by the Association's members and for at least an annual meeting to be held. None of the above has been done.

This newsletter has a number of purposes besides general information: It will remind Association members that there is an Association (however inactive); give notice of an annual meeting; bring up (for discussion and vote at the next meeting) the proposal that the bylaws be changed to allow governing by committee; ask

members to think about the kinds of activities they wish to promote and whether these activities merit incorporation (and incorporation's legal, accounting and insurance expenses) and to solicit volunteers for Association officers or committees.

JOE CONNOLLY's involvement with the Association became virtually his full-time job as well as his mission. We do not expect to find members who made the time and have the passion to do all of what Joe did, but we are fortunate that some people have expressed interest in helping keep the Association alive and are willing to invest time to do so.

The bottom line (at least for me) is that we are fortunate to live in a good neighborhood and we have the opportunity and the responsibility to keep it that way (or make it better) through our participation in our neighborhood association and its activities.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and discussing these ideas as well as others which you may bring to the group's attention.

**LARRY GOLDSTEIN**  
1000 Block Stearns Drive

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### **LET'S MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF CARTHAY SQUARE**

I am a 30 year resident of Carthay Square and I have a genuine appreciation for our diverse unique neighborhood. We are all so fortunate to share a community with

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**7:00 pm Tuesday, May 14**  
**AT CARTHAY CENTER**  
**SCHOOL**



## CHANGES.....

### POINT VIEW REPAIR

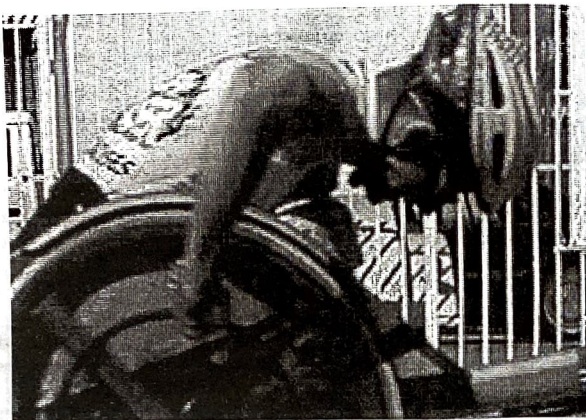
Alas for skateboarders and other daredevils, the sidewalks of Point View Street will make for flat and dull riding. Homeowners, however, will be relieved from fears of dangerous falls and law suits. The city is repaving a major portion of the public walkways torn up by the roots of trees. Point View was the last street to be resurfaced in our area. Thanks to **MARIE CENKNER** for helping the city to get on with this project.

### L.A. MARATHON

People came out to cheer the racers as they ran along Pico and up Fairfax on Sunday, February 24, 2002. Cheers went up especially for neighbors and friends who participated by walking, running or biking the 26 mile course. Good work!

### WESTSIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS ENROLLMENT FOR 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

The Westside Jewish Community Center Nursery School has begun enrolling students for the 2002-2003 school year. The popular pre-school, which has been operating in the Miracle Mile area since 1954, offers classes for three and four year olds, as well as a "transition" class for toddlers and a full-day kindergarten. Operating on the philosophy that "playing is a child's work," the WJCC Nursery School employs a child-centered, developmental curriculum that allows children to "learn by doing," to foster their social, emotional, cultural, cognitive and physical development.



*Los Angeles Marathon, February 24, 2002, is routed up Fairfax*

The WJCC Nursery School boasts a nurturing and highly educated staff, who are CPR and First Aid certified, as well as spacious classrooms and three tree-lined play-yards. Families can choose from half-, three-quarter- or full day programs; special "mini-camps" are available during winter, spring and summer-breaks. There is also an after-school program for elementary school age children.

The WJCC Nursery School is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the most widely recognized accreditation system for pre-schools and child care programs. It is also accredited by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

The WJCC Nursery School is located at 5870 W. Olympic Boulevard, three blocks east of Fairfax Avenue. Families who are interested in learning more about the program can contact Ellen Greene, Early Childhood Education Director at (323) 938-2531, ext. 2251

### BLACK DAHLIA THEATER

The Black Dahlia, at 5453 West Pico Boulevard near Hauser, is currently presenting "Den of Thieves" a play by Stephen Adly Guirgis running until May5. The Black Dahlia Theatre was founded in 2000 as a not-for-profit venue dedicated to the development and production of new plays. With this foundation, it is one of the few performing arts organizations in Los Angeles focused solely on bringing new works to the stage. Every other week the theatre hosts the *Sunday Salon Reading Series* which gives voice to new plays by established and emerging writers. Since its inception the theatre has received the Garland Award and LA Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Production.

The theatre is in need of the following: Storage Space (an empty garage), Extension Cords, Dimmer Pack and an A-Frame Ladder. If you have any of these items and don't need them they would be extremely happy to take them. Call 323/525-0085 [www.thedahlia.com](http://www.thedahlia.com).



## SHALL CSNA INCORPORATE?

An issue that has come up again and again in our Association is shall we incorporate to protect and perfect the nature of the entity? The possibility of the Association being sued is part of the dilemma being considered.

What does incorporation entail? Should we also form a non-profit organization presumably to increase the flow of money raised from deductible contributions?

The decision to incorporate may depend on the kinds of activities that CSNA engages in. If, for example, the Association holds one general meeting a year and publishes a newsletter and that is all, then it seems unnecessary to spend \$2000 per year on insurance and hundreds more to incorporate.

As to liability, homeowners are normally individually

covered for liability by their homeowner's insurance or by an umbrella type of policy. An association can put itself at greater risk if there are block parties, pancake breakfasts, garage sales or a security patrol. In this case, for example, incorporation might seem more appropriate. South Carthay Neighborhood Association, though not a non-profit, is incorporated and it is insured. As a result, it is required to elect officers, to have a treasurer and to file a tax return. Whether our association becomes more formalized or informal implies two different tracks with varying benefits. It could also be a hybrid of both.

For many of us it seems unnecessary to incorporate. As an informal group of people who are interested in improving the neighborhood the feeling is we can do without it.

We invite your ideas at the upcoming general meeting in May when we will open this issue for discussion.

## AN ENGLISH MOUSE

An English house mouse lives with us, he is not invited but he stays, sometimes he strains his welcome, but we all do that, as he did one recent evening when we had guests at dinner and he came too in a manner of speaking. I could hear him scurrying about in the woodwork overhead busily chewing, sawdust drifting toward the tabletop his bright eye looking down at us. He's all mouse, I thought.

Audrey Hargreaves





# PICO REVITALIZATION PROJECT OFF

## WHAT IS THE PICO REVITALIZATION PROJECT?

It is a coordinated effort of local citizens from two neighborhood organizations, the P.I.C.O. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL and SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SoRo) to improve the quality of life along Pico Blvd. The project focuses on the entire stretch of Pico between LaBrea and Beverwil.

## WHAT KIND OF IMPROVEMENTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY?

Working with the Targeted Neighborhood Initiative (TNI), an organization out of Mayor Hahn's Office, the PRP is addressing streetscape improvements and façade improvements for commercial buildings along the Pico corridor.

One of the building beautification efforts now in process is for Comedy Union, a comedy club housed in an art deco structure at 5040 Pico. The building has been remodeled inside, repainted and landscaped.

The old Del Mar Theater, next door to Comedy Union, is being reopened as a sound stage under the name Puget Sound and is also undergoing significant improvements. Funds are being sought to reinstall neon lighting on the "theater" tower. PRP, PICO Neighborhood Council and TNI are encouraging other businesses along the boulevard to consider façade improvements.

Just west of LaBrea, a facility is being constructed which will serve

as a rehearsal hall for L. A. Opera.

## WHAT ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS?

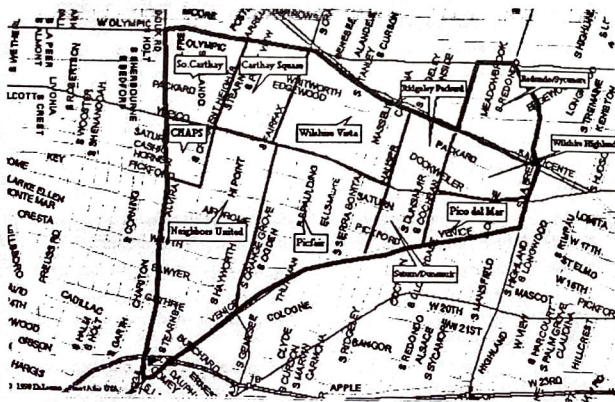
Health and safety issues have been referred to City departments and commissions by individual residents and the PRP group. At the request of the PRP, the City Watershed Protection Department has begun pro-active inspections of auto shops along the Pico corridor. Four specific sights have been targeted with resident and merchant complaints, against car repair and body shops along Pico that violate minimum standards of air pollution and safety. ALMA STENT, a PRP activist, and others collected 250 signatures in opposition to a variance extending the application of an additional body shop on Pico. Her presentation with that of other residents blocked this application. RUTH FREUND of South Carthay Association, which is also a part of the PICO Council sees Pico Blvd. as a focal point for change in our community. She has put a lot of effort into reducing

the billboard blight along the boulevard. She also strongly opposed giving a liquor license to the new Sav-on.

Effective April 1st, the Mayor's Office, is providing additional support to PRP and the Pico Council through ABIGAL ZIMMERMAN from Operations Healthy Neighborhoods (OHN). City departments will be partnering with the local community to combat graffiti, illegal dumping, streetlight problems, etc., and pursuing building and safety violations.

## HOW ABOUT STREETSCAPING?

New trees have been planted along the boulevard and dead and damaged trees from LaBrea to Hauser have been replaced. District 10, LA City crews which furnished the tree delivery service, and the Tree People provided valuable assistance to the planting volunteers. PRP would like to extend this effort to west of Fairfax. GERRY STERNBERG, from the Wilshire Vista Neighborhood,



Map showing the boundaries of the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council

# AND RUNNING!

who is by training a landscape architect, has been very active in improving the streetscape along Pico Blvd. He prepared a board that was displayed at the certification hearing with photographs showing possible improvements along Pico including planters, benches and trash baskets.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend PRP meetings. Meetings are held every six weeks at the Westside Jewish Community Center, 5870 West Olympic Blvd. The next meetings are scheduled for April 22, June 3, July 15, August 26, October 7, and November 18. The PRP website is [www.picoproject.org](http://www.picoproject.org). MARILLOUSE MORGAN

## P.I.C.O. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CERTIFIED

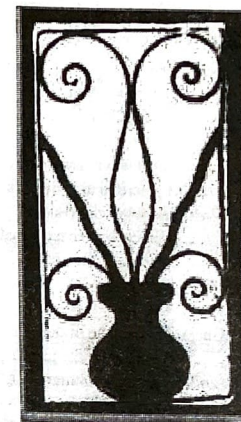
At a public hearing on March 12, 2002, the P.I.C.O. (People Involved In Community Organizing) Neighborhood Council received certification from the City of Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council brings together 11 neighborhood associations, including Carthay Square and South Carthay, and covers an area with approximately 23,000 residents. The population is diverse racially and ethnically and contains more renters than homeowners. The Council boundaries run from Venice Blvd. to Olympic Blvd. and La Cienega to La Brea (see map). A small triangle

bordered by San Vicente, Olympic Blvd. and Cochran has been joined to another Council.

While Neighborhood Councils will have advisory, not veto, power over development proposals, they can exercise strong influence by way of support or opposition to development projects. Councils may take on a host of other issues, including street beautification and problems of crime, health, and safety in their area. Approximately 100 Neighborhood Councils are expected to be formed in the City of Los Angeles, a city of four million people covering 470 square miles. Los Angeles represents the largest U.S. city utilizing this type of councils to improve community accessibility to local government.

At the upcoming general meeting of our neighborhood association on May 14, we will take nominations from the floor for a representative to the P.I.C.O. Council. In addition we will hear a speaker who will give us an overview of what the Council is doing.

P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Tom Bradley Youth and Family Center, 5213 West Pico Blvd. Meeting agendas and minutes can be viewed at the Tom Bradley Youth and Family Center, at Vons Grocery store, Fairfax and Pico, and at the 10th District Field Office, 5651 West Pico. Information from the internet may be obtained at [www.Neighborhoodlink.com/la/pico](http://www.Neighborhoodlink.com/la/pico). BY PETER MERLIN and MARILLOUSE MORGAN



Wrought Iron work on Hayworth Street

## WHOLE GRAIN

She comes in glowing  
eyes intent, disarranged hair  
the color of flax. She can  
scarcely wait to begin the first  
exercise and opens her trained lips  
to suck in ready air.  
Faltering slightly, the voice catches,  
rekindles like a hungry infant, a natural  
singing animal, she pulls coolness into  
its rightful place within  
the walls of her healthy throat.  
She knows she must send  
each tone through, to a certain point  
focused, sustained by exactly  
the needed breath, spun out  
on a perfect thread  
of sound. Only she can tell when the  
aria phrase is where it must be,  
fundamental to this primed body  
swaying, strong, hands relaxed  
all power centered  
disciplined  
unspoiled-  
a field of grain asking for harvest.  
Shirley Windward

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## CRIME WATCH

BY SOL JAMERSON

Although crime in our area is down, DON'T COUNT IT OUT!

Unfortunately, we will always have some form of criminal activity in our community but the resident who best protects him/herself will suffer less from a traumatic criminal event.

The majority of crime in our neighborhood will be of the property type and in order to counteract it, we must put into practice an ACTIVE DEFENSE. We need to concentrate on ways to "harden our homes" against criminal intrusion. A well-lighted exterior at night is an excellent start. The police, and other safety officials, have often reminded us that criminal activity diminishes in well-lighted areas. The police offer a free service in which a "walk-around" exterior evaluation is conducted to show residents means of "hardening" their homes against criminal intrusion. It has been a highly under-utilized service.

Sometimes, after all our defensive efforts have been made, we still suffer property loss due to criminal activity. In our area, this occurs most frequently with a vehicle break-in, or in the case of "targeted" models, a stolen automobile. An immediate report to the local police station, (213/485-4022), is about all that can be done in that event. The police report will be necessary when you file your claim with the insurance company. In the case of a stolen vehicle, you may be lucky due to your rapid reporting to have the police locate it before a "stripping" process has

taken place. A timely report may even prevent your car from being used in the commission of another crime.

To report a vehicle "dropped" or abandoned on your block, call (800) 222-6366, after a 72-hour period. You may, however, call anytime to inquire if the vehicle has been reported stolen. You may place that call to the Wilshire Station front desk at (213) 485-4022.

Watching out for your neighbors' property is the basic concept for crime reduction and it cannot be overrated. The block captains are passing out forms that will make it easier to make contact with your neighbors and become mutually protective of each other's property.



## SAFETY MATTERS

Keep your child safe from gun violence

By Cynthia M. Allegranza

Guns have an unusual lure for many children and teens, especially males. Seeing guns used and sometimes glamorized on television and in movies and video games may have aroused their curiosity. They may see guns and the people who use them as exciting. They also may perceive guns as a source of

power and protection. And some have come to believe that they must use guns to settle disputes.

As a parent you play a key role in helping your child learn to solve problems in a nonviolent manner and in preventing him or her from viewing guns as prestigious, exciting or potential sources of power. Here's what you can do to safeguard your child against the lure of guns:

- Model for your child how to resolve conflicts with others in a non-confrontational, nonviolent manner.

- Talk with your child about how to avoid fights with peers and how to settle disputes without resorting to violence. Explain that everybody becomes angry, but feelings can be expressed without hurting or using a weapon.

- Do not show your child any gun you own for protection.

- Do not glamorize guns in any way.

- Discourage gunplay by not buying your child toy guns.

- Participate in a toy gun buyback program if your child does have a toy gun. In this program, toy guns are exchanged for other toys or for gift certificates.

- Monitor the programs your child watches to lessen his exposure to gun violence on television and in movies. Scrutinize the video games he plays and pay close attention to the Internet sites he visits.

- Talk with your child about the gun violence he sees on television. Let him know that guns hurt people in real life; he may not understand this, especially if he sees vic-

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.....MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carthay Square Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting

May 14, 2002

Carthay Center School Auditorium (Crescent Heights and Olympic)  
All residents (owners and tenants) as well as business owners are invited to attend.

### AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNCILMAN JACK WEISS' OFFICE, SUSAN ROLLER BURSK AND ADEENA BLEICH.  
Marilouise Morgan
- II. INTRODUCTION OF THE SENIOR LEAD OFFICER FOR THE CSNA AREA.  
Overview of crime in the area: 7-11 (Pico and Point View) robberies.  
Sol Jamerson and SLO \_\_\_\_\_
- III. P.I.C.O. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: GOALS AND PROGRESS.  
Lauri Jutila, Representative of PICO NC and Co-chair of CHAPS
- IV. REVITALIZATION OF CARTHAY SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASN.
  - A. What activities should CSNA undertake?
 

Newletter	Social Events (block party, Christmas party).
Graffiti removal	Liaison with LAPD/crime statistics
	Liaison with City officials and service depts..
	Peter Merlin
  - B. What type of organization should CSNA have to achieve wide participation and effective leadership (traditional president, vice president, etc.? board of directors composed of project leaders and members at large? Other?)  
Larry Goldstein
- V. FUTURE PROJECTS MAY ALSO INCLUDE a review of bi-laws, elections, collection of membership dues, assignment of responsibility for association funds and periodic financial reports; VOLUNTEERS AND ACTIVISTS ARE NEEDED. Sign-up sheets will be circulated tonight.
- VI. INTRODUCTION OF BLOCK CAPTAINS; DISTRIBUTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FORMS  
Michael Sims
- VII. OPEN FORUM: Traffic and impact of the Grove, Work on Point View, Other comments/questions from the floor.



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times of gunshots appearing on other shows.

• Teach your child about the dangers of guns and the harm they can cause even if you do not have a gun in your home, your child may be exposed to guns outside of your home, at a friend's home, for example.

• Inform your child that he or she is never to touch or play with a gun, whether in your home or in the home of a friend. Tell your child that if a friend brings out a gun, not to touch the gun, but to leave the area immediately and inform an adult about what happened.

• Do not permit your child to play at the home of a friend if it contains an unlocked gun.

• When sending your child over to a new friend's house, ask the parents some questions about supervision and safety. You may want to tell parents some of our rules. Perhaps you don't allow your child to watch MTV or leave a mess after playing. It may be awkward, but tell the family you would feel guilty if you didn't ask a safety question about guns. Enlist the help of [www.asksaveskids.com](http://www.asksaveskids.com) for ideas on how to do this.

Contact [www.handguncontrol.org](http://www.handguncontrol.org) to find out how you and your child can view the video Under the Gun, which helps viewers learn about the dangers that guns pose and the injury and anguish they can cause.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 14 7pm-8:30pm General meeting  
at Carthay Center School

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin Jameson writes:

"Babies: all boys, all Point View (I hope it's not in the water)"

Proud parents Wendy and Bo and big brother Aleksander welcome:  
Lukas Miles Berg  
Sept 11, 2001  
7lbs, 19inches

Proud parents Penny and Michael welcome:  
Ashton Cole Alberts  
July 27, 2001  
7 lbs 13 oz., 20 inches

Proud parents Michaela and Alberto welcome:

El Cid Dirian Catlin-Munoz  
October 11, 2001  
8lbs 12 oz., 21 inches

Rhonda & Michael on Stearns are the proud parents of  
Isabella Leonore Yanover,  
born July 21, 2001

Susan Nickerson and Alex Olivares proud parents of  
Madeline Marie Olivares  
born nov 27, 2000  
6lbs....14oz 20"

### BLOCK CAPTAINS FOR CSNA 2002

#### HAYWORTH AVENUE:

1200 Block Charlotte Williams 934-5728  
1100 Block Joe Connolly 934-4767  
1000 Block Michael Sims 857-0025

#### HI-POINT STREET:

1200 Block Sue Roth 939-7920  
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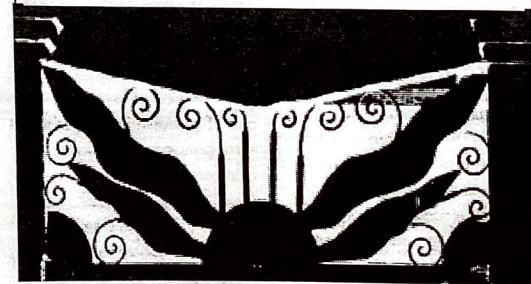
#### POINT VIEW STREET:

1200 Block Leni Merlin 931-0171  
1100 Block Pearl Greenberg 935-2647  
1000 Block Robin Jameson 931-2774

#### STEARNS DRIVE:

1200 Block -  
1100 Block David Greenberg -  
1000 Block Larry Goldstein 938-9929

A Blank spot indicates a block without a captain. Now is the time to volunteer



Wrought iron grill work on Hayworth Street



## MAINTAIN THE QUALITY

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people who care about maintaining a high standard in their environment. I've been a block captain since 1994, and my involvement has been both enlightening and rewarding. I urge my neighbors and all residents of Carthay Square to get involved to whatever extent is comfortable for you in keeping our wonderful neighborhood a great place to live..

**CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS**

1200 BLOCK STEARNS

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## MOMENTUM IS WHAT MAKES WINNERS WIN

I feel we, in Carthay Square, had MOMENTUM for a better quality of life on our side for quite a while. It is my opinion that we MUST push on to prevent slipping back. We simply can't afford to allow MOMENTUM to slip back in the direction of unrestrained criminal activity or other unsavory or undesirable diminishment of our quality of life.

As we collectively attempt to carry on, I feel certain we WILL regain our MOMENTUM.

**SOLOMON J. JAMERSON**

1100 BLOCK HI-POINT

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## NEIGHBORHOOD VIGILANCE ESSENTIAL

I'm worried about what happened to the WESTSIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER when local leadership was taken over by a larger organization not responsible to this community. The tendency is to leave the problem-solving to others but what gets sacrificed in the end is the community itself. Now that we have D.O.N.E. and

the P.I.C.O. Council has been certified, it remains for us to be even more vigilant regarding what our community needs. The more vocal we are the better. The more active we are, the less likely we will get lost in the shuffle.

**PETER MERLIN**

1100 POINT VIEW

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## SENSE OF COMMUNITY OF GREAT VALUE

The Association has provided me one of the means I have of being involved with our community. I enjoy going down the streets and meeting people I know or identifying houses of neighbors I personally know. Community is one of the ways that living in a large urban city becomes personal and meaningful. I welcome any and all contributions that any of us make to our community and I have enjoyed the annual parties, meetings, yard sales, etc. that have been a part of our Association in the past and hopefully in the future.

**LENI MERLIN**

1100 BLOCK POINT VIEW

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## WHERE ARE YOU IN KEEPING THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE?

What are you doing to preserve its beauty?

Property ownership carries with it both benefits and responsibilities. In beautifying our homes we are doing our part to beautify the neighborhood. One way of taking care of our own properties is by participating in the Association. Our personal safety should extend to our neighbors as well. Part of safety involves knowing your neighbors and how to reach them in case of emergency. By participating in CSNA you can do your

part to beautify the neighborhood and make it safe for you and your neighbors.

**MICHAEL SIMS**

1000 Block Hayworth

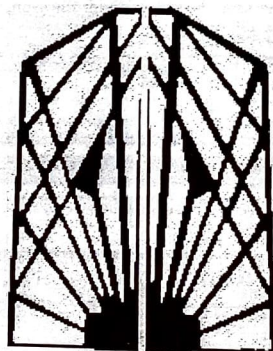
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## A SPECIAL PLACE

Sycamores lining Point View... kitchen window talks with neighbor... Dorien... newly paved streets and flat sidewalks for scooters, bicycles and blades...morning walks to Petite Sarah...lightbulbs at Stan's... shooting the breeze with Ann... drop-offs at French Cleaners...JOE CONNOLLY...impromptu front lawn wine and cheese parties... Pavlina's Easter egg hunt... 4th of July bicycle parade.. September block parties..riding bikes until the streetlights come on...Karen's Halloween bash...hundreds of trick or treaters..CSNA holiday party.. neighborhood kids at play..meeting new dogs and babies while strolling.. brand spanking new Savon .. these are a few of my favorite things. Let's do what we can to keep our neighborhood the special place that it is.

**ROBIN JAMESON**

1000 BLOCK POINT VIEW



*Wrought iron work - Crescent Heights*