

CSNA HOLDS MEETING ON CRIME AND PREFERENTIAL PARKING

Approximately 90 residents attended a CSNA community meeting June 10 to learn about steps being taken to deal with the current increase in crime in our area, and to receive information on the rules regarding preferential parking.

- Indicating crime was on the increase throughout the city, LAPD Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas described LAPD patrol routines and urged residents to become the *"eyes and ears"* of the neighborhood. Residents, he stated, provide valuable assistance to the police by alerting law enforcement to suspicious behavior and the presence of persons not known in the neighborhood.
- Ed Moore, owner of Security Services Systems, indicated his agency could provide a 24/7 dedicated patrol services to the three Carthay neighborhoods if there were a sufficient number of subscribers to cover the costs.
- The CSNA Crime Alert E-mail System was described by Susan Nickerson, who initiated and maintains that service. Information about local criminal incidents is obtained from residents, then distributed so that residents can take precautionary measures. Residents of any of the three Carthay neighborhood organizations may join the system and receive notice of recent crimes. To join the CSNA e-mail Alert List, e-mail Susan@NickersonResearch.com
- Tips for combating crime, including preventing check theft and identity fraud, were given by Joe Connolly. The speaker indicated well lighted, neatly kept property is in itself a crime deterrent. He stated garbage scavengers are among the best sources of information on crime related matters.

Brian Gallagher, head of the On-Street Parking Division, City Department of Transportation, noted the controversy created by the recently

Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) Meeting

On June 26, CSNA hosted an informational meeting regarding the process for our neighborhood to become an HPOZ. The intent of an HPOZ is to maintain the character of a neighborhood and to retain its historical integrity. When an HPOZ is formed, there are certain restrictions placed on exterior alterations to structures within a neighborhood. Interior changes (such as remodeled bathrooms or kitchens) are not restricted by an HPOZ.

The meeting of approximately 50 CSNA residents was led by Neal Collier, a CSNA property owner, and featured speakers from the LA Conservancy as well as local HPOZ board members from South Carthay, Carthay Circle, and the Gregory Ain Tract. Katherine Barrier from the LA Conservancy explained the method of becoming an HPOZ, and residents of our neighboring HPOZs discussed some of the pros and cons of the designation.

A majority of homeowners must sign petitions in support of a Carthay Square HPOZ before the neighborhood can progress to the next step, which is a city survey of the structures within Carthay Square.

Further meetings will be held as CSNA continues to explore this issue.

If you are interested in joining an HPOZ Subcommittee to further explore this issue, please contact Neal Collier (ph: 818.244.6338, e-mail: ncollier@earthlink.net) or Susan Nickerson (ph: 965.9990, e-mail: susan@nickersonresearch.com).

MANY THANKS TO PETER MERLIN

CSNA wishes to express its appreciation to Peter Merlin who served as Newsletter editor for several years. The publications he edited were characterized by passion for our neighborhood and personal integrity. Thanks again, Peter.

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placed parking restrictions on Hayworth Avenue. He outlined the routine for establishing preferential street parking, and both its benefits and drawbacks. As the signs limiting parking have already been installed on the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Hayworth, those blocks will either 1) keep the current restrictions; 2) petition the city for different restrictions, or 3) petition the city to remove all restrictions.

Currently there are five already approved restricted parking options for this district. Gallagher indicated his office would consider a new plan of restrictions if one were crafted by residents of a block. One of the attendees suggested those living on blocks where preferential parking is an issue meet to work out a plan acceptable to their needs.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING UPDATE

The Steering Committee will oversee all future parking petition initiatives within the neighborhood and act as a source of information for neighbors exploring the permit parking issue. The contact person for your questions or concerns is Michael Sims (323.857.0025).

CONTACT WITH LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICER

Crime has been up for the first part of this year. The police department and the community benefit when citizens alert their local police to suspicious activities and/or persons in the neighborhood. Our senior lead officer, Charles Thomas, has stressed the need for citizens to act as eyes and ears of law enforcement. In a CSNA meeting held June 10, 2003, Officer Thomas provided his personal phone number, 213.509.5258, which may be used to report situations warranting police attention.

If you would like details on crimes occurring in our neighborhood, please subscribe to the CSNA Email Crime Alert System. See instructions for subscribing in this Newsletter.

THE LAPD WEBSITE

HOW TO GET THE MOST RECENT CRIME INFORMATION FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

1. Go to website <http://www.lapdonline.org>
2. At the dropdown menu, "select an area," choose 'Wilshire.'
3. On the Wilshire Division page use the blue buttons to select "SLO & Basic Car Info.'
4. Wilshire Area Neighborhood News will appear. Scroll down to "Miracle Mile,"
5. Areas are listed in numerical order by car number. Our Basic Car number is 7A33.
6. Crime statistics are broken down by neighborhood association. Look for CSNA.

You may wish to check our surrounding neighborhood associations, such as Wilshire Vista and South Carthay as well.

CSNA REVISES BY-LAWS; ELECTS BOARD

At the April 29 general meeting, attendees ratified a revision of the Association's By-Laws and elected a ten-person Steering Committee to direct the activities of the organization. The senior lead officer for our area, Charles Thomas, discussed the recent upswing in criminal incidents in our neighborhood. The increase in crime, he noted, can be seen throughout the City.

Peter Hamon was given an award from CSNA for outstanding accomplishment for his work with CATS. Under Peter's direction, volunteers from the neighborhood have made significant improvements in conditions in the alleys west of the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Fairfax.

CARTHAY CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Many local parents with young children have expressed an interest in Carthay Center Elementary School. Parents are eager to walk their children to class, have playmates within the neighborhood, experience the diversity found in a public school setting, and support the public school system.

We would like to involve the community with our neighborhood school, both as volunteers and also as parents of students attending the school. The neighborhood associations of Carthay Circle, South Carthay, Carthay Square, and Wilshire Vista are combining efforts and gathering names of interested parties to join the efforts of the Carthay Center PTA.

Please let us know of your interest or comments via email. Thanks for your interest.

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MESSOB ZONING VARIANCE REJECTED

A few months ago, the Messob Restaurant on Fairfax applied for a zoning variance which would permit live music nightly and the sale of hard liquor. Residents were concerned about noise, additional pressure on the neighborhood's tight parking situation, and crime. Four hundred signatures to deny the variance were collected and many residents spoke at the zoning hearing. The petition was denied by City Zoning Administration based upon the Hearing Officer's assessment that Messob's plan was inappropriate for the neighborhood setting.

VOLUNTEER NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

There is interest in reviving the Neighborhood Patrol. For those of you who are new to the area, the Neighborhood Patrol consisted of volunteers from the neighborhood driving around the area for a few hours at night.

A magnetic sign was placed on the car door and the volunteers would work in a team of two. Most teams went out from about 8-10 or 9-11 and were usually "on duty" once every two to three months. If someone is a "night owl" and wants to go out with a partner at 2 am, that could be arranged. The Neighborhood Patrol is expected to be an extra set of "eyes & ears" for the neighborhood and its presence alone is a deterrent to criminals.

If you are interested in joining the Carthay Neighborhood Patrol, please contact Ira Klein, phone: 323.933.9782 e-mail: Ipblklein@pacbell.net or Tom Kreuzer 310.772.7075 (office) 310.714.1887 (cell) e-mail: thomas.kreuzer@nbs.com.

MEMBERSHIP:

Carthay Square Neighborhood Association is designed for the benefit and welfare of everyone living within the boundaries of Carthay Square (Stearns to Fairfax and Olympic to Pico). Its mission is to maintain a safe, secure, pleasant and responsive community to live in. Dues are \$25.00 a year and checks should be made payable to CSNA. Dues support CSNA activities such as the newsletter, general meetings, block party, special events insurance, banking fees, post office box, flyers and office supplies, neighborhood patrol, and maintenance of our alleys. The membership drive starts in July and runs six to eight weeks. This is one of the best investments you can make in keeping our community a place in which we can all be proud. We encourage and welcome your continued support. Thank you.

THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON

Congratulations to all who participated in the Los Angeles Marathon on March 2nd. Its proximity to our neighborhood can cause traffic woes for those "trapped" for the race, but it is a truly great event for the city. This year more than ten people from CSNA biked or ran the event, so give yourself a great big hand and thank you to all of the residents and friends who showed up to cheer the participants and to the merchants who opened their stores to share in the event... see you all next year.

JOE CONNOLLY AND PETER HAMON RECEIVE CSNA AWARDS

On May 14, 2002, Joe Connolly was presented with the first CSNA Award for Outstanding Achievement in recognition of his "...relentless dedication and participation in community affairs." On April 29, 2003, Peter Hamon received the CSNA Award for Outstanding Accomplishment for "...inspiring CATS - Committed Activists That Succeed - in organized neighborhood involvement." Congratulations, Joe and Peter, and thank you.

CSNA INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CSNA urges its residents to become involved, selecting an area (or areas) of particular interest to the member. Your ideas and energy are needed.

See below for the contact information for the various subcommittees.

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NEWSLETTER: We are currently searching for interested parties to write and edit the CSNA Newsletter, which is published twice annually. Interested parties should contact Larry Goldstein 323.938.9929 or e-mail lsgoldstn@yahoo.com

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

July 2002-June 2003

Beginning Balance: \$4,905

Receipts: +6,765

Expenses: -6,637

Ending Balance: \$5,033

Expenses for 2002-2003 were for the newsletter, flyers, signage for Alley Day, general meetings, and the block party (special event insurance, entertainment, party items and supplies, etc.)

CATS GROUP UNDERTAKES ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

Tired of noise, crime and a host of other environmental problems associated with the alley behind Hayworth Avenue, a number of residents banded together as CATS (Concerned Activists That Succeed) to address the problem. The group, formed and directed by Peter Hamon, secured active assistance from the City departments of Housing and Building and Safety, the County/City Health Department, LAPD, Councilman Weiss' Office and the Office of the City Attorney. Contact was made with both tenants and owners of the Fairfax apartments in the 1100 and 1200 blocks to secure their cooperation. Buildings were inspected, violations corrected, and exteriors painted. Trash handling and parking problems were addressed. On March 9th, signs were posted in the alleys behind the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Fairfax forbidding loud noise, loitering and drinking, while more than 50 residents of Carthay Square picked up litter and trimmed foliage in the alley areas. The event was attended by both Councilman Jack Weiss and Councilman Nate Holden,

other civic groups, and the city agencies involved.

Carthay Square Neighborhood Association was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program by City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and Kimberly Willis of his staff.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ADDRESSED WITH MIXED RESULTS

The CSNA Traffic Committee presented two traffic problems plaguing our neighborhood to the Traffic Sub-Committee of the Wilshire Community Advisory Board. Additionally, members of the CSNA group had frequent contact with representatives of Sav-On Drugs regarding traffic exiting their store at Pico and Point View.

- Some improvement in gridlock at the intersection of Fairfax, San Vicente and Olympic has been made by resynchronizing the lights at these intersections and down Olympic Boulevard.
- Traffic stacking up at Cabrillo and Commodore Sloat was studied by DOT. While the agency found a stoplight having a long green light for north-south traffic might well improve slow traffic at that intersection, they assigned it a low priority. City funds for traffic lights are extremely limited and the current four-way stop signs meet safety requirements.
- An application has been made to the City Transportation Department to make the 1100 block of the Hayworth Avenue alley one way.
- The executive office of Sav-On Drugs agreed to posting a larger "No Left Turn" sign and reinstalling the gate to the alley. To date the gate is still missing. The Traffic Subcommittee has sent another letter to Sav-On Drugs management. LAPD has been asked to begin ticketing drivers who turn onto Point View Street when leaving the store.

GARBAGE CAN REMINDER:

Of late there have been many complaints that garbage cans are being left out for long periods of time after the garbage has been collected. There is a fine for this infraction and the city has asked (and printed on top of every container) that the cans be removed from the street by 8:00 p.m. the day of retrieval. If you have a neighbor who is letting the containers stay in the street for too long, our advice is simply be a good neighbor and put the cans back yourself.

FAIRFAX COMMERCIAL BLOCK TO RECEIVE APPEARANCE UPGRADE

Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) has been awarded \$180,000 in Federal Housing and Urban Development-Economic Development (HUD-EDI) funds through the efforts of the late Julian Dixon to promote economic development efforts in the Fairfax Avenue business district between Olympic Boulevard and Whitworth Avenue. LANI is working with representatives from Councilman Jack Weiss' office, CSNA, Wilshire-Vista Neighborhood Association, and a group of Fairfax business people. The representatives from CSNA are Peter Merlin and Peter Hamon. The goal is to make the area a more attractive street for businesses to locate. An architectural firm is assisting at no charge to develop ideas for street banners and improvements to the facades of several businesses. The group plans to make a presentation to outline their ideas to the community sometime later this year.

CSNA ON-LINE COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE

CSNA Email Alerts:

The Steering Committee is gathering as many neighbors' email addresses as possible in order to centralize the communications of:

1. Crime Incidents in CSNA area
2. Announcement of CSNA meetings (General Meeting, other CSNA meetings, etc.) and CSNA information.
3. CSNA Membership Drive (once a year)

Susan Nickerson is coordinating the CSNA email Alerts. If you would like to be part of the CSNA Email Alert List, please email your name, address, phone, and email address to Susan@NickersonResearch.com and she will add you on the list.

CSNA TOPICA DISCUSSION GROUP

The CSNA Topica Discussion Group features neighbors sharing their opinions about everything CSNA-related, and the debate is passionate.

There are two ways to join CSNA Topica Discussion Group. Some folks have had trouble joining via the email method, but have found success with the alternate approach.

Send an email to:

CSNA-subscribe@topica.com

Or go to:

<http://www.topica.com/lists/CSNA/>
and hit the "join this list" button on the right-hand side.

CSNA WEBSITE

CSNA information and links:
www.neighborhoodlink.com/la/csna

If you would like to suggest information or links for this site, please contact Larry Goldstein at lsfldstn@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE: CSNA BLOCK PARTY

The annual CSNA Block Party will be held

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
NOON TO 4 P.M.**

Please reserve the date, bring your family and friends (and dogs), and come out to the 1000 block of Point View for an afternoon of food and fun. You can look forward to In-N-Out burger, clowns, bouncers, firetrucks, facepainting, balloon animals, popcorn, sno-cones and more. We need volunteers to help make this event the great success it has been in past years. Please contact Robin Jameson at 323.931.2774 or at drtwoboy@aol.com.

OUR NEIGHBORS ARE HAVING A BLOCK PARTY!

Carthay Circle Family Festival

Sunday, September 14
11 am - 3 pm

Commodore Sloat Drive
(between Carroll and Foster Drives)

All welcome!!

MY GYM HAS MOVED

to

1837A South La Cienega Boulevard

310.287.1496

Next to ToysRUs and LA Fitness

Robert Meltzer, My Gym's owner, has always been a big supporter of our neighborhood. In previous years he has provided (free of charge) all the balloons for our Block Party.

Thank you, Robert, and congratulations
on your new location!

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HPOZ LIAISON

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SPECIAL INTEREST - Traffic at Savon

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BLOCK PARTY

BLOCK CAPTAIN - 1200 Block Hayworth

Due to personal commitments, Joe Connolly and David Logan have resigned from the Steering Committee. Alternates are being considered and will be announced.



THE CARTHAY CIRCLE THEATRE

Showplace of the Golden West

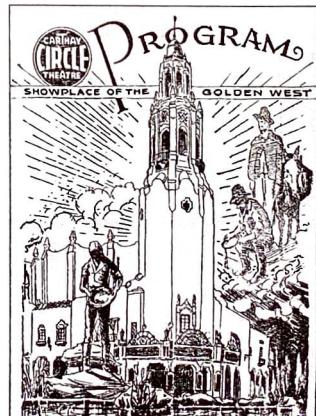
The theatre was the creation of J. Harvey McCarthy. The architect, Dwight Gibbs, designer of the Pasadena Playhouse interior, was inspired by the California Gold Rush - Days of '49. The theatre's paintings and sculptures reflected this Western theme. Established artists Alson Clark and Frank Tenney Johnson executed the paintings of Western subjects in the lobby, mezzanine and auditorium. The building also housed a museum of original pioneer paintings and artifacts, the first theatre in the country to establish such a museum.



THE PIONEER

Now located in the little park at San Vicente and McCarthy Vista across from what was the entrance to the theatre, Henry Lion's statue of a California Forty-niner was part of the original fountain built as a monument to California's pioneers. The inscription reads, in part, "...a memorial to the gallant pioneers of '49, of whom Daniel O. McCarthy, patriot, miner, leader, was an outstanding example. Through his San Francisco newspaper, *The American Flag*, he helped preserve California to the Union."

The park's 13-ton granite boulder was hauled from Cajon Pass for the state's first commemoration of the famed pathfinder Jedidiah Strong Smith, the first white man to enter California by an overland route.



A typical early Carthay Circle Theatre program.