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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Work Begins Monday on Reservoirs Aeration and Circulation Project; Heron Protection TBD



There are new heron nests within the reservoirs complex, fledglings are hatching, and the aeration and circulation project is slated to begin Monday, May 3. LADWP assures us that the construction project will not disturb the herons. A DWP biologist will survey the nests a week before work begins. (Again, the project starts *this* Monday.) While both projects – aeration and recirculation – will benefit people and wildlife, this is a major construction project. It's important that Silver Lake's iconic herons, which only returned to the reservoirs complex this year, along with migrating birds and wildlife, are protected.

According to the DWP project timeline, work will take place on the east side of the reservoirs and have less impact on the herons that nest off West Silver Lake Boulevard. A DWP spokesperson confirmed that construction will continue unless the department's biologist determines there should be a delay due to concerns about the herons. Pre-construction staging is scheduled for the week of May 3.

[VIEW THE LADWP PROJECT REPORT AND MAP](#)

Email your questions and concerns to editor@silverlaketgether.com



Silver Lake Reservoir Dam Repairs Slated to Wrap Up Tomorrow

Council District 13 Field Representative Mary Rodriguez reports that LADWP is performing crack sealing on the slope face of the dam at the Silver Lake Reservoir, the dam crest/pedestrian walkway, dam shoulders and portions of the access road. Work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and the project is scheduled to end by April 30. During this time, the subcontractor will utilize the entrance near the Meadow once in the morning and in the afternoon and will be staging and setting up equipment on the dam. Access around the dam area will be impacted and the pedestrian walkway will be closed during the duration of this work.

Although the Silver Lake Reservoir, which was completed in 1907, is no longer used as a source for drinking water, the LADWP is responsible for maintain the safety and structural integrity of its earthen dam. The State of California regulates dams to prevent failure, safeguard life and protect property.

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**SLT Works with Rec &
Parks and LAPD to**

Obtain “No Dogs Allowed” Signs for Reservoirs Meadow and Picnic Areas



After receiving numerous communications from residents concerned about dog owners ignoring the “No Dogs Allowed” policy in the popular meadow and picnic areas within the reservoirs complex, Silver Lake Together advocates reached out to LAPD Northeast Division and Recreation and Parks for assistance. We are pleased to report that new “no dogs” signs will be posted in both areas. And a friendly reminder: The Meadow and picnic area are dog-free zones of the park.

No Progress on Clearing Gang-run Homeless Encampment



(Photo: Allison B. Cohen, Los Feliz Ledger)

On April 17, ABC News reported that the controversial homeless encampment on Berendo Street in Los Feliz, would be cleaned up “next week,” according to CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman. However nearby residents weren’t holding out much hope that Raman will be able to rid the community of the gang and its drug sales. And as of this newsletter, the encampment has not been cleaned. LAPD’s senior lead officer in charge of the case confirmed to Eyewitness News that the Berendo Street camp is run by a notorious street gang. Police officers have confiscated handguns, narcotics and large amounts of money at the encampment.

[WATCH THE ABC NEWS REPORT](#)

Will L.A. Raise Land Use Appeals

to a Whopping \$16,097?



Although the [Los Feliz Ledger](#) recently stated that the City of Los Angeles may raise the cost that non-applicants pay to file land use appeals from \$89 to a staggering \$16,097, that's only one side of the story. Architect, SLT co-founder and co-chair of Silver Lake's Urban and Preservation Committee Scott Plante reports the Department of City Planning is proposing a more reasonable fee increase, from \$89 to \$161. Scott's deep dive into the fee proposals and process explains how a \$16,097 fee would make it extremely costly – if not impossible – for community members to bring appeals on projects they believe don't fit in their neighborhoods.

The Ledger also reported that CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman has not decided how she will vote and whether she supports a \$16,097 appeal fee.

[READ SCOTT'S ANALYSIS](#)



Councilmember O'Farrell Opens L.A.'s First Safe Sleep Village

Continuing his efforts to find innovative and effective solutions to help homeless individuals move off the streets, CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell recently launched L.A.'s first Safe Sleep Village on a former parking lot in Rampart Village. The first-of-its-kind pilot program will provide 73 spaces and new tents for unhoused individuals. On-site services, including meals, showers, bathrooms and counseling, will be offered 24/7 and managed on site by [Urban Alchemy](#), CD 13's outreach partner that helped to successfully place approximately 200 people who were camping at Echo Park Lake into transitional housing.

[State Assembly Considering](#)



No Parking Requirements for New Housing

The *Los Feliz Ledger* also reports that CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman is supporting Assemblywoman Laura Friedman's Assembly Bill 1401, eliminating minimum parking requirements for developments near public transit or within areas with low vehicle miles traveled. Commenting on the bill, SLT co-founder and co-chair of Silver Lake's Urban and Preservation Committee Scott Plante notes that parking can substantially increase project cost and changing parking requirements could be beneficial in denser areas, such as Koreatown, Downtown L.A. and Hollywood.

"Los Angeles' living patterns have not caught up with its transit system," said Plante. "If AB 1401 passes, it will be a work in progress."

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