

# HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS VIEW

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## HOW WE STARTED

This is the first issue of the Hollywood Heights VIEW, the newsletter that we hope will become a permanent voice for our new association and all of our members. In it we hope to keep you informed about hillside happenings...committee meetings, the progress we are making to keep Hollywood Heights a safe, beautiful and happy place to live, information about people and places and events of interest to those who live in this special area.

This association was formed after Brian Moore, president of the neighboring Whitley Heights Assn., met with some of us to describe the advantages of forming a neighborhood organization. He noted that our neighbors on either side--in Whitley Heights and in the Outpost section--had been organized for some time, and we learned that many neighborhood associations work together to resolve common problems.

To get the organization going, a temporary steering committee was formed to get the word out to the neighborhood, to arrange meetings, and to get committees started on such details as the bylaws. Thanks to the great organizational skill and dedication of Grayce Baldwin, the project director, and the tireless efforts of Don Wakefield, secretary-treasurer, the association has become a reality in only a few months.

There was much help from many other sources, including the generous offer of Tom Glover to allow us to use, free of charge, the Yamashiro Inn as a meeting place for the hundreds who responded to our fliers.

## ELECTION RESULTS!!

The following people have been elected to the Board of Directors by the Hollywood Heights Association membership. According to the bylaws, the Board shall elect the officers from members of the Board.

Grayce Baldwin  
Barbara Betlem  
Scott Chambers  
Linda Deutsch  
Tom Glover  
Elliot Johnson  
Jack MacFarlane  
Larry Rupprecht

Bob Shafer  
Bernard Sparer  
Nita Thomas  
Don Wakefield  
Theo Wilson  
Larry Wolfe  
Morgan Woodward

Herb Berlin, Bill Harlicker and Nonnie Vishner will serve as an alternate Board member.

## BYLAWS

At the August meeting at the Yamashiro, those attending were given copies of the proposed bylaws. At the September meeting, Article I, the name, was discussed, and by vote "Hollywood Heights Association" was accepted as our official title.

After discussing Article IV, membership, a change was agreed upon. All neighbors paying their \$10 yearly dues will be voting members pro tem. Article XII, concerning amendments, was stricken.

The remaining articles concerning dues, meetings, officers, elections, etc. were accepted for a period of one year. This will be a period of adjustment, during which our young organization can formulate changes or additions.

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--By Neva Praeger

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The faces of our hillside are blessed with some of the most architecturally appealing landmarks in Los Angeles. These include...

The Yamashiro Restaurant, originally a private residence built in 1913 by two importers of oriental art. This stunning reproduction of a Japanese palace was one of the earliest in these hills and has a 600 year old authentic pagoda. Franklin M. Small was the architect.

The High Tower, ca 1920, is a small scale version of a Bolognese tower. Its elevator is the main source of access for the homes it leads to-- something always surprising to visitors.

The Freeman House (1962 Glencoe Way) is one of three concrete block residences in Los Angeles designed by celebrated architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

The DeKeysor duplex (1911 Highland) was designed by R. M. Schindler and shares the hillside with Wright's Freeman House. The simple but innovative duplex is inaccessible by car; it was reached by steps so characteristic of ours and some other early Los Angeles neighborhoods.

The Magic Castle (ca 1909) was one of the first Hollywood estates. It was originally built for Rollin Lane.

Homes of architectural significance fall into two broad categories: the wooden craftsman bungalows (typically on Pinehurst, Hillcrest and Sycamore) utilize natural materials such as river rocks, shingles, and board and batten, and emphasize natural light, open sleeping and sun porches, and exposed wood beam structures.

Many on the Camrose side of our hill are the Spanish Colonial Revival homes, with their familiar white stucco, red tile roofs, wood windows and interesting interior spaces. Those houses are not really Spanish so much as Mediterranean, recalling and remixing elements from northern Italy, from neoclassic Spain and its colonies (such as Mexico) and from Islamic North Africa. We are told that the developer of Hollywood Ocean View Tract #2, J.J. Whitley, actually dispatched his architects to Europe to study hillside town and building design. It is no surprise that the Camrose Canyon is such a picturesque reminder of the Mediterranean seaside landscape.

These are highlights of the information being assembled by the Historical Committee, led by chairpersons Fran Offenhauser (herself an architect) and June Moore. The group is primarily concentrating on an overall history of the area which will be followed with a structure-by-structure research effort. This may eventually lead to landmark status on local, state or national level. Having lost the vast resources of the burned out Hollywood Library prior to its inception, the group is now relying on such sources as interviews with early residents, building permits, early phone books, tax records and the UCLA Archives.

The potential findings make this group's efforts just as exciting as an archaeological dig. If you have any helpful information, please relay it to June Moore (851-0810).

--By Dan O'Connell

## SECURITY

## LOWDOWN FROM THE HEIGHTS....

Security Committee Chairman, Scott Chambers, has investigated several neighborhood security services and recommends, with the approval of committee members, Foothill Patrol. Westec Security requires a \$4,000 per month minimum for coverage during an eight hour day. With no other close-by clients, Westec--regardless of its greater cost--could not respond quickly during those hours it is not specifically patrolling our neighborhood. Bel Air Patrol is presumed to have similar drawbacks, had they gotten back to the Hollywood Heights Security Committee with a proposal as promised, we would know for sure.

Our Outpost and Whitley Heights neighbors have been well served by Foothill Patrol. Foothill's \$850 per month minimum includes three passes a day by LAPD-commissioned and armed special officers. Vacation coverage and specific health emergency needs response are also provided. Because of patrols in nearby neighborhoods, Foothill's response time is rarely more than five minutes in times of emergency.

Foothill will provide subscribers with a complete home security analysis. With only 57 homes needed to participate, the \$850 per month fee for the Hollywood Heights community comes down to \$15 per residence.

Scott points out that leaving subscription up to "the other guy" is not the best choice. Foothill officers will NOT respond to an emergency at a non-subscriber residence, except perhaps to notify public authorities about an incident. So don't count on your neighbor's subscription to provide your home with security. Call Scott Chambers today at 874-6231 to sign up for Foothill.

--By Nonnie Vishner

ELLIOT JOHNSON is our eyes and ears at the RTD weekly meetings conducted to analyze the Metro Rail Project for Hollywood and North Hollywood. With representatives from other neighborhood associations, he is serving on a citizens' advisory committee which will meet through Dec. 8 with RTD officials, with a BART field trip scheduled Nov. 1.

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FRAN OFFENHAUSER and a horse she was riding decided to travel in different directions, and Fran is now at home recuperating from back injuries. The HHA sent flowers.

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Congratulations to "Mayor" BILL HARLICKER and all the Glencoe Way neighbors who put on a marvelous block party for the third year, cleaning and decorating the street, providing food, music and dancing for hundreds of guests. BRIAN MOORE, Whitley Heights Assn. president, and STEVE CATALANO, representing COUNCILWOMAN PEGGY STEVENSON, awarded prizes for best costumes to HHA members NITA THOMAS and DENNIS THOMPkins.

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Applause and good wishes to FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD, which has been designated as "Historical Cultural Monument No. 248" by the Cultural Heritage Board and the L.A. City Council. Pastor Kenneth Watson celebrated the honor at Sunday services Oct. 10, inviting all those "who carried the banner" to attend the presentation and dedication of the plaque commemorating the event.

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The National Register of Historic Places has accepted WHITLEY HEIGHTS into its records, on the recommendation of the State Historical Resources Commission, which recently designated the hilltop neighborhood a state historical district. The late J.J. Whitley, who developed Whitley Heights, also created the Hollywood Heights area covered by our association. We send congratulations to our "twin" across Highland Ave.

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## BOUNDARIES

Hollywood Heights Assn. includes the area bounded by Franklin Ave. on the south, Highland Ave. on the east, Broadview Terr. and Alta Loma on the north, and Fitch and Sycamore on the west.

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### GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will cover fire and security. Watch for it's announcement.

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## PREFERENTIAL PARKING

Members of the Hollywood Heights Association by a substantial majority, voted against petitioning the city at this time for preferential parking status.

The city's program was explained at the Sept. 14 meeting at the Yamashiro Inn by Rafael Prepena, Dept. of Transportation engineer. In preferential parking districts, he said, residents may purchase three parking permits per household at \$10 each, renewable annually, and two visitors' permits at \$5 each, valid for 90 days. (These charges are to be doubled in the near future, Mr. Prepena stated.) Processing a petition for preferential parking status takes an average of 18 months.

One-day use passes at \$1 per vehicle will be made available to residents of preferential parking districts within the next two months, according to Mr. Prepena.

Although voting against the preferential parking program, the members indicated that it is a project to be considered in the future.

--By Bonnie Wolfe

## HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS ASSN. STEERING COMMITTEE

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Cavalcade of Talent.....	Michael Feinstein.....	851-5420
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Newsletter.....	Theo Wilson.....	874-2934
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## HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS VIEW COMMITTEE

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Herb Berlin  
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Dan O'Connell  
Neva Praeger  
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Bonnie Wolfe

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Please give us your suggestions for making this a newsletter you will enjoy and find useful. Here's to years of growth, productivity and happy times on the hill.

--Theo Wilson and the  
Hollywood Heights  
View Committee