



2020 Membership

Make sure you support the work of your Oaks Homeowners Association in 2020

2020 promises to be a consequential year for our country and our neighborhood. Changes occurring around us will have significant impacts on our quality of life. The Oaks Homeowners Association is your neighborhood's voice in the conversation about major development in Hollywood, the traffic that development creates, Hollywood Sign tourism, the crisis of homelessness, and crime and security. We will engage on all of these issues in the coming year and we hope you'll join us, by contributing your dues for next year but also by contributing your time. If you can help us in any of these efforts, please let us know.

Traffic continues to be a significant headache in Hollywood and in the Oaks.

- Major new high-rise and mid-rise developments continue to go up in Hollywood without commensurate thought to the circulation problems this increased density brings. We will press the city for mitigations to this significant increase in vehicles.
- As Hollywoodland pushed Hollywood Sign visitors out of Beachwood Canyon by closing the entrance to the Park there, unnamed actors promoted Bronson Canyon as the new "entrance" to the Sign even though the route to the Sign is a strenuous three-plus mile hike. Then illegal and dangerous park trails showed up on GPS sites shortening that distance and labeled as the way to the Sign. Along with Friends of Griffith Park, we have pushed back on this underhanded tactic and, with support from the City, were able to remove these ill-conceived trail designations from GPS maps.
- We're also seeking ways to reduce the traffic and parking congestion on Canyon Drive and in Bronson Park as more visitors seek to experience Griffith Park.
- We have met with institutional resistance from the city on a new traffic signal at Canyon and Franklin. Such a signal would provide safe passage at the intersection for pedestrians and would relieve the pressure at Bronson and Franklin which is currently the only controlled exit on the west side of the Oaks neighborhood. We will continue to advocate.

Homelessness is a surpassing concern for Hollywood residents. All of us are searching for effective ways to bring our most vulnerable off the sidewalks and into safe housing. But the means to making this happen are complex and elusive. That's why we're dedicating our Annual Meeting on March 10th to the subject of homelessness in Los Angeles: the causes and the remedies, how we should think about those experiencing homelessness, and what you as Oaks residents can do. We hope you'll join us for an involving conversation.

Security worries will again be a primary focus. Incidents of suspicious activity, trespassing, package theft, and burglary have been noted this year. Increases in visitor traffic, construction activity, and homelessness can all be seen as contributing factors. This year our new neighborhood-wide security patrol service went to twenty-four hours a day. We hope that these new watchful eyes will deter criminal activity.

The Oaks Homeowners Association

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Each year the Oaks HOA brings residents and their families together for community events.

In 2020 we'll host the June Summer Picnic, the Halloween Walk, the Holiday Party, and in the spring, our fifth Architectural Tour and Benefit! These moments remind us of the bonds we have with our neighbors and our neighborhood. Good neighborhoods don't happen by accident. They happen because dedicated people work on their behalf.

Please Join or Renew Your Membership for 2020 Today by sending in the enclosed envelope with your check or go to our website at www.oakshome.org to pay with PayPal

And if you haven't already gotten one of our limited-edition Oaks HOA license plate holders, now's your chance. For a donation of \$100 or more (which includes the \$45 dues) you will receive one of these frames designed (and generously donated) by renowned artist and Oaks resident Geoff McFetridge. Show your support for the homeowners association.