



Carthay Circle Neighborhood Association Update

September 1, 2016

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing to update you on various matters relating to Carthay Circle:

ACS Security Patrol Services in Carthay Circle

In response your neighborhood association's request, ACS has increased the frequency and the visibility of the ACS patrol in Carthay Circle.

ACS is now patrolling our neighborhood 14 hours a day – from 9 AM to 11 PM – every day of the week. In addition, ACS is keeping a patrol vehicle parked in our neighborhood during the other hours of the day. All of this we believe has contributed to an uneventful summer for Carthay Circle.

ACS has also been sending us weekly reports. These reports make it clear that ACS has been able to arrive at the home of subscribers to its patrol service within 6 minutes of an alarm going off.

Keep in mind that the ACS patrol officer is only monitoring and responding to the homes of subscribers and will only enter on the property of subscribing homeowners.

It is important for the safety of our neighborhood that we increase the number of homeowners subscribing to ACS's patrol service. The more subscribers the more hours of patrol services Carthay Circle will receive.

If you have not yet done so please sign up with ACS and, if you are a subscriber, please encourage your neighbors who have not yet done so to sign on with ACS.

If you have an issue with the service that ACS is providing to your residence you should call ACS directly at 310-475-9016. However, if you have an issue regarding ACS that impacts the neighborhood please contact me at President@carthaycircle.org so that we can work together on the problem.

Carthay Circle HPOZ

Remember --- we live in a Historical Preservation Overlay Zone --- which means that before you undertake any changes to the outside of your home, including any changes to your front lawn or parkway, you should consult with the HPOZ to understand the parameters of what is permitted and what type of approvals, if any, you will need to obtain.

Note that our Carthay Circle HPOZ board is composed of 5 volunteer members. Four (4) of them are Carthay Circle homeowners who while working to maintain the historic character of our neighborhood are very much aware of and are sensitive to the challenges that homeowners living in our HPOZ neighborhood encounter.

You can schedule a consultation to better understand the rules that apply to your property and the approval process you must adhere to in making changes to your home by calling [Blair Smith](#), the City of Los Angeles's representative to our HPOZ, at [213-978-1174](tel:213-978-1174) or email her at: Blair.Smith@lacity.org

HPOZ meetings for Carthay Circle are normally scheduled to be held from 6-7 PM at Temple Beth Am on the first and third Thursday of the month provided there is a prearranged agenda. Meetings are open to the entire community.

More information regarding the HPOZ can be found on our website: www.carthaycircle.org

CARTHAY CIRCLE SIGN AT SAN VICENTE AND FAIRFAX

Several weeks ago the Carthay Circle sign on the median at the intersection of San Vicente and Fairfax was hit by a vehicle, knocked over to the ground and damaged. John Darnel in Paul Koretz's office arranged for the city to retrieve the sign and it is now being determined whether it can be repaired or whether it needs to be replaced and what the cost will be. We are hopeful that funding will be available to do what is necessary to restore the sign since it is an important amenity to Carthay Circle.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTING MAJOR STREETS

As you know, currently there is extensive construction work on Wilshire Boulevard east of La Cienega and on Wilshire and Fairfax Boulevards in connection with building the Metro Purple Line Subway Extension.

Our website contains links pointing you to where you can obtain up to date information on the subway construction activities in our neighborhood.

At the same time, there are two other major construction projects impacting our neighborhood – the Museum of Motion Pictures at Wilshire and Fairfax and the 21 story residential project being built on the Northeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Crescent Heights.

You can obtain detailed information regarding the residential project on the [Neighborhood Construction Impacting our Neighborhood](#) page on our website www.carthaycircle.org.

We have been informed that all or some of the lanes on Crescent Heights north of Wilshire will be closed on the following days: Saturday 9/3/16; Friday 9/9/16; Saturday 9/10/16; Sunday 9/11/16 and Saturday 9/17/16.

Please allow your water to be used to occasionally to water the PLANTERS around Carthay Circle

As you know, your neighborhood association has completed the repair and replanting of the 30 planters located at various intersections around Carthay Circle. The planters serve as safety barriers while at the same time beautifying our community.

We have engaged Cesar Baltiera to water and generally care for all of our planters on a bi-weekly basis. He is doing this on Sunday mornings.

Currently, the water for the planters is being obtained from 16 homeowners throughout Carthay Circle who have volunteered to allow their water to be used on a rotating basis. The more homeowners who allow their water to be used the less frequent each one will be called upon. Please help join with your neighbors and allowing us to use your water on a rotating basis. We estimate that you would be contributing about 150 gallons of water (or the equivalent of about 6 baths).

Please email me at President@carthaycircle.org if you would permit your water to be used. If 10 more homeowners agree, each homeowner's water will be used only once a year.

PLEASE---PLANT TREES on the PARKWAY in FRONT OF YOUR HOME

Studies have shown that trees in a neighborhood like ours have significant beneficial consequences for the residents of the neighborhood -- beautify streets, suppress noise, reduce stress and illness, reduce neighborhood crime, reduce wind speeds, remove air and ground water pollution, reduce carbon dioxide, reduce urban temperatures and meaningfully increase property values.

If you do not have trees planted on your parkway we urge you to plant one or more trees now. Both you and our neighbors will greatly benefit from having a denser tree canopy in Carthay Circle. If you do have trees on your parkway, please preserve and maintain them—they are valuable assets.

MEMBERSHIP

Your Neighborhood Association is most effective when as many Carthay Circle residents as possible become members. Remember -- we are your advocate. And, we undertake projects that have a direct impact on your home—such as repairing, replanting and maintaining on a regular basis the 30 planters spread throughout Carthay Circle. The funds for this come from your contributions.

Membership forms can be downloaded and printed from our website: www.carthaycircle.org

Please forward or print out and give this e-mail to any of your neighbors who have not yet become members and encourage them to “close the Circle.”

Your Neighborhood Association exists for the benefit of our community and the more residents who join, the greater our impact can be on maintaining and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Our mailing address is 6230 Wilshire Boulevard, PMB 1151, Los Angeles CA 90048.

Thank you,

Ivan Light

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