



# STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*Your Advocate for Studio City*

**November 2018**

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## BURBANK AIRPORT NOISE REPORT AND ACTION NOTICE

A satellite-based navigation system (NextGen) was designed by the FAA to promote efficiency on the number of departures from Burbank Airport however these realigned flight paths, rolled out in 2017 have a continuous, serious effect for the Valley neighborhoods, schools and business across a wide area.



At the Burbank Public library October 18 public meeting hosted by the Airport Authority, Congressman Brad Sherman said he has contacted the FAA but is not satisfied with the agencies responses.

Consultants, Landrun and Brown, retained by the Authority, stated that under the FAA Authorization legislation the principle concern is Safety, followed by Efficiency and then Environmental considerations. Many speakers equated "Efficiency" to mean financial consideration of benefit to the airlines. One speaker argued that after "Safety", the next priority should be "Environmental Considerations": Excessive noise compounded by shortened flight intervals, lower altitude take offs, the impact on schools and children's health, particulates from burnt aviation fuel in concentrated flight corridors, plunging property values and impact on the recreation areas in the Santa Monica Mountains impact all of the San Fernando Valley.



Councilmember Paul Krekorian urged the FAA to conduct an environmental review. The Federal Aviation Administration should engage in a thorough environmental review process and do a better job gathering public input before attempting to implement the proposed changes. (A ninety day extension to make public comments has been requested by Krekorian).

At the meeting Krekorian said "I want the FAA to do a comprehensive environmental review of this project and gather input from every part of my district and the surrounding area. We deserve to know how it impacts our lives, how it impacts our natural environment, and how it impacts public health on the ground when you concentrate that many flights in a tiny area. We need to understand those environmental issues before the FAA moves forward and makes any new flight patterns permanent."

## COME, HEAR AND SPEAK TO YOUR CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMEMBER AT THE NOVEMBER 13 SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING



The guest speaker is Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian representing Studio City and surrounding areas. The Assemblymember will speak to the Los Angeles River improvements that include State funding obtained for the river revitalization between Whitsett and Laurel Canyon; recap and application of Assembly Bill 2683 the "Pharmacy

Benefit Manager Clawback" for prescription drugs; prospective actions and issues by the California Assembly for the coming year that could impact Studio City.

The FAA scheduled two workshops; November 7th and 8th at Pickwick Gardens Conference Center (Pickwick Gardens - Rose Garden Room, 1001 Riverside Drive, Burbank) in an open-house format between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to view display boards and talk to FAA subject matter experts.

It is ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE unable to attend the workshops send comments to the FAA by November 18, 2018. Public comments are extremely important whether sent via U.S. mail (address below), or through the FAA's Burbank Community Involvement website. Google: FAA NextGen Burbank and click on Community involvement or visit:

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[www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen\\_near\\_you/community\\_involvement/bur](http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen_near_you/community_involvement/bur)

Federal Aviation Administration  
Operations Support Group  
C/O Burbank Public Comments  
2200 S. 216th St  
Des Moines, WA 9819

## DID YOU KNOW?



### HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Collection services will be postponed by one calendar day only for the following holidays:

NEW YEAR'S DAY (JANUARY 1ST)

INDEPENDENCE DAY (JULY 4TH)

LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25TH)

Collection will resume as follows. If the holiday is on a Monday, then the Monday collection will occur on Tuesday, Tuesday collection will occur on Wednesday, and so on and so forth. If the holiday is on a Thursday, then the Thursday collection will occur on Friday and Friday collection will occur on Saturday for that week only. On all other holidays, normal collection of containers will occur. If you have any questions, please call the LASAN Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489.

### A FEW GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

- Emergencies: call or text 9-1-1
- Police NON-emergency calls: 877-ASK-LAPD (877-275-5273)
- LA Sanitation requests, including missed trash and bulky item pick-ups: (800) 773-2489
- Department of Water and Power: (800) 342-5397
- Blocked driveways and parking violations: (818) 374-4823
- Abandoned vehicles parked for more than 72 hours: (800) 222-6366
- Maintenance requests, stop signs and emergency repairs: [myladot.lacity.org](http://myladot.lacity.org)
- Caltrans freeway maintenance: [msr.dot.ca.gov](http://msr.dot.ca.gov) or (213) 897-4426
- All other service requests: [myla311.lacity.org](http://myla311.lacity.org) or call 3-1-1

## MORE STUDIO CITY BEAUTICATION NATIVE PLANT ADVICE

### Plant This, Not That

In the last newsletter, we defined the three things that

makes a plant invasive. If you missed that article, you can find it on our website at [www.studiocityresidents.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/SCRA-Newsletter-September-2018.pdf](http://www.studiocityresidents.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/SCRA-Newsletter-September-2018.pdf).

California, and Southern California in particular, has many beautiful non-invasive alternatives that are similar in form, color, and landscape function to the invasive plants. To help you find what is right for your landscape needs, PlantRight.org is a wonderful resource. Visit their website, where you can search by category, (i.e. ground cover, grasses, perennials, shrubs, and trees) and view full color photos with full descriptions of each plant.

If you are looking for California native plants specifically, another recommended resource is [calscape.cnps.org](http://calscape.cnps.org). Entering 'Studio City' in the location search field, returns results showing over 500 plants that are native to Studio City. That's an abundance of options making it all the easier to choose the right option for your landscape needs.

For more information, we encourage you to visit both [PlantRight.org](http://PlantRight.org) and [calsape.cnps.org](http://calsape.cnps.org).

### You spoke, we took action

Medians along Laurel Canyon and near Ventura Place: These medians are not maintained by the SCBA but by the Studio City BID. When we heard from you and then saw for ourselves how ill-kept and unsightly they had become, we couldn't stand by and do nothing. We sent photos off to the Studio City BID and within a week or two, they addressed our concerns with their maintenance contractor and the areas are looking much better now.

Trees being strangled by ivy: We heard from a concerned resident that the trees on the west side of Whitsett, between Sarah Street and Moorpark are being strangled by ivy. This is city property and we have forwarded this issue to Jessica Fugate, Field Deputy for Councilmember Krekorian. She is working on the situation and we will continue to follow up with her until it is resolved.

### Check us out on Social Media

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, you do not want to miss out on our increasingly popular posts.

## FROM YOUR BOARD

### Letters regarding FAA Amendment

In September, The SCRA Board submitted letters to Senator Harris and Senator Feinstein requesting that the pending FAA Reauthorization Bill (S.1405) include an amendment that would give authorization for the FAA to correct the models and methods used by the FAA to measure noise and other

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environmental impacts. The models and methods do not address the present circumstances.

An amendment would recognize the impact of flight paths that lead to a negative effects on the health and wellbeing of those who live below the flight paths. Such amendment if included could lead to reduction in noise and pollutants. Furthermore, the amendment would greatly increase the priority that the FAA gives to the aforesaid negative effects when changes are made to flight paths.

A response from both Senators was positive that this request was being pursued.

**Studio City Cares Annual Awards**

On January 8th, 2019 at the Annual General Meeting the SCRA will recognize the following persons for outstanding service to our community.

- Todd Gilman, Neighborhood Prosecutor will receive "Excellence in Government Leadership"
- Tony Richman, President of the Studio City Business Improvement Association will receive "Excellence in Business Leadership"
- Jessica Fugate, Field Deputy to Councilmember Paul Krekorian will receive "Excellence in Community Service"
- Julian Bull, Campbell Hall Headmaster will receive the "Service to Youth Development"
- Pastor Stephanie Jaeger will receive the all-encompassing "Fran Quigley Award" for her work at St Matthew's Lutheran Church North Hollywood

**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**

The **Los Angeles Police Department** will be at the **Studio City Farmers Market** on **December 2nd**. Please bring unwrapped new toys or new stuffed animals. The LAPD booth will be at the market from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with uniformed officers and volunteers to collect your donation. Each year the toys are taken by the North Hollywood Police and distributed to children in the east Valley. They fill their cars with toys and drive around with their sirens sounding; the children hear them and come running.



**OUR NEW DIGS AT BRIDGES ACADEMY ARE GREAT**

At the SCRA Community Meeting in September members spoke directly with Lead Officer Shawn Smith about their



**SCRA AND STUDIO CITY CHAMBER FOUNDATION MAKE THE FARMERS MARKET HAPPEN**

Looking forward to fall weather and chilly days, it's time to stop by the Gourmet Soup Kitchen booth and stock up on some of their delectable soups. Made exclusively with fresh vegetables and only the finest natural ingredients, the soups come in a variety of wonderful and unique flavors from cuisines all over the world. There are more than 30 to choose from every week and include favorites such as Tuscan White Bean, African Peanut, Mango Picchu - Spiced Mango with Quinoa, Nepal Tomato Bisque and the perennial favorite, Split Pea. All the soups are vegan except for a handful that contain a small amount of low fat milk. They come frozen in 16 ounce servings and are perfect for lunch or dinner. Stop by the Gourmet Soup Kitchen booth, on the north side of the street, near Laurel Canyon, for a sample on Sunday.

As a reminder, the Market donates all proceeds after expenses back to the community. Non profit organizations that are interested in applying for a donation from the Market should call the office for more information, 818-655-7744.

concerns regarding the slew of home robberies in the hillside areas. He well understood the concerns and was able to let the community know what can and is being done to police the area.

Senator Bob Hertzberg was warmly welcomed and answered questions about pending legislation in Sacramento.

**THE START OF SOMETHING NEW**

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian secured \$150,000 in the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year Budget for the State of California which will go to revitalize the Studio City River Greenway (South bank) from Whitsett Avenue to Laurel Canyon Blvd.

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) will receive the \$150,000 grant and SMMC will award the money to the City of Los Angeles. The City will partner with "The River Project" to restore the Studio City Greenway, to improve bike and pedestrian access points, restore the landscaping by eliminating invasive species and enhance public health and safety along the LA River.

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Councilmember Paul

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Krekorian and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Executive Director Joe Edmiston were joined by community organizations at the Laurelgrove pedestrian bridge to celebrate the funding of the long-needed revitalization of the Studio City Greenway.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In a couple of weeks the SCRA staff will update the SCRA database removing members who have not renewed for 2018-2019. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If your label reads 6/18, your membership has expired and you will no longer receive the SCRA Newsletter or e-mail updates and alerts sent by the SCRA. It is time to renew.

The easiest way to renew is online at [StudioCityResidents.org](http://StudioCityResidents.org)

Alternatively, you can mail your check to: Studio City Residents' Assoc, P.O. Box 1374, Studio City, CA 91614 (please note the zip code). Or, you can renew by calling the SCRA office at 818-509-0230 between the hours of 10:AM and 12 Noon weekdays. Membership fees are PER HOUSEHOLD: \$25 regular or \$10 seniors.

Many of our neighborhoods have formed associations to address issues effecting that neighborhood. SCRA works closely with these neighborhoods and associations in support of their efforts. SCRA encourages members of these local groups to join SCRA so we can all become more effective for Studio City issues.

Each member counts to help make Studio City a great community. Thank you for your continued support.

## SCRA OFFICERS FOR 2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates as officers of the association for the year 2018.

President, Alan Dymond: Vice President, Barry Johnson:  
Treasurer, Charles Blakeslee:  
Secretary, Connie Elliot.

Any person residing in the household of a Regular or Senior Member may nominate a member in good standing as an officer of the SCRA by filing a petition bearing original signatures of a minimum of twenty-five (25) members in good standing and an acknowledgement signed by the proposed officer with the Association's office no later than December 1, 2017

## ASK THE SCRA

*One of the functions of the SCRA is to empower its members, who are the eyes and ears of the community. The SCRA can assist by providing opportunities to make all of Studio City a better place to live. Please send questions to [scraboard@studiocityresidents.org](mailto:scraboard@studiocityresidents.org).*

**Q:** What can be done about trash and needles on Ventura Blvd from Fruitland to Colfax?

**SCRA:** In this area, Studio City Beautification Association maintains only the mini park across from Marshalls. However the Council office has submitted a request to Sanitation for the placement and pick-up of 2 trash bins (ones with the covers).

**Q:** What is "bridge" housing?

**SCRA:** "Bridge" housing provides individuals with additional or "bridge" time in a recuperative care center. During their lengthened stay, they receive help with applications for birth certificates, identification cards, and applications for state and federal benefit programs. Connections are made to medical homes and referrals are made to substance abuse and/or mental health programs and social support groups. Clients have a safe, clean place to stay while waiting for their home to become available. When the time comes, bridge housing clients receive comprehensive discharge instructions and continued follow-up for six or 12 months post-transition. Bridge housing makes transitioning into a home more feasible for homeless clients and is more economical for the community. According to the Los Angeles United Way Homeless Cost Study (2011), the total cost of public services for two years on the streets was estimated at \$187,288 compared to \$107,032 for two years in permanent housing with support services-a savings of \$80,256 or almost 43%. But more than that, housing the homeless resolves one of their biggest barriers to a healthy life.

**Q:** I'm writing to you about what appears to be a "forgotten zone", beginning at Colfax and Ventura on the north side of the street, and running West to Barrel and Ash, or actually all the way to Carpenter. The sidewalk is riddled with who knows what markings, the tree bases are like dumping zones for all sorts of trash. The homeless are sleeping behind the wall in front of Subway store, and the entire area smells like a

**Anita Hirsh, a long time member and benefactor to Studio City, state, and international causes, passed peaceful at her home with her extended family present on October 27, 2018. Anita will be remembered not only for her unwavering support to preserve the Santa Monica Mountains, to keep the Golf and Tennis facility on Whitsett open to the public, but on many other humanitarian and animal rights activities worldwide.**

**Anita's enthusiasm, counsel and encouragement will be missed.**

**(Ask SCRA, cont'd)**

urinal. Perhaps you know who can fix this area and make it a safe and lovely walking zone.

**SCRA:** The SCRA is aware of the area you are referring to. This stretch is not owned by the City however the Council office is working to get it fixed. SCRA is working with the Council Office to move it forward. Things are moving slowly as the City does not have control over this stretch and at this

time there is no timeframe or funding for this project.

**Q:** How do I report a missing, defaced or downed sign?

**SCRA:** You can report a missing, faded or defaced sign or curbs that need to be repainted 24 hours a day. Visit [myladot.lacity.org/sr/ladohtml5viewer](http://myladot.lacity.org/sr/ladohtml5viewer) or call 311 Monday - Sunday 8am - 4:45pm. Outside these hours call (818) 374-4823 give street name / cross street or stretch of road and the operator will connect you to the pertinent district office.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Alan Dymond

### **Parking lot cleanup behind CVS:**

*The SCRA and the Business Improvement District (BID) have been working for years to keep the parking lot behind CVS at Laurel Canyon clean and free of homeless encampments. This parking lot is privately owned. Jessica Fugate, Council Member Krekorian's Deputy, has been working with the attorneys who represent the land owner. CVS and the BID have seen improvements such as reduced trash, installation of no trespassing signage, power washing and trash pick-up by both the BID and CVS. In ongoing talks with CVS regarding private security, CVS is starting a security patrol (inside & out of store) 5 nights a week (Wed - Sun 10 PM to 6 AM). This is up an increase from the previous security presence of 3 nights a week.*

### **Coldwater Canyon Ave. to Whitsett Ave. walking/bike path improvements on the south bank of the river:**

*The Bureau of Engineering for the City of Los Angeles reports that the Department of Recreation and Parks and Bureau of Engineering is working with their contractors to complete the remaining construction works*

*The City is leasing this section of the river bank from the County of Los Angeles under a no-cost Land Use agreement. Although it appears the bike path is almost 90% completed, the bike path could not be opened until completion of the vehicle and pedestrian ramp at Whitsett Avenue that has to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Remaining work also includes construction of retaining walls, security lighting, and other appurtenant structures. The lease agreement requires that the entire project be completed, inspected, and approved by the County prior to opening to the public. It is anticipated that this work will take approximately six (6) months to complete and could be open to the public three (3) months post-completion, which would allow time for the landscaping to mature adequately.*

*Harvard Westlake has responded to queries from SCRA members and the undersigned regarding Harvard Westlake's proposal for its usage of the Weddington facility. Following is the present situation:*

*HW has stated it is too early to develop a timetable for the site but community involvement is important to them and assures the community that the process at all times will include community input. SCRA and SLAROS welcomes this approach so that any contentious issue or concern that arises is made known and is addressed timely by all involved*

*Regarding programs being relocated to Weddington: HW will not move its entire athletic program to Weddington. It is important to the school that the long-term future of the main campus on Coldwater Canyon include athletic facilities and programming for daily physical education as well as after-school sports. HW has not yet determined what athletic facilities will be developed at Weddington. HW does not intend to replace the football field and track on the main campus with parking. (Note: The main campus is the facility on Coldwater Canyon.)*

*Zoning: The present zoning for the site is for agricultural use. Past environmental studies over the years addressed a multi-faceted condominium development for the site. However, the HW use is for an athletic facility therefore any prior environment impact report would be inconsistent and not usable. This zone change question has been raised by several members but how to proceed is not part of present discussions. However, it will be addressed in due course.*

*Ari Engelberg, Head of Communications and Strategic Initiatives for Harvard Westlake asks that any questions, concerns or other matters be sent to him for a response. [Aengelberg@hw.com](mailto:Aengelberg@hw.com) Office 818-487-6646. Any email sent to HW please copy the undersigned.*

Thank you,



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**SCRA  
COMMUNITY  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, Nov 13, 2018**

**AGENDA**

**7:00 p.m.** Refreshments/meet your neighbors.

**7:30 p.m.** Shawn Smith, LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:**

**Bridges Academy  
LIBRARY  
3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd,  
Studio City, CA 91604**

*One block south of Ventura at Laurel Canyon and Maxwelton. Parking is off of Maxwelton.*

Free parking is available in the school parking lot. Enter from Maxwelton. Security will assist.

