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A portion of the fence around the Silver Lake reservoirs featuring the names of those unarmed Black people who died during police actions.

Silver Lake's 'Say Their Names' Memorial Gains Attention

Along with a number of other news outlets, The *Los Angeles Times* recently reported on the art installation surrounding the Silver Lake reservoirs that memorializes unarmed Black people who have been killed during police actions. In the installation, names of those who died are woven into the 2.2-mile chain link fence that surrounds the reservoirs. Organizers said they chose the Silver Lake Reservoirs because of its high visibility in the city.

[Read the Los Angeles Times article](#)

*Global Wellness Day
Founder Belgin Aksoy
thanks Oprah Winfrey for*

recognizing Global Wellness Day.



Global Wellness Day Calls Attention to Inequities in Health Care

[Global Wellness Day](#), which will take place this Saturday, June 13, is a reminder that there are stark racial divides in access to health care and preventative wellness. According to the APM Research Lab, Black Americans die of Covid-19 at 2.4 times the rate of whites. This startling statistic exposes both the structural inequities in access and the higher rates of chronic diseases like diabetes, obesity and hypertension that make Black Americans more susceptible to the Coronavirus. We believe the health and wellness of African Americans must become a priority.

Fireworks: Dangerous and Illegal



In response to emails concerning an uptick in fireworks in Silver Lake, Los Angeles City Attorney Gabrielle Taylor reminds residents that all unpermitted fireworks, including those designated “safe and sane,” have been banned in the City of Los Angeles. Specifically, Los Angeles Municipal Code section 57.5608.1.2 makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment, to use, sell, or discharge fireworks in the City of Los Angeles.

Recently, some Silver Lake residents celebrating health care workers during COVID-19 have allegedly used fireworks in their nightly demonstrations, potentially adding to the workload of the same workers they are honoring.

Taylor noted that illegal fireworks cause an estimated 20,000 fires per year, account for millions in property damage, but most importantly, represent a significant public health and safety threat. Nina Sorkin, local activist, provided the information from City Attorney

Taylor.

Read Los Angeles Municipal Code section 57.5608.1.2 and Health and Safety
Code 12671 Sale of Fireworks Add links

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[Fireworks information](#)

[View NBC News Coverage of Hacienda Heights brush fire due to fireworks](#)



Access to the Red Car Line created a demand for multifamily housing on Waverly Drive. Photo shows a Red Car at Fletcher and Riverside, circa 1950.

Two Small Lot Developments Proposed for Waverly

In the last issue of Silver Lake Together, Scott Plante, architect and Silver Lake Together advocate, reported on a proposed small lot development on Rowena and explained the small lot development ordinance. While Silver Lake's Urban Design Committee did not recommend the Rowena project for approval, the City conducted a hearing on May 19. No determination has been made.

Last night, the Urban Design Committee heard proposals for two new small lot developments, both on Waverly Drive in Region 7. The 2649 Waverly Drive project, which was not recommended for approval, calls for the demolition of an existing building for the

construction of six (6) small lot homes. The 2822 Waverly Drive project, which *was* recommended for approval, also calls for the demolition of an existing building for the construction of six (6) small lot homes. The 2822 project now goes to city departments for further review.

Plante noted that Waverly Drive has been a hotspot for multifamily developments and more density since 1948, when the Red Car line was in operation on adjacent Glendale Boulevard.

[Review case summary on proposed Rowena development](#)

[Read Silver Lake Together article](#)



One of Silver Lake's famous Blue Herons, perched by its nest near the reservoirs.

Death of Blue Heron is Reminder of Dangers to Wildlife

Thursday evening, June 4, a wild blue heron was killed instantly when it flew into power lines on Lower Angus, causing a transformer to blow. The heron was apparently flying home to its nest near the Ivanhoe Reservoir when it hit the power lines. The tragic accident caused a power outage on surrounding streets that was quickly repaired by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). According to LADWP, the department is looking for solutions to prevent future deaths of wild birds in the area.

Gas Leaf Blower: New Risks During COVID-19

Gas leaf blowers are harmful to the environment and our health – and against the law. Moreover, the dangerous machines can harm the health of the person operating the blower. In fact, gas leaf blowers emit as much pollution in one hour as driving a 2016 Toyota Camry 1,100 miles. (Source: California Environmental Protection Agency). And wellness experts say that spreading particles that may contain the COVID-19 virus is especially risky at this time. If you need help eliminating gas leaf blowers on your street, email Editor@SilverLakeTogether.com, and a community advocate will contact you. (Your information will be confidential.) Our goal is to help you resolve an unhealthy situation and avoid involving city agencies and LAPD.

[More information on gas leaf blowers](#)



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