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Wreckage of the SUV that hit and killed Timothy Stirton on June 17. (Photo: Los Angeles Fire Department)

Investigators Unable to Determine If Mechanical Failure a Factor in Tragic Accident on Silver Lake Boulevard

On June 17, Timothy Stirton, 68, was struck and killed while riding his Vespa-style scooter near the corner of Effie Street and Silver Lake Boulevard. According to police reports, Stirton, a well-known Silver Lake resident and environmentalist, was hit by a Ford Explorer heading south on Silver Lake Boulevard that was travelling at a high speed. At a recent Silver Lake Together community meeting, LAPD Northeast Division Senior Lead Officer Jesus Aispuro said that because the SUV was severely damaged in the collision, investigators at LAPD's Central Traffic Division are not able to determine if mechanical failure played a part in the accident. Unconfirmed sources speculate that driver error may have caused the fatal accident. The driver and passenger in the SUV were slightly injured.

Residents continue to express concerns about speeding and reckless driving on the highly-traveled roadway, Silver Lake Together has recommended that the LAPD's Central Traffic Division provide two motor officers to regularly patrol the area.

[View CBS News coverage on the day of the accident](#)

Know someone who needs help during the COVID-19 pandemic? Learn more about CD 4 programs [here](#).



CD 4 Reminds Residents of COVID-19 Assistance Programs

According to Council District 4, eligible Angelenos can apply to have three meals a day delivered to their homes by the County of Los Angeles' Great Plates Delivered program. Interested individuals can [check online](#) to see if they qualify, and call 211 to apply. A new [interactive tool](#), launched by 211, helps people find additional food resources.

In addition, CD4 Councilmember Ryu has partnered with a local nonprofit organization, Jewish Free Loan Association, to provide direct funding to residents and small businesses who are struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CD4 residents can apply online for an individual loan up to \$5,000 to pay housing costs, and small businesses can apply for a loan of up to \$10,000.

[Learn more about the Jewish Free Loan program and apply here](#)

For the latest COVID-19 information, click here



Attendees at Zoom event with LAPD agree: "If we want them to do less, we have to do more."

Silver Lake Together Kicks Off 'Conversations with LAPD'

Last week, the Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team (SLT) held their inaugural "Conversations With LAPD" community gathering. The ZOOM conversation included representatives of LAPD's Northeast Division and Silver Lake residents. Captain III Art Sandoval, Senior Lead Officer Jesus Aispuro and Senior Lead Officer Gina Paialii, along with SLT hosts Betsy Isroelit and Anne-Marie Johnson. They openly shared thoughts and concerns with 15 other attendees, during the hour-long event. According to Johnson, "The dialogue was respectful, informative and honest. More conversations are in the works, and SLT will keep you posted."



New Bridge Housing on Riverside Drive is slated to open at a virtual ribbon cutting on Facebook at 11:20 a.m., Friday, July 24.

Virtual Tour of New Bridge Housing to Stream on Facebook

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, the virtual tour and ribbon cutting at the new Bridge Housing project on Riverside Drive will now be streamed on Mayor Garcetti's (@MayorOfLA) and Councilmember Ryu's (@cd4ryu) Facebook pages. The livestream is scheduled to begin at 11:20 a.m., Friday, July 24. The new location will house 100 single individuals (two-thirds men and one-third women) and provide a range of comprehensive onsite services, such as case management and security. The goal of Bridge Housing is to help people transition to permanent homes. According to Council District 4 Field Deputy Rachel Fox, the Riverside Drive Bridge Housing is designed to serve people who are currently unhoused near the site, including Los Feliz, Silver Lake and Atwater, etc. Fox added that CD 4 will also share a video of the event when it is available.

[View a recording of a Zoom meeting held to inform the community about the project](#)

In Case You Missed It

New York Times – The Pandemic Has Pushed Aside City Planning Rules. But to Whose Benefit?

This article explores how cities have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with remarkably rapid transformations of urban space. But the writer asks, are residents that have long been sidelined in city planning being neglected again?

[Read the article](#)

Television Academy News – Anne-Marie Johnson: Real Change Requires Real Commitment

Anne-Marie Johnson, lifelong Silver Lake resident, actress, SAG's first African-American national vice president and Silver Lake Together co-founder, shares her candid thoughts about the changes Hollywood needs to make. in first "In My Opinion" column.

Read the column



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