

June 19, 2019



# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

## Future of Reservoirs to Be Discussed at June 27 Community Meeting

The first of six community workshops to discuss the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, at Friendship Auditorium. After brief presentations by members of the Silver Lake Master Plan Task Force, attendees will break out into groups of 15 or less and be asked to describe how they use the Reservoir Complex now, and what they believe are the defining characteristics of the complex. According to the master plan website, the meetings are being held to help guide the repurposing of the reservoir complex and surrounding site. Representatives from five Silver Lake community groups, three consulting firms, Council Districts 4 and 13, the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and the Bureau of Engineering make up the Reservoir Stakeholders Working Group and are guiding community participation. The working group is also considering a pop-up event in August, which could become a Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex Festival.

**Community Workshop: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027**

[Read minutes from the first Reservoirs' Working Group meeting](#)

[Visit the Master Plan website](#)

*This [rare and highly intact example of a Tudor Craftsman residence](#) was constructed in the 1910s. Tokio Florist/Sakai-Kozawa Residence, Photo by M. Rosalind Sagara/L.A. Conservancy (2018).*



## From Trees to Retail Landmarks, Preservation Is a Hot Topic in Silver Lake

With a significant number of redevelopment projects underway, many Silver Lake residents are expressing concerns that the character of the community will be lost. One notable example is the unpermitted demolition of most of York, a Streamline Moderne storefront on Silver Lake Boulevard, which generated an [outpouring of outrage](#) in the community and local media. Preservation discussions have also centered on The Tokio Florist on Hyperion Avenue, a Japanese-American legacy that was founded in 1929. And Silver Lake activist and environmentalist Hugh Kenny reminds us that beautiful, life-sustaining street trees are being destroyed without notice to the community.

There is also an effort to save the Kite Hill walking trail in Echo Park, which runs from Baxter Stairs to Avon Terrace. The path has been part of the community since the 1940s, and is a respite for wildlife and native habitat amidst the immediate neighborhood. The parcel is facing development but is eligible to be purchased and preserved by the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy – although the owner is said to be reluctant to sell.

- If you'd like to be involved in saving Kite Hill, visit <https://www.kitehill.org/our-vision> and consider signing a petition to preserve this small remaining parcel of natural habitat.
- Share your concerns about street tree removals by emailing [CD4](#) and [CD13](#).
- [Learn more about Tokio Florist's fascinating history here.](#)

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## Community Wellness Experts Turn Out for Global Wellness Day



On Saturday, June 8, the Silver Lake Library and Silver Lake Together co-hosted Silver Lake's first Global Wellness Day celebration, which took place in the library courtyards. Thanks to Silver Lake Recreation Center yoga instructor Maruca Nadina, World Pa Kua Health, Tai Chi, Erica Gimpel, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic, Hands Only CPR, L.A. County Public Health, CLAW (Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife), Silver Lake Recreation Center, and the American Lung Association for contributing to Global Wellness Day. And special thanks to Starbucks and Whole Foods 365 for their donations of coffee and healthy snacks, and to Council District 13 for tables and chairs. Under the slogan, "One Day Can Change Your Life," wellness enthusiasts celebrate Global Wellness Day in over 130 countries – and now in Silver Lake.

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*Free and affordable swim lessons are available at local pools*



## Get Ready, Get Set, SWIM!

Great news for swimmers: SWIM LA is offering five swim sessions this summer. All sessions consist of 10 25-minute lessons over a two-week period. Classes range from tiny tots and preschool to adults, along with youth aquatic sports including swim team, artistic swimming, junior life guard programs and water polo. To be sure you sign up for

the right level, visit your local pool and complete an assessment. The next SWIM LA session kicks off July 1.

**Good to know:** The Griffith Park pool is adjacent to Silver Lake at 3401 Riverside Drive.

Call (323) 644-6878

[Sign Up for Swim Classes or Register in Person](#)



*Utility box artwork on Hillhurst and Ambrose Avenues in Los Feliz*

## Showcase Your Talent in CD4's Utility Box Art Program

Council District 4 Field Deputy Rachel Fox reminds us that CD4 is taking applications for the popular Utility Box Art Program, which sponsors local artists up to \$250 in discretionary funding to turn blank utility boxes into stunning works of public art. Councilmember David Ryu launched the innovative program in November 2017 to improve neighborhoods like Silver Lake while supporting local artists.

[Click here for more information and to apply](#)

## Summer Activities in Silver Lake



If you're reading this newsletter, you probably remember road trips, soft ice cream and fun times at your local rec center or pool. Well, hot fun in the summertime is still happening, thanks to the terrific staffs at the Silver Lake and Bellevue Park Rec Centers. There's still time to sign up your little dribblers, ages three to five, for Silver Lake's basketball program. (The program costs \$60 and starts July 6 and runs through August 10.) And you can register kids from eight to 15 for the Co-ed Summer Basketball League, which runs July 11 through August 15. (Cost is \$60 for the six-week program.) The Bellevue Park Recreation Center also has a full menu of fun activities for kids and adults, from basketball to girl's softball to summer camp.

**Bellevue Park Rec  
Center**  
826 Lucile Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90026  
(323) 664-2468

[Click here for more information](#)

**Silver Lake Rec Center**  
1850 W. Silver Lake Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90026  
(323) 644-3946

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Need help with an issue in Silver Lake? Do you have ideas that will help our neighborhood or want to share community news?

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