



Carthay Circle Neighborhood Association Update

November 2, 2015

Dear Neighbors,

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on various matters impacting Carthay Circle:

ACS Security Patrol Services in Carthay Circle

ACS, the recommended security patrol service for the three Carthay communities, has informed us that it presently has about 175 subscribers in the three Carthay neighborhoods. Carthay Circle has 100 subscribers for the patrol service.

Carthay Circle is now being patrolled by 2 full time officers between the hours of 8 AM and midnight, with the last 4 hours being a rover that also assists nearby neighborhoods. ACS is also providing random checks during the other off hours.

The average response time for an alarm signal has been around 6 minutes. The yellow patrol car will vary in the number of times it comes down each street in any day depending on what calls are being responded to and what services the officer is providing. ACS estimates that a patrol vehicle is coming down each street at least 6 times per day.

Keep in mind that the officer in the patrol vehicle is only monitoring the homes of subscribers and will only enter onto the property of subscribers.

If you have not yet done so, we urge you to sign up for the ACS patrol service to improve the security and safety of your home and our neighborhood. The greater the number of Carthay Circle subscribers for ACS's patrol services the greater number of hours of dedicated patrol services that will be available in our neighborhood.

An ACS representative can be reached at 310-475-9016.

Postal Service

Earlier this year a committee was formed headed by CCNA Board Member Roger Grossman with the goal of rectifying the terrible postal service that Carthay Circle had been receiving.

I am very pleased to report that those efforts appear to have been effective and that the quality of postal service that Carthay Circle is now receiving has dramatically improved.

If you are continuing to have issues with postal delivery please email me at President@carthaycircle.org.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE METRO PURPLE LINE SUBWAY

As you know, currently there is extensive construction work involving moving the existing utilities on Wilshire Boulevard, east of La Cienega and around Fairfax Boulevards, to make room for the Metro Purple Line Subway Extension.

Construction notices are posted from time to time on our website: www.carthaycircle.org. Our website also contains links pointing you to where you can obtain up to date information on subway construction activities in our neighborhood.

YOUR HPOZ

Remember --- we live in a HPOZ community which means that early on, 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 what type of approvals, if any, you will need to obtain. In recent months one renovation was shut down for many weeks because of failure to comply with HPOZ approvals and another renovation was compelled to make costly changes because HPOZ approval was not sought.

You can schedule a preliminary consultation by calling the City's representative to our HPOZ Blair Smith at [213-978-1174](tel:213-978-1174) or email her at: Blair.Smith@lacity.org

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

CARTHAY CIRCLE HAS IT OWN FACEBOOK PAGE

Many of you use the **Nextdoor** website to post comments and requests regarding Carthay Circle.

Please consider joining and using the Carthay Circle Neighborhood Association **Facebook** group to communicate with your neighbors living in Carthay Circle. Our Facebook group is focused on and limited to Carthay Circle residents --- it does not include other neighborhoods as does the Nextdoor website.

CARTHAY CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our neighborhood elementary school has become an Environmental Magnet School. Its presence in Carthay Circle adds significantly to the desirability of our neighborhood as a place for young families.

Because of cutbacks in school funding many of the school's special programs are funded through private donations. A number of realtors, who deserve our support, have contributed to these programs. Their signs

appear on the school fence on the East side of the school. In addition, the school PTA is continually seeking to raise funds for the school. Links to important information about the school are on our website at [www.carthaycircle.org/?p=Carthay Circle Elementary School](http://www.carthaycircle.org/?p=Carthay_Circle_Elementary_School)

Please consider making a donation to support the school – it helps the children and benefits our neighborhood.

JASMINE SHAMOLIAN is the new field coordinator for Councilmember Paul Koretz in Carthay Circle

During this past summer, Jasmine Shamolian became the new field deputy in Councilmember Koretz's office covering Carthay Circle. John Darnell, our prior field deputy, was elevated to the position of District Director.

We have met with Jasmine and discussed with her a variety of issues impacting Carthay Circle.

In particular, she requested that she be contacted (i) with regard to traffic and parking problems being caused by the subway construction on Wilshire and (ii) with regard to Carthay Circle sidewalks that are in need of repair.

Jasmine's telephone number is **(323) 866-1828** and her email is Jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org

PLANTERS at intersections around Carthay Circle

Your neighborhood association maintains the 30 planters located at various intersections around Carthay Circle that serve as safety barriers while at the same time beautifying our community.

We are going to be inspecting each planter and doing any repairs, replantings and general refreshing that is needed.

We are very grateful to Rob Steiner for undertaking to inspect all of the planters in our community.

Please email me with any thoughts that you have regarding the planters: President@carthaycircle.org.

ACADEMY MUSEUM of MOTION PICTURES

In June, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted to approve plans for the Academy Museum without dealing directly with the concerns expressed by the surrounding neighborhood associations regarding traffic, parking, noise and signage.

The nonprofit organization, Fix the City (www.fixthecity.org), brought a lawsuit against the project which was settled in September. In part, Fix the City explains the settlement agreement as follows:

"The settlement agreement ensures the Academy and Fix the City will work closely to minimize the Museum's impact on surrounding neighborhoods. Per the agreement, the Academy and Fix the City will monitor and, if necessary, enforce mutually agreed upon standards for a variety of factors, including traffic, parking, signage, and noise for the benefit of the community."

Despite the settlement there are still significant concerns regarding how the Museum will impact our neighborhood.

The residents north of San Vicente are greatly concerned about museum visitors parking on Warner, Del Valle and Barrows in the evenings and on weekends. As a result, a committee is being formed that will pursue seeking greater parking restrictions for those streets—including obtaining 24/7 restrictions if there is sufficient support. Board member Dorothy Clark will be leading the committee. Please email me at President@carthaycircle.org if you would like to work on this committee.

PLANT TREES on the PARKWAY in FRONT OF YOUR HOME

Studies have shown that trees in urban spaces have numerous and extraordinary beneficial consequences for the residents of the neighborhood -- they suppress noise, beautify streets, 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 please consider planting one or more trees --- both you and our neighbors will greatly benefit from it. If you do have trees on your parkway, please preserve and maintain them—they are valuable assets.

Thank you,

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