



Dear Oaks Neighbor,

Sometimes the big news isn't what happened, it's what didn't happen. This September we experienced the hottest day in the recorded history of Los Angeles. That happened, but did you notice what didn't happen? The power didn't go out. Longtime residents of the Oaks can tell you that power outages used to be a common occurrence, especially during heat waves. The Oaks Homeowners' Association worked with the city to get an upgrade of the power grid and with the help of our Council office finally got it. That is why you didn't lose your air conditioning when you needed it most. That is what a hard-working homeowners' association does for you and why it is worthy of your support.

Here are some recent highlights of what the Oaks HOA is doing for our neighborhood:

- **Street Repaving.** We began petitioning the city for repaving over ten years ago. That's how long it takes. Only the very worst streets got repaved this year and we will continue to petition the city until all our streets are all brought up to standard.
- **Street Light Maintenance** is an on-going effort.
- **Security in Fern Dell and Bronson Park.** We work constantly with the Park Rangers and the Office of Public Safety to improve security in our parks.
- **Keeping the utilities infrastructure in The Oaks in compliance with City codes.** We worked with AT&T to eliminate an unsightly curbside electronics cabinet and we succeeded in getting the City to remove redundant utility poles.
- **Saving Trees on Franklin Avenue.** We made a concerted effort with a group of lower Canyon Drive neighbors and Immaculate Heart High School to get the trees along Franklin Avenue watered during the summer.
- **The temporary anti-mansionization regulations in the Oaks became permanent.** The Oaks is the first neighborhood in the city to achieve this. We are city leaders in regulations that preserve the character of a neighborhood by preventing over-building.

Did you make it to either the Oaks Summer Picnic in Bronson Park, the Halloween Walk, or the Holiday Party? These are sweet occasions when our families get together to play and enjoy each other's company. The Oaks HOA hosts these gatherings to help foster the feelings of community that define a real neighborhood from just another place to live. Tangible and intangible, the Association works to create and maintain good things in our neighborhood. That is a lot of benefit for a modest contribution.

Please support this good work. Renew your membership or join the Oaks Homeowners Association today by sending your \$35 dues payment in the enclosed envelope.

Warm regards,

Bob Young, President
The Oaks Homeowners Association