



2022 Dues

***As Los Angeles emerges from the pandemic and opens up again,
your Homeowners Association continues working for you and your neighbors***

Dear Friends,

As 2021 began, the hangover from the pandemic continued to weigh on Angelinos. The collateral damages from Covid – joblessness, homelessness and insecurity – were still present in Hollywood. But we are now seeing residents take important steps to remedy these dislocations and reestablish life as it was before.

Though there may be animosity and division in the political realm and on social platforms, we write to remind you that Oaks neighbors continue looking out one for another and reaching out to less secure communities in our city with a helping hand.

During the last two years as the pandemic restricted business and commercial activities, revenues to the City fell causing cutbacks in City personnel across most agencies. When those disruptions happen it's volunteer groups like the Oaks HOA that step in to fill gaps and to make sure there is continuity in services, in outreach, in security, in the life of the City.

During this past year we have:

- Joined with our City representatives to seek assistance for the homeless population in Hollywood and find housing for all
- Worked with our police officers and our patrol company, ACS to reduce security threats related to the unstable pandemic period. We brought Oaks residents together in an online Town Hall with Gelson's management and the LAPD to underline neighbors' concerns about security problems at our Gelson's store.
- Worked with our councilmember to mitigate the traffic and parking issues around Bronson Park
- Collaborated with our council office on ordinances to reduce the misuse of short-term rentals and party houses. We worked with LAPD and the City Attorney's office to stop disruptions at two such houses on Ponet Drive and Tuxedo Terrace.
- Let the mayor and city council know we strongly oppose the construction of an aerial tramway which would cut through the center of Griffith Park.
- Organized a grass-roots effort that convinced the Redistricting Commission to keep the Oaks neighborhood in a single council district and in the same district as the rest of Los Feliz and Griffith Park.
- When AT&T erected a new cellsite on Canyon Drive at Argosy Way, we pushed the City to require the company to rebuild the adjacent curb and make the sidewalk accessible for the handicapped
- Worked with other neighborhood groups to challenge the Hollywood Center project, a proposed 46 story highrise next to the historic Capitol records building on Vine Street. We engaged a transportation engineer to document impacts the project would have on local traffic and we contributed to the legal fund fighting the project.

And while public health concerns kept us from enjoying some of our traditional community activities, we recently celebrated the return of the Oaks Halloween Walk. Hundreds of parents and children filled Park Oak Drive to enjoy a festive night of candy and costumes. And we expect to see the return of other neighborhood events like the Summer Picnic and the Architectural Tour in 2022. Throughout the year we've stayed in touch via regular email reports to the neighborhood and with community-wide Zoom Meetings on issues of concern to residents.

The Oaks Homeowners Association is an all-volunteer organization; no one is paid for the work they do. All of the board members are your neighbors. This year, as in every year past we ask that you continue to support the mission of the Oaks Homeowners Association by staying in touch with us, by sharing your concerns, and by contributing your dues.

Please Join or Renew Your 2022 Membership for \$45 by going to our website at www.oakshome.org/join-the-oaks to pay with PayPal. If you prefer to send a check, please make it out to Oaks Homeowners Association, note that

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