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Dear Neighbor,

As 2023 comes to a close we're celebrating the 100th year of our neighborhood. A major part of the Centennial celebration of the Oaks neighborhood will be the creation of a Digital Archive of the homes in the Oaks – their stories and the stories of the people who've lived in them. This will be an ongoing project that residents can help us bring to life and which will grow over the years as more information and more photographs and historical documents come in. Compiling and digitizing these materials for the archive will require funding and we hope you'll help us with a contribution to that effort.

One hundred years after the first homes were built in the Oaks we know you value our community as much as we at the Neighborhood Association do. And we hope you'll renew your membership for the new year to support the important work we do. In 2023:

- We pushed our Council Office to include in their long-term planning the reopening of public access to the trailhead into Griffith Park at the terminus of Beachwood Drive. Public access there has been closed since 2017 – a deplorable situation that should not continue
- Through the work of Oaks residents who've formed PLAN (Preserve LA Neighborhoods) we're continuing the pressure on city government to adopt more stringent enforcement measures to combat short-term rental violators and to rein in party house abuse.
- With residents of Briarcliff, Live Oak East, and Red Oak in the lead, we've engaged with the council office to stop cut-through traffic generated by WAZE and other traffic apps. The apps direct cars from Franklin onto our narrow hillside streets during evening rush hour, creating real safety hazards.
- We've noticed the poor condition of the orphaned staircase at Western and Fern Dell Place and have gotten the City to initiate regular cleaning of the stairs there.
- We donated \$5,000 to The Oaks and Bronson Canyon Improvement Fund to help pay for the excavation and the cleanup of the long stretch of sidewalk on the east side of Canyon Drive and the planting of seven new street trees along the walkway to Bronson Park.

- We got the City to come out and trim an overgrown street tree that was in danger of falling on Canyon Drive and to remove other dead trees.
- We contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new refrigerator for the firefighters at our local Fire Station 82.

We regularly bring residents together for community social events. We hope you joined the crowd on Park Oak Drive two weeks ago at this year's Halloween Walk and saw the many happy faces of the neighborhood's children. Perhaps you were also in Bronson Park in June for 2023's edition of the Oaks Association's Picnic. On March 13th, 2024 we'll return to the in-person gathering of neighbors for the Oaks Annual Meeting – look for more details about that in the coming months. Events like these bring neighbors together to renew old acquaintances and meet the folks who've just moved in.

Your dues make all these things possible. So please renew your membership for 2024 today. Thank you.

Best Regards,
Your Oaks Neighborhood Association

P.S. If you've already paid your dues, please ignore this plea and we thank you!