

Plan for Our Neighborly Neighborhood

If you missed the recent GGPNC Planning and Zoning Committee meeting regarding the Hollywood Community Plan and its potential effects on our neighborhood, review it online, on our website, or at the plan at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/>. These links are also on our website. Contact Mary Richardson with comments at 213-978-1205 (mary.richardson@lacity.org). The Public Comment period has been extended to June 1!

At the borders of Los Feliz Square, we have major streets which are considered "Class II Highways." The sidewalks will be widened and planted with trees. City policy will continue to discourage paving front lawns for parking pads for single and multi-family residences below Franklin Avenue. Within our boundaries, we have roads with traffic lights, including Franklin, Vermont, Edgemont, and Finley. Bike paths will network these streets. The improvements will make our neighborhood far more "user friendly," but they will also place pressure on parking.

The City will be putting policies in place to discourage peak hour parking on our streets: streets with high volumes of bicyclists and older residential, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods with little off-street parking will have to carry additional traffic as our retail core improves and we welcome new residents.



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Observing Los Feliz Square

Post continues to be the LFSNA private security of choice. We encourage homeowners and owners of apartment buildings to consider retaining their services over other patrol services, and remind those who have **Post** to **CALL (626) 446-9874** every time you see suspicious activity in the square. Why? Because we already have many Post customers in the neighborhood, their cars are able to respond to trouble calls within 10 minutes – rain or shine, day or night, faster than other private security cars. It makes sense for those of us interested in patrol services to use a single provider in order to get rapid response.



LAPD is very responsive, especially now that we have organized "eyes on the street" – including LFSNA Board Members – but Northeast Division is a busy place, especially at night on the weekends. LFSNA Neighborhood Watch calls LAPD when there's a crime that can lead to an arrest. LAPD has recently made arrests resulting from our calls about suspicious characters with flashlights looking into cars and bins at night. Please lock all car doors anywhere at all times. Leave no valuables in cars. We need additional point people – "block captains" – on our streets east of Catalina and west of Winona. Our watch is mostly coordinated e-mails and phone calls to lists of neighbors, rather than time-consuming meetings! Volunteer! At the board meeting, several neighborhood watch coordinators will be able to collect telephone and e-mail information.



Signs inform new residents and visitors that LFSNA looks after our neighborhood. We would like to work together as residents within LFSNA to bulk order and install signs at the "gateways" to the square and at key intersections, so that visitors and residents alike know that we are paying attention to activity in our neighborhood. There are smaller Neighborhood Watch interblock signs available, too. LFSNA is using membership fees to install them. They cost from \$50 to \$75 dollars (plus brackets). We do the paperwork and put them where it is legal to do so. We think it is important to have these signs posted where *you* know they'll deter criminal activity. Let us know where to look!

Cameras and calls to other city agencies help keep us safe. It is not legal to park for more than 72 hours. Call 1-800-Abandon with a description and plate number of any questionable vehicle. It is not legal to sleep in cars, trucks, or RVs – even during the day! It is not legal to remove trash from bins, and littering carries a \$150.00 fine. Report tagging immediately – pictures help! – and the city will clean it up, free. By being neighborly neighbors, we make it easier for LAPD to do its job.

Recent events, particularly in Japan, have made us remember that we need to prepare in order to continue our lives through disasters. If you haven't taken the free CERT course the Los Angeles Fire Department teaches, please do! It is a fantastic group exercise that prepares everyone you know to work together to respond to emergencies (fire, flood, major traffic incident, etc.), including first aid triage and securing emergency areas. Andrea Laderosa, GGPNC Public Safety Chair, will do a CERT presentation and sign up at our LFSNA meeting on May 5th.

CHEAT SHEET

Be Prepared for Three Days without Emergency Services, Utilities, or Use of Your Home.

In the case of "the big one," you may not be able to re-enter your home. Professional emergency response teams may not be able to answer individual calls for three days. Roads may not be cleared for evacuation for weeks. Water, natural gas, and electricity may be disrupted. While government workers rescue those in peril, we need to be able to care for ourselves and each other.

If you can, store supplies in a shed or other structure separate from your home, or in a closet near a door. Remember to rotate supplies frequently: gasoline and propane gels, water sours and evaporates, and packaged food expires. Here are some guidelines for SUPPLIES:

WATER: Essential. One gallon of water a day (for each of three days) per person or pet for drinking and food prep is a good guideline for the amount of spare water you should have on hand at all times, but you will need significantly more water per person in hot weather. Use pool water only for washing or flushing, never for drinking. Rain barrel water and water from a water heater tank can be filtered and boiled. Most supply houses sell, at a modest cost, large spill proof plastic water storage barrels, pumps, and water purifier that will keep enough water for a family fresh for a year.

FOOD: Consider foods and medicines you and your pets will need for three days, but also the means to prepare and serve the food. For example, children might think eating tuna and beans out of cans (remember to pack an opener and cutlery) while camped outside in the rain is cool, but a little pantry rotating and coordination with a grill and ice chest will guarantee comforting meals, even if you are unable to access your kitchen. If you have a propane grill, you must rotate the tank to make sure it is full at all times and doesn't gel. You might want a small camp stove, utensils, old pots and pans, granola bars, and electrolytes to add to water.

FIRST AID: We are fortunate to be close to hospitals, but they will be overwhelmed. In addition to a jumbo first aid kit, make sure you have ace bandages, slings, kleenex, and over the counter pain and cold medicine. Keep eyeglasses and prescription medicines together so they can be grabbed as you rush to the door.

OTHER: Cash. Analog telephone. Cell phone chargers. An always-charged battery-operated generator. Solar or crank radio, flashlights, batteries. Rain gear. Toilet paper. Blankets.

Board Members

Tom Campanella, President
Dana Cremin, Secretary
Lynne Beavers, Outreach
Scott Einziger, Treasurer
Paul Schiada, Legal
Catherine Daly, Communications

Our election will take place online through e-mail and electronic polling. Come to the meeting to run for a position & get involved; visit the website for more information: <http://www.losfelizsquare.org>

Membership

Enclose a check in the envelope, or sign up online!

Leadership: \$100/year.

Free advertorials in online and printed communications, sustaining member benefits.

Sustaining: \$50/year.

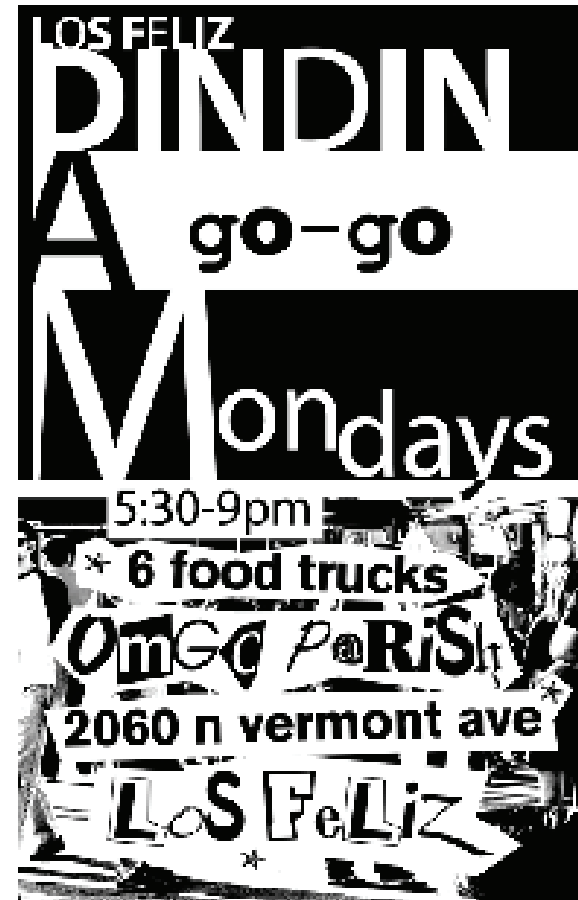
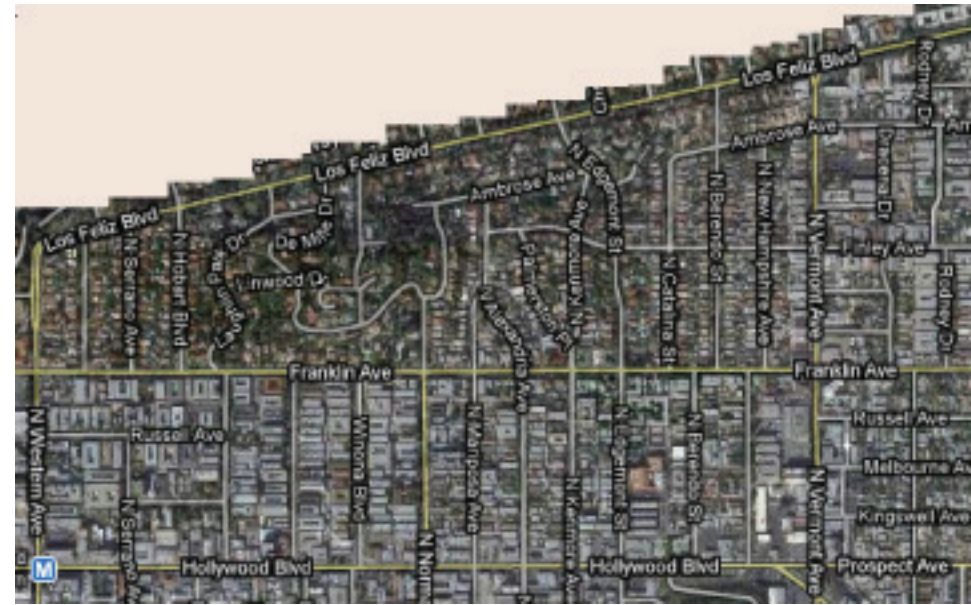
Eligibility for board membership elections, plus full regular member benefits.

Associate: \$20/year. Voting membership. Join us.

Los Feliz Square Neighbor: Free Neighborhood news and information updates, meetings, conviviality, encouragement, support.

We're extending to include everyone between Hollywood Boulevard and Los Feliz Boulevard west of Normandie to Western Avenue, the historical westernmost boundary of the City of Los Angeles. We homeowners and renters share concerns with traffic and safety, park access, and Vermont-Western Corridor development. We'd rather be rectangular!

The next CERT Level I course
Our Mother of Good Counsel
2060 N. Vermont
Wednesdays, June 29 to
August 10
7 pm



*Please join us
for the Los Feliz Square
Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting*

**Thursday May 5th
7 p.m.**

**Our Mother of Good Counsel
2060 North Vermont Avenue**

Agenda:
Regular Business
LAPD, LAFD
CERT Course Information
LFSNA Elections Discussion

*snacks! neighbors! friends!
come to join the Square*