

CALENDAR of EVENTS

FEBRUARY 22-27

Ivanhoe Elementary Annual Scholastic Book Fair

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the 22, 26 and 27. Family Night is Friday, Feb. 23 with the Fair open till 9:00 p.m. Plus you can shop till you drop Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The school is located at 2828 Herkimer at Rowena. Call 664-0051 for more information.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

Candidates' Forum for 13th City Council District.

Friendship Hall, 3201 Riverside Drive (just south of Los Feliz Blvd.) Doors open at 6 p.m. for viewing of Silver Lake Master Plan. See insert and article on page 2 for details.

SUNDAY APRIL 8

Neutra Home Tour

Offered by Dion Neutra's Institute for Survival Through Design. Begins at 1 p.m. See article on page 2 for details.

SUNDAY APRIL 8

Ride the River thru' the Seasons

Sponsored by North East Trees (NET), Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. 10 a.m. departure from the LA River Center and Gardens, 570 W. Ave 26. Suggested donation \$4. A non-strenuous ride along the scenic Glendale Narrows stretch of the L A River. Call 323.462.8116 for more information.

SATURDAY APRIL 14

Celebrate Earth Day

Sponsored by North East Trees. Meet at 11 a.m. at Atwater Village, care for trees and see wildflowers marking the Anza Trail at the new Water With Rocks gate at Fletcher Drive and the Los Angeles River. (Earth Day actual date is April 22.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Los Angeles Family School Spring Faire/Silent Auction

11a.m.- 5p.m. The theme is "Springtime on the Farm." The school will be transformed into a festive carnival with game booths, cake walks, live entertainment, pony rides, petting zoo, and Silent Auction. Entrance costs \$4 for adult and one child. LAFS is located at 2646 Griffith Park Blvd. at Hyperion. Call 323.663.8049 for more information.

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A Letter from the President

BY CATHERINE MOYERS

The most important issue facing Silver Lake residents as this newsletter goes to press is the City Council race for the 13th District. Currently, a great deal of Silver Lake and most of Hollywood has been left without representation on the City Council due to the departure of Jackie Goldberg in early December. The Council voted to have a representative from the Chief Legislative Analyst's (CLA) Office caretake the 13th District until the election in April, with a runoff in July. The timing is awkward because budget items are being addressed currently and our district doesn't have a voice or vote on the Council. One victim is the Silver Lake Master Plan, approved by the Board of the DWP in December, because there is no leader to bring together the many City entities involved in the plan, including the departments of Recreation and Parks, Transportation, Planning, Water and Power and others.

Many other issues, including several addressed in this newsletter (i.e. the status of permit parking near Spaceland) may also get put on "hold" while we wait for a new council representative. Whether the issues be planning and development items, beautification or traffic issues, each has its own city department, but it's just nice to have your councilperson write a letter or make a phone call in your behalf.

On January 23, the City Council entertained a motion by City Councilmember Laura Chick to give Goldberg's Chief Deputy, Sharon Delugach, voting privileges. (Ms. Delugach is not running for the office.) Although there was no broad announcement of this hearing, many community members came out in support of the motion.

However, it seems that the Council can't come to a conclusion on matters of significance (ie: the Greek Theatre gridlock) and the matter was sent to committee. At press time there was no word of when the Council might hear the matter again, although it could be after the election.

In the meantime, you can still call the 13th District field office where Connie Farfan is hard at work, at 323-913-4755, or you can call Avok Kheotahian in the CLA office at 213-473-5734.

Issues like this one is why the Neighborhood Council (NC) is important. Be sure to read the article by Vince Brook and Maryann Kuk in this newsletter about the formation of our local NC. Whether it's billboards, trashcans, the Greek Theatre, or council representation there is power in numbers.

On a cheerier note, I wanted to make sure that members know that you're dues are tax deductible. And here's a pitch for dues payment: Please look at your address label's lower right corner; it lists your dues paid-through date. There are lots of you that are pretty delinquent. Envelopes are enclosed for dues payment. Also, any donation made to the SLRA is deductible, which is one reason we can't be political, just informational. Thanks in advance for your support.

If you noticed a new look to our newsletter, hearty thanks are due to Silver Lake residents Carla Lazzareschi and Patricia Moritz for their efforts. We have the Times for the big picture, and the Independent for more local flavor, but this newsletter is what you call real community news, news you can use.

So, as a reminder, please come out to the 13th City Council Candidates Forum on March 7th (see insert for details). Maybe if you get informed and vote, we can avoid a runoff. Just maybe. And that would be good news.

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**7.p.m. March 7
Fellowship Hall,
3201 Riverside Drive
(just south of Los Feliz Blvd.)
See details on pg. 2**

PERMIT PARKING PROPOSED NEAR SPACELAND CLUB

For years, the Silver Lake residents near the rock club called Spaceland (also known as Dreams), near the corner of Silver Lake Boulevard and Effie, have put up with loud music, on-street noise from its patrons, litter, and severe parking problems.

So residents last summer began an effort to get residential preferential parking on eight nearby streets: West Silverlake Drive and Westerly Terrace between Effie and Van Pelt, and those side streets, plus Swan Place, up to but not including Silverlake Boulevard. The preferred parking plan is proposed to be in effect from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. so as not to harm the business of the responsible restaurants and shops in the area.

Encouragement came from staffers of former City Council member Jackie Goldberg and the city transportation department. And, as required, more than two-thirds of the residents of the affected blocks signed the petition, even though the permits would involve annual fees. A subsequent city study showed that club customers were taking up the majority of street spots and concluded that preferential parking is justified.

A November 7 public hearing attracted about 70 people, most of whom spoke in deep anger at the many problems caused by Spaceland. However, some neighbors from adjacent blocks expressed concern that the proposed parking would simply shift problems over to their blocks. Some of them offered to conduct their own petition drive to join the proposed district. Although the owner of Spaceland promised to explore ways to expand his parking lot, he faced deep skepticism.

A final report from the city is expected. But Goldberg's departure has apparently delayed the necessary council backing.

**Are your
Association dues overdue?
Please help by renewing now!!**

City Council Candidates' Forum Set for Fellowship Hall March 7

Eight years ago, the last time there was a vacant seat in the 13th City Council District, the community was faced with a field of a dozen candidates. Once again the seat is vacant, and now we have 13 candidates from which to choose. Once again, the choice is critical to the preservation of the open reservoirs and improvement of the surrounding environs. Déjà vu all over again.

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, April 10. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, the two candidates receiving the most votes will vie in the run-off/final election on June 12.

A large turnout at the Candidates' Forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 7 at Friendship Auditorium (3201 Riverside Drive - just south of Los Feliz Blvd.) will put all of the candidates on notice that Silver Lake cares about which candidate will be representing it on the City Council.

The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the formal program will begin at 7:00 pm and will include a presentation of the Master Plan for the Silver Lake Reservoirs - recently approved by the

Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Refreshments will be served. Ample parking is available adjacent to the Auditorium.

We'd like to ask you to help us get the word out. You can call the Committee to Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs hot line at 213-612-5721 and volunteer to deliver flyers or discuss other ways you can help. You can forward the meeting notice on the web site (www.silverlake.org) to friends who live in the district.

You can also prepare written questions that the candidates may address at the forum (they may be sent to CSSLR at P.O. Box 39735, Los Angeles, CA 90039 or brought to the forum).

Interest from the candidates has been strong, and all candidates who have met the fundraising threshold for public matching funds will participate in the forum. If you care about the future of your community, do your best to become informed, register to vote (applications will be available at the forum) if you haven't already and don't forget to vote on April 10.

NEUTRA HOUSE TOUR COMING IN APRIL

BY CATHERINE MOYERS

Neutra architecture enthusiasts should mark Sunday, April 8th on their calendars. 2001 marks 75 years that the Neutra Design Firm has had offices in Los Angeles. The day will also commemorate Richard Neutra's 109th birthday. For this celebration, eight Neutra interiors will be opened, some of them for the first time. All the locations are within walking distance of the Neutra Office Building. The tour will be held from 1p.m. to 6 p.m..

The tour is sponsored by the Institute for Survival Through Design. The tax-

deductible tickets are \$45 per person and include a \$15 membership in the Institute for this year. They may be ordered by sending a check made out to the Institute, c/o Neutra's son, architect Dion Neutra, 2440 Neutra Place, Los Angeles, CA 90039, by calling (323) 666-1806, or by emailing him at DionN@aol.com. The event is likely to sell out, so early reservations are well-advised.

Docents are also needed to man stations in the houses. Volunteers are needed part time on Saturday, April 7, as well as for the Sunday event. If you are available, you can contact Dion by phone, email, or writing.

OLD FIREHOUSE MAY OPEN AS EDENDALE GRILL

BY CATHERINE MOYERS

Entrepreneurs Patti Peck and Melanie Tusquellas have plans to open The Edendale Grill in the old Engine Co 56 building on Rowena. The classic brick building, vacant for the last 12 years, is on the City Historical Register and is described as "one the few remaining Mediterranean bungalow type houses in the City."

According to provisions of the register, the building must be restored to its former state. That is fortunate for Peck and Tusquellas because much of the building's classic hardware and deep windows will add the charm of another era to their restaurant. Most delightful is the lovely pressed tin ceiling in the future cocktail lounge area of the restaurant—the station's former truck bay.

The Edendale Grill will be an upscale urban roadhouse with a lively menu and indoor and outdoor dining. Mature trees on the patio will shield the view and muffle sounds for nearby neighbors. A fountain on the patio will also absorb the sounds of outdoor diners. The partners want to offer free valet parking at a nearby lot so diner parking won't affect surrounding neighbors.

Both Peck and Tusquellas have experience in the food industry. Until recently, Peck owned and operated for seven years Millie's Restaurant, the nationally known diner on Sunset. Tusquellas is a member of the Tusquellas Seafoods family, that is a standard at the Farmers Market on Fairfax.

There will be a Conditional Use Permit hearing coming up in the next few weeks. Check the SLRA website for more information.

**Become active in the Silver Lake Residents Association
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Master Plan Approved

BY MARYANN KUK

After more than two years of planning, meetings, workshops, input and revisions, the Department of Water & Power Board of Commissioners approved the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan on December 19, 2000.

The Plan outlines a variety of improvements on both the DWP property and the adjacent roadways. When implemented these improvements should provide a safe and separate 24-hour walking/jogging path around the reservoir, a walking/jogging path through the hill and meadow which will have limited access hours, a more attractive fence and improved landscaping.

At the same time, the plan strives to

maintain the natural, sylvan setting and bird and animal habitat as it exists now as well as the DWP's ability to re-claim any of its land which might be needed for future water quality improvements or facilities.

The next step is securing funding for the Plan's implementation. If you have grant proposal writing skills or landscape design expertise, we need your help. Just call the SLRA or CSSLR hotlines.

The big color illustrative boards and a few copies of the 300 page Plan will be available for review at the Candidate's Forum on March 7 at Friendship Hall (see announcement elsewhere in this newsletter). The 5-page executive summary will be available for attendees to take home and then available off the web site on March 8.

Silver Lake's Gateway Gets a New Mural

BY HARRY OTTO
GSL CHAIR

If you've had the opportunity to drive past the Gateway to Silver Lake (GSL) site at Silver Lake Blvd. and the Hollywood Freeway you may have noticed the new mural located at the south/eastern panel of the bridge supports. This, the third in the series of eight locally inspired murals that the GSL committee commissioned about two years ago, depicts many of the unique and beloved local sights here in Silver Lake.

Executed by local artist and muralist, Leonardo Giacomuzzo, in an abstract collage style, it joins the mural on the south side of Silver Lake Blvd. by Annie Sperling and is across the street from the mural by Ernesto De la Loza. These three murals will soon be joined by a fourth by local artist and muralist Frank Romero and a fifth by Eloy Torres

Also in the works is the landscaping of the center islands on the western side of the Hollywood Freeway along Silver Lake Blvd. These islands will eventually take on the beautiful appearance of the tree-lined island along Silver Lake Blvd., on the eastern side of the Hollywood Freeway. This is still in the process of being funded and any donations via California Federal Bank on Glendale Blvd. are very welcomed. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) and local area politicians have helped tremendously with the removal of the asphalt surface and installation of the required water meters. Now we just need the funds for construction. We hope to have this area irrigated and landscaped by spring pending the success of our fundraising efforts.

If you can see the completed project in your mind's eye as we do at GSL-2000, you can see how the area will truly be a brilliant Gateway to the Silver Lake community.

All Invited to Enter Silver Lake Queen Pageant

The Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce is planning another terrific event for our Community on Saturday, May 12, 2001—the day before Mothers Day.

We are having a Fashion Show from local shops and a Queen of Silver Lake Pageant. We want this event to bring all of you out for fun, community pride and a good cause. As some of you may have read, there is a new, 40-unit housing project opening this Spring on Sunset Blvd. called the Alegria House.

The project will house families affected by HIV/AIDS. A childcare center, offices for support services and low rents will be available. We not only

want to help them fill a budget deficit, but welcome the project to Silver Lake.

Ken Molina, Chairperson of the Board of the Chamber and Real Estate agent, is in charge of the pageant and Julio Douglas, manager of Eat Well is organizing the fashion show.

The event will start on Saturday afternoon and proceed into the evening. Anyone can enter the Pageant, model local fashions, set up a boutique booth near the stage, or provide musical entertainment in the evening. The event itself will take place near Sunset Junction at the old "Detour" parking lot

Call the Chamber at (323) 665-1281 for more information.

A REPORT FROM PROTECTION ONE

Protection One Security, which has provided patrol and alarm response service in Silver Lake since 1994, is currently offering SLRA members a \$5 per month discount off its regular patrol fees.

The company is dropping its regular \$30 monthly patrol charge to \$25 for SLRA members to encourage new subscriptions that will insure the continued presence of a 24-hour patrol car in Silver Lake. The company is also offering to help members convert their existing monitored alarm system to Protection One when that contract expires at no charge. The special price for alarm monitoring for SLRA members is \$25.95 per month.

The company said its recent customer service phone problems were traced to the expansion and remodeling of its main office in Van Nuys and have been solved. The direct phone numbers of pertinent service personnel are listed below.

You might want to keep these numbers near your telephone.

Michael D. Williams
National Patrol Sales Manager
Direct line (818) 373-6255
Pager (818) 375-5881
Pager # (818) 375-5881
Lt. Allan Slonim
Patrol Sales Administrator
Direct line (818) 373-6246
Cell phone (818) 266-3272
Emergency Response Center (call here for all patrol dispatches, emergency requests and vacation checks)
(800) 275-5581
General Customer Service and Billing
(800) 438-4357
Minor Billing Problems
Valerie Zambrana
(818) 373-6220
Alarm Sales Representative
Len Cournoyer
(818) 719-5568

A Warning About Petitions

BY MARYANN KUK

Over the past few years I've been asked to sign petitions about a variety of issues. And I have. But now, I'm more wary about the causes being championed.

Currently there are two issues in Silver Lake about which petition signers must be fully aware.

The first is the re-naming of the Silver Lake Recreation Center to honor Edward Fickett. While Mr. Fickett was an esteemed architect, he had nothing to do with the original design, completed pro-bono by Christian Dufay. (Mr. Fickett's firm was hired by the city to do construction plans.) Silver Lake was named after Herman Silver who was a contemporary of William Mulholland.

This campaign is led by Mrs. Fickett and was endorsed by former City Council member Jackie Goldberg

without any consultation with the community. When news of this change accidentally came to the Board, we were appalled and immediately objected. Residents have also spoken out against the plan. For the moment, the proposal has been stopped.

The second issue has to do with the color of the walls of Silver Lake Reservoir. This petition seeks to insure that the walls of Silver Lake reservoir are not repaved to match those of Ivanhoe Reservoir (the campaign leader apparently doesn't like the color).

Despite repeated assurance from the Department of Water & Power that it would be too costly to refinish Silver Lake with concrete, he continues with his petitioning, demanding signers' attention and leaving people feeling acosted. Then they call me and ask what they should have done.

I tell them, just say no.

Sex Clubs Finally Closed

BY KATHRYN ROWLEY

After four-years of community meetings and discussion, governmental hearings, and court trials, three illegally operating sexual encounter clubs on Hyperion Avenue — Basic Plumbing and Exxiles — and one on Myra Avenue — The Prowl — have closed.

Last July, the owners of Exxiles and The Prowl and the fee owners of the land underlying both clubs, pled no contest to the criminal charges brought against them by the LA City Attorneys Office and entered into a consent decree pursuant to which the clubs closed on August 1.

The owner and the fee owner of Basic Plumbing elected to proceed with a criminal trial which resulted in jury

verdicts against them on three counts: operating an adult entertainment establishment (i.e. sexual encounter club) within 500' of residential property zoned R-1, operating without appropriate permits and maintaining a public nuisance.

Thereafter, to avert a pending civil trial, the owner of Basic Plumbing and the fee owner of the land underlying the club, entered into a consent decree pursuant to which they agreed to cease operating as a sexual encounter club on or before December 1, 2000. We understand that the closures of the clubs has had an extremely positive effect on the quality of life of the residents living in the areas where the clubs were located.

During the last two years, while working to bring the illegally operating

clubs into compliance with City ordinances, community members, the LAPD and LA City officials have worked together with the owner/operator of a sexual encounter club to open such an establishment in compliance with City ordinances. In mid-September, 2000, Slammer opened for business as a sexual encounter club in an appropriately zoned location on Beverly Boulevard, between Vermont Avenue and Virgil Avenue, in fully compliance with City requirements.

We can only hope that the closure of the three clubs, coupled with the consent decree restrictions on the use of the properties as sexual encounter clubs, and the successful opening of Slammer brings to an end a very controversial and divisive period in the history of Franklin Hills and Silverlake.

GARDEN CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Silver Lake Gardening Club celebrated its 4th anniversary at its January meeting held at the home of Lynn Zuccaro. Tina Ross founded the club and served as the president for 3 years. The club has grown over the years and now includes members from all over Silver Lake, including 3 Master Gardeners.

The club meets monthly and alternates field trips with meetings at members' houses. The big trip planned for this year is to Lotusland, outside of Santa Barbara. The club also adopted the King School re-landscaping effort as its community project.

The next meeting is on Feb. 24th and includes a workday at King from 9AM to noon. If you love gardening, please come out and join us.

Please feel free to e-mail me for more information: Sandra Gold, President, Silver Lake Gardening Club, segold@concentric.net



Order your new SLRA T-shirt with a three-color graphic illustrating distinctive elements of Silver Lake designed by neighborhood artist Sara

Swan. Sizes range from 2-4 child's to XL adult. All are \$10. Call Catherine Moyers at 323.663.3543 or go to the SLRA website at www.silverlake.org

Neighborhood Council Update

BY VINCE BROOK
AND MARYANN KUK

As was becoming clear from the last few formation committee meetings, the momentum was starting to shift toward a wider multi-community neighborhood council versus a Silver Lake-specific one. Indeed, once the consensus began to move in this direction, the whole process really started to pick up steam and come together.

Since the Fall, there have been a series of regular monthly meetings attended by 30-plus community activists from Silver Lake, Atwater Village, Franklin Hills and Los Feliz which has generated a lot of energy and enthusiasm around the idea of a regional council made up of these four communities without sacrificing the already-established groups.

East Hollywood was also considering joining for a while, and Echo Park reps attended some meetings, but due to a lack of concerted interest, these areas have dropped out of the picture for now.

Despite the commitment toward a larger, coalition-type council, our working motto thus far has been FLEXIBILITY. We're leaving ourselves open for all manner of happenstance and if the larger council idea turns out to be too unwieldy, we can always break up into smaller groups, teaming up again as need be. But for now, as stated, the consensus is that the broader-based neighborhood council idea is a promising one and will be pursued.

As far as the governance, we've tentatively decided on four reps from each of the four communities, plus 5 at-large reps from schools, churches, parks, cultural organizations, etc.—for a total of 21 NC reps.

The four community reps are to be selected by the individual communities in their own way, so long as the process

meets the conditions laid down by the City's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)—the most important condition being that all "stakeholders" (homeowners, renters, business owners, youth, seniors, etc.) be represented.

Our next meeting will, among other things, be taking up the issues of a name for the group and a mission statement.

One of the more prominent names proposed so far is PAWAH—an acronym for Park Water Hills—which sounds like POWER, has a Native American ring, and refers to significant environmental markers in the region: Griffith PARK, the LA River and Silver Lake bodies of WATER, and Franklin (and other area's) HILLS.

We're hoping the larger group will better position us to deal in a more politically effective way with quality-of-life issues that impact individual communities and the region as a whole, while not detracting from and possibly even enhancing the many local group efforts planned or already underway.

Another issue that must be addressed as we move forward in the process is dispute resolution—when one community's wish creates a problem in an adjoining community. There is no provision from DONE to address this very divisive issue.

**Join the Silver Lake
Residents Association**

323-661-6465

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SILVER LAKE PARK

BY NALINI LASIEWICZ
PAB MEMBER, SILVER LAKE

Silver Lake Recreation Center has launched a new volunteer Park Advisory Board (PAB) for representing the Park in dealing with community issues and supporting programs.

The new PAB is dedicated to insuring that Silver Lake Park remains an integral part of the community.

A major focus this year is expanding the base of volunteers needed to support the Center's year-round athletic and activity program schedule.

The largest program at Silver Lake, and one that has served local families for years, is Youth Sports.

Currently over 400 youngsters participate in organized league play of basketball, baseball, soccer and flag football, from the age 5 to 15.

Silver Lake also has a new program for residents over 50. Our Senior Club is offering classes and activities as an official member of the federation of Senior Clubs under the Dept. of Recreation and Parks.

By-laws state that residents of all ages are invited to join in free. Yoga classes (Mon. and Wed. from 10am -12 noon) and Life Story Writing Classes (Mon. and Wed. from 1pm - 3pm) are currently in session.

One of the top issues facing Silver Lake Park is a critical shortage of fields and gyms in the area.

The Park Advisory Board is working to scout opportunities for capital improvements and new sites for athletic and other programs.

If you would like to volunteer with any of the programs mentioned or join any of the committees now forming, please call the Silver Lake Recreation Center at 323-644-3946.

All volunteers are warmly appreciated, and you have the additional benefit of knowing that you are working to support your neighborhood.

THE EARTH MOVED— FINALLY!!

BY MARYANN KUK

As a follow up to the somewhat discouraged last report in our previous newsletter, real progress has been made on the Riverside Drive Menlo property, north of Fletcher.

The developer, Mr. Menlo has decided (with a civil court case looming) to restore and stabilize the hillside. The City of Los Angeles Grading Department met with several neighbors who reviewed the plan.

The City has required the removal of all of the uncompacted fill left over from the building of the adjoining apartment building and restore what soil is needed for stabilization properly compacted, some retaining walls, drainage channels, landscaping and irrigation.

All of this is to be completed within 8 months (barring uncontrollable delay by rain). There is a grading inspector on site daily who reports any unforeseen geological issues or any other item that requires on the spot analysis.

All in all, real progress has been made in 2 months after 10 years of stalemate.

When asked whether Mr. Menlo or another owner might now want to build apartment buildings on this site, the grading department thought that the cost of removing all of what is being done would be prohibitively costly—not to say never, but unlikely.

The community never objected to apartments on that site, just the big ugly boxes that were being proposed.

Alas, the housing shortage in Silver Lake will continue, but at least this gateway to Silver Lake, Atwater, Los Feliz and Elysian Valley won't be the unsightly mess that we've had to endure for 10 years.

**Don't forget the
Candidates' Forum
7 p.m.
Wednesday March 8**

Our Own Farmers Market? Just Maybe

BY BOHDAN ZACHARY

What's become a lively and popular weekly neighborhood tradition in Santa Monica, Pasadena, West Hollywood and Hollywood may finally (and hopefully) become part of Silver Lake life too.

If the normal and not so normal City shenanigans workout, a weekly farmers' market (featuring approximately 20 fruit and produce vendors) will have its start around May 4th. "We see this benefiting our community in many ways," says Michael McKinley who has been working on this project for nearly three years. The idea behind a Silver Lake farmers market is:

- To supply high quality produce and vegetables to the neighborhood residents and restaurants.
- To create more exposure to the business district.
- To bring this diverse neighborhood residents together in a non-threatening way.
- To use our youth program and youth from Marshall High to eventually run this project.

McKinley is the Silver Lake resident who has spearheaded the annual Sunset Junction Street Fair since its inception 21 years ago.

The site both he and Marion Kalb,

head of Southland Farms (the non profit coordinating body for most of the farmers markets in the City), prefer is the Triangle Park area, roughly running from where Griffith Park Blvd. starts at Sunset to Edgecliffe, where the El Conquistador Restaurant is located.

More than 100 area residents have called or written City Councilmembers Jackie Goldberg and John Ferraro to support the project. Not unexpectedly there have been some opposing voices that want the farmers market – but elsewhere.

To make the Triangle Park site possible, however, the City Council must approve the weekly street closure of this small area. But getting the motion on the table—when there is no one with voting power in Jackie Goldberg's vacated seat—is the crux of the problem. To that end, McKinley hopes another Council member will bring the street closure motion to the full council.

Continued Silver Lake residents' support is critical both at this juncture and when the street closure motion is brought before the full City Council. As the farmers market straddles both Council District 13 and Council District 4, calls to both Claudia Barton (213) 485-3353 in Jackie Goldberg's former office and Lupe Franco (213) 485-3337 in John Ferraro's office are appropriate.

SLRA Needs New Planning Volunteer

With the departure of long time board member, Bill Wilbur, the SLRA board needs a new member who has a flexible schedule and some knowledge of planning issues. This is a fairly significant role on our board, and Bill will be sorely missed. But there continue to be open lots that will be developed...or not, historical buildings to preserve...or not, and variances requested on a regular basis. Hearings on these matters are usually held in the daytime, making it difficult for most people to make them.

If you're interested in investigating this position a little more, please call the hotline or write us via our website, www.silverlake.org