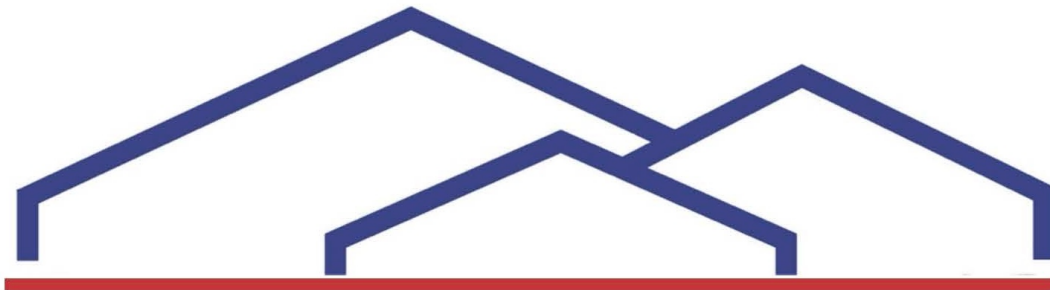




2024 ANNUAL MEETING

*What is the city doing to protect our community
from natural disasters and increased crime?
What can WE do to strengthen our community?*



Brentwood Strong

MONDAY, MARCH 18 ★ 7:00PM

Special Guests

Mayor Karen Bass

Councilwoman Traci Park

Fire Chief Kristin Crowley

LAPD Assistant Chief Blake Chow

Food and beverages served 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Brentwood School East Campus

Middle School Auditorium

Registration Required

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President's Letter

A Message from Thelma Waxman

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Brentwood Homeowners Association's (BHA) volunteer board of directors is working to create the kind of community we all want to live in. We are lucky to have a dedicated group of individuals who are not content to sit back and wait for the City to address our concerns about quality-of-life issues. Rather, they tackle Brentwood's problems head on and do not take no for an answer! Last year, BHA negotiated an historic private agreement with Mount Saint Mary's University that will result in

additional protections for the community for 20 years. (see Ray Klein's article on page 3). After neighbors failed to get action from the City's Urban Forestry division about the destruction of protected trees on a lot on Tigertail, BHA drafted a resolution demanding that the City's protected tree ordinances be enforced and a City Council motion introduced that would allow a private right of action to enforce the Protected Tree Ordinance. Brentwood Community Council passed the resolution last year, after which members of BHA met with Councilwoman Park's representatives to discuss implementation of the resolution.

The headlines from this 1950 local newspaper show some things never change!

Burglaries. Floods. Mudslides. Earthquakes. At times it feels as if we are living in a horror movie. While we have no control over when these natural disasters will occur, we can control the outcome. By strengthening the bonds of our community, we can create a partnership that is ready to meet the next catastrophe by preparing our property to resist wildfires, by alerting each other to potential harms (whether mudslides or criminal activity), and by working effectively with our first responders and our City agencies. But we can't do it alone. We need all of you to participate. We hope you will attend our annual meeting to find out more on how we will become **Brentwood Strong**.



Board members Ray Klein, Kathleen Flanagan and Tania Greenberg with Carlos at Barrington Rec Center's Toy Drive.

Protecting Our Neighborhood

Mitigating School Traffic and Ensuring Safety

By Ray Klein

Brentwood boasts exceptional schools, both public and private, and suffers from the traffic they generate. Residents are also familiar with the drop in traffic during school holidays and summer breaks. This temporary relief underscores the ongoing need for the Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA) to address school-related traffic throughout the year.



In collaboration with public schools, BHA played a pivotal role in funding additional buses to the Valley during the nascent stages of a new bus line at Paul Revere Middle School, ensuring self-sufficiency as ridership grew. Similarly, when private schools sought to expand their facilities, enrollment, and extracurricular activities, BHA negotiated 20-year agreements with reasonable growth limitations. Notable agreements were forged with Brentwood School in 2014 and Archer School for Girls in 2015, mandating regular compliance reports and enforcement provisions to address any deviations.

In June 2023, a significant milestone was achieved as BHA entered into a groundbreaking 20-year agreement with Mount Saint Mary's University—the first such agreement since the institution's establishment in Brentwood in 1930. Beyond controlling vehicle trips and enrollment, the agreement encompasses provisions for fire and emergency preparedness, informed by the lessons gleaned from the community's experience during the 2019 Getty fire. BHA anticipates that these measures will substantially bolster the safety of both the school's occupants and neighboring residents during emergencies.

While the City of Los Angeles imposes conditions on private school growth, the City's effectiveness in monitoring and enforcing these conditions is often questioned. Hence, the significance of BHA's agreements cannot be overstated. Achieving these impactful outcomes necessitates the engagement of legal and expert resources, sometimes leading to litigation. We extend our gratitude to our BHA members whose dues enable us to cover these expenses.

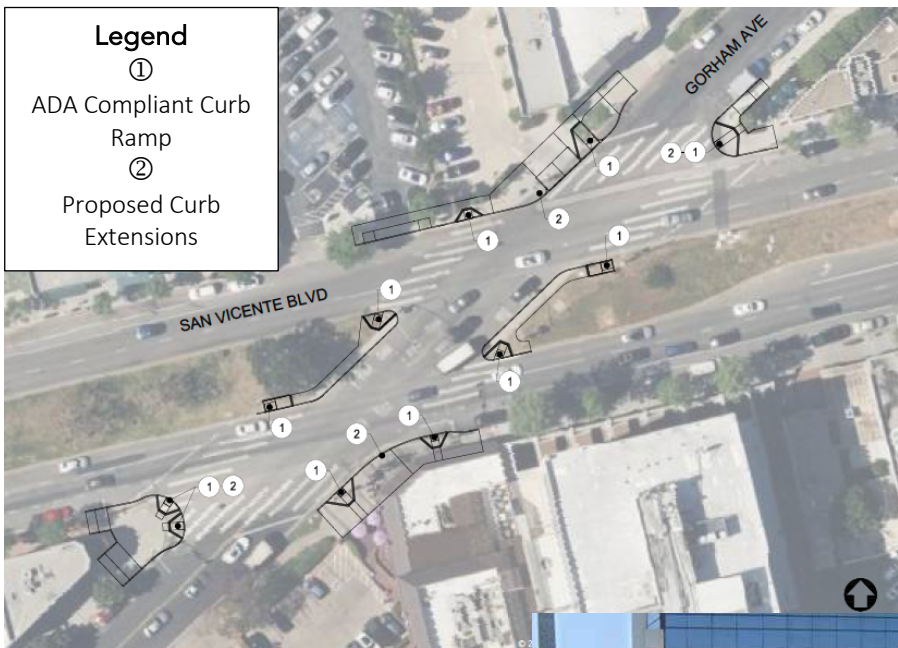
BHA remains committed to fostering a harmonious relationship between Brentwood's educational institutions and its residents, ensuring not only efficient traffic management but also prioritizing the safety and well-being of the community at large.

San Vicente Blvd Enhancements

Improving Walkability

For the past six years, BHA has participated in quarterly meetings that include the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), CD-11 representatives and community partners from Brentwood. These meetings provide an opportunity for BHA to learn more about what projects LADOT is considering in Brentwood. But just as important, it provides a forum where BHA can communicate transportation-related issues raised by our members directly to LADOT and the council office. One of the issues discussed over the years has been improving the pedestrian experience on San Vicente Boulevard i.e. walkability. The intersections of Gorham, Montana and Barrington lack curb ramps and acceptable curb lengths for waiting to cross overly wide intersections and have inaccessible crosswalk buttons for pedestrians.

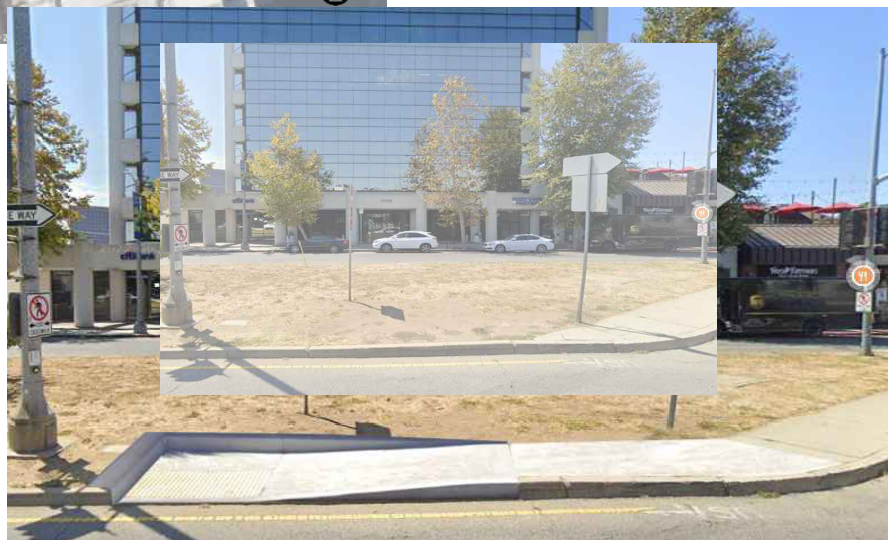
Example of proposed improvements at Gorham and San Vicente Blvd.



With funding from Measure M, Streets LA has proposed improvements at these three intersections. Without impeding vehicle lanes, curbs will be extended, ramps will be installed, and crosswalk buttons will be relocated to make the pedestrian experience more accessible and convenient. In addition, funding is being sought to landscape the medians and enhance gathering spaces (i.e. corners) with

community-approved designs.

As with all City projects, the timing will depend on funding, but we will keep you updated as it progresses through the process.



Example of ADA compliant curb ramp and extended sidewalk.

Useful Information

City Services: Who To Contact and When



MYLA311

Myla311.lacity.org

Quickest way to request help online for:

- bulky item pick-up and illegal dumping
- graffiti removal
- dead animal removal
- pothole - small asphalt repair
- abandoned vehicles and blocked driveways



LADWP

ladwp.com

800-342-5397 hotline

Sign up online to be notified of outages in your area.



Street Services LA

Streetsla.lacity.org

Manages and maintains City's street network of 23,000 lane miles and urban forest of 650,00 street trees.

For help with trees, sidewalks and street sweeping



LA Sanitation

lacitysan.org

Request new containers, bulky item pickups, and extra trash pickups from moving as well as the holiday schedule for trash collection



LA Department of Transportation

ladot.lacity.org

Report broken signals, signs, and parking meters as well as abandoned vehicles and blocked driveways

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	<p>LADOT Parking Management Ladotparking.org</p> <p>Find a towed/impounded vehicle, report abandoned vehicle, view live traffic info.</p> <p>To request parking enforcement, please call (818) 374-4823 or (213) 485-4184</p>
	<p>LA Department of Building and Safety Ladbs.org</p> <p>Click "Online Services" for help with property code violations and permit information as well as zoning information.</p>
	<p>Bureau of Street Lighting lalights.lacity.org</p> <p>Report a burned-out streetlamp or find an EV station.</p>
	<p>SoCal Gas Socalgas.com</p> <p>800-427-2200 Call to report a gas leak and go online to read how to deal with a suspected gas leak</p>
	<p>LA Animal Services laanimalservices.com</p> <p>888-452-7381</p> <p>For help with nuisance barking, dead animals and dangerous animals</p>

Here to Help

A Look Back at BHA's Efforts on Your Behalf in 2023

- Formed Residential Tree Preservation committee to address illegal removal of protected trees.
- Authored Brentwood Community Council resolution to require City to take steps to strengthen the City's tree ordinance and pass a motion to allow private right of action to enforce tree ordinance. (see resolution at Resources on our website).
- Met with representatives from Councilwoman Park's office to talk about the implementation of the BCC protected tree resolution.
- Led quarterly community traffic meetings with LADOT, CD-11, and other community partners in Brentwood.
- Formed Kenter Canyon School Traffic Committee with neighbors to address ongoing traffic problems associated with parents dropping off and picking up students.
- Met with LAUSD representatives from Nick Melvoin's office and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, the Principal of Kenter Canyon Elementary, the parent rep from the School's governance council and neighbors to discuss ongoing traffic problems and parent behavior.
- Hired traffic firm to count number of vehicle trips to and from Kenter Canyon Elementary School.
- Responded to hundreds of member emails about city ordinances, building permits, neighborhood issues.
- Attended public meetings about the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project as well as the 405 Express Lanes and Traffic Reduction Study; followed up with City representatives about concerns with each project.
- Negotiated Agreement with MSMU to settle litigation over the Wellness Pavilion project, resulting in 20-year private agreement with enforceable conditions.
- Met with Archer School and Brentwood School to review compliance with private agreements.
- Hosted annual picnic for hundreds of members who enjoyed free food, drink, prizes and entertainment.
- Sponsored first Wildfire Safety Fair for Brentwood residents to provide information from experts and vendors on how to protect your home, prepare for evacuation and to meet LAFD officials.
- Worked with LAPD to advise members on recent trends in crime and how to protect their home and valuables.
- Donated to Meals on Wheels, Special Olympics, Upward Bound, LAPD Holiday Toy Drive, Barrington Rec Center Holiday Toy Drive and represented BHA in homeless count.



please let us know about any name or address corrections

Your Membership Matters

Join over 1,500 of your neighbors and become a member of the largest homeowners association in Brentwood—BHA. Your membership is vital to protecting our quality of life and preserving our neighborhoods, which are being increasingly threatened by crime, fire danger, excessive traffic and unreasonable development.

Membership in Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA) provides you with valuable benefits:

- A resource for up-to-date information regarding City services and regulations that govern your neighborhood.
- An opportunity to hear about proposed developments in our community and changes in our City's ordinances before they happen.
- A way to communicate your frustrations, concerns and ideas to City Hall.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO JOIN NOW
AND REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**
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