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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Mission, Membership and Benefits**

The Cheviot Hills Home Owners' Association (CHHOA) is a primary source for accurate information about pending changes and events that impact Cheviot Hills. We maintain liaisons with local city service providers and government officials and support local community organizations with gifts and grants. Donations in 2022 were given to the two fire stations that serve our community and to Overland Avenue School, Vista Del Mar, the Riddick Center and West LA Homeless. Enhancing the funding of organizations that serve our neighborhood benefits all those who reside in it.

When events or policies in the larger community come into conflict with neighborhood interests, an engaged CHHOA can serve to inform and protect its residents. Check our website for updates or to find resources for questions that you may have: [www.cheviothills.org](http://www.cheviothills.org).

This has been a relatively uneventful year for our area. While the CHHOA Board counts that as a blessing, one downside is that residents seem to feel less of an imperative to maintain membership or actively participate in CHHOA. The modest annual household dues amount of \$95 has not been increased for several years. Yet, our current paid members are fewer than a third of the homes that we represent!

APS Security patrols our area under a contract maintained by CHHOA. There are additional APS-related benefits for homeowners who contribute to CHHOA to support neighborhood security. These homeowners are entitled to a seven-day annual vacation watch, which includes APS pulling in trash cans if they are on the curb and picking up flyers, doorknob ads and packages left on the porch. If access is open to a backyard, APS also can go around the side yard to check on the property. Finally, a dues-paying homeowner can receive two escorts per month (for example if arriving home late and concerned for their safety).

The cost of the APS service has always been CHHOA's largest expense item, and that cost increased significantly this year. If more Cheviot Hills homeowners contribute, we can increase the APS presence in our neighborhood beyond the current 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A final thought on security as it relates to our Neighborhood Watch program: Do you know who your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain is? Many residents do not. Our program is strong only if we have a majority of our blocks covered. Reach out to [neighborhoodwatch@cheviothills.org](mailto:neighborhoodwatch@cheviothills.org) to learn more about how you can help keep our neighborhood safe.

### **Redistricting and City Representation**

Redistricting last year slightly modified the perimeter of our City Council District (CD5). Katy Young Yaroslavsky was sworn in as our new City Council Representative on December 11 after winning the run-off election in November.

CD5 extends from the hills of Bel-Air all the way to Hancock Park. It is bounded roughly by the 405 Freeway to the west, Mulholland Drive to the north and Venice Boulevard to the south. It snakes around the cities of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood to the east. CD5 neighborhoods include Bel-Air, Westwood, Palms, Cheviot Hills, Century City, Beverlywood, Pico-Roberson, Beverly Grove, Miracle Mile, Carthay Circle, The Fairfax District and parts of Hancock Park.

**Local Projects We're Actively Monitoring To Make Sure Cheviot Hills is Heard:**

- A sizable mixed-use development is in the planning stages for Pico Boulevard (across from McDonald's). It will occupy the locations that used to be Johnny's Shoe Repair, The Bead Source, Adam's Music, and Teriyaki House. Variances are being sought to maximize the height and density for this project. We are keeping our ears to the ground so that we can weigh in on any potential adverse impact this may have.
- Plans are in place to re-landscape the medians along the center of Motor and Manning Avenues. The focus is to replace the low shrubbery with appropriate drought-resistant plantings and to repair the irrigations systems. Board members are meeting regularly with Urban Forestry to ensure an aesthetic outcome.
- Vista Del Mar and Angel City Football Club have a pending agreement to develop a state-of-the-art soccer training field on the VDM campus. The plan is for the facility to be leased by ACFC. We are expecting more information about this within the next few weeks. According to what we know to date, this should not have a negative impact on the surrounding residents and promises to be a win-win arrangement for the two parties directly involved.
- The former parking structure of Macy's at Overland and Ashby Avenues has been demolished and will be replaced by residential apartments and townhouses.
- The property at 2720 Monte Mar Terrace was purchased by a developer for \$11,000,000. It was once the estate of Fred Forrester and Agnes Moorehead. Two residents who live in the area are trying to prevent its demolition by appealing to the Los Angeles Conservancy Board to designate the home as a historic building. Watch our website for updates.
- The Rite Aid drugstore in the Vons Shopping Center at National Boulevard and Manning Avenue closed permanently at the end of November 2022.

Our CHHOA Board meets monthly – sometimes in person and sometimes via Zoom. CHHOA members (as well as residents eligible for membership) are welcome to attend these meetings. Scheduling and location information is posted on our website.

***Please help to keep the Cheviot Hills Home Owners' Association strong by paying your 2023 annual membership dues today! Dues may be paid either by mail or on our website: [www.cheviothills.org/join](http://www.cheviothills.org/join).***

My fellow Board members join me in wishing all in our community a healthy and happy 2023!

Sincerely,

Bob Keehn

President, CHHOA