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President's Message

Happy 100th Cheviot Hills!!!

The year is 1924. Calvin Coolidge is president. Prohibition is in effect. Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush are born. The Roaring Twenties are in full swing, and a 1.54 square-mile neighborhood in West Los Angeles known as Cheviot Hills is established. Happy 100th Birthday Cheviot Hills, you are the perfect neighborhood.

Given its proximity to both Fox and Sony studios, Cheviot Hills has had any number of notable residents, including, authors Ray Bradbury and Alex Haley, actors Lucille Ball, Jonah Hill, Stan Laurel, William Shatner, Agnes Moorehead and Ty Burrell, basketball greats Paul Pierce and Rudy Tomjanovich, tennis great Andy Rodick, drummer Travis Barker and singer Michelle Phillips, director Hal Roach, comedian Phil Silvers, Los Angeles Times owner Patrick Soon-Shiong, gold medalist Johnny Weissmuller and Governor Pete Wilson.

A lot has changed since then. Today there are over 1,400 homes in Cheviot Hills. In 1926 home prices in Cheviot Hills started at \$50,000. Today, thanks in part to recognition by a variety of publications as one of the best neighborhoods in the Country, home prices routinely surpass \$3 or \$4 million and have reached as high as \$11 million. A few years ago, City Lab named Cheviot Hills as the 24th best neighborhood in the United States. We have a lot to be proud of and thankful for.

We rarely give much thought to what makes a great neighborhood but when we do, it is things such as pride of ownership, good schools, family-friendly access to outdoor activities, access to public transportation, access to shopping and restaurants, walkability and low crime rates. Cheviot Hills has all these things and more.

We have a wonderful community of friends and neighbors who look out for one another and contribute to making Cheviot Hills an enviable place to live. A walk through the neighborhood demonstrates the obvious pride of ownership. We are fortunate to have our own (well, we like to think of them as our own) recreational centers at Rancho Park and Palms Park, including baseball and soccer fields, playgrounds, a gymnasium, a pool, tennis courts, and of course a golf course which all support outside activity and remind us why we love Southern California. We have a first-class school in Overland Elementary. We have access to public transportation and one of the finest malls in the Country, Century City, is in walking distance. Lastly, although it may not always feel like it, crime rates are down.

Since 1965, the Cheviot Hills Home Owners' Association ("CHHOA") has been serving the neighborhood. The CHHOA is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the quality of life in Cheviot Hills. We routinely work with local law enforcement agencies to monitor and help prevent crime in the neighborhood. We serve as the community liaison to our elected officials and help keep them accountable. We provide security patrol cars. We even fund the engagement of legal counsel and consultants when needed to protect the interests of our community. Currently, we are working directly with our City Council member to represent our interests on issues that affect the neighborhood.

While the CHHOA represents all residents of Cheviot Hills, not all residents are members of the CHHOA. Indeed, many are not, and if you are one of them, please consider joining so that we can continue to serve the neighborhood. If you are a renter, you can join with written permission from the homeowner. Your membership matters. The Association's efforts to maintain the residential nature and safety of Cheviot Hills are funded by voluntary annual dues of \$100 per household.

You can join or renew on-line at <https://cheviothills.org/join/> or send a check to:

Cheviot Hills Home Owners' Association
P.O. Box 64458
Los Angeles, CA 90064-0458

Additionally, we would love for you to join us at our monthly meeting and provide input as to how to improve our community or voice any concerns you may have. Meetings are generally held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Griffin Club. Up-to-date information can be found at the CHHOA Website.

There can be no doubt, Cheviot Hills with its charm and tree lined streets is one of Los Angeles' most desirable neighborhoods. So, during this time of year when we take stock of our blessings let's be sure to include how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful community.

I, along with my fellow Board Members, wish you and your family a healthy and happy 2024.

Sincerely,
Bob Keehn, President
Cheviot Hills Home Owners' Association