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NEWSLETTER

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WORDS TO LIVE BY

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."

Umberto Eco, Italian novelist

A happy and healthy June to you, dear friends and neighbors! We hope that the mere thought of fully reopening our economy on June 15th is enough to take the gloom out of your June. Just in time too as we celebrate our graduates, honor our dads and welcome the arrival of summer. Now could be the perfect time to get out of our loungewear, do some personal grooming, brush up on our rusty social skills and make ourselves presentable. Truth be told, we can't wait to see your lovely faces!

IT'S OFFICIAL

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) election results are in! **CONGRATULATIONS** to the new slate of board members who will be helping the city of Los Angeles and the residents of Toluca Lake, Toluca Woods, Toluca Terrace and West Toluca Lake work together to address common concerns.

Meet them all [HERE](#).



THE STREETS HAVE EYES



The GTLNC established the **Neighborhood Watch Program** in 2007 to keep residents in the loop about suspicious behavior and therefore reduce crime. **Watch captains** are in charge of distributing information to the residents of their respective area. Lead by Robyn Allyn and Jason Friedman, our current watch captains will be meeting on June 29th to discuss new updates and identify streets in need of a watch captain. For more info, please contact Robyn Allyn at Robynallyn3@gmail.com

REPORT IT ONLINE

On the topic of crime, Senior Lead Officer Kurtis Delbar informed us that for certain crimes, instead of calling the LAPD and being put on hold or going to the station in person, you can file a police report online by going to lapdonline.org.

Types of Crime Reports That Can Be Filed Online (source: lapdonline.org)

- **Harassing Phone Calls:** Any person who repeatedly, with the intent to annoy, telephones or makes contact by means of an electronic communication. For example, immediate hang-ups, obscene language, emails, text messages with no known suspects.
- **Lost Property:** Personal property that was unintentionally left by its true owner. For example, property left behind at an unknown location or left behind with no attempt to retrieve it.
- **Vandalism:** Any person who maliciously damages, destroys, or defaces the property of another person. For example, knocking over a mailbox, spray painting a wall, or throwing a rock through a window.
- **Theft:** Personal property taken from a publicly accessible location. For example, a package is taken from your porch; or you left your wallet behind in a restaurant, but when you attempted to go back to retrieve it, the wallet was no longer there.
- **Theft from Vehicle:** Theft from an unlocked or locked vehicle.
- **Minor Traffic Collisions:** Minor injuries and you have exchanged information
- **Hit and Run:** Damage caused by another vehicle in which the driver should have left information or fled the scene without stopping to provide information.

If your incident does not meet the criteria above, call 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL LANDMARK



Hurry, there's still time to join the **CULTIVATE YOUR LEGACY** campaign and ensure that the Garry Marshall Theater remains in our village for a long time. By making a donation or buying a brick, paver, bench or tree, you will not only cement Garry Marshall's legacy of community, culture and storytelling but also leave behind your own legacy of supporting the arts for future generations.

The deadline for all naming opportunities is June 13th

TEAM TOLUCA LAKE

On May 16th, our community groups came together for a day of volunteerism, mini-reunions and most importantly, teamwork!

***The Chamber of Commerce** organized a clean-up of Riverside Drive from Sweetsalt to Priscilla's with over 30 volunteers showing up with brooms in hand to help clear the sidewalks and curbs of leaves, trash, and debris. What a huge difference it made!

***The Garden Club** hosted an outdoor Bake Sale and Gardening Book Drive for the Toluca Lake Elementary School. We hope you were able to stop by and take home some of their irresistible homemade treats.

***The Homeowners Association** held a membership drive and gave out free Toluca Lake Village license plate frames to every new member.

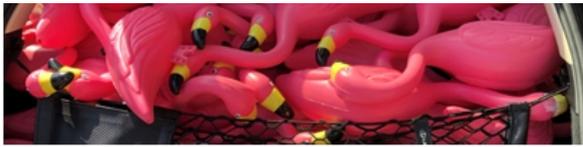
***A BIG THANKS** to Councilmember Nithya Raman for giving us her time, bringing her awesome team, hauling away the trash and supporting our Community Day!



FLOWN THE COOP



Many thanks to everyone who supported our enormously successful **FLAMINGO FLOCKING FUNDRAISER**. We had a blast moving the birds from house to house, meeting new neighbors and bringing smiles to so many



neighbors and bringing smiles to so many faces. While we have to say good-bye to our long-legged friends for now, you can read about their adventures (and misadventures!) in the latest issue of **Toluca Lake Magazine**.

[Birds of a Feather Article](#)

“Throughout the pandemic, our civic groups have worked hard to continue promoting community spirit while respecting social distancing guidelines. The Toluca Lake Homeowners Association (TLHOA) took its annual Turkey Trot virtual in fall 2020, but the modified event didn’t generate its usual level of fundraising for local nonprofits, so President Kari Negri, Vice President Dana Boyd and other group leaders decided to try something different.”

(Excerpted from tolucalakemagazine.com)

[MEET THE FLOCKERS](#)



[PET DRIVE](#)

Pets should not have to suffer or go hungry because times are tough for their owners. To address this problem, The TLHOA is hosting a PET DRIVE on behalf of **The Rescue Train** and **LA Animal Services** (East Valley Shelter). Please mark your calendars and swing by with your donations. We especially need food (dry or canned) and toys.

WHEN: Sunday, June 20th

TIME: 9:00am to 12:00pm

WHERE: Chase Bank, 10050 Riverside Drive

Contact Terry Herkner at membership@TLHOA.org for more info or to volunteer at this event.



[The Rescue Train](#) provides dog and cat food to pets of low-income families, seniors living on fixed incomes and homeless individuals.



The mission of [LA Animal Services](#) is to create a humane LA. The East Valley Shelter is currently in need of dog and cat toys, linens, carriers, grooming supplies and flea treatment products.

+ [SAVE THE DATE](#) **+**

August 19th--TLHOA Blood Drive at the United Armenian Congregational Church, 1pm-7pm

[UNTIL NEXT TIME](#)

Happy Father's Day. Happy Summer. Protect yourself. Protect others. Stay well.

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