



Ridgewood-Wilton Neighborhood Association

Letter From The President

Hello Neighbors!

I want to give a final report on my planned visits throughout the area and to hear your thoughts on the issues that were mentioned. I seek nominations for Board positions at the Annual Meeting elections and conclude with notes about current happenings..

Visits. I've spoken to the people at 122 (90%) and received dues contributions from 99 (81%) of our residences; these are successful and happy results. I know I missed a few and if they want to contribute, get in touch and I'll come visit. Many thanks to all.

Issues. Several items were repeatedly mentioned, especially traffic, crime – mostly car break-ins – and lighting.

- Street Lighting on North Wilton Place was mentioned multiple times. I suspect the previous attempt is dead but we can certainly start again. Please contact me if you wish to help.
- Resident Mary Rajswing, still involved after the successful conclusion of the campaign over the 2nd Street traffic signal, asked the office of our Councilperson, Ms. Raman, for help obtaining greater enforcement for overweight violations on Wilton Place.
- Wilton Drive suffers from major cut-through traffic on weekday afternoons. I would like to hear your thoughts about a "No Left Turn 4 to 7 pm" at the Wilton Dr - Wilton Dr - S. Ridgewood intersection; about speed humps; and about joining the Slow Streets program. I know that posting a sign requires another set of interactions with DOT, undoubtedly long and fraught. Speed humps may or may not work and may cause excessive noise for the nearby houses as the car suspensions flex over them. The Safe Streets program seems to have withered where attempted; for an uncaring driver, it is no great shakes to drive around the barricade. But your thoughts, please!
- Enforcement is needed for increased running of the four-way stop at 1st St & Ridgewood.
- Car break-ins and catalytic converter thefts continue as our most frequent crime. LAPD advice is to park in an enclosed space or a well-lighted area and to leave nothing in the car. Engraving your name on the converter or securing it with special mounting straps helps deter thefts.

RWNA Annual Meeting. I would like to reshape the Annual Meeting to allow for the changes caused by Covid and to seek greater participation. I contemplate a Zoom meeting on a weekday evening, with voting using the "raise hand" function. To begin, I invite any member to nominate or self-nominate for a Board position. Changes are needed because the former physical location at the Kazor home is no longer available. Elections have been held late in those meetings, so the number of ballots cast has been minuscule. I seek increased participation in a fair, transparent process.

Notes.

- The saga of the destruction of the Churchill House on S. Wilton Dr. continues. There have been before-and-after pictures in both the *Larchmont Chronicle* and *The Buzz*. The new owner, identified as a K-Pop performer, faces a \$350,000 fine and requirement for restoration. I am glad the City is taking a hard stand and hope they persevere. I hope they will bring the same energy to dealing with the demolished house at 250 N. Wilton Pl.
- Councilperson Raman is the subject of a recall campaign. The Association takes no position on this question, but individuals may want to check her positions on the neighborhood-breaker bills from Sacramento (most recently SB 9 & 10) and her assistance with our concerns.
- We continue to be on the radar of filming companies. The latest is scheduled for June 15 on S. Wilton Pl.
- Our finances are in good shape at present with film company donations and dues collections. I have posted the Treasurer's Reports for April and May (www.ridgewoodwilton.com).
- The Olympic Division station will fully reopen on June 15.
- Olympic Division will host a Community Resource Fair on Saturday, June 26th from 10 to 2 pm. On offer will be live music and local food vendors plus booths for local employers seeking to hire, LAPD Volunteers and Reserves, kids, DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team) and LAPD recruitment.

Thanks for reading,
Bob Reeves, President