



## **RENEWED ENFORCEMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN DISTRICT 550**

Due to multiple reports of increased prostitution activity in our area, LAPD intends to **request renewed enforcement of the overnight parking restrictions** and also increase surveillance by the Vice Unit. This greater presence tends to chase unwelcome activities elsewhere. I asked that they hold off the parking enforcement a few days so the legitimately parked cars can start displaying their tags again. No one is a fan of parking tickets, and the fines have a bite: don't let it go.

Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to put that announcement at the very top, so please excuse the abrupt beginning of this letter and allow me to move on to RWNA matters.

**Crime and Safety:** Although we remain a quiet corner with regard to crime and safety, we have had some incidents and my heart goes out to those who have experienced trouble. Safety and crime in our area must involve us as well as the LAPD who can not do it alone. We must all do our parts to keep the area safe. Watch for your neighbors and report suspicious activity. People going from door to door, following delivery trucks, looking into or trying the doors of parked cars should all be reported. Park cars in the best lighting you can find, always lock the doors and set the alarm, leave nothing visible inside even when parking in your fenced yard. Same for the house, adding keep shrubbery trimmed to avoid creating hidden areas where nefarious activity can't be seen by neighbors. Don't leave items where they could be accessed by merely hopping a fence. I noticed a NextDoor post Sunday night showing exactly that.

Some of our residents have expressed interest in creating a Neighborhood Watch program, an excellent way of increasing the safety of a neighborhood. Volunteer Kareen Sandoval at the Olympic station hosts frequent meetings to assist with training and in the formation, support of continued activity and exchange of information and techniques.

**Neighborhood Preservation:** The continued existence of our historic neighborhood is always under attack by developers and others who do not believe in the American Dream of owning a home. Neighboring areas are facing immediate threats to erect six and seven story multi-unit buildings adjacent to existing single family homes. The February edition of the *Larchmont Chronicle* has extensive front-page coverage and I urge you to join with the groups who oppose these destructive developments.

**Traffic:** The number of vehicles using our streets continues to rise and it seems that the attitude of the drivers gets worse. There is probably little that we can do about quantity given the many apartments being built nearby, but there are things that can be done to calm the flood. I was surprised that the City would install humps on Wilton Place, given its frequent use by emergency vehicles needing to travel at high speeds but they surely help especially with the frequent barrier collisions at the south curve. There have been several suggestions for taming the cut-through traffic on Wilton Drive which seems likely to eventually cause an injury given the disregard of many drivers. High humps similar to the vicious ones on North Van Ness might help, as might

closing the cut-off entrance from Wilton Place. I need several people to work with me on this problem.

Heavy truck traffic on Wilton Place remains a problem and West Traffic is not interested in enforcement. There has been some success in the past when observers log wayward trucks and contact the individual companies. Please step forward if you are willing to participate.

**RWNA Board Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the RWNA Board on Tuesday 6 February at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all residents and members of the Association. The Association owns Zoom software, so the meeting can be virtual, but my residence (107 Wilton Dr.) can accommodate a small number of in-person participants as well. I am not experienced in moderating a meeting using Zoom, admitting participants and other administrative tasks, so the virtual part is likely to be a bit flakey and I beg your patience and forgiveness for inevitable gaffs.

Sincerely,

Bob