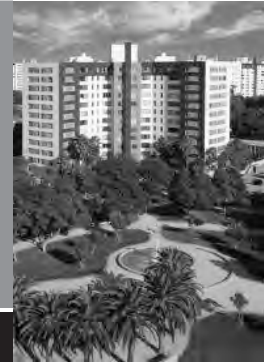


Newsletter of the Park LaBrea Residents Association

ADVOCATING FOR THE RESIDENTS

Can We Help

From time to time concerns arise, usually of a minor nature, which can be resolved by contacting Park La Brea (PLB) Management. A leaky faucet, a stuck window, a blocked disposal, etc. can be handled by contacting the **PARK LA BREA SERVICE DEPARTMENT** at **549-5599** or by e-mail at: **plbservice@parklabrea.com**. *Priority, of course, is given to critical emergencies.*

In the event your concern is not so easily resolved, there is a formal procedure, which has been developed by the **Park LaBrea Residents Association (PLBRA)** to make certain your concern will be heard.

Just follow these simple steps:

- 1) **Write a letter of complaint to PLB Management, Attn: Resident Services. (Mail to: 6200 West Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90036). State your problem as specifically and briefly as you can.**
- 2) **Be sure you keep a dated copy of your letter and copies of all other correspondence relating to your request for assistance. Also keep written dated records of all relevant phone calls or conversations you may have with representatives of PLB Management. Always request the name (and correct spelling) of the employee you talked to.**
- 3) **If you do not receive satisfaction from your written complaint, then contact the Park LaBrea Residents Association by: mail at 401 S. Burnside Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90036; e-mail at plbra@ca.rr.com; or on the web at www.plbra.org. [The PLBRA ADVOCACY ACTION FORM, located on page 3 of this newsletter, can be utilized for this purpose.]**
- 4) **Your complaint will be reviewed by the Residents Association and all meritorious claims will be added to the PLBRA Complaint and Disposition Log for review at the next monthly meeting with Top PLB Management. PLBRA will *Advocate* on your behalf. You will be advised of the disposition of your case by either PLB Management or PLBRA.**

[Please Note: No action can be taken by the Residents Association on your behalf without a copy of your dated, written complaint to PLB Management and a copy of any supporting documentation you may have.]

This step-by-step procedure was developed by the Residents Association and has proven reliable in resolving hundreds of cases brought forward by PLB residents over the years.

This is but one of the services provided by the Residents Association to the Park La Brea community.



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PLBRA

The **Park LaBrea Residents Association (PLBRA)** is your community organization but it can only achieve its objective of *Advocating for the Residents* if you collectively help.

We need both your **Membership** and your **Volunteerism** if we are to succeed.

To be an effective advocate we must have a significant part of the Park La Brea community on our side. Of equal importance, we need both your ideas and your physical support if we are to continue to serve the Park La Brea community.

If you want a viable community organization, at Park La Brea, give us your **support now**.

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REMINDER

ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS were due during the MONTH OF JANUARY regardless of when you Joined/ Renewed in the previous year.

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| Apartments Committee: | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tower | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness / Resident Security / Safety Committee | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Committee | | |

PARK LABREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ADVOCACY ACTION FORM

NOTE:

Please file a written complaint with PLB Management first.

If you are not satisfied with Management's response then complete this form.

Additionally, keep an accurate record of dates and names of PLB Management individuals you have spoken to regarding your complaint.

What is your complaint?

Date you complained to Management? _____

To whom? _____ (Attach a copy of your written complaint)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please mail or deliver your complaint to:

Park LaBrea Residents Association

401 S. Burnside Avenue, (Lobby Office)

Los Angeles, CA 90036

[If more space is needed attach additional pages]

Movie Calendar

February 2014

FAMILY FRIENDLY FILMS

SATURDAYS AT 2 PM

2/1 **The Wolverine (2013) PG-13**

126 minutes - Enigmatic superhero Wolverine travels to the Land of the Rising Sun in this kaleidoscopic battle epic based on the Marvel Comics character. Vulnerable for the first time and pushed to his limits, Wolverine confronts not only lethal samurai steel but also his inner struggle against his own immortality; an epic fight that will leave him forever changed.

2/8 **Despicable Me 2 (2013) PG**

98 minutes - Gru, the ex-supervillain, is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super criminal.

2/15 **National Geographic: National Parks Collection: Grand Canyon (2009) NR**

50 minutes - Join a scientific expedition along the 277 miles of the Grand Canyon. You will experience hazardous rapids and explore some of the canyon's enduring mysteries. You will learn about new evidence relating to how and when the canyon was formed, why its mountain lions continue to be plagued by a deadly disease, why the majestic California Condor nearly became extinct, and more.

2/22 **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013) PG**

95 minutes - Inventor Flint Lockwood is forced to leave his new dream job when he discovers that his notorious machine is still running and is pumping out mutant food beasts. Now, he must battle creatures such as shrimpanzees, tacodiles and jellyfish sandwiches to save the world.

CONTEMPORARY FILMS

SUNDAYS AT 2 PM

2/2 **Super Bowl XLVIII**

**Seattle vs Denver
Seahawks Broncos**



Kickoff at 3:30 pm

**See it on the Widescreen
at the Activity Center
Theater**

Refreshments will be served

2/9 **Fill the Void (2012) PG**

90 minutes - Shira an eighteen-year-old, ultra-Orthodox Jewish Israeli, is pressured into an arranged marriage with the husband of her late sister. (*In Hebrew with English subtitles*)

2/16 **Fast & Furious 6 (2013) PG-13**

130 minutes - Federal Agent Luke Hobbs has street racer Dominic Toretto reassemble his crew, of mad driving racers, to take down a criminal mastermind who commands an organization of mercenary drivers across 12 countries.

2/23 **Lee Daniels' The Butler (2013) PG-13**

132 minutes - Oscar-winner Forest Whitaker delivers a powerful performance as Cecil Gaines, who served as a White House butler under eight presidents. His three decades of service unfold against a backdrop of dynamic change in American history.

Movie Calendar

February 2014

HUMPHREY BOGART THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

2/6 Casablanca (1942) PG

102 minutes - Set in French Morocco during the early days of World War II: An American expatriate meets a former lover (Ingrid Bergman), with unforeseen complications. This film is directed by Michael Curtiz and also stars Paul Henreid and Claude Rains.

(Academy Award – Best Picture)

2/13 The African Queen (1951) PG

105 minutes - In Africa during WWI, a gin-swilling captain of a dilapidated river steamboat is persuaded by a strait-laced missionary's sister (Katharine Hepburn) to use his boat to destroy a German warship. This film is directed by John Huston and the screenplay was adapted by James Agee from a novel by C. S. Forester.

(Academy Award – Best Actor)

2/20 The Maltese Falcon (1941) NR

100 minutes - A private detective takes on a case that involves him with three eccentric criminals, a gorgeous liar (Mary Astor), and their quest for a priceless statuette. This film is adapted from a novel by Dashiell Hammett.

2/27 To Have and Have Not (1944) NR

100 minutes - Expatriate American Harry Morgan helps to transport a Free French Resistance leader and his beautiful wife to Martinique while romancing a sexy lounge singer (Lauren Bacall). This film is directed by Howard Hawks.



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Meeting Notes

- **Elevators**

The elevator modernization program for Tower 36 (351 S. Fuller Ave) is schedule for completion in late April 2014.

The next two towers to receive elevator upgrades during 2014 are:

Tower 37 (400 S. Burnside Ave) – work is scheduled to commence in June 2014.

Tower 33 (360 S. Burnside Ave) – Habitability Plan is currently pending approval.

The elevator noise problem in Tower 39 (401 S. Burnside Ave) – Repair work is presently in progress.

- **Burnside Circle Fountain**

PLB Management reports that Structural Problems have been encountered in the course of the repair process which are delaying the restarting of the fountain. Once these issues are resolved PLB Management advises that the fountain will be up and running again.

- **Town Hall Meeting**

PLBRA proposed and PLB Management accepted the idea of a Community Meeting at the PLB Activity Center, with a simulcast in the Meeting Room and Lounge of the Activity Center, to discuss resident concerns. Park La Brea's General Manager and Director of Resident Services as well as other Top Managers will attend. PLBRA will moderate the meeting. [A tentative date has been proposed for early June 2014]

- **A/V Equipment Upgrades at the PLB Activity Center Theater**

PLBRA and PLB Management are presently collaborating to achieve an enhanced Audio/Video experience for our fellow residents.

- **Election Forum**

An Election Forum has been approved for October 2014 which will be designed to inform PLB residents about the issues facing us in the November General Election. [PLBRA will facilitate this event]

- **Disruption Issues Relating to Washer/Dryer and Elevator Modernization**

Questions about Quality of Life issues while construction is in progress should be directed to the Park La Brea Administrative Offices at **(323) 549-5400**

- **SCEP (Systematic Code Enforcement Program)**

SCEP Inspections, conducted by the Los Angeles Housing Department, are currently in progress at Park La Brea.

**For additional information on this topic contact the PLBRA Office
(323) 934-1177 or go to www.plbra.org**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

February 2014

Bridge Club. 323-571-2963. Meets Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, in the PLB Activity Center.

Chess Club. Harry LeMay, 323-935-4053. Meets Mondays and Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon, in the PLB Activity Center.

Community Garden. The Park La Brea Community Garden, located at the corner of Lindenhurst and Hauser, adjacent to Garage 6, provides small plots for Park La Brea residents to garden. For more information or to be added to the waiting list, email: newplot@plbgarden.com.

Debi Doodles Arts & Crafts After School Workshops.

Debora Gillman, 323-549-5458.

Tuesdays - February 4 and 18 at the PLB Activity Center, **4:00 - 5:30 pm.**

English Conversation at Park La Brea

PLB residents—both Americans and those from countries all over the world—meet occasionally just for the opportunity to speak English in informal conversation with others in our PLB community. This is not a club, just a neighborly activity. It is also an opportunity to meet possible conversation partners.

The next English Conversation gathering will be:

Thursday, February 13

7:00 pm at the PLB Activity Center.

For further information contact:

Zhita Rea, 323-571-1603, zhitarea@hotmail.com or
Susan de la Vergne, susan@susandelavergne.com.

Library. Joyce Bunten, 323-935-8474. Basement of Tower 34. Open every day, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Mah Jongg. Edith Weiner, 323-936-2827. Meets Mondays, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm, in the PLB Activity Center.

Plays That Shakespeare Didn't Write. Elliott Witt, 323-272-4197. Meets Sundays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, in the PLB Activity Center. The current play is *Six Characters in Search of an Author* by Luigi Pirandello to be followed by *Detective Story* by Sidney Kingsley.

Quilters. Mary Jane Hopkins, 323-938-4861. Meets every Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, in the PLB Activity Center.

Modified T'AI CHI for all ages. Karin Green, 323-938-7799, karinmg@ca.rr.com. Meets Tuesdays & Fridays, 8:30 am (Advanced), 9:00 am (Beginners). Burnside Circle around the fountain. **Free.**

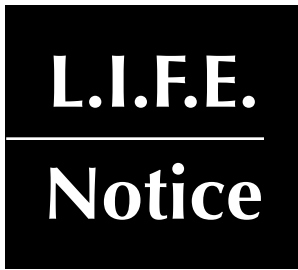
Writers Circle. Robert Richter, 323-571-4994. Meets every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm, in the PLB Activity Center Conference Room. The next meeting will be **February 4.**

In the event of an emergency

FIRST CALL 911

then call

**Park La Brea Patrol at
323-549-5508**



A Special Class for family members and friends of older adults with cognitive impairment (must be 18 or older to attend)

Caring for People with Cognitive Impairment

Free

Thursday, February 6

1:00-2:00 pm

Activity Center Conference Room

Do you have a family member or friend with Alzheimer's disease or other cognitive impairment? If so, you know the special challenges of trying to communicate with them. You struggle to understand what they want and need. You try to keep them involved in special events. But the disease can make this difficult. There are strategies that can help you communicate effectively with that family member or special friend. Join Sarah Jacobus, MSW and JFS social worker, for this enlightening discussion of some approaches that might enrich your time with your loved one.

Here are some examples of our other upcoming classes that are for adults 50 and over!

Body Language: Shifting Positions to Shift Perception

Free

Wednesdays, February 12 & 19

1:00-3:00 pm

Activity Center Meeting Room

It's common to make initial judgments when we meet someone – often based on a person's body language. Are they interested? angry? bored? confused? confident? Do you know what your body language is telling others about you? And telling you about yourself? Join Stephanie Nash, MFT, of the UCLArts and Healing program, for this fascinating, funny, interactive class to learn how your body language affects your life and those around you. Among her many credentials, Stephanie is a body language expert and mindfulness meditation coach. She will be our leader on this exploration through sensory experience. Don't miss it!

What is Irish Dancing? Lecture and Demonstration

Free

Tuesday, March 4

4:00-5:00 pm

Activity Center Theater

Máire Clerkin is an instructor at the Dance Arts Academy in LA. She teaches Irish dance for folks of all ages. She will begin with a fun lecture on the different types of Irish folk dancing and a bit of the history. She will also demonstrate some Irish dances. Don't miss this chance to learn more about rousing Irish folk dancing.

LIFE offers classes and programs for adults age 50 and over.

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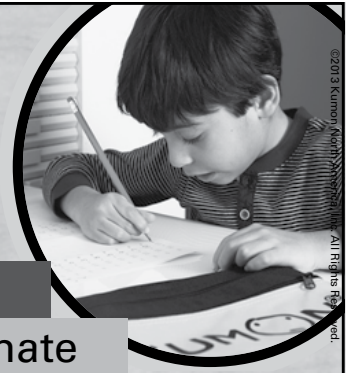
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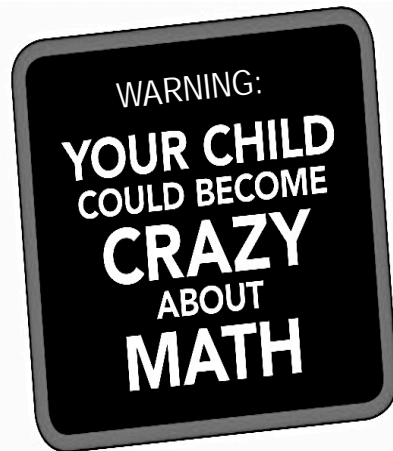


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