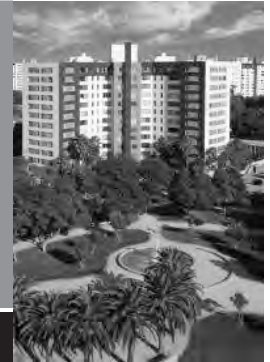


# Newsletter of the Park LaBrea Residents Association

## ADVOCATING FOR THE RESIDENTS

# *YOUR ADVOCATE*

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 **1-323-549-5599** 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 or Hand Deliver at: 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.*



## ABOUT US

### PLBRA Officers:

President: **Bernie Clinch**

Vice President:  
**Solomon Moore, MBA**

Secretary/Treasurer:  
**Col. Donald Harris, USA (Ret.)**

### PLBRA Office:

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401 S. Burnside Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90036**

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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**.

## *Join / Renew / Volunteer / Donate*

### REMINDER

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

### MEMBERSHIP COUPON 2013



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# Make Your Money Worth More

Buy unused gift cards at substantial discounts

*By Carol Robins*

Purchasing gift cards at up to **35%** off face value is like getting additional cash to spend at your favorite retailer while still being able to use any coupons in conjunction. I have been buying these discounted cards for some time now and I am hooked. These cards are like cash and there is no time limit by which they have to be used. They are also ideal for gifts.

Some of my favorite sites which sell these cards are: **www.raise.com**, **www.cardcash.com** and **www.giftcardgranny.com**. These sites all guarantee the cards and offer free premium shipping. The trick to getting the best deals is to browse the card inventory on these sites frequently. Inventory and discounts change daily.




For example, I found some great discounts for businesses in the Park La Brea area:

- |                          |                         |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| -- Coffee Bean (27.55%)  | -- I Hop (20.2%)        | -- Maggianos (16%)            |
| -- AMC theaters (26.5%)  | -- Sur La Table (35.9%) | -- Cheesecake Factory (20.2%) |
| -- Capital Grill (22.3%) | -- CVS (16%)            | -- Macys (25%)                |

Should you have cards that you received as gifts that you do not want to use you can also sell them on the web sites shown above for cash. Each of these sites provides instructions for both buying and selling. When you sign up for periodic updates to be sent to you by email, they often include an **additional 5%** over the publicized discount. *These cards make it easy to boost your purchasing power and get the biggest bang for the buck.*

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	<b>SUPER BOWL XLIX</b> Sunday, February 1, 2015 Kickoff: 3:30 PM	<b>Seattle Seahawks</b> 
	<i>See It On The Widescreen at the Activity Center Theater</i>	<b>VS.</b>
<b>FREE Beer and Refreshments</b>		<b>New England Patriots</b> 

# Movie Calendar

February 2015

## CONTEMPORARY FILMS

SUNDAYS AT 2 PM

### 2/1 Super Bowl XLIX

Seahawks

VS

Patriots



Kickoff at 3:30 pm

See it on the Widescreen  
at the Activity Center  
Theater

Refreshments will be served

### 2/8 The Big Year (2011) PG

*100 minutes* - This high-flying comedy concerns a trio of competitive bird watchers (Owen Wilson, Jack Black and Steve Martin) who vow to win a bird watching contest by spotting and recording the most avian species within a calendar year.

### 2/15 If I Stay (2014) PG-13

*107 minutes* - Life changes in an instant for young Mia Hall after a car accident puts her in a coma. During an out-of-body experience, she must decide whether to wake up and live a life far different from the one she had imagined.

## PRESIDENTS

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

### 2/5 All The President's Men (1976) R

*138 minutes* - Reporters Bob Woodward (Robert Redford) and Carl Bernstein (Dustin Hoffman), of the Washington Post, uncover the details of the Watergate scandal that led to President Nixon's resignation.

### 2/12 Wilson (1944) NR

*154 minutes* - A chronicle of the political career of President Woodrow Wilson.  
(A Darryl F. Zanuck Production)

### 2/19 JFK (1991) R

*189 minutes* - The New Orleans District Attorney (Kevin Costner) believes there's more to the Kennedy assassination than the official story. (An Oliver Stone Film)  
[Academy Award Nomination – Best Director]

### 2/26 The American President (1995) PG-13

*114 minutes* - A comedy-drama about a widowed U.S. president (Michael Douglas) and a lobbyist (Annette Bening) who fall in love. It's all above-board, but "politics is perception" and sparks fly anyway. This film is written by Aaron Soekin and directed by Rob Reiner.



# Movie Calendar

February 2015

## FAMILY FRIENDLY FILMS

SATURDAYS AT 2 PM

**2/7 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2014)**  
PG-13

*101 minutes* - When a kingpin threatens New York City, a group of mutated turtle warriors must emerge from the shadows to protect their home.

**2/14 Night at the Museum (2006) PG**

*108 minutes* - A newly recruited night security guard (Ben Stiller) at the American Museum of Natural History discovers that an ancient curse causes the exhibits on display to come to life and wreak havoc.

**2/21 Night at the Museum 2:**

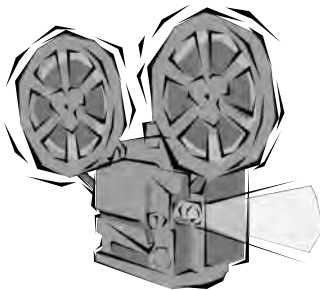
**Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) PG**

*105 minutes* - Security guard Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) infiltrates the Smithsonian Institution in order to rescue American Museum of Natural History exhibits which have been shipped to the museum by mistake.

**2/28 Alvin and the Chipmunks:**

**The Squeakquel (2009) PG**

*88 minutes* - The world famous singing chipmunk trio return and must contend with the pressures of school, celebrity and a rival female musical group known as The Chipettes.



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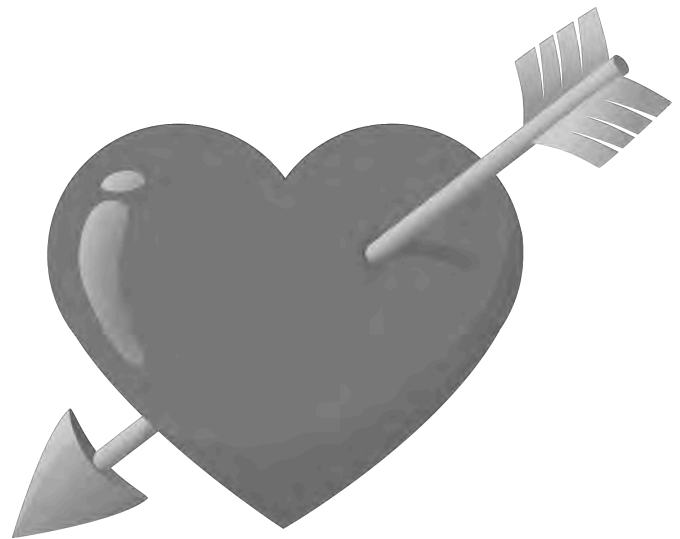
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# PARK LABREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ADVOCACY ACTION FORM

**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?**

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**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]**

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## February 2015

**Book Discussion Group.** Marvin or Marilyn Warsofsky, 323-424-4493. Meets on the second Monday of the month, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, in the PLB Activity Center.

**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](mailto:newplot@plbgarden.com).

### **Debi Doodles Arts & Crafts**

#### **After School Workshops.**

Debora Gillman, 323-549-5458.

**Tuesdays - February 10 and 24** at the PLB Activity Center, **4:00 - 5:30 pm.**

**Knitting / Crocheting Group.** Mary Jane Hopkins, 323-938-4861. Meets every Thursday, 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon, in the PLB Activity Center.

**Library.** Basement of Tower 34. Open Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

**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 **'Tis Pity She's a Whore** by John Ford to be followed by **Waiting In The Wings** by Noel Coward.

**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](mailto: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, 312-307-9393. Meets every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm, in the PLB Activity Center. The next meeting will be **February 3.**

### **English as a Second Language (ESL) at Park La Brea**

**Conversation Group:** This group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 pm in the PLB Activity Center. (*Feb 5 and Feb 19*)

**Conversation Partners:** Conversation partners meet one-on-one to talk about subjects of interest.

For more information about these activities, contact Henry Gjestrum, [hgestrum@yahoo.com](mailto:hgestrum@yahoo.com)

**Medicare 101.** Solomon S. Moore, MBA, 323-404-1896. Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 - 11:00 am, in the PLB Theater. Come learn about Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Programs, Prescription Drug Plans and Medigap Plans. (*These meetings are for educational purposes only and no specific plan information will be provided*)



# Council District 4 Election

# DEBATE

**February 8, 2015  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM**



**John Burroughs  
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## Maintenance Tip of the Month

### PLUMBING UPDATE

*"Please help us to help you"*

Whenever you take a shower or a bath please use a shower curtain and make sure it is drawn the full length of the tub. Do not overfill your tub. Please don't splash water on the floor or allow your children to do so. Remember a heavy volume of water on the floor can cause a nuisance leak for your neighbor below. Your tub's drain mouth should always have a small strainer in it to catch hair. If yours is missing call us! (1-323-549-5599) Human and pet hair can cause drain line blockages. Clean your tub strainer on a regular basis.

Never flush baby wipes or Q-tips down the toilet. They will go down but they will not break up and decompose. They do not pass the "flushability" test and they will wreak havoc on our plumbing system at Park La Brea. These items are also a constant source of obstruction in the sewer system downstream.

**Courtesy of Bruce C. Manning**  
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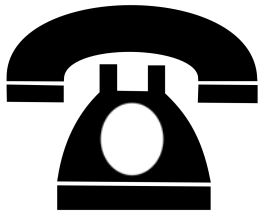
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## CRIME PREVENTION TIP



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you live alone

or that you won't be home at a  
certain time.

(Courtesy of LAPD)

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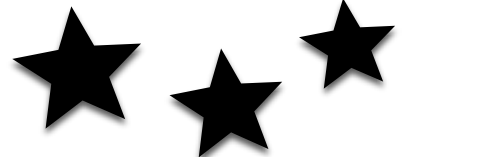
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