

Newsletter of the Park LaBrea Residents Association

ADVOCATING FOR THE RESIDENTS

PLBRA



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, CALL CENTER HOTLINE** at **(323) 549-5599**.

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) **File a complaint with PLB Management. The PARK LA BREA - COMPLAINT SUBMISSION FORM is available at the PLB Administration Office, (6200 West Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90036), for this purpose.**
- 2) **Be sure you keep copies of all 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 complaint to PLB Management, 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.**
- 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 unless you have first filed a complaint with PLB Management.]

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

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Kenna Marshall

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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.

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 2018



DATE _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

BLDG/BL # _____

- Renewal
 New Member

Apartments Committee:

- Garden
 Tower
 Communications Committee
 Activities / Outreach / Membership Committee
 Emergency Preparedness / Resident Security / Safety Committee
 Advocacy Committee

ANNUAL DUES
\$15.00 Individuals
\$25.00 Families

Please send check
& coupon to:
PLBRA
401 S. Burnside Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90036

PLBRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next PLBRA Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 commencing at 7 pm in the Activity Center Meeting Room.

All residents are welcome.

SUPER BOWL LII



Sunday, February 4, 2018
Kickoff: 3:30 PM

*See It On The Widescreen
at the Activity Center Theater*



FREE Beer and Refreshments

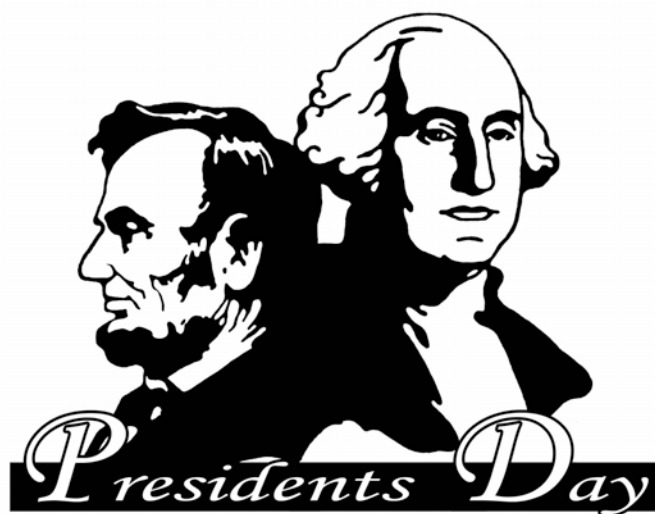
CLUSTER BOXES for GARDEN BLOCKS

The USPS advises that Cluster Mail Boxes will be erected in each Garden Block at Park La Brea in the immediate future.

Subject boxes will provide security for package delivery and a secure outgoing mail collection feature as well as expanded box size for mail delivery.

The Cluster Boxes will be strategically located either in front of or in a grassy area of each Garden Block.

This upgrade project will be executed at ***“NO Cost to Park La Brea Residents.”***



JOIN
PLBRA
NOW

Movie Calendar

February 2018

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

2/1 Capturing the Friedmans (2003) NR

107 minutes - A documentary on the Friedmans, a seemingly typical, upper-middle-class Jewish family whose world is instantly transformed when the father and his youngest son are arrested and charged with shocking and horrible crimes. *(This film is based on police and court records.)*

2/8 Music Box (1989) PG-13

124 minutes - A lawyer (Jessica Lange) defends her father, a Hungarian refugee, accused of war crimes during WW II, but there is more to the case than she suspects. This film is directed by Costa-Gavras.

2/15 Naked City (1948) NR

96 minutes - Two NYPD detectives are investigating the murder of an attractive young woman. This film is directed by Jules Dassin and stars Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff, Dorothy Hart and Don Taylor. *(A film noir made in New York City.)*

2/22 The Wizard of Lies (2017) TV-MA

133 minutes - A chronicle of Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme, which defrauded his clients of billions of dollars. This film stars Robert De Niro and Michelle Pfeiffer and is directed by Barry Levinson. *(An Amazon Prime Screening)*



FAMILY FRIENDLY FILMS SATURDAYS AT 2 PM

2/3 CARS 3 (2017) G

102 minutes - Lightning McQueen sets out to prove to a new generation of racers that he's still the best race car in the world.

(A Disney animated film)

2/10 The Apple Dumpling Gang (1975) G

100 minutes - Three orphan children strike gold in 1878 California. This film stars Bill Bixby, Susan Clark and Don Knotts. *(A Disney film)*

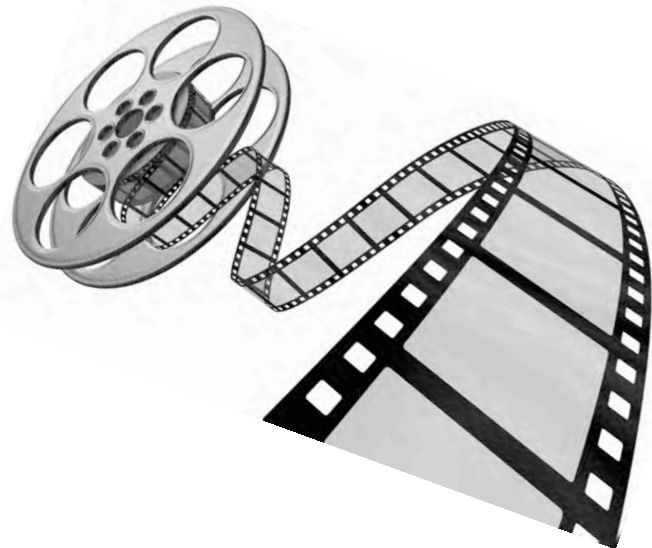
2/17 The LEGO Ninjago (2017) PG

101 minutes - Shunned by everyone for being the son of an evil warlord, a teenager seeks to defeat him with the help of his fellow ninjas.

(An animated feature)

2/24 Despicable Me 3 (2017) PG

89 minutes - Gru meets his long-lost charming, cheerful and more successful twin brother Dru who wants to team up with him for one last criminal heist. [Gru and Dru are voiced by Steve Carell] *(An animated feature)*



Movie Calendar

February 2018

CONTEMPORARY FILMS
SUNDAYS AT 2 PM

2/4 Super Bowl LII

Kickoff at 3:30 pm

See it on the Widescreen
at the Activity Center
Theater



Refreshments will be served

2/11 The Glass Castle (2017) PG-13

127 minutes - A young girl comes of age in a dysfunctional family of nonconformist nomads, with a mother who's an eccentric artist and an alcoholic father who would stir the children's imagination with hope as a distraction to their poverty. This film stars Brie Larson, Woody Harrelson and Naomi Watts.

2/18 The Mountain Between Us (2017) PG-13

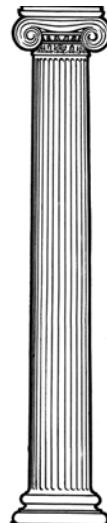
112 minutes - Stranded after a tragic plane crash, two strangers (Kate Winslet and Idris Elba) must forge a connection to survive the extreme elements of a remote snow covered mountain. When they realize help is not coming, they embark on a perilous journey across the wilderness.

2/25 Maudie (2016) PG-13

115 minutes - An arthritic Nova Scotia woman works as a housekeeper while she hones her skills as an artist and eventually becomes a beloved figure in the community.

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Board of Directors 2018



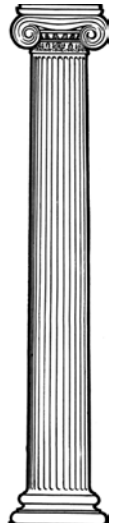
Bernie Clinch

Thomas Goff

Donald Harris

Kenna Marshall

Marc Sinnott



Happy
Valentine's
Day

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

February 2018

Book Discussion Group. Marvin or Marilyn Warsofsky, 323-424-4493. Meets on the second Monday of the month, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, call for location.

Bridge Club. Marianne Tereszczuk, 336-314-5611, Meets Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm, in the PLB Activity Center. Free Bidge Lesson before game.

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: gardenplb@gmail.com.

Debi Doodles Arts & Crafts After School Workshops.
Debora Gillman, 323-549-5458.
Tuesday - February 20 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.

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 *Mourning Becomes Electra* by Eugene O'Neill.

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. Jim Evering, 323-938-3490, jever@sbcglobal.net.
Meets Tuesdays & Fridays, 8:30 am - 9:00 am. Informal instruction at 9:00 am. 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 13.**

English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Group

Thursdays - February 1 and 15
PLB Activity Center, **7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

Given the international nature of our community it affords residents both native English speakers and non-native speakers an excellent opportunity to meet and have conversations in English at our biweekly ESL Conversation Group. These enjoyable sessions will enable our non-native speakers to expand their English skills. (*Additional native English speakers are always welcome.*)

For more information about this activity, contact Henry Gjestrum, hgjestrum@gmail.com.

In the event of an emergency

FIRST CALL 911

then call

Park La Brea Patrol at

323-549-5508

MEDICARE 101

Join us **Wednesday, February 7th (7:00 - 8:00 pm)**

At the Park La Brea Theatre to explore Original Medicare, Medicare Part C, Medigap and Rx coverage.

Meetings are **free** and **fun** educational workshops.

(Specific Proprietary Plans Are Not Covered.)



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EXP: 3/31/18



Maintenance Tip of the Month

TOILETS

“Please help us to help you”

Toilets are one of the household fixtures we use every day. They can be easily damaged or obstructed therefore they need to be used **ONLY** as intended. For this reason, **PLB REQUESTS** that residents not discard **Q-Tips, Paper Towels, Feminine Hygiene Products** and especially **BABY WIPES** in their toilets. This type of misconduct will absolutely create avoidable clogs in the toilet and the downstream plumbing lines and will cause back-ups and overflows.

BABY WIPES are a key problem in toilet blockage and they should never be flushed down the toilet under **ANY** circumstances. They are non-biodegradable and can cause extreme harm to our vertical and horizontal sewer lines.

When we service toilets and check the sewer lines, it becomes readily apparent what kind of conduct has been happening in your toilet. The floor outlet of your toilet and what we see, find and remove from your toilet tells the truth about the conduct in your unit. If the abuse found happens on a consistent basis you could potentially be charged for all clean-up costs associated with overflows.



DO NOT continue to flush your toilet if it becomes clogged. This can cause an overflow that might have otherwise been prevented. If your toilet is clogged, leave it “as is” and call the **PLB Service Department, Call Center Hotline** for assistance at **(323) 549-5599**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Courtesy of Bruce C. Manning
Director of Maintenance, Able

OLYMPIA[∞] MEDICAL CENTER

Your Community Hospital

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Park La Brea Theater
Saturday, February 3, 2018
10:00 - 11:00 am

Free and educational! Refreshments will be provided.

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Attorney with 38 years of experience and **AV-Rated** (highest possible rating).

Mr. Lloreda specializes in Plaintiff and Defendant civil trial work with emphasis on wrongful death and all serious personal injury cases.

He also represents clients with regard to all claims relative to attorney fee disputes and legal malpractice.

A Park La Brea Resident