

Newsletter of the Park LaBrea Residents Association  
ADVOCATING FOR THE RESIDENTS

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# Annual Meeting

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the **Park LaBrea Residents Association (PLBRA)** will be held on **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at **12 Noon** in the **PLB Activity Center Theater**.

Our Community Organization was founded to give Park La Brea residents a Collective Voice in dealing with Park La Brea Management and this is still our primary mission today. *“Advocating for the Residents”* is our business and our accomplishments over the years are now history.

At the Annual Meeting we will outline our plans for the coming year, review our financial position and elect a new Board of Directors to lead the Association’s efforts throughout 2019.

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

**Development Group for the  
K MART Site**

**(Town & Country:  
Redevelopment at  
3<sup>rd</sup> & Fairfax)**



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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.

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**PLBRA** can now accept Credit Card Payments for Membership Dues at the Annual Meeting.

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## PLBRA Annual Report 2018

*2019 Dues Paid* members of the Residents Association may obtain a copy of the 2018 PLBRA Annual Report by request. This report will be available as of January 28, 2019.

Requests must be made in written form either by letter to the PLBRA Office 401 S. Burnside Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90036 or by e-mail: [plbra@ca.rr.com](mailto:plbra@ca.rr.com).

# PLBRA Annual Meeting

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If you wish to vote for candidates for the Board of Directors or become a candidate yourself there are a few mandatory requirements.

**FIRST** You must be listed by name on a Park La Brea Lease Contract.

**SECOND** You must be a **2019 Dues Paid PLBRA member**.  
(A 2019 PLBRA Membership Coupon can be found on page 2 of this Newsletter.)

**THIRD** At the Annual Meeting candidates ***nominated from the floor*** must be ready to make a one minute presentation about their qualifications and the focus they will bring to the Board.

*[If you wish to run for the Board of Directors and would like to make a **Candidate Statement** (75 word maximum), which will be distributed at the Annual Meeting, please forward your material, by email or post, to the PLBRA Office by **January 7, 2019.**]*

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## Town & Country: Redevelopment at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fairfax

**Town & Country** is a proposed project located at Third Street and Fairfax Avenue that will re-envision the existing outdated shopping mall into a thoughtfully-planned and neighborhood-oriented property.

The project will be both functional – featuring a blend of housing, retail and open space – and representative of the iconic neighborhood surrounding it. The vision for the property includes an elegant mid-rise building (approximately 350 apartment units), community-focused retail, public gathering spaces, enhanced parking configuration, more greenery and landscaping.

The proposed Town & Country project will retain key retailers, such as **CVS** and **Whole Foods**, while bringing in new retail options that will be hand-selected to meet the neighborhood’s day-to-day needs. Shoppers will also benefit from an improved shopping experience with expanded walkways, patio dining, greenery and an upgraded parking lot. The redesigned property will have open-air spaces with landscaping and communal seating (benches, seats and tables). Much-needed green space will be thoughtfully designed to include new trees, plants and drought-tolerant features.

As the project moves forward, regular updates will be provided and there will be ample opportunities for community feedback on this revitalization project for 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fairfax. For more information about this major development project in your community please visit: [www.townandcountryla.com](http://www.townandcountryla.com).

# Movie Calendar

January 2019

## HEROES

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

### 1/3 Gandhi (1982) PG

191 minutes - Gandhi, India's non-violent leader is portrayed as he struggles for his people's independence from the British Empire. This film stars Ben Kingsley. (*Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Original Screenplay – Academy Awards 1983*)

### 1/10 Gandhi (1982) PG – Continued

### 1/17 J. Edgar (2011) R

137 minutes - J. Edgar Hoover (Leonardo DiCaprio), powerful head of the FBI for nearly 50 years, looks back on his professional and personal life. This film is directed by Clint Eastwood and also stars Armie Hammer and Naomi Watts.

### 1/24 Up the Down Staircase (1967) NR

124 minutes - The experiences of a young female English teacher (Sandy Dennis) in an inner city New York high school. (*This film was adapted from a novel by Bella Kaufman a New York City high school teacher.*)

### 1/31 Emperor (2012) PG-13

105 minutes - Shortly after the end of World War II in the Pacific, Brigadier General Fellers (Matthew Fox) is tasked with deciding whether Emperor Hirohito should be prosecuted as a war criminal. This film also stars Tommy Lee Jones as General Douglas MacArthur. (*This film is factually based*)

## FAMILY FRIENDLY FILMS

SATURDAYS AT 2 PM

### 1/5 Christopher Robin (2018) PG

104 minutes - A working-class family man, Christopher Robin, encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh, who helps him rediscover the joys of life. (*A Disney film*)

### 1/12 Smallfoot (2018) PG

96 minutes - A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures called "humans" really do exist. (*An animated feature*)

### 1/19 Incredibles 2 (2018) PG

118 minutes - Bob Parr (Mr. Incredible) is left to care for the kids while Helen (Elastigirl) is out saving the world. (*A Disney PIXAR film*) (*An animated feature*)

### 1/26 Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018) PG-13

118 minutes - As Scott Lang balances being both a Super Hero and a father. Hope van Dyne and Dr. Hank Pym present an urgent new mission, that finds the *Ant-Man* fighting alongside *The Wasp* to uncover secrets from their past. (*Based on Marvel Comics characters*)



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2019**

# Movie Calendar

January 2019

## CONTEMPORARY FILMS SUNDAYS AT 2 PM

### 1/6 **Mission: Impossible - Fallout (2018) PG-13**

147 minutes - Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team, along with some familiar allies, race against time after a mission goes wrong.

### 1/13 **NO MOVIE – PLBRA ANNUAL MEETING**

### 1/20 **The Darkest Minds (2018) PG-13**

104 minutes - Imprisoned by an adult world that now fears everyone under 18, a group of teens form a resistance group to fight back and reclaim control of their future. (A Sci-Fi film)

### 1/27 **Operation Finale (2018) PG-13**

122 minutes - A team of Israeli secret agents track down the Nazi officer (Adolf Eichmann) who masterminded the Holocaust. (Based on true facts)



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*By Donald Harris, Esq.  
PLBRA Secretary/Treasurer*

- ◆ Respect the *Quiet Enjoyment* of your fellow residents.
- ◆ Be a Safe Driver.
- ◆ Curb your Dog.
- ◆ Handle your Trash Responsibly.
- ◆ Be Kind to your Neighbors.
- ◆ Respect your fellow resident's Parking Space.
- ◆ Be alert to the Safety and Security of others at Park La Brea.
- ◆ Join the **Residents Association (PLBRA)** and become active in our community.

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## January 2019

**Book Discussion Group.** Marvin or Marilyn Warsofsky, 323-917-5077. 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.

**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. **Tuesdays, January 8 and 22** 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 new play will be *The Potting Shed* by Graham Greene, to be followed by *Semi-Monde a.k.a. The Ritz Bar* by Noel Coward. **The group will not meet on January 13.**

**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, 323-683-4012, everingjames@gmail.com. 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 **January 3.**

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Group**

**Thursdays - January 10 and 24**  
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.

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## GOODBYE PARK LA BREA

by Deborah Fletcher Blum

Sitting at the Burnside Café under the canopy of shade provided by the beautiful plants that grow at Park La Brea, it is hard to believe that we are moving. After 16 years living at Park La Brea, my husband and I will be moving into the house in Hollywood that we have been working to renovate.

Our daughter was born and grew up in Park La Brea. When she was young, we went to Mommy and Me. As she got older, she was able to walk to the Grove by herself. She made great friends, took swimming lessons and convinced me to get a dog at the LACMA adoption fair! I contributed to community life by starting the Park La Brea Kids Art Club in 2008. Debora Gillman took over from me and changed the name to Debi Doodles. She has expanded the workshop into a multi-cultural, multi-generational program.

I also had a garden plot for seven years and participated in promoting the community garden at the annual Earth Day Fair.

There was so much here at Park La Brea. Sometimes it reminded me of a Medieval Village, because one hardly had to leave. With the cafes, nail salon, beauty parlor, swimming pools, a community center, a gym, parks, a dry cleaner and more, it's a bit like an Israeli Kibbutz, yet everyone is free to pursue their own individual work and activities.

At a time when there is so much conflict around the globe, we were lucky to be part of a peaceful community. Don't be surprised if you see us visiting. We will miss you, Park La Brea!

*(The Blum family resided in Tower 34)*

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**A Park La Brea Resident**

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