

REYNIER VILLAGE NEWS

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Spring is Here & Park Nights are Just Around the Corner!

Winter has flown by and we're once again reminded of how lovely Los Angeles is in the Spring! Already this year has proven to be event-filled.

On January 28th, a crowd of concerned neighbors filled the auditorium at Hamilton High to protest a strip club that opened near our neighborhood.

Already plans are being formulated for the final hearing at Parker Center on April 30th, the last chance to stop the strip club from receiving its permanent permit. (see *No Robertson Strip Club Update*)

Our first year of APS service is nearly over and it's now time to renew our neighborhood subscriptions. (see *APS Renewals Due article*)

We can't believe July is just a few short months away! And with it comes an annual rite of summer for Reynier Village Residents — Park Night! For those new to our neighborhood or who don't already know about it, Park Night takes place in Reynier Park on Wednesday nights,

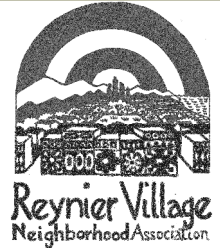
No Robertson Strip Club Update

On January 28th, 2008, a standing-room only crowd packed into the Hamilton High Auditorium to show their opposition to an All-Nude strip club that has opened its doors on South Robertson Blvd. The Reynier Village Neighborhood Association is supporting the efforts of the No Robertson Strip Club Steering Committee.

Over 650 letters were sent to the police and over 900 signatures were collected on petitions. According to the LAPD Advocate, the turnout was unlike any other they have seen for any similar hearing.

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7pm – 8pm, from July 9th until August 27th. Bring your dinner, bring your kids, bring your dogs! It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy the company of great people who live in our community. We encourage you to attend these most enjoyable gatherings! Look for future announcements for specially themed nights. If we don't already have your email address, please email us so you may be included in future updates.

Other ideas we have discussed include *Welcome Neighbor* packets for those who move into our lovely neighborhood, and launching a website for the neighborhood. What other ideas do you have to improve our quality of life in Reynier Village? We are open to your ideas, suggestions, comments! Please email ReynierVillage@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE: *It's A SoRo World!*

11th Annual Community Festival

On Robertson between Beverlywood & Cattaraugus
Sunday June 1, 2008 – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The results were positive! Shortly after the hearing, we learned that the commissioner at the hearing recommended that the strip club be ordered to close, or operate under very strict restrictions. This is great news for our community.

However, the work is not done. **There is still a final hearing at Parker Center on APRIL 30th at 2:30 in the afternoon, where we will have a chance to make our final case to the police commissioner not to grant the final operating permit.**

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The Green Message

When shopping, why carry a Reusable Bag?

There are many reasons to eliminate plastic bags – thousands, actually! It can take more than a thousand years for a disposable plastic bag to break down in a landfill. Most reusable bags can be used thousands of times and there are so many reusable bag options. Many stores sell reusable bags for a few dollars each and Whole Foods Market credits you 5 cents each time you use your own bag. People are even taking reusable bags to department stores! Here are a few important reasons to stop using plastic bags:

Plastic Grocery Bag Facts

- Introduced in the late 1970s as an alternative to paper bags, plastic bags now account for four out of every five bags handed out at grocery stores.
- Americans throw away about 100 billion plastic bags annually, and only 0.6 percent of them are recycled.
- When they are discarded, which is often after one use, plastic bags fill landfills, clog our

sewers, pollute our rivers and lakes, threaten our wildlife, and litter our roadsides and communities.

- It takes roughly 430,000 gallons of crude oil to produce 100 million plastic bags.
- With groups like the Worldwatch Institute estimating that Americans discard as many as 100 billion plastic bags each year, we're talking about using tens of millions of gallons of crude annually just to tote our groceries home.
- At least 267 different species are known to have suffered from entanglement or ingestion of marine debris, and plastics and other synthetic materials cause the most problems for marine animals and birds.
- Every year, tens of thousands of whales, birds, seals, and turtles die from contact with ocean-borne plastic bags. The animals may mistake the bags for food, such as jellyfish, or simply become entangled.
- Disposable bags are among the top ten items found routinely during coastal cleanups, according to the nonprofit Ocean Conservancy.
- Each bag shoppers bring in to use has the potential to eliminate an average of 1,000 plastic bags over its lifetime.

Real Estate Info

Reynier Village is a great neighborhood! Convenient location, friendly neighbors, and beautiful homes with loads of character and charm! Have a friend or colleague in the market for a new home? Why not invite them to be our neighbor?

Here are the homes currently for sale as listed on www.themls.com (as of April 16, 2008)

2827 Bedford Street	2 bed/1 bath	\$619K	active
8901 Olin Street	2 bed/1 bath	\$699K	looking for backup
8907 W. 25 th Street	3 bed/1.5 bath	\$729K	new listing
8904 W. 25 th Street	3 bed/1.75 bath	\$775K	active

APS Renewals Due

Last year, residents of Reynier Village hired Alexander Protective Services to patrol the neighborhood boundaries between Cadillac and Cattaraugus, and from Halm to Robertson.

It is now time to renew services for 2008. Our current subscription level allots 3 patrols per day. Already 99 residents have renewed subscriptions of the service. If 201 residents join, we will be able to increase our patrols to 4 a day. We have provided the sign-up form on the last page of this newsletter.

The patrols are a great deterrent to crime. In light of the opening of the Strip Club, we'd like to be able to increase the number of patrols that we currently have contracted.

Alexander Patrol Services also offers security systems, individual alarm monitoring, vacation watch, and more.

Welcome Dolce Isola!

We are so excited to welcome a fantastic (and beautiful) new bakery in our neighborhood! The owners of **The Ivy** restaurant in West Hollywood have opened **Dolce Isola** (a.k.a. the **Ivy Bakery**), at 2869 South Robertson Boulevard. The delicious offerings include an eye-catching assortment of artisan breads, scones, cookies, seasonal fruit crumbles, espresso drinks and home-made gelato, in addition to sandwiches and pizzettas.

Dolce Isola is open from 7am – 6pm, Monday through Friday; and 7:30am – 6pm on Saturday. 310-776-7070.

*Dolce Isola, 2869 South
Robertson Boulevard,
between Cattaraugus Avenue
and Hargis Street*



APS Security provides installation, maintenance, monitoring and armed patrol response of electronic security and fire systems to residential and commercial subscribers.

They are a neighborhood business we hope you consider supporting.

For more information on Alexander Patrol Services, please visit their website at <http://mypatrol.com>.

There's lots more happening on in our section of South Robertson! Here are some more great establishments. Please patronize our neighborhood, and spread the word to your friends!

Alcon Lighting & Wholesale Electric

2845 S. Robertson Bl @ Hargis. Open M-F
A full service lighting and fixture shop serving all your electrical needs. They carry *Go Green & Energy Star* approved products, saving you energy and money.

10% discount to all Reynier Village residents

Jack & Jill Children's Resale

2805 S. Robertson Bl. @ Olin. 310 204-1601
A charming boutique selling gently-used items at fantastic prices. They carry baby and children's clothes, shoes, baby gear, books and toys.

Echo Ceramics

2856 S Robertson Bl. @ Hargis. 310 815-1525
A full-service pottery studio equipped with pottery wheels, kilns and glazing supplies. They offer classes for all levels, as well as studio time and membership.

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We realize this is a very bad date and time of the week, as many people will be working or otherwise unable to attend. However, we will need people to show up once again to demonstrate the community opposition to this type of business so close to a high school and other schools. If you can't show up, please write letters!

Details of free transportation, free parking, and where to fax your letter can all be found on www.norobertsonstripclub.com. Don't delay! This is our last chance to keep our neighborhood strip-club free!

Don't Delay! April 30th is just around the corner!
Visit www.norobertsonstripclub.com
to see how you can help!

If you can attend, there is FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION or FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN

If you can't attend, write a letter!
*Police Permit Review Panel
Commission Investigations
150 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012*

Reynier Village 2008 Dues and APS Patrol Car Sign-up Form

The cost is only \$75, which includes dues and patrol service fees.
That's just \$6.25 per month! Sign-up for this great service today!

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Annual Fee: \$75.00, includes RVNA dues and patrol service fee

Please include this form and make checks payable to:

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