



HDCA Neighborhood Watch  
February 8, 2021  
Zoom / Virtual Meeting

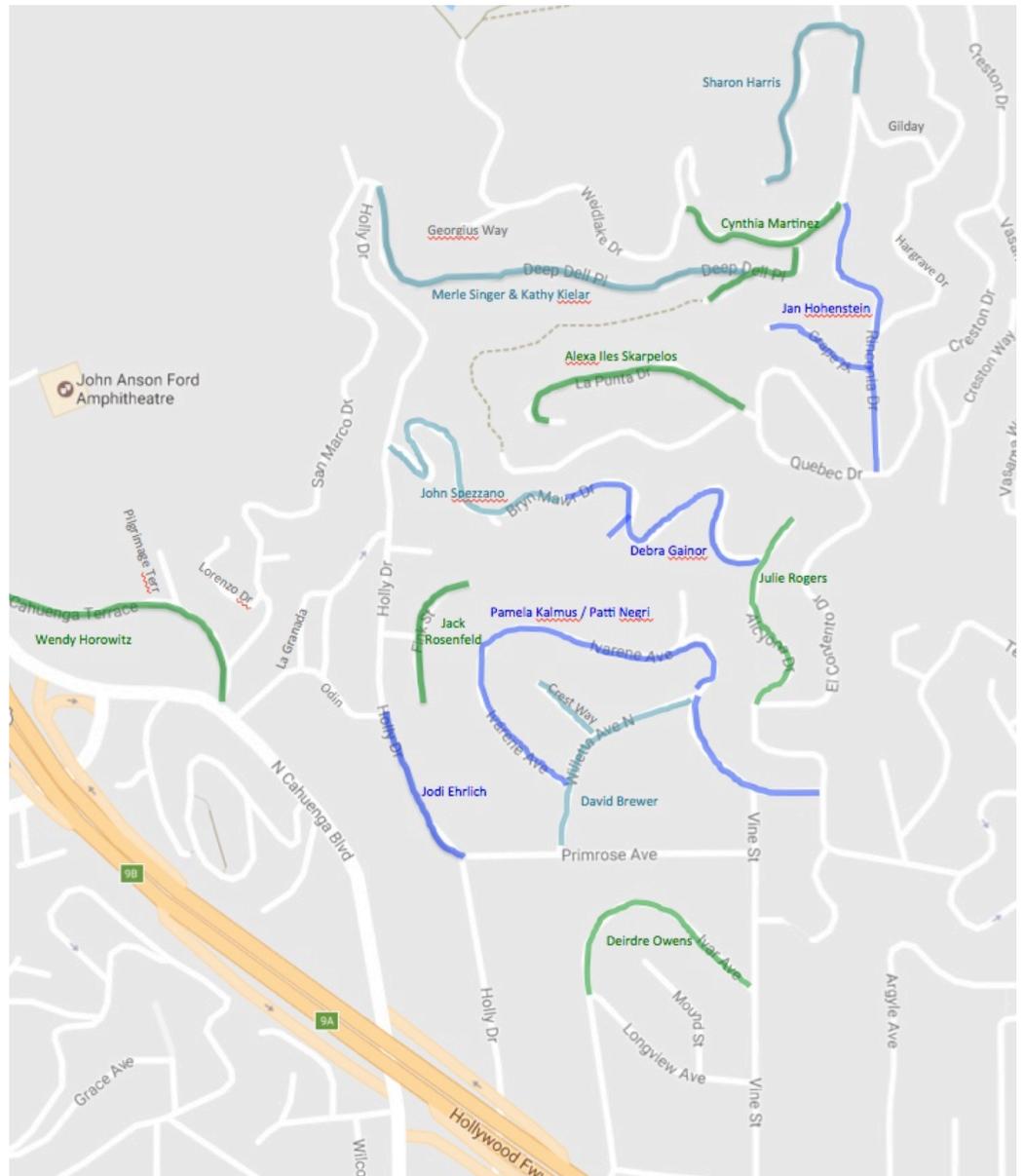
## Welcomes & Introductions

### The Purpose of the Neighborhood Watch

The HDCA objective in creating the Neighborhood Watch was to establish a system for residents to share information with their immediate neighbors in case of crime incidents, or during an emergency such as an earthquake, or wildfire.

### Map of the Dell with Watch Captains

The map shows the streets that currently have a Watch Captain (colored lines) and who the Captain is.



## Recent Incidents

### Recent La Rocha Trail Fire

Fire Safety – Smoking on the La Rocha Trail seems to be an issues  
Currently there is no signage on the trail. The HDCA will be making signs (high fire danger / no smoking).  
The HDCA is considering removing the benches at the west end of the trail if this continues to be an issue.

One resident had called 911 and it took ½ hour to get through.

Other's got through right away. It's possible that so many people were calling it in (there were a lot of people out walking that day) which may have caused a bottleneck on 911.

*Q: Often we don't ever find out the outcome of investigations into these incidents. How can we find out?*

*Q: LAPD gives us a point person (our senior lead officer) can the Fire Department provide a point of contact we could ask this of?*

Alexa will inquire with Deputy Chief Hogan about this.

## Updates - LAPD Senior Lead Officer

### **Officer Heather Mata**

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### Crime Update

SLO Heather Mata gave us the recap on 2020 crime stats.  
Ended the year about 14% down from the previous year overall on crime.  
Since the start of the year, they are seeing a rise in crime.

### Report Crime

Often Officer Mata gets emails from residents hears that people complain online about things that have occurred, but when she looks into it there's no police report on file. It's important to file a report to create a paper trail and then send her an email so she's in the loop.

### Filing A Police Report Online

**[www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org)**

If you file online, be sure to NOT check the box that says you have video or photos of the incident, or it will kick you off and not let you file your report online. Instead, make the report and get the ref # and then email Officer Mata with the ref# and your photos or video evidence and she will follow up.

### You Can Request Officers Come Take Your Report

Call the LAPD Non-Emergency number and ask that a patrol car come to your home to take a report of a break-in or other crime incident that has occurred (not a crime in progress – which is always a 911 call).

**LAPD Non-Emergency Number: (877) 275-5273 or (877) ASK LAPD**

## Contacting the Hollywood Station

The front desk at the Hollywood Station is closed to the public due to the pandemic, however there are officers on duty 24/7 to respond to NON-EMERGENCY calls from the public. Officer Mata admitted that the best way to contact them is via email:

**[Hollywood@lapd.online](mailto:Hollywood@lapd.online)**

## Trespass Authorization Forms

These forms authorize the LAPD to make an arrest of a suspect on your property and give LAPD permission to go on your property to investigate – even if you aren't there at the time. Property owners must fill them out and send them to Officer Mata so that they are on file at the Hollywood Station. Click on the link below to download the form.

**[http://lapd-assets.lapdonline.org/assets/pdf/tresspass-arrest-authorization%20\(2\).pdf](http://lapd-assets.lapdonline.org/assets/pdf/tresspass-arrest-authorization%20(2).pdf)**

## Posting “No Trespass” Signs

There are specific requirements within Los Angeles for “No Trespass” signs. The verbiage and size of the lettering (2” or bigger), and the posting of the LA Municipal Code 41.24 are specified. Amazon carries them:

**<https://www.amazon.com/WITHOUT-PERMISSION-LAMC-41-24-Closed-Public/dp/B072LFHQ38>**

For More Specifics On the LA Municipal Code Go To:

**<http://lapd-assets.lapdonline.org/assets/pdf/2018%20special%20order5.pdf>**

## **It's important that Watch Captains encourage their neighbors to get a trespass authorization on file and post signs.**

*Q: Is it possible to go to the LAPD website and find information such as who is the senior lead officer or other information about who to call in various situations?*

Not currently. LAPD has a notoriously out of date online presence. Officer Mata stated they are more like 10-15 years out of date for technology.

Officer Mata stressed that we should call 911 in an emergency or the LAPD Non-Emergency number BEFORE contacting her, since she's not always on duty or available to respond.

*Q: How do victims of crime, who have filed reports, find out the outcome of an investigation by LAPD? Will they call them?*

It depends on the outcome, if you haven't heard back, they might not have anything to share. The best thing to do is to email the Senior Lead Officers (Officer Mata) and she can look into it, she can reach out to the detective. This only works if you are the direct victim of the crime.

*Q: Sometimes we have seen the media announce that after a bust of a crime ring they might announce that victims to come claim their property. Is this true?*

Yes! If property is recovered they will do their best to work with victims to claim it.

## Red Flag Day

January 19<sup>th</sup> LAFD declared a RED FLAG ALERT. Two of the vehicles that were ticketed and towed on a Hollywood Dell Red Flag street (no parking because of high fire danger that day) came back as stolen. One of them was associated with numerous crimes in the Beachwood area. Some of the items from those crimes were recovered in the vehicle.

It's important to report vehicles that have been sitting for many days. Often abandoned vehicles have been used in a crime or are stolen and dumped. A strong indicator that it might be stolen would be paper lic plates, or a covered VIN number.

If you see something like this, please contact Officer Mata.

We don't want criminals to think of our neighborhood as a good place to operate.

Link to see the interactive map of streets (in blue) that have "Red Flag Restricted Parking"

[https://geohub.lacity.org/datasets/delc9e1514ef4f6a9955486d945a6555\\_?geometry=-118.376%2C34.105%2C-118.289%2C34.130](https://geohub.lacity.org/datasets/delc9e1514ef4f6a9955486d945a6555_?geometry=-118.376%2C34.105%2C-118.289%2C34.130)

## Crime Trends

*Q: There seems to be a surge in vehicle break-ins, it seemed like every day for 6 – 7 days in a row. Have you been getting reports?*

She has seen a cluster of activity, but when Officer Mata looked into it, only about ½ of those incidents have been reported. She also read the reports and many people have left valuables in their cars.

*Q: Has there been reports or evidence that the thieves are using those key fob devices to access locked cars?*

No. Many people are just not locking their cars. Be careful to lock up – even in your own driveway or in front of your house.

*Q: Is there a place people can go when people can't get through to LAPD or when it's not a priority call because it's a quality of life occurrence (someone defecating in public, or other nuisance activity)?*

There isn't a place to report this type of thing, but it's important to keep track, so Watch Captains should keep a list. But, it's always a good idea to call the Non-Emergency number, and make a report, so that if there becomes a series of similar things, they can be aware of it. And, be sure to keep Officer Mata in the loop via email with the location, date/time and brief description of the incidents.

## **Outreach – Getting People to Participate**

Jan Hohenstein  
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Jan wanted to highlight where we have people, where we are missing people and how we get better coverage for the Dell Watch. Jan is the lead Captain and can assist residents in getting signed up, and let them know who the Neighborhood Watch Captain is for their street.

Judy Kass Dowden  
HDCA Outreach Chair (Welcome Baskets)  
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### Welcoming New Neighbors

As the HDCA Outreach chair, Judy puts together welcome baskets on behalf of HDCA several times a year and delivers them to new residents. The welcome baskets contain important information about the neighborhood, the Neighborhood Watch, the "Observe & Report" guide, the list of our government representatives etc. along with some fun stuff.

Judy's teammate in this effort is Anne Fitzgibbon, who provides a title report (when houses are purchased, there is a change of title) and identifies which addresses are in fact new residents (vs. flippers). The challenge is identifying ALL new residents, including those who move here and rent, since there isn't a "renters" report to identify them.

Judy asked the Watch Captains to give her a "heads up" if they see a new neighbor move in, to ensure we are welcoming everyone to the Dell. Also, she suggested that the Watch Captains might like to deliver the baskets to the new neighbors on their streets as a way to introduce themselves. Email her their names and address.

*Q: Is there a list of all the current Watch Captains with their contact information.*

Yes. Alexa will email the list to them.

### Party Houses in the Dell

Party Houses have been under control lately due to the hard work of the residents and LAPD and the City Attorney. The surge in activity after the pandemic shut down bars and clubs in the Hollywood Entertainment District has been addressed. In part, the Mayor's emergency order has helped, but also Hollywood LAPD has increased dedicated "party patrols" on weekend nights (THU – SAT) and Officer Mata and the other SLO's have been doing proactive notification to problem locations in advance of holiday weekends. Most of the problem spots currently are on the west side of the 101 Freeway these days.

We are going to try to do a monthly Watch meeting separate from the regular monthly neighborhood meeting.

### Vine Overlook

Committee Meeting is scheduled on Zoom MONDAY, February 15 at 3:00 pm

Here's how to join.

Topic: Vine Street Overlook Committee  
Time: Feb 15, 2021 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/93847332384?pwd=SVd2azlkQmIUT0IHL3FqSExBTFRXUT09>

Meeting ID: 938 4733 2384  
Passcode: 642102