Albion Riverside Park Groundbreaking
Project Will Provide Park Amenities & Improve Water Quality

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Albion Riverside Park Project (Albion Project) at 1739 N. Albion St., Los Angeles, was held on May 6, 2017. Speakers included Mayor Eric Garcetti, State Senator Kevin de Leon, Councilmember Gil Cedillo, President of the Recreation and Parks Commission Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice-President of the Board of Public Works and member of the Proposition O Administrative Oversight Committee Heather Repenning, Department of Recreation & Parks General Manager Michael Shull, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Deputy Director of External Affairs for California State Parks Sedrick Mitchell, and President of Downey Recreation Center Park Advisory Board Michael Montes.

Despite the rain, the event was successful and continued support was received from the community, Council District 1 (CD 1) team, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Recreation and Parks, LA River Group, Bureau of Contract Administration, and the Sully-Miller Contracting Co.

The six-acre triangle-shaped project site is situated along the Los Angeles River, north of Main Street and south of Spring Street. The site is bordered by Albion Street to the southeast, by the existing Downey Park to the north, and by railroad tracks to the west. In 2009, the City purchased the site with funds from the Proposition O-Clean Water Bond. It was formerly a distribution and warehouse center for Ross Swiss Dairy. Existing buildings and underground structures were demolished and the contaminated soils were remediated to acceptable residential standards in 2013.

The Albion Project will improve the water quality by implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs include two (2) hydrodynamic separators that use cyclonic separation and removal of sediment and trash as a mean to pre-treat stormwater runoff, stormwater infiltration galleries, porous paving and bioswales.

In addition to the water quality improvements, approximately 10.4 acres of parkland will be developed including multi-purpose athletic fields with lighting, walking paths, adult fitness zones, children's play area, a new parking lot with permeable paving, hard-scape and site landscaping. Above ground park elements also include shade structures, improved accessibility ramps, and synthetic athletic fields.

The Albion Project involves multiple departments design, funding, collaboration, and partnering to deliver the new park facility to the constituents in Lincoln Parks. As part of the project, some improvements will also be made to Downey Park, including upgrading the baseball field. The Project will provide 10.4 acres of parkland combining the former Albion Dairy Site (6.4 acres) and the existing Downey Recreation Center & Park (4.0 acres).

The groundbreaking ceremony marked the transformation of a privately owned industrial parcel into a green, sustainable space for generations.

The stormwater elements are funded by Proposition O Funds ($15.6M for the project, $14.5M for land acquisition, and $7.0M for demolition and remediation), and the park ele-

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Improvements are funded by a $5.0M grant from State Proposition 84; $0.7M from Proposition K LA for Kids; and $1.5M from RAP Capital Funds.

The BOE Proposition O-Clean Water Bond Program is managing the project design, construction, and construction management. Lead consultant designer was Tetra Tech, Inc. In addition, the BOE Architectural Division prepared the landscape plans and specifications, and assisted in obtaining project permits. The general contractor is Sully-Miller Contracting Company.

The Bureau of Engineering worked in partnership with the Recreation and Parks Department and the Bureaus of Sanitation and Contract Administration, and the support of Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Gil Cedillo, and many others.

Congratulations to the entire BOE design team including Prop O Bond Program Team: Chris Johnson, Program Manager; John Saldin, Senior Engineer; Iftekhar Ahmed, prior Project Manager; Eunice Lee, Project Manager; and Naushin Kamal, Assistant Project Manager; from Architectural Division: Mahmood Karimzadeh, Principal Architect; Reza Bagherzadeh, Senior Environmental Engineer; Gary Lam, prior Project Manager; Sean Phan, Project Manager; Rick Fisher, Landscape Architect; and Jane Adrian, Landscape Architect; Neil Drucker, Program Manager; and Rebecca Abano, Senior Architect; and everyone else who contributed to this project.

Pictures clockwise from top right:
1. Albion Riverside Park Rendering
2. Main walkway between picnic area and soccer field rendering.
3. Walkway at bioswale rendering.
4. Mayor Eric Garcetti speaking at the event.
5. Attendees at the ground breaking.
Whitsett Fields Park Soccer Fields Renovated with Synthetic Turf

Councilmember Paul Krekorian led the grand opening ceremony for the Whitsett Fields Park Synthetic Turf Improvements located at 6900 Whitsett Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91605, was held on May 3, 2017.

The Department of Recreation & Parks developed a master plan with the intent to renovate all the existing soccer fields at the Whitsett Fields Park into synthetic turf. This project, which is Phase I of the overall master plan: Renovated one existing large (full-size) soccer field; renovated two small soccer fields into synthetic turf fields; expanded the existing parking area to add 43 parking spaces; installed empty conduits for potential future sports field lighting; and provided the shade structure, fencing, landscaping, irrigation, and walkways.

As part of sustainable design principles incorporated into the design, bio swales were built throughout to collect all the site storm water runoffs. Native and drought-tolerant landscaping was planted to provide shade.

This project, which uses 150,000 square feet of synthetic turf, will reduce water consumption by 3 million gallons per year.

The Bureau of Engineering attended community meetings with residents and the local soccer league and BOE in-house designers worked with Recreation & Parks to determine the type of synthetic turf, gate and fencing requirements, and other turf field maintenance needs.

Design was by BOE Architectural Division. The contractor was Horizons Construction Int’l, Inc. Funding was provided by 8th cycle Proposition K Competitive Grant and CDBG, Proposition A and Quimby.

Kudos to Architectural Division: Mahmood Karimzadeh, Program Manager; Rebecca Abano, Sr. Architect and PM; Jane Adrian, Landscape Architect II; Guillermo Barragan, Landscape Associate; Neil Drucker, Prop K Program Manager; from Construction Division: Division Head Jose Fuentes; Construction Manager Meghan Aldrich, Civil Engineer; from Geotech: Easton Forcier, Geotech Engineer; from Survey: Robert Neilsen, Engineer of Surveys; Cesar Bregaudit, Survey Supervisor; and all who were involved.

1 to r: Neil Drucker, Rebecca Abano, Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Therman Calloway (RAP), Guillermo Barragan.

1 to r: Sahag Yedalian (CD #2), City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, RAP Commissioner Pilar Diaz, Councilmember Paul Krekorian, RAP Commission President Sylvia Patsaouris, RAP Assistant General Manager Ramon Barajas, Neil Drucker.
This year, the week of May 21-27, 2017 marked the celebration of National Public Works Week. The City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works joined municipalities across the Nation celebrating the theme of the event, “Public Works Connects Us”, by honoring the Public Works professionals that have helped shape and renew the infrastructure of the City of Los Angeles.

The scheduled events were kicked-off on Monday, May 22, 2017 with a proclamation by Mayor Eric Garcetti at the Board of Public Works where he presented, President Kevin James with a certificate in recognition of the value and leadership of the Board of Public Works within City Government.

The Mayor’s proclamation was echoed by City Council on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 where a resolution was presented to the Board of Public Works Commissioners and Bureau executives by Councilmember Joe Buscaino.

The Board of Public Works, led by Commissioner Luz Rivas held an open house, Tuesday afternoon, with Business Improvement Districts and City Staff where BOE projects, such as the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project and the LADOT Bus Maintenance and CNG fueling facility were showcased.

Wednesday, May 23, 2017, marked the pinnacle of the week with the Board recognition of Public Works Staff who worked in response to the heavy winter storms. WCCD, WCED, GEO, SED, SSD, and SUR were among those specifically recognized by the Board. Deputy City Engineer, Ken Redd and Pat Force had a great idea to recognize the teams. And so the Public Works Task Team Recognition from WCCD, Doug Irvine and Ing Kueh from WCED, Craig Kunesh, Marcos Marin and Dan Orris from GEO, Karen Keal and August Schmid from SED, Gladys Gallardo and Anthony Felipe from SSD, and Rose Chin and Mark Kindig from SUR.

May 23 Team Recognition
At the May 23, 2017 Board of Public Works recognition of the Bureaus’ storm response, Commissioner Joel Jacinto said, “The recent storm season mobilized our entire Department of Public Works and many many interdependent teams. And so the Public Works Task Force had a great idea to recognize the teams.” Deputy City Engineer Ken Redd addressed the Board, “Thank you so much for taking the time to recognize the men and women from our Bureau and the other Bureaus that go out and work hard every day and they do this, often without recognition, and as John said, they’re prepared. I want to thank our members, we have representatives from the Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division, Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division, Geotechnical Engineering Division, Structural Engineering Division, Street Improvement & Stormwater Division, and the Survey Division. All of those people went out and helped in the storm season. I’m going to turn this over to Pat to talk about some of the things that they did. Pat Cheng is our division manager of the Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division.”

Patricia Cheng said, “The Bureau of Engineering has several programs responding to various emergency and urgent situations. There are three programs specifically involved in this past rainy season. These are the Erosion Control and Hillside Slope Stability Program, the Emergency Storm Drain Repair Program, and the Emergency Sewer Repair Program. I would like to share some statistics.

“The Geotechnical Engineering Group responded to 27 requests for geological and geotechnical evaluations of slopes and streets this past storm season. These requests came from Council Districts, Bureau of Street Services, Department of Building & Safety, Rec & Parks, etc. Out of these requests, the Erosion Control for Hillside Damage Program on-call contractor removed over 1,000 cubic yards of debris from several locations, installed 1,500 feet of K-rails, and installed over 280 feet of asphalt berms to control these situations. These emergencies were stabilized and many of continued on page 5
these projects are going to be referred to near future projects for more permanent repair.

“The Street Improvement & Stormwater Division responded to eleven emergency storm drain repair requests from the Bureau of Sanitation since January and a total of $1.93 million worth of construction orders issued to emergency storm drain repair on-call contractors to repair the damage to storm drains, culverts, catch basins and others.

“The Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division has responded to twenty sewer emergencies that were specifically caused by heavy rains. A total of $3.29 of construction orders has been issued to the emergency sewer repair on-call contractors to repair sinkholes, broken pipes, overwhelmed pump stations, and other problems brought on by the heavy rains.

“I just want to mention quickly one of the emergencies. On February 17th this year after a very heavy rain in the evening a large sinkhole on the North Outfall Sewer surfaced on Woodbridge Street by Laurel Canyon Boulevard. Everybody in the Bureau contributed to responding to this emergency. After the two fallen cars were retrieved, the difficult task of repairing the live sewer started. The emergency on-call contractors worked several days 24/7. Following were two months of long shift weekend work to repair the sewer. A lot of work was installed, they put shoring in to secure the sinkhole, they installed traffic control, they repaired the sewer, a bypass pump, and a lot of work. But I think it is the City employees that came through that demonstrated how the City family came together. For example, the Department of Transportation came out within a day and worked with my staff to come up with the traffic control on the fly. The Bureau of Sanitation management showed up, they were there for many days. They mobilized their heavy cranes and their staff to help the contractor. The Bureau of Contract Administration was there, they had extra staff there because this was a residential area, they made sure the site was secure. And many of the Bureau of Engineering staff provided support whenever we asked. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.”

President of the Board of Public Works Kevin James in his closing remarks thanked Commissioners Rivas and Jacinto for coordinating the event and added, “I echo the statements from my colleagues as well as the bureau directors. From my perspective, the teamwork that we saw during this storm season was terrific, it was excellent work. And you all were part of that team and that’s why you specifically were invited to be here today. We wanted to be able to say personally, from us to you, thank you. And when we say that, we’re saying that on behalf of the now 4-million residents of the City of Los Angeles, even many millions more when you think of the people that work in Los Angeles, are touring Los Angeles, or pass through Los Angeles on the way from point A to point B. The coordination and the collaboration among Bureaus was remarkable. I saw it myself, we all did. Whether we were dealing with the mudslide in Laurel Canyon, whether we’re dealing with the sinkhole in Studio City, or any of the numerous other emergencies around the City that happened this season. The collaboration was really top rate. And not just the collaboration among the Bureaus of the Department of Public Works, that’s the easiest collaboration perhaps, because it’s one department, but the collaboration with the Emergency Management Department, with the Fire Department, with the Planning Department, all the City departments, led by Public Works. And something that you heard earlier, the communication and collaboration with the Mayor’s office and the Council offices, it was seamless this season. . . So we really want to thank you all, and that’s why we have taken the time today to bring you in, and to take the time in a Board of Public Works public hearing to publicly recognize you and acknowledge you, to say thank you. Again, congratulations. It’s National Public Works Week, and for all of you it’s public service week and you’ve all excelled.”
Groundbreaking Held for Safe Routes to School at Hollywood High

On June 2, 2017 Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell led the groundbreaking at Hollywood High School, 1521 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, to signal the start of a Safe Routes to School project. The project will enhance the safety, comfort, and connectivity of the streets for people that walk or ride bicycles to and from Hollywood High School and Selma Avenue Elementary School. Deputy City Engineer Alfred Mata represented the Bureau of Engineering at the event.

The focus will be on the streets surrounding Hollywood High and Selma Avenue Elementary. The project will include the introduction of new traffic signals, speed bumps, curb extensions, and new streetlights and sidewalks. The goals will be to reduce speeds on Selma Avenue and increase the visibility of pedestrians and cyclists, which will create a safer walking and cycling environment and hopefully encourage more people to walk or ride bicycles.

The project is a collaboration between the 13th District Council Office, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Engineering, and is funded through a $3.4 million grant from the California Department of Transportation’s Active Transportation Program.

2017 CWEA Conference

The California Water Environmental Association’s (CWEA) annual conference was held this year in Palm Springs, California from April 25, 2017 to April 27, 2017. Crystal Lee, Ibrahim Hafeez, and Patrick Pouri represented the Bureau of Engineering Environmental Engineering Division at the conference and attended a variety of technical presentations on new and improving wastewater treatment systems and technologies. Attendees learned about topics such as ultraviolet light disinfection techniques, pilot programs for energy harvested from food waste use in digesters, and potable water reuse via spreading basins and injection wells.

The CWEA conference was a deeply informative and engaging event; Crystal, Ibrahim, and Patrick will be doing a presentation at EED’s next staff meeting to bring back what they learned to continue the Bureau’s efforts to be at the forefront of wastewater and environmental engineering.

What Can Go in the Recycling Bin?

You can recycle the following:
- Plastic drinking straws
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic food containers
- Water bottles
- Plastic film containers
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic drink cups/covers
- Aluminum cans
- Coffee cans
- Soup cans
- Plastic yogurt containers
- Cottage cheese containers
- Glass bottles/containers

Please empty and rinse out all food/beverage containers and flatten containers to conserve space.

Current Letterhead

The latest version of the Bureau of Engineering letterhead template is always available from the Engineering Forms Library under the category Correspondence on the BOE intranet.
Welcome to BOE!
The following information about one of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

Mina Grais
Mina Grais has joined the Streets and Stormwater Division as a Civil Engineering Associate I. He graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with his Bachelor’s degree in 2012 followed by his Master’s degree in Civil Engineering. Structural emphasis in 2015. While working on his Master’s, Mina worked for a structural engineering firm in Temecula where he gained experience designing a wide variety of structures including multifamily wood buildings, concrete parking structures, steel commercial structures, and other structures composed of two or more materials. After receiving his Master’s degree, Mina moved to Orange County where he worked as a design engineer for a consulting company that specializes in wood construction. Mina was born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt. He moved to the U.S. in 2007. On his free time, Mina enjoys hanging out with friends by the beach. Some of his hobbies are going to the gym, traveling, playing soccer, ping pong, and pool. Mina can be found at the 8th floor of the Public Works Building.

International Right of Way Association Award
On May 16, 2017, the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) awarded the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works with the Small Employer of the Year Award for their continuous support of the IRWA’s Chapter 1 in Los Angeles. The IRWA is a professional member organization comprised of global infrastructure real estate practitioners that is recognized for their high ethical standards, commitment to integrity and professional excellence. The Real Estate Division, pictured above, accepted the award on behalf of the Bureau of Engineering.

Councilmember Engander Recognizes Drucker & Jimenez for Community Service
On May 17, 2017 Councilmember Mitchell Englander honored Neil Drucker, Recreational & Cultural Facilities Program Manager, and Uriel Jimenez, Real Estate Division Head, for their commitment to serving the communities of Council District 12, at a Town Hall meeting of the Board of Public Works held at the Mayall Academy of Arts & Technology in North Hills.
WUF Design Awards Recognize BOE Projects
The Westside Urban Forum will present their 2017 Design Awards at a luncheon to be held on Friday June 9, 2017 in Santa Monica. Among the Bureau of Engineering projects receiving recognition in the Public: Institutional category:

Citation Award - LAPD Metropolitan Division Facility, Perkins + Will, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

Merit Award - Central Pool Renovation, Lehrer Architects LA, Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

Merit Award - Hollywood Recreation Center - Pool & Pool Building, Frank Webb Architects, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

The Westside Urban Forum is dedicated to land-use dialogue impacting Los Angeles’ Westside. It is made up of a group of developers, planners, designers, architects and community members engaged in all facets of planning and development, that seek to increase the quality of policy discussions impacting the Westside.
First and Broadway Park Community Workshop

Representatives from Mia Lehrer + Associates, Council District 14, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Engineering revealed the new designs a community meeting at the L.A. Times Building on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. The meeting was a chance for Downtown stakeholders to see renderings and models of the updated park plan and offer more feedback for further revisions.

"One of the things we heard most with the original design was ‘more trees,’ so we added more, and wanted to make sure they’re big enough to provide deep shade," said Ben Feldmann, a principal at Mia Lehrer + Associates.

The park team will take the comments from the meeting and work on the design for presentation at an open house later this summer.
Notice No. 07 Renewal of Outside Employment Authorization


Application Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2017

In conformance with Bureau of Engineering (BOE) standards, all employees engaged in outside employment must submit a new Notice of Intention to Engage in Outside Employment, Form No. PA-27 (Attachment No. 1 and Supplement to Form No. PA-27 (Attachment No. 2) by Thursday, June 1, 2017. All prior outside employment authorizations will expire on May 31, 2017.

All previous filers and any new applicants should complete a new application and submit it to their supervisor. To ensure that all employees are made aware of this Notice, Division/District/Group Managers shall route a copy of this Notice through their office and have all employees initial the roster of receipt.

Division/District/Group Managers are to review each application and Form No. PA-27 form, and recommend approval/disapproval. These documents should then be forwarded to the respective Deputy City Engineer for final approval. Once completed, the applications are to be returned to the Division/District/Group Manager who will forward them to Kylan Peterson in the Personnel Division, Public Works Building, 7th Floor, Mail Stop 311, by Thursday, June 1, 2017.

Note: Outside Employment Application can be found on BOE’s intranet, in the Forms Library, under Personnel entitled Notice of Intention to Engage in Outside Employment - Form No. PA-27.
for supervisors and managers to sign the Attendance Review Report/Counseling Record before it is given to the employee for signature. The Attendance Review Report/Counseling Record form serves three key purposes:

- It notifies the employee that his/her attendance record is of concern;
- It generates discussion regarding the attendance record and gives the employee the opportunity to explain it; and
- It documents the counseling action. Supervisors should make it clear to the employee that the counseling session is not discipline. It is a review and discussion of the employee’s absence record because it exceeds the established Department criteria. If after discussion, the usage is judged unjustified or excessive, a warning or disciplinary action may follow, but the counseling session should not be perceived as punishment. Also, in reviewing the report, consider the overall pattern and the reasons for the use, not just the total number of occasions and hours.

The Attendance Review Report for each employee must be completed and returned to the Personnel Section of the Administration Division by June 16, 2017.

If you wish further assistance filling out the form or to discuss the Attendance Improvement Program, please contact Kylan Peterson at (213) 485-5122.

**Notice No. 11 Employee Performance Appraisals**

Notice No. 11 dated June 1, 2017, titled Employee Performance Appraisals states that it’s time again for the Annual Employee Performance Appraisals. All evaluations must be completed using the new online form by July 31, 2017 for the rating period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. To access the new Employee Performance Appraisal Form, please go to the Bureau’s intranet site and click on Forms Library, then click on Personnel, and then click on Employee Performance Appraisal. The form is also available at the following link: http://boe.ci.la.ca.us/epas/.

Once you have accessed the Employee Performance Appraisal System intranet site for the form, you will need to login using your PAYSR ID and your current LAGEECS password. A number of menu options are available. However, it is highly recommend ed that all managers and supervisors review the User Guide (click on User Guide for the PDF) prior to entering any information onto the appraisal form. The Performance Appraisal Timeline for 2017 was attached to the Notice for convenience.

Managing an employee’s overall performance is critical to the success of reinforcing competence, teamwork, and project delivery in our customer-driven organization. This responsibility is one of the most important aspects of every supervisor and manager’s job. As a result, we must use every opportunity to ensure that job expectations are made clear, and that employees are provided with feedback on their performance. Please remember to use the employee’s legal name on the Performance Appraisal Form. Our goal is to reach an even higher level of consistency than what we’ve achieved in systematically appraising our employees. The Bureau will continue to evaluate performance annually within a specific “window” for completing all annual evaluations. Managers and supervisors will adhere to the attached 2017 timeline as identified in the attachment, supervisors and managers are expected to provide an opportunity for open dialogue between the supervisor and the employee, where both provide input on the performance of the employee and engage in an interactive dialogue for reaching a consensus, where possible. This dialogue begins with supervisors meeting with their employees to discuss the performance appraisal process, including reviewing the attached Goals Development Process Matrix (Attachment No. 2) with their employees to prepare them in completing their self-appraisal.

Supervisors who would like to view the official signed Performance Appraisal Forms of their employees for fiscal year 2015-16, should contact the Liaison Services Bureau Group 1, located in Room 1805, City Hall. Please contact them to schedule an appointment at (213) 978-1817. Training for supervisors on how to conduct a performance appraisal is also scheduled for June 13-15, 2017. Additional information regarding this training will be sent to each division’s Training Coordinator.

Associate I’s and probationary employees are not included in this process. These employees will be evaluated in a separate evaluation process. Employees who are on a leave of absence should be evaluated upon their return.

Also, please remember the staff of the Bureau’s Administration Division are available to assist you, and will provide more details concerning the process and the interpretation of the rating factors. In the meantime, if you have general questions, please refer to the User Guide.

**213 & 323 Area Code Dialing Change**

AT&T has announced that the boundary line between the 323 and 213 area codes will be eliminated and the two areas served by the 213 and 323 area codes will be combined. The boundary elimination does not require customers with a 323 or 213 area code to change their existing area code, but does require them to dial “1” followed by the area code and the seven-digit telephone number on every call, including calls within the same area code, effective July 8, 2017. Remember to check any automatic dialing equipment, such as fax machines, etc.

**First Annual BOE Dodger Night! Thursday, July 6th**

OK, maybe it’s not the first EVER, but it’s been a long time since engineering employees and friends have gone to a ball game together. Let’s make this an annual tradition. Please join us! Here’s what you need to know:

**When:**
- Thursday July 6, 2017. Game starts at 7:10 pm. Should be over by 9 pm.

**What:**
- We have reserved a block of seats at Dodger stadium so we can sit together and watch the Dodgers crush the Arizona Diamondbacks.
- It’s Dave Roberts Bobble-head night!

**How:**
- Tickets are $28 each, not including parking or refreshments.
- Please deliver a check payable to “Bureau of Engineering Association Fund” to Karan Patel or Justin Ramirez in Structural Engineering on the 7th floor at the PW Building by May 5th.
- If you do not work in the PW Building, please send your check by interdepartmental mail. We’ll get your tickets to you.

**Transportation/Parking**
- Dodger Shuttle: If you drive to work, we have arranged for parking at City Hall that night. You can park there and walk or DASH it to Union Station and take the free shuttle to the game. It’s free and easy and brings us back to Union Station at the end of the night.
- Park at Stadium: Stadium parking is $10 in advance and $15 at the gate.

**Pre-Gathering**
- We will be gathering before the game at Justice Tavern, across the street from City Hall at 120 S. Los Angeles Street. It’s an easy walk or DASH ride from there to Union Station. Happy hour prices.

**Who:**
- Anyone! Friends and family are welcome. Our City Engineer and a number of managers are also planning to attend.

**Questions?**
For more information, please contact Carla Valladares at carla.valladares@lacity.org.

**ReadyLA - Be Prepared**

The Emergency Preparedness Department’s website readyla.org has tips and detailed advice on how to prepare for many types of emergencies: earthquake, fire, floods, extreme heat, extreme cold, landslide, power blackout, tornado, hurricane, cyber security, terrorism, public health, hazardous materials, etc. Does your family have an emergency plan? Check out the information on how to create one, before there’s an emergency.
Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter. For additional information on these seminars please go to www.cmaasc.org.

**Breakfast of Champions – Banc of California Stadium Project Update** on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the City Club Los Angeles, City National Tower, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest Speaker: Corey Breton, Executive Vice President of Sales, LA Football Club.

**Dinner – Los Angeles Area K-12 Districts Capital Program Updates** on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at The LA Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa, L.A., 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 Dinner and Presentation.

Guest Speakers: Steve Massetti, Director - Facility Improvement Projects, Santa Monica-Malibu USD; Alan Reising, Executive Director - Facilities Development & Planning, Long Beach Unified School District; Tony Barios, Executive Director - Planning, Development and Facilities, Glendale Unified School District; Kevin Hobby, Director of Facilities, Garvey School District.

Moderator: Joe Dixon, Chair, Californians for Quality Schools, Immediate Past Chair, C.A.S.H.

Cost: Register by June 16: $70/member, $140/non-member. After June 16: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Building Commissioning & Optimization – Changing Codes, Green Certifications, and Funding** on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Connect the dots between Commissioning, Cost, Quality, Schedule and Project Delivery and describe how these services benefit the CM and Owner. Learn how early involvement and a proactive approach can maximize the value and improve team collaboration and synergy. Discuss the 2016 Title 24 code, LEED v4, and 2017 CA-CHPS changes in Commissioning and how they will impact your next project. Review current incentives and funding opportunities and how recent bond measures can benefit your Owner and projects. Learn about:

- Industry and CMAA Best Practices
- Title 24 Updates
- LEED v4 and CHPS Changes
- Incentives, Propositions, and Measures
- Improvements: Jim Ogden, LEED Fellow; James Becker, PE, CxA+BE, FPE, EMP; Vince Maddsen, Director of Facilities Planning, Wiseburn School District.

Cost, register by June 16: $70/member, $140/non-member. After June 16: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**What Owners Want from CMs** on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. A distinguished panel of owners will share their experiences and discuss their expectations when using CM consultants. Topics to be covered will include:

- CM Leadership
- Owners vs Consultant Staffing
- The CM’s Role in APD
- Proactive vs Administrative
- Schedule, Cost, Quality and Safety
- Contract Administration and Change Orders
- Risk Management
- Dispute Avoidance, Mitigation & Resolution

Panel members: Massood Eftekhari, Deputy Director, County of Los Angeles; Mark Hovatter, Chief Facilities Executive, LAUSD; Ross Lew, Program Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority; Charles Beauvoir, Executive Officer, Transit Project Delivery, Project Director, Crenshaw/LAX Project, LACMTA (METRO).

Moderator: Joe Seibold, PE, FCMAA, Executive Vice President, ARCADIS US, Inc. Cost, register by July 7: $70/member, $140/non-member. After July 7: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Breakfast of Champions - Metrolink** on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at the City Club Los Angeles, City National Tower, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Guest speaker: Art Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

**Breakfast of Champions - METRO I-710 South Project** on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at the LA Hotel, 333 South Figueroa, Downtown LA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Guest speakers: Abdollah Ansari, Sr. Executive Officer, Program Management/Highway Program and Ernesto Chaves, Sr. Director, Program Management/Highway Program – I-710 Project Manager.

**California Mechanics’ Lien Law, Use of Stop Payment Notices & Bond Claims** on Thursday, July 20, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. This seminar will explore the requirements for establishing and enforcing statutory mechanics’ lien rights, stop payment notice rights, and bond claims in California. The key topics will include:

- Procedural requirements for Mechanics’ Liens
- Procedural requirements for Stop Payment Notices
- Possible claimants for Mechanics’ Liens and Stop Payment Notices
- Statutory time limits for Mechanics’ Liens, Stop Payment Notices and payment bonds
- Procedural requirements for payment and performance bond claims
- Priorities for recovery of Mechanics’ Liens and Stop Payment Notices
- Lien releases
- Release bonds

Seminar Instructors: Omel A. Nieves & Kathlynn Smith, Hunt Ortmann

2.0 hours California Continuing Legal Education Credit sponsored by Hunt Ortmann.

Cost: Register by Friday, July 14: $70/member, $140/non-member. After July 14: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Breakfast of Champions - Scripps Health Capital Program for Seismic Compliance by 2030** on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at the LA Hotel, 333 South Figueroa, Downtown LA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Guest speaker: Bruce Rainey, Corporate Vice President, Construction and Facilities, Scripps Health, San Diego. Learn about Scripps Health’s plans for seismic compliance at three hospitals in San Diego, including a replacement hospital, new patient tower, acute care building, and several OSHPD Structural and Non-Structural Performance Category upgrade projects.

**Breakfast of Champions - University of California Capital Program Updates** on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Guest speakers: Peter Hendrickson, AIA, Associate Vice Chancellor Design & Construction, UCLA; Brian Pratt, AIA, LEED AP, Assistant Vice Chancellor Campus Architect, UC Irvine; John Casey, Executive Director, Construction & Project Management, UC Riverside.

**Breakfast of Champions - Queen Mary Island $250 Million/65 Acre Entertainment Complex** on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the LA Hotel, 333 South Figueroa, Downtown LA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. The City of Long Beach’s iconic Queen Mary would become the centerpiece of “Queen Mary Island”, a 65-acre entertainment complex that would include California’s first indoor ice climbing wall, surfing, canyoning, skydiving, zip lining, and a trampline park. Learn about this exciting project. Guest speaker: Dan Zaharoni, Chief Development Officer, Urban Commons.

**How to Dispose of Unwanted Furniture**
The General Services Department (GSD) requests that departments remind employees not to dump any unwanted furniture on any loading dock, or elsewhere, as it can present both a safety and a fire hazard.

The disposal of any unwanted furniture should be directed to GSD Moving Services, e-mail gsd.movingsvs@lacity.org attention: Noel Cabrera, or call 213-978-7694. This service is free of charge.

LA Conservation Corps press release:
(LOS ANGELES) May 18, 2017 - The Los Angeles Conservation Corps proudly announces Paddle the LA River 2017. There are distinctive differences between this season and previous years.

The Paddle the LA River program will only be open to the general public on select Saturdays this summer. The Corps will use the other days of the week to provide youth kayaking tours, monitor the environmental health of the paddle setting, and to conduct river cleanups in order to enhance the paddling experience.

For the first time, The LA Conservation Corps is renting kayaks (and gear) for self-guided tours down the natural-bottom stretch of the LA River. A brief safety orientation will be provided before assisting departure.

The Guided Tours are still available, but are offered for private parties on a limited basis. The LA Conservation Corps is offering three time slots on select Saturdays with fourteen (14) slots available. Each trip will have three certified guides and include all the necessary equipment as well as safety orientation and a brief history of the river.

Los Angeles experienced substantial rain fall this past winter. This means the water level of the LA River is more conducive to paddling than in previous years. The weather also altered the landscape of this journey making it feel new.

The LA Conservation Corps could not present Paddle the LA River 2017 without our partners. The Corps has partnered with Urban Semillas, Pacoima Beautiful, Heal the Bay, and LA Sanitation to develop a high caliber recreation-education kayaking program for the public.

Kayaking will depart from the Sepulveda Basin. Please contact: PaddleTheLARiver.org for detailed information and a complete list of frequently asked questions.

Tickets to rent kayaks for the summer season are on sale now! Book your kayak rentals at paddletelahariver.org today!

About the Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Celebrating its 31st year, the LA Conservation Corps’ primary mission is to provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.

LAFCU Announces 2017 Blood Drive

LAFCU press release:
Glendale, CA (May 19, 2017) - Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU), in partnership with American Red Cross Blood Services Region (AMR), will host a Bloodmobile Bus Blood Drive On Wednesday, June 7 out of LAFCU’s corporate office in Glendale from 9am to 3pm. This year’s theme is “Be a lifesaver: Donate Blood.” The need for blood is constant and all blood types are needed to maintain a healthy and reliable blood supply. Blood is used during surgeries, to treat accident victims, and for cancer patients. Blood donors give patients another chance at life.

Established in 1940, the national AMR works with more than 50,000 blood drive sponsors each year to hold more than 200,000 blood drives, providing convenient locations for people to give blood. Eighty percent of the blood donations given to the Red Cross are collected at mobile blood drives set up at high schools, colleges, places of worship or military installations, and at community organizations and companies like LAFCU.

Anyone who lives in Southern California can join LAFCU and take advantage of its financial services. For details, visit www.LAFCU.org, call (877) MY LAFCU (695-2328), or stop by one of their branches. To donate blood, contact the Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

LAFCU Blood Drive: The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked in the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union’s Glendale parking lot from 9 am to 3 pm on Wednesday, July 7, 2017. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood, contact MaryAnn Orozco at morozco@lafcu.org.

LAFCU is located at 300 S. Glendale Ave, Glendale, CA 91205 (near the corner of Colorado Blvd.)

Virtual Reality Project for Hollyhock House

CITY HALL (April 5, 2017) - The Los Angeles City Council approved $133,000 in funding for a virtual reality tour of the Hollyhock House at Barnsdall Park, making the historic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home more accessible to everyone, Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell announced today.

The Hollyhock House was recently renovated and reopened to the public for tours in 2015. The facility was built before the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and has limited access, however as a National Historic Landmark, the structure cannot be altered. This virtual reality tour will be web-friendly, and accessible to anyone with a computer or mobile device.

“This vote by the City Council will allow everyone, everywhere, the opportunity to visit the Hollyhock House,” said Councilmember O’Farrell. “The video project will make the amazing historic landmark accessible to more people than ever before, shattering the notion of limited access due to challenges because of its unusual design or obstacles inside the structure.”

Hollyhock curator Jeffrey Herr says the video tour will utilize three-dimensional camera work, and provide a near virtual view due to the camera angle, helping people navigate through the house as if they are on a tour.

“We are grateful to the City Council for approving this new project funding for Hollyhock House so we can serve people with mobility or physical issues,” said Danielle Brazell, Department of Cultural Affairs General Manager. “We will now be able to make all of Hollyhock House virtually accessible to both on- and off-site audiences interested in this treasure, increasing creative engagement and economic development.”

The Council action on Tuesday approved $133,000 to cover the costs associated with the Virtual Reality Accessibility Project. The funds will pay for filming, post production, website design and implementation, as well as docent training on the digital platform. The monies will be derived from the City’s Innovation Fund 2016-17 available balance, and the project should be complete later this year.

Mitch O’Farrell represents the 13th Council District where Barnsdall Park is located. He also serves as Chair of the City’s Arts, Parks, and Los Angeles River Committee which oversees operations at city-owned parks facilities.

Additional information, including tour availability, can be found at http://barnsdall.org.

Newsletter Submissions

We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. There are a few tips that we’d like to be kept in mind. Please do not submit articles using the “table” or “column” feature of MS Word. It will not translate correctly. Instead, just use tabs. If you have photos, please send them in their native format, i.e., jpg or tif. Do not place photos in a word processing document. Also, please run your article through spell check and make sure all names are spelled correctly before submitting it. Again, thanks to all for their contributions.

Submittal of Papers

This is a reminder that employees must get the approval of their group manager and/or senior manager prior to submitting any abstract or paper for presentation at a professional conference.
In Memoriam

Robert Ehr cott
Retired Senior Civil Engineer
Robert Ehr cott passed away on March 11, 2017. He retired in July 1982 as an Assistant District Engineer in the West L.A. District Office. This is from the San Luis Obispo Tribune published on March 30, 2017:

Robert William Ehr cott, 96, gently passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2017, surrounded by his immediate family in San Luis Obispo, California. Robert was born the second son to Loretta and Grover (Kandy) Ehr cott in Champaign, Illinois, where he lived, attended school and graduated from the University of Illinois, in Civil Engineering. With WWII underway he enlisted in The U.S. Marine Corps Officer training program. Robert served five years in the Fifth Marine division, The Spearheads and was activated to combat in the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945; Unharmed he witnessed the American Flag raised on Mt. Suribachi. Honorably discharged as Captain, he returned to Illinois. Supporting his Alma mater, Robert flew to California for the 1947 Rose Bowl where University of Illinois beat UCLA. Enjoying Southern California he stayed and spent his 35 year Registered Civil Engineering career with the City of Los Angeles. A coworker introduced Robert to his future bride, Marjorie, and they were married 66 years. The couple raised their family in Mar Vista, moving to Pacific Palisades where they lived 42 years. The family camped and water skied every year and attended Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades. Robert and Marjorie enjoyed an active 35 year retirement, traveling the world, plus many road trips visiting his Illinois farm, family and friends. Robert was an avid reader, loved watching basketball and working out at the LA Fitness gym where he developed many friendships. He was a great example of healthy living saying, “We are the CEOs of our own bodies.” While on the Central Coast he contracted pneumonia which lead to his decline. Robert is survived by his wife, Marjorie Grace of Pacific Palisades; children: Richard Ehr cott (Andrea) of Topanga Canyon, Jean Ehr cott Luis (Gordon) of Shell Beach, Betty Bolton (Dale) of Arroyo Grande, and Bill Ehr cott (Lauren) also of Arroyo Grande; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren with one on the way. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Marshall Spoo Chapel.

Lawrence Erdos
Retired Senior Civil Engineer Lawrence Erdos passed away on February 17, 2017 at the age of 80. He retired in August 1991 from the Wastewater Systems Engineering Division. After retirement he continued to be active on the Greenbook Committee. He also had a law degree and was a member of the California Bar Association. The May 11, 2017 L.A. Times stated that there would be a memorial service on May 12, 2017 at the Armstrong Family Mortuary, 931 Venice Blvd., L.A.

John Owen
Senior Management Analyst I John Owen retired from the Administration Division. No information on services was available at time of publication.

Upcoming Deadlines
This is a reminder that Outside Employment Applications were due June 1, 2017. Refer to Notice No. 7 Renewal of Outside Employment Authorization Application on page 10.

Attendance Review Forms are due June 16, 2017. Refer to Notice No. 10 Paid Sick Leave Review - Reporting Period April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017 on page 10.

Employee Performance Appraisals are due July 31, 2017. Refer to Notice No. 11 Employee Performance Appraisals on page 11.

We’d Like to Hear from You
If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to BOENewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is Thursday, June 29, 2017.

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