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We hope everyone is safe and sound after our bout of wildfires here, and we hope the worst is behind us this season!

Rodenticide is killing our wildlife

Alas, fires are not our only problem in the wild. Many of us were saddened by the news that two mountain lions died of rodenticide, or rat poison. There are other approaches to managing rat populations, including barn-owl boxes, integrated pest management, and traps. To learn more about your options and potential legislative solutions, please visit www.clawonline.org/help-ban-rodenticide and poisonfreemalibu.org. (And thank you to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee for the latter resource!)

Come to the Wildlife Pilot Study Workshop this Saturday, November 16

Speaking of wildlife, please join us this coming Saturday for a workshop hosted by the Department of City Planning on how we can support our wildlife habitats. This will be an opportunity for the community to hear what the planning department has heard from us to date, and to get our feedback. Get the details at planning.lacity.org/odocument/a38bcae5-90e0-45d0-b33e-03502b9b24be/2019_Workshop_Flyer.pdf.

Be a part of LA's Green New Deal

We want to help make LA's Green New Deal a reality! Join us, and get involved. Inspired by the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, we are inviting all neighborhood councils to contribute. We hosted a workshop at the Congress of Neighborhoods on the issue, and there is more to come soon!

Are you doing something that is in alignment with our Green New Deal? We have lots of exciting ideas and projects in the works, including a partnership with the City of LA, the Palms Neighborhood Council Green Committee, and the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council to certify green businesses.

Visit plan.lamayor.org/sites/default/files/pLAn_2019_final.pdf to learn more about LA's Green New Deal, and let us know what ideas you have for supporting it! Contact steering board member Lisa Hart at lisahart@ncsa.la or 323.660.2780.

Help save our trees

Our existing tree canopy is threatened, and neighborhood councils can help! Neighborhood councils are now getting notices about proposed tree removals. These are also posted on the NCSA website in the order they come in, at ncsa.la/proposed_tree_removal_listings. And check out the new NCSA Trees page with helpful tree-related information—ncsa.la/trees.

Also, we want you to know that we are well represented on the City's Community Forest Advisory Committee—by Julie Stromberg of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council and Isabelle Duvivier of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and also by alternates Shelley Billik of the Encino Neighborhood Council and Joanne D'Antonio of the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council.

Leaf-blowing got you down?

Do you use a gas-powered leaf-blower, or do you pay a gardener who uses a gas-powered leaf blower on your property? Or do you use a gas-powered lawnmower? Then visit ww3.arb.ca.gov/msprog/offroad/sore/sm_en_fs.pdf?_ga=2.45437479.201835299.1573579711-1586416990.1470772980 to learn why it's not good for the air we breathe.

And visit www.Aqmd.gov/lawnmower to learn about the South Coast Air Quality Management District's programs that help clean the air through the replacement of gasoline-powered residential lawn mowers and commercial lawn and garden equipment.

And did you know you can report gas-powered leaf-blowing within 500 feet of a residence (which is illegal) to MyLA311? We're not saying the city will enforce the law, but, hey, we have to start somewhere, right?

Do we want a gas power plant at the Intermountain Power Plant site?

Are you thinking it doesn't sound quite right to be building a gas-fueled power plant at this point in the climate crisis? The NCSA's advocacy committee agrees. The City Council unanimously approved the Eland Solar project last Tuesday—let's keep up the momentum! Please visit ncsa.la/advocacy_100re to learn more about the issue and what your neighborhood council can do.

Building decarbonization is coming!

You might have heard that this summer Berkeley passed an exciting law banning natural gas in new buildings. That's right, folks. The California Energy Commission agrees—as our electricity sources become cleaner, electricity emits many fewer carbon emissions than

natural gas appliances, and so we are going all-electric. Many other cities have followed Berkeley's lead, and LA is working to join the effort. To learn more about building decarbonization, check out nca.la/advocacy_building_decarbonization. (We have a handy flier there, too.)

As is to be expected, SoCalGas is launching a campaign to convince us that this is a bad idea, so we want to be sure you have the facts. For more about what SoCalGas has been up to, visit nca.la/advocacy_methane. And you can see the NCSA advocacy committee's fact sheet on the question of biogas (which SoCalGas is promoting) at nca.la/advocacy_biogas_flier.

Sustainability guidelines for developers in the works

And, speaking of clean buildings, we have a working group that is developing guidelines for planning and land use committees to be able to use in their conversations with developers. The working group launched after an exciting meeting late June among planning and land use committee members, architects, developers, urban planners, and others. Stay tuned for the guidelines! And if you would like to see a draft or get involved, please email Philip Ganchev, our soon-to-be representative from the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, at phil.ganchev@gmail.com.

New member neighborhood councils

And lastly, we want to welcome our newest member neighborhood councils—Greater Toluca Lake, Mar Vista, Northwest San Pedro, and Venice. We are so happy to have you on board!

Engage with us on our [facebook page](#), [facebook group](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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