



RVNA News—Summer 2023

Thank you to all of our neighbors who attended our 2023 RVNA Town Hall last week at the Relational Center. It was refreshing to see so many energized neighbors who had a lot of great questions and ideas for our panelists and who also shared their inspiring stories as to what actions they have personally undertaken to make Reynier Village a better place to live.

Town Hall Summary

1. **Senior Lead Officer Christopher Baker** provided excellent information including statistics that crime was down overall in our neighborhood. He provided suggestions on crime prevention and property protection. Please go to [RVNA Crime Prevention Tips | reyniervillage.org](https://reyniervillage.org/rvna-crime-prevention-tips) to read more about this topic. He would like to see response rates for all kinds of calls improved upon, but he shared that there was a high turnover for police officers in Los Angeles. He introduced some of our local Citizen policing volunteers and advocated for more volunteers. Officer Baker once again encouraged neighborhood watch and reinforced the need for all RVNA residents to stay vigilant and help keep our eyes open to and report any suspicious activities. He welcomes neighbors taking photos of graffiti and emailing them to him to determine if they are gang-related. The more that is reported, the greater probability of increased surveillance by the police. He has personally communicated to higher-ups the need to reinstate the school police at Hamilton High. He also shared that we have a new traffic officer for our area who is going to focus on Robertson Blvd. Officer Baker contact: 39796@lapd.online
2. **Mayra Guevara, City Council District 10 Deputy**, also provided excellent updates on all the improvements that the City Council office has made to our neighborhood, including the clean-up and establishment of a Special Enforcement Zone around the Garth tunnel and at Reynier Park. She also provided updates on the upcoming Movie night at Reynier Park this Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and movie at 8 p.m. Mayra recommended creating incidents using the MyLA311 app or call 311. Then you can use Quick Ticket for various requests. Then text Mayra the incident information for her to follow up on, i.e. for road repairs, etc. Mayra says their office is still working on achieving reported sidewalk repairs, which have been delayed due to the City's budget. They have had reports of standing water on some streets and those are being addressed. There have also been reports of issues with 2512 S Robertson Blvd. which is being leased out as an event space even though she says it is not zoned for that use. The Council office is working on restricting parties there and also recommended reporting issues to the L.A. Dept. of Building & Safety. Park safety is also being examined with possible installation of cameras and additional lighting being considered. There is currently a traffic study being done to try to decrease traffic volume on RVNA streets. Mayra's contact: Mayra.Guevara@lacity.org or (323) 733-7514 (mobile) or (323) 276-4921 (direct line).
3. **Laurie Levine, South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORONC) Zone 5 (Reynier Village) representative**. She shared the work that she has done with SORONC that also benefits RVNA. She also offered to create a WhatsApp contact group for RVNA residents facilitate efficient communication and crime reporting among RVNA residents. If you are interested, please email Laurie at laurielevine@soronc.org
4. **The RVNA Board members** shared some of the recent activities of the association along with its history of social gatherings, neighborhood clean-ups, communicating on neighbors' behalf with the City Council office and SORONC, offering emergency preparedness events, etc. The Board announced that we are seeking to revitalize the association and are now seeking candidates for elections in August. A separate email requesting candidates for elections will follow with details! Contact: rvna@reyniervillage.org