

Argyle Civic Association





Argyle Civic Association is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer neighborhood-based organization.



History of the Argyle Avenue Neighborhood

Argyle Avenue and the surrounding streets comprise one of Hollywood's most historic residential neighborhoods. Its charming, eclectic mix of Spanish Revival, Hollywood Gothic, Craftsman, and Mid-Century Modern architecture gives it a quintessentially Los Angeles feel.

Like most of surrounding Hollywood, the neighborhood's development was (and remains) closely tied to the motion picture industry. In 1917 Japanese-American silent film star Sessue Hayakawa lived in the large mansion known as Glengarry Castle (originally build by Dr. Alfred Schloesser) on the corner of Argyle and Franklin; sadly, it was demolished in 1956, after serving for a time as a synagogue for Temple Israel of Hollywood. Fortunately, Castle Argyle, an imposing structure also build by Schloesser at the opposite corner of Argyle and Franklin, remains; it was one of the many large-scale apartment buildings constructed in the 1920's for the blooming silence movie community.

The decline suffered by Hollywood during the 1970s and 1980s was particular felt in the Argyle Avenue neighborhood, as continued neglect led

to this freeway-convenient area becoming a haven for street crime and gang activity.

Thanks in large part to the determination of the Argyle Civic Association, this historic neighborhood has once again become a livable community, enjoying the security and safety its residents deserve.

Within a short walk from many of Hollywood's major attractions and landmarks including the Pantages Theater, the Arclight/ Cinema Dome, and the Capitol Records Building —the Argyle Avenue neighborhood is proud to be part of a revitalized downtown Hollywood.

The Argyle Civic Association has ben instrumental in helping fight inappropriate development in Hollywood. We have taken united stands against several projects that we felt were out of character with our historic neighborhood, including the Millennium Project and its more current iteration, the Hollywood Center Project. While welcoming responsible development, we continue to monitor projects that we feel are detrimental to our beautiful and historic neighborhood.

History of the **Argyle Civic Association**

The Argyle Civic Association was found-

ed in the early 1990's by noted Hollywood community activists



bors. By 1995, the group had become cohesive enough to apply for official nonprofit status as a 501(c)(3) corporation. In the past three decades, the ACA has targeted neighborhood issues and accomplished goals that make it one of the most active and responsive groups of its kind in Los Angeles. Through the vision of its board, the persistence of its officers, the support of its community, and the dedication of its members, the ACA continues to play a vital role in the ongoing renewal of Hollywood

Argyle Civic Association Area of Concern

The Argyle Civic Association area is from north of Holly Mont Dr. to Sunset Blvd., from Gower St. to West of Vine St.

Membership includes home owners, multi-unit property owners, building managers, tenants, businesses and other concerned citizens.



Through our month-

ly meetings and on-going projects, we address quality-of-life-issues affecting the immediate neighborhood and its surroundings. In addition, through a close liaison efforts with our Senior Lead Officers from Hollywood Station of the LAPD, the Association has been instrumental in significantly reducing crime in the area.

What Is Going On in the **Argyle Civic Association**

ACA is member of The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations.

We are dealing with:

- Parking
- Traffic
- Homeless Encampment
- Trash
- Littering
- Pet Waste
- Graffiti Removal
- Bulk Items Illegal Dumping
- Irresponsible Development

How You Can Help

We invite all interested persons to join the Association or to attend our meetings as visitors via Zoom or at Kimpton Everly Hotel Conference Room on the last Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

(check the ACA website at www.argylecivic.org).

Contributions are gratefully accepted, and membership fees are a modest \$20 annually for businesses and homeowners, \$15 for renters.

You can join or renew your membership on line submitting your payment by PayPal (credit cards accepted) at www.argylecivic.org or mail your check made out to:

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