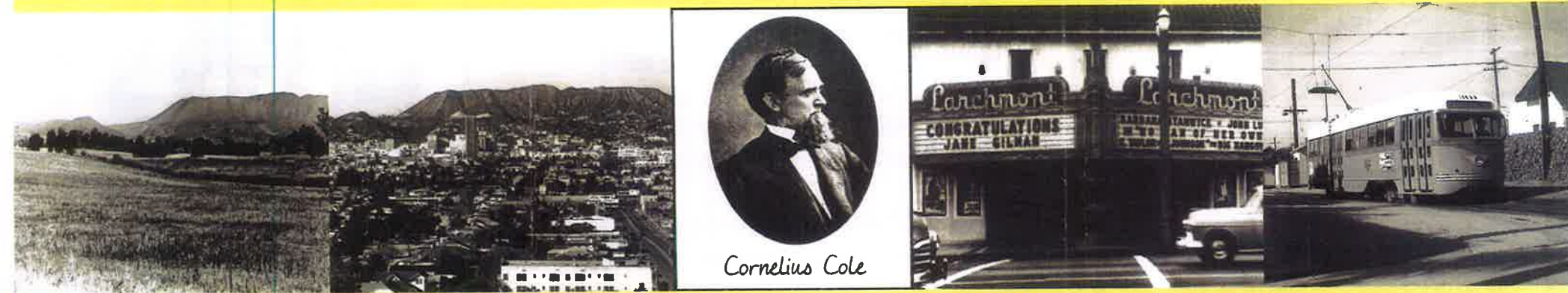


LVNA Mission

The LVNA is a voluntary, non-profit neighborhood association founded in 1988. We are committed to promoting the quality of our residential lives within the larger Los Angeles community. We support neighborhood safety and beautification projects, such as tree planting, graffiti paintout, appropriate standards for safe street lighting, acceptable signage, as needed, and an active Neighborhood Watch program.

We encourage participation at our semi-annual public meetings, the Board of Directors, our Internet presence, and our dedicated team of block captains. The LVNA is in direct contact with local government, agencies, creating a network of information and advocacy on such issues as traffic, crime, parking, city planning and zoning, residential and commercial development.

Our success depends upon the support of the residents who participate in our events, contribute annual dues, and volunteer to work as a block captain, or on the LVNA Board of Directors. If you want to become more involved with the LVNA, please contact us at: info@LVNA90004.org



Larchmont Village History

The Larchmont Neighborhood is part of the alluvial flood plain between the Hollywood Hills and Baldwin Hills (the sediment from the hills formed our hard pan clay "soil" that needs topsoil for gardening). At the time Europeans arrived in the area, it was inhabited by bands of indigenous people called Tongva, hunter-gatherers who had come to the area from Nevada and spoke a language that combined elements of Ute and Aztec languages. Before development, the land consisted of open grassland crossed by seasonal creeks and streams which made their way south to Ballona Creek. Old maps show that stream beds were located on Arden, Plymouth, and Bronson Boulevards. Our neighborhood was at the eastern end of the 5000-acre Mexican land grant called Rancho La Brea. The Rancho ended on what is now Gower Boulevard. Gower Boulevard was also the western boundary of a ranch owned by George T. Gower.

In order for the Hancock family to confirm the validity of their title to Rancho La Brea, they hired former U.S. Senator Cornelius Cole in the 1870's, and paid him with 500 acres on the northeast portion of Rancho La Brea, which included the western part of our neighborhood. Cornelius Cole (1822-1924) and his family soon incorporated their acreage within their newly founded township of Colegrove, which was annexed by the City of Los Angeles in 1909. The land between Melrose and Beverly, and Rossmore and Gower, was sold off by the Cole family in 1906 in five-acre plots. Those plots and the former Gower Ranch were gradually subdivided, and during the housing boom associated with the growth of the film industry in the 1920's, most of the houses in our neighborhood were constructed.

There was no single or predominant developer. The homes were built for the most part by individuals either for their own use, or to sell to the multitudes of people from the Midwest and East who were then emigrating to Los Angeles, transforming it into one of the country's largest metropolitan areas.

The homes in our neighborhood reflect the wide range of styles that were popular in the 1920s. As dense development leapfrogged around the Los Angeles Basin, Larchmont managed to retain its distinctive feeling as a suburban community, not so very different (except of course for the weather) from those communities in the Midwest and East from which so many of its new inhabitants had recently departed.

Handy Numbers

Emergency Only	911
Police	
Wilshire Div. (West side of Gower, westward)	
Senior Lead Officer	
email:	31646@lapd.lacity.org
mobile:	213-793-0650
Wilshire Division front desk:	213-473-0476
SLO Office:	213-922-8267
Olympic Division: (East side of Gower and eastward)	
Senior Lead Officer	
email:	31762@lapd.lacity.org
mobile:	213-793-0709
SLO Office:	213-382-9140
Olympic Division front desk:	213-382-9102
Fire Department	
Non - Emergency Calls Only 311	
Firestation 29:	213-485-6229
Firestation 52:	213-485-6252
City Council	
City Council 4th District	
LA: 213-485-3337; Hollywood:	323-957-6415
Field Deputy:	213-605-4126
County Supervisor:	213-974-3333
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council:	424-901-1409
Other Civic Numbers	
City Services: 311	
(including Graffiti Removal)	
Shopping Cart Removal:	800-252-4613
DMV:	800-777-0133
County Health Department:	800-427-8700
Bureau of Sanitation:	800-988-6942
Central Library:	213-228-7000
Parks and Recreation:	213-738-2961
Parking Enforcement:	213-485-4184
Zoning Enforcement:	213-974-6411
US Post Office:	800-275-8777
Child Protection Hotline:	800-540-4000
Social Security:	800-772-1213
Utilities and Other Numbers	
The Gas Company:	800-427-2200
Department of Water & Power:	800-342-5397
LAUSD Directory of Schools:	213-241-1000
FilmLA 24 HR Hotline:	213-977-8600
Larchmont Chronicle:	323-462-2241

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LVNA90004.org

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Los Angeles, CA 90004
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