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South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association



Where Was Barnes City?

Most people have never heard of Barnes City, and those who have don't know where it was. It was the last incorporated city to be annexed to Los Angeles, but was it really a city? Other names for this short lived city were barnesville, circus city and monkeyville. Barnes City was a political three-ring circus. It was the winter home of the Al Barnes Wild Animal Circus and Zoo.

Barnes City extended south from Washington Blvd. to Jefferson Boulevard. It's eastern boundary was Sawtelle Blvd., and Venice was its western boundary at Lincoln Blvd. The city hall of Barnes City was at 4307 Centinela, two blocks south of Washington. The two story building became the first location of Centinela Feed Store. It was torn down in 2000.

The following Venice Vanguard newspaper articles tell some of the Barnes City story:

Jan. 8, 1926 - "Some time ago voters living within the "shoestring strip" of land along Washington Blvd.(which reaches from Culver City to Venice) voted to become part of Culver City. The vote is being contested by the Marcus Land and Investment Company, headed by Al G. Barnes, circus magnate who complains, among other things, that his company owns 70 acres on the south side of Washington Blvd., 800 ft. of which front on that thoroughfare, and that if the election proceedings are upheld his front porch will be in Culver

City while he will sleep in the county. Barnes and others intend to organize a new sixth class city to be named Barnes City in the territory contiguous to the Barnes Zoo and circus headquarters."

May 15, 1926 - "Mar Vista and Barnes City, both contiguous to Venice, are due to join Los Angeles."

Sept. 15, 1926 - "Barnes City becomes part of Los Angeles; Vote contest hinted.

Annexation carries in circus city by vote of two to one. Expected to influence Mar Vista vote."



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Electric Railway. Barnes was looking for new winter quarters for his circus, and accepted the Venice offer. The circus was located in South Venice, south of the rail line that is today Venice Blvd., and east of the existing Venice canals.

People living in the South Venice Canal District began complaining about the nocturnal braying of the elephants and the roaring of the lions. Venetians were upset when an

Sept. 23, 1926 - "Mar Vistans vote 2 to 1 for merger with Los Angeles." Barnes City and Mar Vista were annexed to Los Angeles in 1927. In March, Mar Vista become the 71st annexation to Los Angeles, adding 3190 acres to the metropolis. In April Barnes City became the 72nd Los Angeles annexation, adding 1160 acres.

When and why did Al Barnes bring his circus to Southern California? He brought his circus to Venice in 1911 at the invitation of Abbot Kinney and Pacific

BARNES CITY cont'd

elephant escaped down Windward Ave. Then there was the day a circus hand broke a sewer pipe while driving a tent stake. The circus was accused of bringing the Spanish Flu to Venice in 1919. That was the year Al Barnes bought a ranch located between Venice and Culver City as the new permanent home for his circus. (Continued Next Page)

The rear of the circus headquarters was on the rail line that is now Culver Blvd., and the facility faced Washington Boulevard. The winter quarters and a zoo were built in the area bounded by Washington and Culver boulevards, and by Sawtelle Blvd. and Berryman Avenue. Al Barnes house was located on the southwest corner of Corinth and Nutmeg avenues. In the 1960's it was the Sunday School for the West Culver City Baptist Church. It is now a remodeled private residence.

In 1927, Al Barnes sold his Barnes City property to a developer. He moved the circus to Baldwin Park, and in 1929, sold the circus to the American Circus Corporation for \$1 million.

Why was there so much controversy over the incorporation of Barnes City? At the time of the vote, there were 692 voters in Barnes City, 254 of the voters were employed by the circus. It is said that Al Barnes changed his entire circus schedule on election day so that the monkeys could vote without leaving their cages. Dissatisfied homeowners demanded a new election, but the Board of Directors, hand picked by Al Barnes, refused. The citizens took their case to the California Superior Court. They then circulated a petition seeking annexation to Los Angeles.

Unlike Mar Vista and Venice, which joined Los Angeles for water and other services, the homeowners of Barnes City sought freedom from living in a city built around a circus, run by the circus owner, whose brother was the mayor. The mysterious Barnes City is a circus ghost town, and the personal life of the man it was named for was a circus itself, but that's another story.

—Glen Howell



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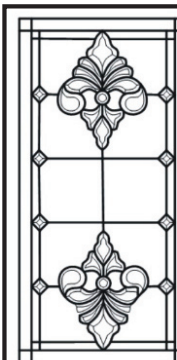
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AGING IN PLACE

Imagine living in a neighborhood where help was always available to you. Imagine the opportunity to know your neighbors and everyone reaching out to one another, especially in time of need. Imagine the opportunity for social gatherings and trips planned with your neighbors. Imagine saving money through collective discounts with local vetted vendors. Imagine a "Village." Imagine "Mar Vista Village."

We are a new non-profit group founded by neighborhood volunteers whose mission is to help older adults in our community continue living at home with dignity, independence, and an enhanced quality of life. Our vision is to build and maintain a community that supports its older residents by providing affordable, membership based, and consumer driven services. As a resident who is 50 and over you will be able to:

- Have one phone number to call when you need advice or help
- Have vetted and discounted vendors
- Have volunteer opportunities
- Have increased opportunity for social, cultural, educational, and intergenerational contact with your neighbors

Consumer driven means that the consumer determines what services are offered. If we cannot find a volunteer to help you, we will refer you to a provider who we have pre-screened and is willing to offer you a discount. We will follow up with you to make sure you were satisfied with your service.

Maybe you're working and need someone to wait for a repairman to come to your home; or maybe you need advice about choosing a plumber or handyman. Maybe you have an important and stressful doctor's appointment and want an advocate or good listener to come with you. Maybe you have the flu and your family is getting tired of doing everything that you normally do. Maybe you broke a bone and you need to hire some temporary help in the home. Maybe you need help fixing your computer. Maybe you want someone to visit and read to you from time to time, or call you, or help you in some way. Maybe you want to feel part of a group. We can help.

Mar Vista Village is part of a nationwide movement to provide social support that allows you to "age in place." This movement began in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Boston in 2000 and has grown to include at least 46 successful programs throughout the United States, each providing services just like we plan to in Mar Vista. WISE

& Healthy Aging in Santa Monica is also starting a "Santa Monica Village," and we will be working in collaboration with them to help develop our "Mar Vista Village." We expect to begin offering services starting next summer. The membership fee still needs to be determined, but with volunteer support and fundraising efforts, the fee will be as low as possible, most likely a few hundred dollars for access to services for 12 months. Please join us on Sunday afternoon, 2:00 pm, January 31 at Windward School (11350 Palms Blvd.) to meet other interested neighbors, share some food and learn more about the program.

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Second Tuesday of every month

Mar Vista Rec Center, 11430 Woodbine

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 8 at 7 PM & Jan. 12 at 7 PM

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COMING SOON: Elections for MVCC Board of Directors

January 11, 2010 ~ Candidate Filing Period Begins

February 10, 2010 ~ Candidate Filing Period Ends

April 11, 2010 ~ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm: Election Day

For more information email info@marvista.org

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Visit us EVERY SUNDAY @ the Mar Vista Farmers' Market

9 AM – 2 PM at the corner of Venice & Grand View

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SoMar is served by MVCC Zone 5 Director

Christopher McKinnon, chrisPM@marvista.org.

Sign up to receive email announcements at

www.MarVista.org



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Many thanks to our Sponsor and Patron Circle members please renew your 2009 dues and consider supporting SoMar's work with a larger donation.

Want to be a Block Captain?

It is important to have active members on each street in the form of a Block Captain for safety, security and emergency preparedness. Block Captains are still needed for most blocks in the neighborhood. For information on becoming a Block Captain contact Steve Wallace at stevew@marvista.org.

Responsibilities of a Block Captain Include:

- Serving as a liaison between the block residents and the Police Department and neighborhood association as well as distributing newsletters, crime prevention and association news.
- Maintain a map and list of neighbors, including names, addresses, phone numbers and vehicle information.
- Alert neighbors in the event of crime or an emergency situation which could require an area evacuation.
- Greet new neighbors and educate them on the community watch and the neighborhood.
- Co-ordinate and host an initial block meeting and then at least one yearly block meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain or starting a Neighborhood Watch Committee on your block contact our LAPD Lead Officers: Drake Madison at 33997@lapd.lacity.org or Heidi Llanes at 26837@lapd.lacity.org.

Para juntarse con la Asociación del Barrio de Mar Vista del Sur

Se utilize la cuota en el barrio de Mar Vista para proyectos de mejoramiento.

Standard Membership — \$15.00 per year

Patron Circle Donation — \$50 per year

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South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 66756
Mar Vista, CA 90066

Nombre _____

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Teléfono _____

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Me gustaría ser un Block Captain _____

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I am interested in being a Block Captain _____

FREE CONTAINER WITH DOGGIE WASTE BAGS

To receive a free container with doggie waste bags, call (800) 974-9794 or email LAstormwater@lacity.org with your name and mailing address and the Stormwater Program will send one directly to your residence. Each compact, refillable container comes with 15 bio-degradable doggie waste bags and can easily be attached to your dog's leash. You can buy a refill roll of bags from any local pet shop.

Remember to pick up after your pet every time to keep LA clean and healthy!

* Must be a current City of Los Angeles resident
Unattended pet waste is a large source of stormwater pollution. Pet waste left on grassy areas, sidewalks and streets is flushed into our storm drain system when it rains. The toxic mix of bacteria from dog waste and water then flows untreated into our local waterways and ocean. This pollution is harmful to:

- Aquatic life
- Beach goers

Nut Lover's Trail Mix

1 cup raisins or dried cranberries
1 cup roasted peanuts
1 cup roasted almonds
1 cup roasted cashews
1 cup roasted pumpkin seeds

This recipe is totally flexible, feel free to substitute variety of nuts, add cereal, marshmallows, chocolate chips, and or other dried fruit. Large nuts can be chopped up a bit. Mix and store in a ziplock bag or glass jar. Takes about 7 minutes if you do not have to shell the peanuts.

This is a great snack to take on a trip. It is natural and healthy depending on the add-ons.

I like to buy my nuts at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market from Avila & Sons Farms. They drive down each week from Hanford. The nuts are processed on the farm, not in a big processing plant. They also have Trail Mix already made up if you are in a hurry. Make up some for the nut lover in your life.

—Pat Karasick

Mar Vista Community Council Email Notification System

To receive emails about important things happening in Mar Vista visit the website, www.marvista.org and click on the email notification system link. You will periodically receive emails about meetings and happenings.

WHAT IS C-PAB?

Community-Police Advisory Boards (C-PAB) were created in 1993 to advise and inform the Los Angeles Police Department's Area Commanding Officers regarding quality of life issues and safety concerns of the community. C-PAB members represent the diversity of the community, including residents, business owners, neighborhood council members, and members of social service and religious organizations.

The Pacific Community-Police Advisory Board meets the third Wednesday of each month. The Pacific C-PAB meets with the Area Commanding Officer, Community Relations Officers, Senior Lead Officers and Deputy City Attorney from the Neighborhood Prosecutor program.

The Area Commanding Officer updates the group on the crime trends occurring in the area. Guest speakers address the group each month with a variety of topics such as cyber-safety, Megan's Law, youth intervention, and forming Neighborhood Watch groups.

If you would like to be part of this group, please contact the Community Relations Office at 310-202-4524 Sergeant Jeffrey Merlo 25811@lapd.lacity.org or Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison 33997@lapd.lacity.org his cell phone 310-622-3972

Get Involved with MVCC Committees

The Mar Vista Community Council committees are:
Website Committee, Education, Culture, & Arts Committee, Election and Bylaws Committee, Outreach Committee, Safety and Security Committee, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, PLUM (planning and land use mgmt), Green Committee, Santa Monica Airport Ad hoc Sub-committee, Community Concept Plan committee, ROSE-Recreation and Open Space Enhancement Committee. To get involved visit the website at www.marvista.org.

Mar Vista Rec Center

Classes and Events Program now available. Register by mail, online, or walk in.

11430 Woodbine Ave

Los Angeles, CA 90066

Phone: (310) 398-5982

E-mail: marvistarecreationcenter@lacity.org

Mar Vista Seniors Club meets most Fridays, 10 AM-12 noon, at the Rec Center, 11430 Woodbine LA 90066. Lots of fun. 310-398-5982

FIVE POINTS OF CONTACT

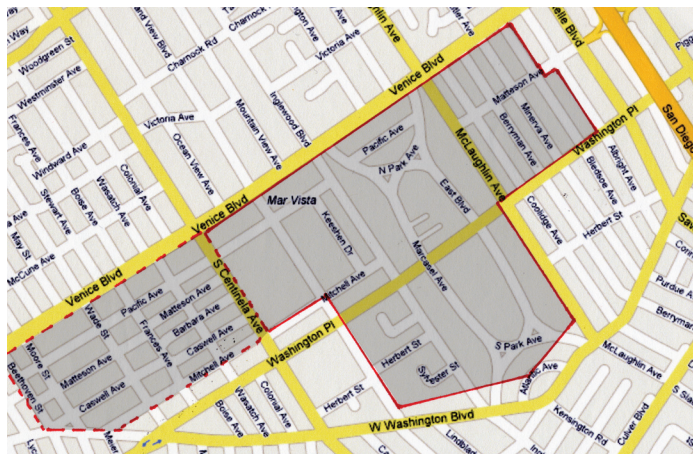
Pacific's geographical territory is divided into eight separate "basic car" areas, each managed by a Senior Lead Officer (SLO). Although the SLO is your primary point of contact, there are four additional points of contact to assist you in resolving your crime or quality of life concerns. Your Five Points of Contact are listed below:

FIVE POINTS OF CONTACT		
1. SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS (310)202-4515	CAR	1. SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS (310)202-4515
PEGGY THUSING #25120 (310) 622-3968 Cell Phone Email: 25120@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	A-11	THOMAS WICKS #26522 (310) 622-3973 Cell Phone Email: 26522@LAPD.LACITY.ORG
THERESA SKINNER #31142 (310) 622-3970 Cell Phone Email: 31142@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	A-13	JUAN CEJA, #32929 (310) 622-3975 Cell Phone Email: 32929@LAPD.LACITY.ORG
HEIDI LLANES #26837 (310) 622-3971 Cell Phone Email: 26837@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	A-45	RUBEN GARCIA #33236 (310) 622-3976 Cell Phone Email: 33236@LAPD.LACITY.ORG
DRAKE MADISON #33997 (310) 622-3972 Cell Phone Email: 33997@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	A-49	ANTHONY RAMOS #27443 (310) 622-3978 Cell Phone Email: 27443@LAPD.LACITY.ORG
2. SENIOR LEAD OFFICER / COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUPERVISOR		
SERGEANT JEFFREY MERLO, #25811 (310) 202-4524 Email: 25811@LAPD.LACITY.ORG		
3. WATCH COMMANDERS (310) 482-6334		
DAY WATCH	LIEUTENANT MARK DAY #25541 Email: 25541@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	
	SERGEANT DARRYL MARTIN #27416 (AWC) Email: 27416@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	
PM WATCH	LIEUTENANT PAOLA KREEFFT #26141 Email: 26141@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	
	SERGEANT RICHARD PARKS #26501 (AWC) Email: 26501@LAPD.LACITY.ORG	
4. COMMANDING OFFICER PACIFIC PATROL		
CAPTAIN JAMES WEST (310) 482-6310		
5. COMMANDING OFFICER PACIFIC AREA		
CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. HILTNER (310) 482-6310		

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY ONLY	9-1-1
LAPD Non-Emer; Stolen property; Vandalism; Public intox; Trespass/Loiter: "O" Dispatch	(877) 275-5273
LAPD Pacific: Non-Emergency Front Desk	(310) 482-6334 / 6335 / 6336
LAPD Senior Lead Officer:	
SLO-Heidi Llanes; West of Centinela Av; Car Area A-45 26837@lapd.lacity.org	(310) 622-3971
SLO-Drake Madison; East of Centinela Av; Car Area A-49 33997@lapd.lacity.org	(310) 622-3972
LAPD Community Relations; Officer Tony Newsom 26986@lapd.lacity.org	(310) 202-4524
LAPD PACIFIC; Area Commanding Officer – Captain III, Joseph Hiltner	www.lapdonline.org
LAPD Crime Stats	www.pacificbeat.org or Police Resources
L ASD – Persons in Jail	www.lasd.org
LAUSD- School Police	(213) 625-6631
McBride Elementary - 3960 Centinela Av	Grand View Elementary - 3951 Grand View Bl
LA City Council; District 11; 1645 Corinth Ave; Rm 201; Los Angeles; CA; 90025	(310) 575-8461
Councilman Bill Rosendahl	www.lacity.org/council/cd11
Field Deputy-Len Nguyen: Report Major Community issues	len.nguyen@lacity.org
Constituent Advocate-Nancy Franco: Report Specific Individual issues	nancy.franco@lacity.org
Mar Vista Community Council; Zones 1 - 6	www.marvistacc.org
City Information	3-1-1
Abandoned Vehicles-after 72 hrs	(800) 222-6366
Animal Services www.laanimalservices.com	(888) 452-7381
Air Quality Mgt. District (AQMD) Report polluting vehicle; License plate #; Time; Location ..	(800) 288-7664
Battered Women-SOJOURN	(310) 264-6644
Building & Safety: Info. www.ladbs.org	(888) 524-2845
Child Abuse-DCFS	(800) 540-4000
City Attorney Ofc; Neighborhood Prosecutor Claudia Martin claudia.martin@lacity.org ..	(310) 202-3861
DWP www.ladwp.com	24 hrs (800) 342-5397
Gas Co www.socalgas.com	24 hrs (800) 427-2200
Graffiti-Yvette Neil pacificgraffitisolutions@yahoo.com or	graffiti@wwwpgs.net (310) 204-2749
Health Dept.-Vector Control (Rats)	Apts (310) 665-8484 or Residences (626) 430-5200
Housing Dept. (Apts.); Illegal garage use	(866) 557-7368
Parking Enforcement; Complaint Ofc. (310) 312-3500	24 hrs (213) 485-4184
Poison Control	(800) 876-4766
Restraining Orders	(213) 974-5587
Sanitation (M-Sat 7:30a-4:45p)	(800) 773-2489
Potholes; Street/Sidewalk Repair; Tree Trim Press #1	Street Light Outage/Installation/Repair Press #2
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Verizon Telephone Co. www.verizon.com	(800) 483-4000



The approximate boundaries of The South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association are Venice Blvd., Washington Place/Blvd., Sawtelle Blvd., and Beethoven St.
Los límites aproximativos de la Asociación del barrio de Mar Vista del Sur son la Venice y la Sawtelle, la Washington Place y la Beethoven.

Neighborhood Association Contacts:

President - Steve Wallace - stevew@marvista.org

Vice President - TBD

MVCC Zone 5 Director & Treasurer - Christopher McKinnon
Secretary - TBD

Block Captains - Elise Derby on Keeshen;
Martha Santana on Mitchell west of Centinela
Cassandra Rhone at Grand View Town Homes;
Rosa Hernandez on Mitchell East of Centinela
Newsletter - Julia Jones - juliaj@mac.com

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Safety and Security Websites

Los Angeles Police Department
www.lapdonline.org
Los Angeles Community Policing (501c3)
www.lacp.org
Pacific Beat, LAPD Pacific Area Web site
www.pacificbeat.net
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
www.cert-la.com
Los Angeles Fire Department
www.laf.d.org
City of Los Angeles – Emergency Prep. Dept.
www.lacity.org/epd
Red Cross
www.redcross.org
www.redcrossla.org

Important Dates

Quarterly in 2010 on Jan. 14, April 8, July 8, October 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm

South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association meeting at the Mar Vista Library 12006 Venice Blvd. at Inglewood.

Trimestralmente en 2010, el 14 de Jan, el 8 de abril, el 8 de julio, el 14 de octubre: 6:30-8:00 PM,

reunión de la Asociación del Barrio de Mar Vista del Sur (South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association), a la biblioteca de Mar Vista (Mar Vista Library), 12006 Venice, cerca de la Inglewood.

3rd Tuesday of Every Month 7:30 pm

Mar Vista Park Advisory Board meets at the Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine, near corner of Palms and McLaughlin.

2nd Tuesday of Every Month 7-9 pm

Mar Vista Community Council meets at the Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine, near corner of Palms and McLaughlin.

El segundo martes de cada mes, de las 7 a las 9 de la tarde,

se reúne el Consejo de la Comunidad de Mar Vista (Mar Vista Community Council) en la sala del Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine, cerca de la Palms y la McLaughlin. Para más información sobre los reuniones de la comunidad, favor de visitar el website www.marvista.org.

3rd Wednesday of Every Month 7pm

Pacific Division Community Police Advisory Board at the CenterPointe Club at Playa Vista, 6200 Playa Vista Drive, 90094 off Jefferson.

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Mar Vista Community Council
www.marvista.org
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www.mvna.net
Mar Vista Arts Guild
www.marvistaartsguild.org
Culver West Neighborhood Association
www.culverwest.org
Del Rey Homeowners & Neighbors
www.delreyhome.org/
Mar Vista Farmers Market
<http://www.marvistafarmersmarket.org>