



**Illegal Dumping**

Art Share LA  
Students  
Create Gateway

DASH Route  
Comes East

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of Quarter

## Illegal Dumping, Unattended Property & Shopping Carts in the Arts District

Just two-years ago, piles of tires, mattresses, couches and discarded spoiling food marred the streets and sidewalks of the Arts District. Illegal dumping in this area was an everyday occurrence. The Arts District is an easy target for illegal dumping, located in a corner of an industrial area of Downtown Los Angeles

close to freeways and the River. It made late night dumping perfect for those unwanted items and for local industries, businesses, and residents who do not follow proper

procedure for discarding unwanted items.

Over the last year and a half the BID has prioritized the pick-up of these illegally disposed items. Within this last quarter your BID Maintenance Team has picked up 60" television sets, dressers, piles of drywall, tree stumps, bathtubs, office dividers, coolers and even a grandfather clock.

In the first year of operation the BID picked up and properly disposed of over 344 items. In the first six months of 2008 there have been 673 items collected and properly disposed. The BID Safe and Clean Teams continue their work identifying the perpetrators as well as informing and educating the known violators.

**Unattended Property** Identification of illegally dumped items is different than 'unattended property'. Unattended property consists of what may be identified as personal property which could be items of clothing, tents, luggage and blankets. These items left on the sidewalk are handled according to Central City East Association policy. The items are first tagged with an unattended property tag and after three hours, if the property is still unattended, it is photographed along with an informational white board with date, time and location. A property notification removal slip is posted at the location and the property is removed and stored for 60-days in the Personal Property Storage Facility at 1215 E. 7th Street.

**Shopping Carts** When found property is in a shopping cart, the property is removed and the cart returned to its rightful owner. In 2007 the BID claimed and returned 1,203 shopping carts. In the first six months of 2008, 540 carts were removed and returned.



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## NEW DASH Bus Route Connects To Historic Core

On September 4, 2008, a community DASH route, called Central City East DASH, made its debut. The new DASH route will circle through a historically underserved downtown area and create a link opportunity to regional services: Metro rail, Metro bus and Metrolink. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) sees hundreds of area employees and residents as the potential ridership in the area.

Central City East Association advocated for this DASH service, underscoring the presence of large employers and the popular Fisherman's Outlet Restaurant as destination in Central City East. Earlier this year the LA City Council voted to approve several changes to Downtown DASH service, which included the creation of the CCE route that will serve the Toy and Industrial Districts. The DASH system is operated by LADOT, and provides limited local service for 25 cents.

The route, which will start as a 6-month pilot program, will operate Monday - Friday 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM. During those hours, buses will run clockwise (see map) at 20-minute intervals. As with all DASH services the monthly passes sell for \$9.00 and DASH ticket books are \$15.



### Team Members of The Quarter Thanks for doing a great job!

#### Safe Team



Maricarmen Zacarias

#### Clean Team



George Calloway



### LA Students Create Gateway at Vista Hermosa Park

Art Share LA has contributed an integral element to Downtown's new Vista Hermosa Park. The entrance wall was designed and created by the Art Share LA teens, and is just one of Art Share's ongoing community projects that enrich the lives of children through the arts. Serving as a gateway to the Vista Hermosa Natural Park, the area provides a mountain watershed experience in Downtown Los Angeles.



Art Share Executive Director Tracy Kelly and Board Chair Mark Walker review the students work.

Art Share Los Angeles is a non-profit community center that changes the lives of teens from distressed neighborhoods through participation in enriching activities. The park is located at the corner of First and Toluca Streets near Angelino Heights.

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#### Arts District

**Graffiti Locations Total** 76 removed

**Bulky Items Removed Total** 240 including mattresses, couches, televisions, etc.



#### Trash Pick-up

**April** 1,327 Bags

**May** 909 Bags

**June** 955 Bags

**Total** 3,191 Bags

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