



New Graffiti Task Force

The Los Angeles Police Department has launched a unit specifically designed to identify, apprehend and prosecute taggers.



Working closely with the BID, the LAPD unit consists of trained officers who can gather evidence, identify suspects, serve search warrants, and make arrests of chronic taggers who frequent the Downtown areas, including the Arts District.

In the first month the unit made over seven arrests for tagging, using a combination of intelligence processing and working with District Attorney prosecutors. The unit strives for enhanced filings and sentencing using documentation of past acts of tagging and vandalism done by arrestees.

Graffiti River Clean-up On Oct. 8th, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

removed what was said to be "the largest graffiti tag in the world" located between 1st and 6th Street. These graffiti removal efforts on the Los Angeles River



will continue throughout 2010. Funding for this positive impact on the Arts District are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

December 2009



Calendar Dates
Arts District BID Board Meeting
December 2 at noon
JEMS
948 E. 2nd Street
2nd Floor

Arts BID Office Closed
December 25 and January 1



Several members of the Arts District BID Board were present as LAPD Captain Blake Chow gave a tour of the new Emergency Operations Center/Real-Time Analysis & Critical Response Center.

The new Crime Center facility helps patrol officers and specialized unit detectives to respond quickly to emerging crime patterns. In addition the 5,000 sq. ft. Center houses the Emergency Operations Center, highlighting state-of-the-art technology.

Here is what the BID has been doing...Clean-Up Stats

Month	Trash Bags Collected	Graffiti Identified	Graffiti Removed	Bulky Items Removed	Areas Weeded
January	964	36	34	227	4 blocks
February	849	60	57	253	28 blocks
March	1,043	29	24	244	11 blocks
April	892	57	56	216	22 blocks
May	863	35	35	224	28 blocks
June	931	30	20	118	18 blocks
July	1,182	62	60	146	30 blocks
August	924	69	63	247	22 blocks
September	1,070	65	51	152	28 blocks
October	1,254	47	47	102	32 blocks
2009 YTD Total	9,972	490	447	2,003	223 blocks



District Updates

ADC Gallery

ADC Contemporary Art Gallery has opened at 1330 Factory Place at the new Factory Place Arts Complex. The first exhibit, titled En-Laces, featured four international contemporary artists whose work features a conceptual thread that tie objects, concepts and individuals together.

IDA Spotlights Downtown BIDS

CCEA Operations Director Vicky McCormick was a guest panelist at the 2009 International Downtown Association Fall Conference held in Milwaukee, WI on September 11. The panel entitled 'The LA Story: BIDs and Public Safety' also included Captain Blake Chow, and representatives of the Fashion District and Downtown Center BIDs. With a total of nine BIDs in the Downtown LA area, this very well attended workshop discussed the coordination between the BIDs and LAPD.

**Los Angeles Conservation Corp
Tree Planting on Alameda**



On September 24, 2009 several empty tree wells along Alameda were planted with Cypress (Podocarpus macrophylla) trees. The 15 gallon trees were planted along Alameda from 4th to 7th Street on both the east and west sides of the street. The event was sponsored by the Downtown Neighborhood Council's Sustainability Committee, the LA Conservation Corps, the Arts District BID and the Downtown Industrial District BID.

Alameda Resurfacing

The Industrial District BID is working closely with the offices of Councilmember Jose Huizar and the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA) to identify funding for the reconstruction of Alameda St. Alameda is a vital north-south connector between freeways, for mass transit and the eastern



portion of downtown. Long neglected due to prohibitively expensive repairs required by both the roadway and substructure, along with rail right-of-way issues, there is new potential for securing public infrastructure funding at both the federal and local levels.

The BID has worked tirelessly to bring attention to the condition of Alameda and adjoining streets. We will keep you informed of any developments.

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Here is what the BID has been doing...Safety Stats

Month	Blocking the Sidewalk	Illegal Dumping	Milk Crates	Shopping Carts	Citizen Contact
January	88	113	24	44	50
February	115	127	85	150	40
March	132	135	50	112	62
April	180	141	46	99	125
May	118	181	39	61	57
June	74	133	12	75	31
July	117	112	47	82	35
August	112	149	32	64	132
September	115	117	16	76	34
October	127	177	27	100	47
2009 YTD Total	1,178	1,385	366	758	447