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THE MODERNISM ISSUE



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The Modernism Issue

Tis the season!

No, we're not talking about the holiday season. It's almost time for Modernism Week where over 120,000 visitors are expected to descend to Palm Springs to participate in more than 350 events throughout the city, including several in our neighborhood! Modernism Week's economic impact is significant, yielding \$68 million for area hotels, shops, restaurants, and Measure J revenue.

This issue is dedicated primarily to the Modernism Week events in our neighborhood but also includes the sections with which you're familiar: welcome of new residents, neighborhood updates, interesting neighborhood history and city-wide events.

-- LBHNO Board of Directors



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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Cover Photo courtesy of Brian Ramos, 2024.



Modernism Week LBH Home Tour

Building on the success of three previous neighborhood tours, Little Beverly Hills was approached by Modernism Week to curate a neighborhood home tour featuring new homes that showcase the continued revitalization of our pocket modernist neighborhood. Our tour will be on Saturday, February 15th from 12pm to 4pm during Modernism Week's 20th Anniversary!

The title, From Forgotten to Fabulous, was used again to demonstrate the continued restoration of each of the six homes featured on our tour. Explore the homes on the next three pages!

The LBHNO Board would like to thank each of the owners who have graciously opened up their homes for the tour:

- Jackie & Patrick | 691 Bedford
- Lauren & Chris | 632 Beverly
- Brian & Brandon | 640 Compadre
- Brandon | 660 Compadre
- Kim & Gary | 636 Roxbury
- Sylvie & Christophe | 682 Roxbury

Additionally, we would like to thank Randi Merel for her continued efforts shining a spotlight on LBH as our tour coordinator.

The number of tickets available for our tour increased by 25% to 500 tickets. As of December 30, we have sold 78%. We are well on our way to selling out for a third consecutive year!



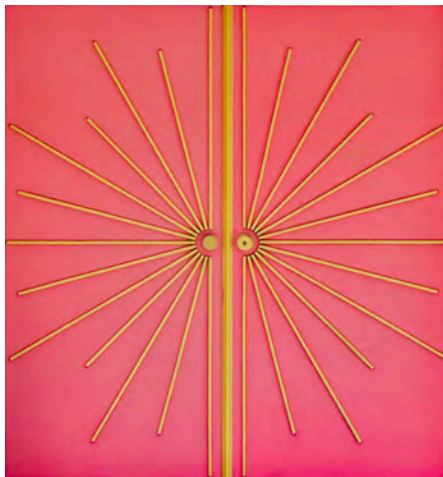
691 Bedford

Butterfly roof lines always wow visitors and this home, an El Dorado elevation, is no different. With its classic post and beam construction and tongue and groove ceilings, this home takes advantage of both its western and southern mountain exposures with sliders to both the back and side yards. The home has a custom designed spa to match the trapezoid shape of the pool. Come step inside this sophisticated corner lot home.



632 Beverly

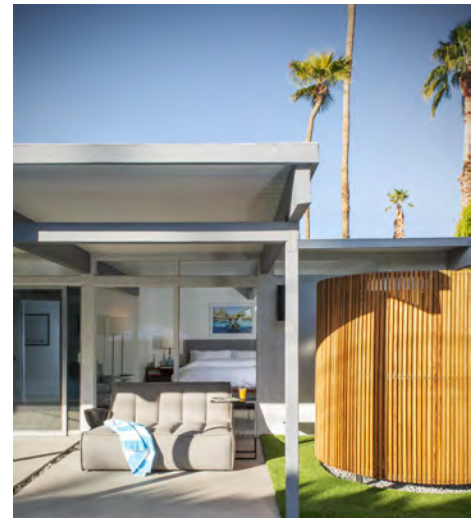
The Beverly is an expanded Alexander home reimaged by David Rios Designs - known for The Trixie Motel and other work. With custom wallpaper and pink accents throughout, you'll feel like you've stepped into a suite at the Beverly Hills Hotel. This home was designed to entertain with two primary suites plus two additional bedrooms. The outdoor space includes a pool and hot tub, but also three entertaining spaces to spread out with family or friends.





640 Compadre

This home was the furnished model home for the Alexander tract. Both the floor plan and elevation were drawn by William Krisel, AIA. The home went through extensive back-to-back renovations including a complete exterior modernization designed to reintroduce many of Krisel's original design elements.



640 Compadre photographs by Dan Chavkin 2024.

660 Compadre

The Shag House is a Modernism Week fan favorite. Brandon has graciously opened up his home for our neighborhood's tour to help contribute to our mission. Designed by Josh Agle, with Dot Connector (and LBH resident) JP Flynn project managing the renovation, this home has been a featured home during two prior Modernism Weeks.





636 Roxbury

This 1957 Krisel home was re-designed in the 1980's by famous Palm Springs designer Steve Chase! The current homeowners have lovingly restored so many of the Steve Chase elements after the home fell into disrepair for decades. Additionally, the owners were able to locate original Steve Chase designed furniture to complete their restoration. This home will WOW visitors.



682 Roxbury

This Fleetwood elevation (ceiling sloping from the rear of the home to the front) is decorated in vibrant Palm Springs themes including fun wallpaper accents and natural tongue and groove ceilings. The pool area (visible from a full wall of glass from the living area) is completed by an outdoor kitchen and dining area and a custom wall mural painted by the owners.





Volunteers Needed

The success of our Modernism Week tour is due not only to the homeowners who graciously allow visitors to walk through their residences but also the dozens of volunteers who donate their time serving as check-in agents and docents in the homes.

We are seeking volunteers, again, this year on Saturday, February 15th from 11:30 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers will be scheduled, based on preference and need, to either serve as docents (guides) in each of the homes or welcome guests to the neighborhood at check-in verifying tickets and starting visitors on their tour.

Volunteers are entitled to a one hour break to tour the homes for free and are invited to a Thank You party at a seventh home immediately following the tour.

If you are interested, please send your name, phone number and email address to info@littlebeverlyhillsp.com and we will be in touch.





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Official Modernism Week Event

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Event Notification



Several hundred visitors are expected to descend into our small modernist neighborhood as part of this year's Modernism Week events.

In addition to our neighborhood tour (being held on Saturday, February 15th from 12pm to 4pm) there will be two events held at The West Elm House hosted by Atomic Ranch magazine in Little Beverly Hills.

Atomic Ranch will be featuring two tours of 634 Bedford on the afternoon of Friday, February 14th. This home has previously participated in our neighborhood tour (2019 and 2023).

Please expect:

1. High volume of traffic on Bedford Dr.
2. Cars parked on all streets in the neighborhood as the events are hosting 100 attendees

Atomic Ranch Tours

Friday, February 14

11 AM to 12:30 PM &
2:30 PM to 4 PM



Save The Dates

2024-2025 Season

JAN
12

Holiday Party

3 PM to 5 PM | Canopy Wine Lounge

FEB
15

Modernism Tour

12 PM to 4 PM

MAR
15

Yard Sale

8 AM to 12 PM | Email us to participate

APR
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Annual Meeting & Spring Social

10 AM | Leisure Center Community Room

401 S. Pavilion Way

12 PM | 640 Compadre Rd

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Please RSVP

Check Your Email



*To a sparkly
New Year!*

LBHNO NEW YEAR PARTY!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH | 3 PM

CANOPY WINE LOUNGE
175 N PALM CANYON DR SUITE 150
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262



Neighborhood Updates

  Neighborhood Yard Sale  

We are pleased to offer residents the opportunity to participate in a community yard sale on Saturday, March 15 from 8AM to 12PM. Like prior years, LBHNO will be responsible for obtaining the city permit and all the advertising. This event has been a popular city-wide yard sale. If you are interested in participating, please email Brian (info@littlebeverlyhillsp.com) with your name and address. If you're a resident of The Palms and would like to participate, please let us know and we'll pair you with a single family homeowner to share a driveway.

Sign -up

Email Brian
info@littlebeverlyhillsp.com



Neighborhood Yard Sale

MARCH 15
8AM - 12PM



Welcome New Residents

Donovan & Gerard
697 Beverly Dr

Donovan Gaytan (left) and Gerard Griffin (right) live in a Spanish bungalow two blocks from the beach in the charming neighborhood of Belmont Heights in Long Beach. They love long walks on the beach, sharing time with friends and family, gardening, cooking, writing, reading, and travel. They're currently enjoying working on the rejuvenation of their second home in Little Beverly Hills and meeting their new neighbors here.

Gerard owned a landscape/maintenance business for 25 years, and Donovan has been a full-time professor of English teaching Shakespeare and critical thinking for 32 years.





District 4 Councilmember Election



Photo Credit: naomisoto.com

Palm Springs District 4 residents have elected a new Councilmember following Christy Holstege's decision to step down to seek higher office. Five candidates vied for the coveted seat on the Council representing the southeast portion of Palm Springs. Congratulations to Naomi Soto who was seated as our next City Councilmember.

Additionally, based on the city's mayoral rotation schedule, Naomi serves as Mayor Pro Tem for the current Council year.

She is the most recent past Chair of the Measure J Oversight Commission and the Chair of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. Naomi is also a working mother of two with almost 20 years of public health experience. She resides nearby in the Sonora Sunrise Neighborhood Organization.

Naomi "look[s] forward to working and fighting for all Palm Springs residents and ensuring that every type of household, every type of family, every stage of life can can thrive in our beautiful city."

Residents will have an opportunity to meet Naomi at upcoming neighborhood social gatherings.



Neighborhood Updates

Fall Social

On Sunday, November 10th more than fifty LBHNO residents gathered at the Radheshwar residence on Bedford Drive for our annual start of the season social event. Additionally, we welcomed several invited guests including: Mayor Jeffrey Bernstein, City Manager Scott Stiles, PSPD Chief Andy Mills and his wife Cathy and One-PS Chair Chris Ruetz.

Special thanks to the Radheshwar family for hosting the event and to our Social Committee (Airen and Frank) for coordinating.

Additional photos and video are available on our social media.



One-PS Spotlights LBHNO

The One-PS Board of Directors invited LBHNO Communications Officer, Brian Ramos, to present our NOrg's marketing strategy including our revamped website, updated newsletters and social media presence to all the neighborhood organizations at their December meeting. This recognition further highlights our pocket mid-century neighborhood.





Neighborhood Updates

🚧 ROAD REPAIRS 🚧

The Slurry Seal Project announced that four streets in our neighborhood will undergo repairs this winter as follows:

Completed in December 2024

- ✓ Beverly Dr from Theresa Dr to Sunny Dunes Rd
- ✓ Canon Dr from Theresa Dr to Sunny Dunes Rd
- ✓ Theresa Dr from Compadre Rd to Canon Dr

Scheduled in January 2025

- ⚠️ Compadre Rd from Ramon Rd to Sunny Dunes Rd

When we receive additional notice (3 days in advance of when work will occur), we will post details on our FaceBook page. Additional Information is available on the [EngagePalmSprings website](https://www.engagepalm Springs.com).

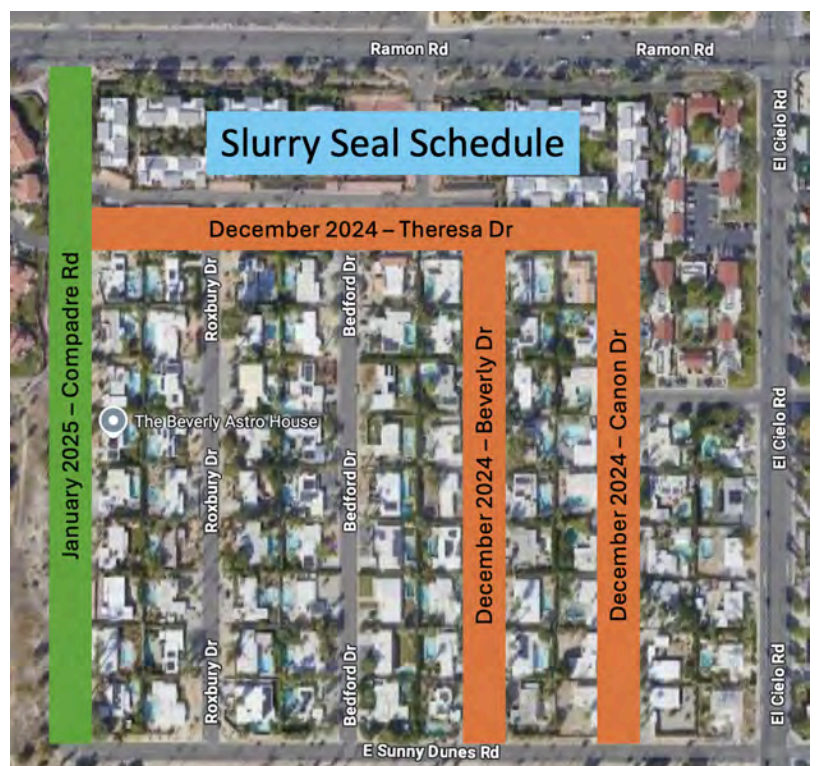
Not signed up for our social media? These notices are reported there first. Join today!



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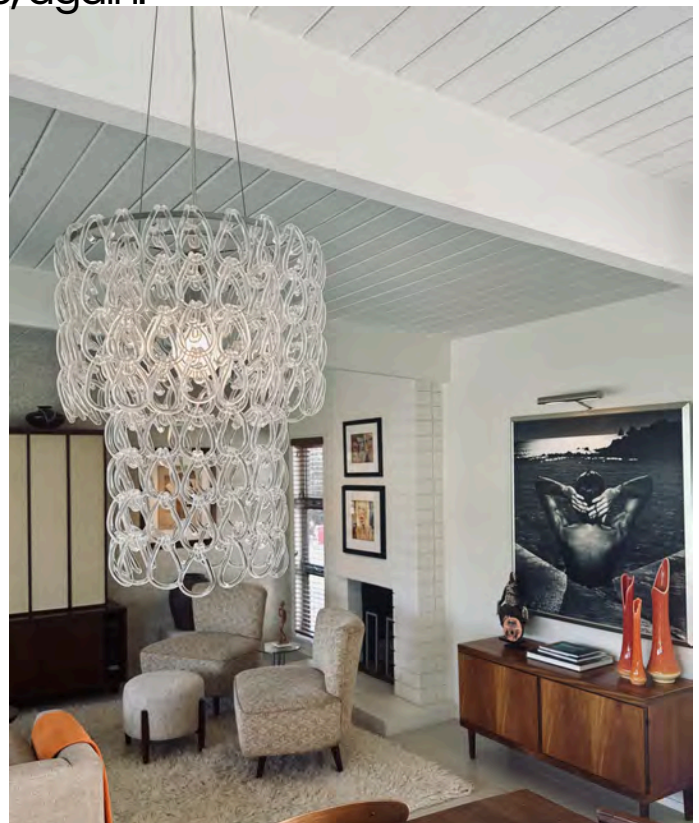
Neighborhood Updates

October 2024 Modernism Week Update

During October's Modernism Week events, One-PS (the Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs) hosted a home tour of five architecturally significant properties throughout the city.

One home in Little Beverly Hills (belonging to Scott & John on Compadre Road) was invited to participate. Over 350 visitors toured the home - along with homes in Vista Las Palmas, Old Las Palmas and the Historic Tennis Club neighborhoods.

The event raised funds for One-PS but also helped introduce more visitors to our pocket mid-century neighborhood. Thanks to Scott & John for opening up your home, again.





Neighborhood History



George Alexander and William Krisel, AIA were presented with the above award as reported in [The Desert Sun](#) on March 7, 1958. As the Enchanted Village was the first and only completed neighborhood in the Enchanted Homes series as of the date of this award, it was presented for the Krisel-designed and Alexander built tract in our neighborhood. The next tract (Enchanted Estates in Sunmor) was still under construction.



In Memoriam Patrolman Gale Eldridge



Gale Eldridge First To Die in Line of Duty

While conducting additional research about our neighborhood, it was discovered that Palm Springs Police Officer Gale Eldridge resided at 634 Bedford Drive with his wife Emelina and three children (Gail, Donna and Bobby). He was a patrolman with the Palm Springs Police Department for less than two years before tragically becoming the first police officer killed in the line of duty in the village. His tragic murder was front page news in [The Desert Sun](#) following his death on Wednesday, January 18, 1961. While this was a tragedy for the small village, the community rallied behind the fallen officer's family, establishing the Gale Eldridge Fund which raised over \$10,000 (\$105K today) from ~350 individual contributions. It is believed that the family left Palm Springs shortly after Officer Eldridge's passing. According to his family (as of 2013), his legacy continues with four grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Eldridge was 32 years old.





Prescott Preserve Update

📣 Agreement Reached! 📣

On November 26th, Oswit Land Trust and Mesquite Country Club HOA reached an agreement in principle after 8 hours of mediation.

The end of the lawsuit regarding Prescott Preserve is in sight.

"Palm Springs, CA: Oswit Land Trust (OLT) and Mesquite Country Club (MCC) are pleased to share with the community that after 2 years of litigation regarding the former golf course, now known as Prescott Preserve, we have reached an agreement in principle, and the lawsuits between the parties are soon to be in the past.

OLT and MCC are grateful for the work done by Mediator David Chapman who for 8 hours listened to the arguments and concerns of both sides, and was able to help the parties reach an agreement benefiting MCC, OLT, and most importantly the entire community of Palm Springs. Both MCC and OLT are looking forward to putting their disputes behind them and working to create a spectacular nature preserve in the heart of our community that everyone will enjoy now and in the future.

Specific details of this resolution are not yet available for the public as the mediation documents are currently being drafted.

Therefore, no further comments will be provided by OLT or MCC."



Prescott Preserve Events

Bird Watching | Twice Monthly

Join OLT Volunteer Kurt Kosek for bird watching walks at Prescott Preserve on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Walks are under 1.5 miles on dirt trails. The group meets at the old golf cart crosswalk on Farrell, just north of Mesquite. There is plenty of parking on Farrell or just walk on over.

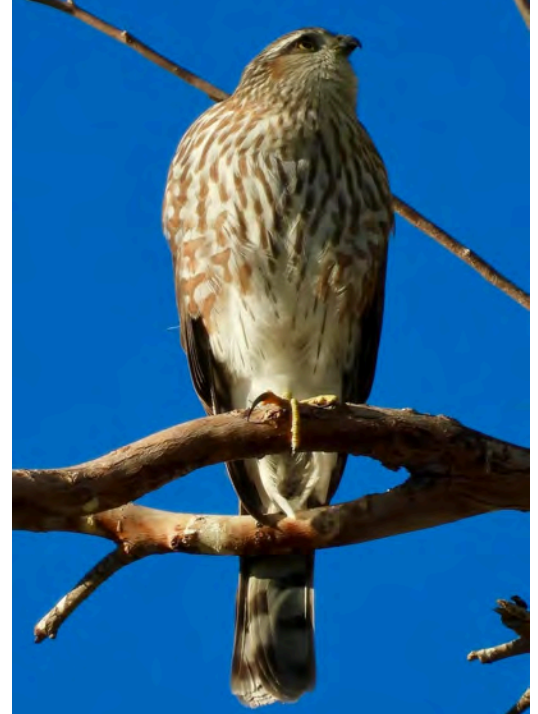


Photo Credit: Rob Tanner / Facebook

Friends of Prescott Preserve

Fundraising Event to be held in Little Beverly Hills

As part of Oswit Land Trust's on-going development plan, OLT is launching a new targeted fundraising effort to support the maintenance of the Prescott Preserve. The group - called Friends of Prescott Preserve - will host their inaugural fundraising event at a private residence in Little Beverly Hills on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

For more information, please contact David Paisley at davidp@oswitlandtrust.org.





Prescott Preserve Trail Map

Oswit Land Trust has produced a trail map. If you're a STR homeowner, this is a great addition to your house book. You can download a high resolution version of the map on their [website](#).

As a friendly reminder, please follow these rules when visiting:

- ✓ Hours: Sunrise 🌅 to Sunset 🌇
- ✓ Stay on trails at all times 🚶
- ✓ Leashed dogs 🐾 on multi-use path only (orange trail)
- ✓ Bikes 🚲 on multi-use path only (orange trail)
- ✗ Do not disturb or remove wildlife 🦆 or natural resources
- ✗ No fishing 🎣, swimming 🏊 or boating 🚤
- ✗ No loud music 🎵, drones 🚁 or smoking 🚬





Upcoming City-wide Events

PalmSpringsVintageMarket.com
369 N Calle El Segundo

First Choice (7am-8am) General Admission (8am-2pm)
Sunday JANUARY 5th

Have a **Rockin' & Roarin' New Year**

Mid Century Modern
Americana
Fashion
Art & Pop Culture

PALM SPRINGS
Vintage
MARKET

Good News

FREE SHREDDING EVENT

The City of Palm Springs has partnered with the Palm Springs Disposal Services to bring this event to all PS residents.

Location: Palm Springs Convention Center Parking Lot
277 N Avenida Caballeros
Palm Springs, CA 92262
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Acceptable documents include but not limited to the following:
 - Legal documents
 - Medical Records
 - Financial Statement
 - E-waste and bulky items will be accepted
 - Limit of 3 Banker sized boxes
 - Hazardous waste will not be accepted**
 - Swimming Pool Chemicals
 - Paints (oil and latex)
 - Fluorescent Bulbs
 - Pesticides
 - Bank Statement
 - Payroll records
 - Contracts
- No need to remove any clips, staples, or envelopes

Pre-Shredding

Date: January 6th - 9th
Location: Palm Springs City Hall
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262
Time: 8:00am to 5:00pm

***NO E-WASTE OR BULKY ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING PRE-SHREDDING!!!**
For more information, please email recycling@palmsspringsca.gov

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GO! GO! GREEN!

Join us in making our community cleaner, greener, and more beautiful! We invite you to be a part of our Community Clean-Up event, where we will come together to make a positive impact on our environment. Lunch will be provided!

James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center
480 W. Tramview Rd, Palm Springs, CA 92262
Saturday, January 25, 2025
9am - 12pm

Register Here:
*Registration closes
Thursday, January 9, 2025

For questions, comments, or concerns email:
recycling@palmsspringsca.gov

Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs

16th Annual PICNIC & Community Expo

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
FREE Lunch Provided by Local Businesses

Ruth Hardy Park • 700 Tamarisk Rd.

Pooch Parade & Costume Contest
Cutest • Most Original • Funniest
Sign up: 11 AM • Contest: 11:45 AM

Department of Parks & Recreation
Join Us!
Games, Crafts, & Youth Hoops with Prizes!!

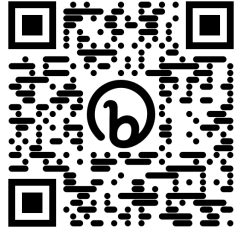
RE/MAX
Balloon Rides
Starting at 10 a.m.
(Weather Permitted)

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