

The reconstructed Echo Park Lake Bridge.

Beautiful Bridge

■ **Rec and Parks completes its handsome Echo Park Lake Bridge project.**

Story by Louis Suarez, Head Carpenter, Rec and Parks; Photos courtesy Rec and Parks

REC AND PARKS — Recreation and Parks staff has put the finishing touches on the reconstructed Echo Park Lake Bridge, completing their work an entire week before the 29th annual Lotus Festival.

Deteriorated to the point where it was unsafe to cross, the bridge and island were closed to park users. In the interim, with the exception of the occasional filming or special event, the island has become a de facto bird sanctuary.

Rec and Parks' Metro Griffith Park Construction Services crews, under the supervision of Larry Mottler, stripped the bridge of all its wood decking and rails, all the way down to the steel support structure. With pontoons as a work platform, the crew stripped the paint, rebuilt the wooden deck and railing, repaved the approach, and finally repainted the bridge. At the urging of

the Echo Park Historical Society, several layers of red paint were peeled away from the steel structure to expose four or more layers of green, last seen more than 14 years ago before the bridge was unfortunately painted red. The green bridge can also be appreciated in the 1974 film classic, Chinatown.

It is anticipated that a new decorative, artist-designed and -fabricated gate will replace the steel bars that restrict access to the bridge and that the island might be made accessible for special events or possibly during daylight hours.

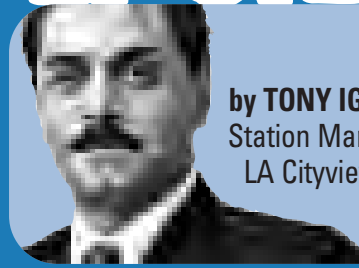
Special thanks to Council President Eric Garcetti and District Director Mitch O'Farrel for facilitating the discussions between Rec and Parks and the Echo Park Historical Society that resulted in a historically sensitive reconstruction of this Echo Park landmark.

Additional thanks to the Rec and Parks construction crew: Head Carpenter Louis A. Suarez; Carpenters Omar Vegas and James Shakir; Apprentice Carpenter Bryan Kelly; and Helper Jose Ramos.



From left: Apprentice Carpenter Bryan Kelly, Carpenter Omar Vargas, Helper Jose Ramos and Head Carpenter Louis A. Suarez, Club Member.

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Get Ready for Chick Talk

Have you ever wondered how programs get produced by Channel 35? It all starts with the Municipal Access Policy Board, or MAPB. This volunteer three-member board is the body responsible for making programming decisions every quarter when they convene and review various project requests submitted to Channel 35 from City departments and elected officials. The MAPB also is authorized to initiate programming through ITA, which manages LA Cityview 35. The MAPB strives to create programming that represents all City entities and helps increase the diversity of all voices. The MAPB also is responsible to advise the Council on policy issues affecting Channel 35. The MAPB is chaired by longtime member Tracy Westen and co-chaired by John Lippman. The Council President recently appointed Andrew Glazier, who fills the vacancy created by Morrie Goldman's recent resignation. We congratulate the MAPB for its guidance, leadership and more than a decade of award-winning programming it helped to produce.

November Highlights:

Chick Talk, hosted by Laura Chick

Nowadays there is no shortage of topics for intelligent people to talk about – politics, religion, wars, peace, culture, elections, show business – the list is endless. But most serious talk shows are hosted by men, and the majority of talk show hosts are men, too.

So Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick (who already moderates a regular women's forum at City Hall) decided to create a monthly program featuring intelligent women. It's called *Chick Talk*, and it promises to deliver an exciting hour-long discussion on critical topics from a woman's perspective, only here on LA Cityview 35.

The Community Redevelopment Agency Presents

The Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles is a public agency established to attract private investment in depressed areas; eliminate slums and blight; revitalize neighborhoods; build affordable housing; and encourage job creation and economic development while seeking the broadest possible community participation in its activities. Currently, the Redevelopment Agency operates in seven regions throughout Los Angeles. Over the next several months, Channel 35 will create episodes of a new half-hour show that will highlight the tremendous progress these areas have made, thanks to the pioneering public/private partnerships between the Agency and the business community along with grassroots leaders. The premiere episode, *The Community Redevelopment Agency Presents: Hollywood*, will focus on the stunning successes in the Hollywood and Central regions of Los Angeles. Don't miss this opportunity to see the impact the Community Redevelopment Agency has on your community.

Home Shopping Petwork

Tune in for a new episode of Home Shopping Petwork, with more fun-loving animals being showcased by Animal Services for adoption. This program was added to the weekly lineup last April and has been wildly successful in placing animals in loving homes. Where else can you shop from your armchair and have your life enhanced by a faithful companion? Don't miss this golden opportunity to save an animal's life.

CityWorks

Hosted by TV anchor Phil Shuman, *CityWorks* this month takes a look at the projects of the City's hard-working employees in Public Works. From their library building projects to potholes to tree-trimming, tune in to learn how you can get these vital services easily accessed through a variety of resources. *CityWorks* packs in multiple exciting stories filled with interesting and informative facts.

Neighborhood Café

A host of topics will be covered in this new series of *Neighborhood Cafés*. From neighborhood councils' involvement in developing leadership to neighborhood beautification endeavors, these six new episodes scan the gambit of projects enriching the local communities of Los Angeles.

For airing schedule of the above programs, and for more program listings and information, visit www.lacityview.org.



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