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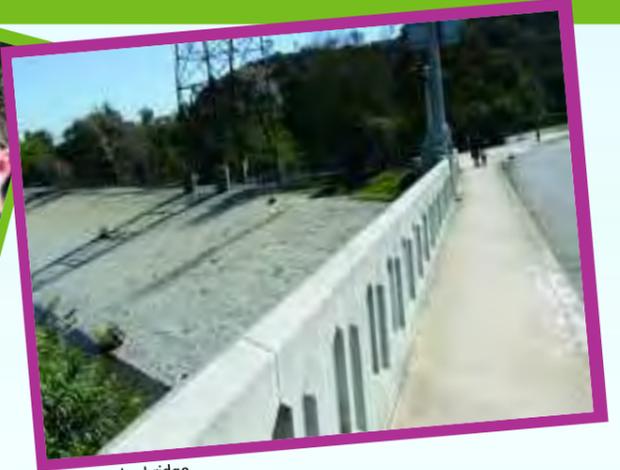
Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



The L.A. Bikeway grand view.



Crossing the bridge.

Los Angeles River

■ Angel goes on another biking adventure, this time along the L.A. River.

Photos by Alive! Staff

Hello again! This month's Be Alive! – my second bike trail in a row -- is only 3.2 miles long, and it's an adventure to say the least: trees and water to the left and freeways and cars to the right. Our short trip begins at the Riverside Drive exit off of the I-5. I exited the freeway, made a right turn and parked at a small park. The cross streets are Garden and Sonora.

Before you start any trip, take a moment and look at the signs. Important: The bike path is open from 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. And remember to bring plenty of water and snacks on any trip. Oh, and bring a friend. Be Alive and Be Safe!

I started my adventure at about 12:30 p.m., and it was a gorgeous day. As I traveled south through the river bikeway, I felt relaxed and began to just enjoy the natural beauty of everything I could see. There were tall green trees, sparkling running water, and beautiful birds feeding and flying all around. This is definitely another hidden treasure in Los Angeles.

I usually have someone with me on all these adventures for safety and of course to take the pictures, so as we traveled the path we came across some old water lids that release water into the river. Well, these lids were the shape of a cat and (I was told) you could see them from the freeway years ago. They are still there; just hidden by the freeway wall.

Then, we came across a few of your fellow City employees, Street Lighting, to be exact. They were repairing a large section of lights that had been vandalized, so we stopped and took this picture on our adventure.

To the Street Lighting crew, we say, thank you for all your hard work. If you know or see these great guys, give them a high five for an outstanding job!

After my brief visit, I had only about a mile to go. Within a few more minutes, I was at the Baum Bicycle Bridge over Los Feliz Boulevard. You can see this bridge from the freeway; I love the architectural design (circles) on the bridge. I stopped and took a look around. Beautiful!

You can continue the bike path, but 3.2 miles was a good for me. So, I turned around and started back for the home stretch. By the way, there are other ways to enter the bike path — one is across from Griffith Park, and I'm sure you know or can find a few more.

My adventure lasted only about an hour and a half, but it was amazing. Thank you, Los Angeles River Bikeway, for a wonderful time. Maybe next time I will bike a few more miles.

Be Safe and Be Alive!



L.A. Bikeway entrance near Griffith Park



During my bike ride, I encountered a crew from Public Works/Street Lighting along the way. From left: myself (Angel Gomez); Robert Schellinger, Asst. Elect., 14 years of service; David Rios, Asst. Elect., 5 years of service; Frank Gaffney, Welder, 2.5 years of service; G. Lee, Asst. Elect., 15 years of service; and Jack Pettigrew, Elect., 15 years of service.

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Lids that look like cats.

November Events

12th DWP Holiday Light Festival

The DWP's annual Holiday Light Festival "goes green" this year, with walking and biking opportunities, energy-saving LED lights, and other features.

- Bike Night (opening night): Nov. 19.
- "Walking Only" Test Pilot Program: Nov. 21-25
- Open to regular vehicles Nov. 26 through Dec. 28
- 5 - 10 p.m. nightly
- In Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Drive
- Information: (323) 913-4688 ext 9 or www.dwplightfestival.com

Downtown on Ice

Downtown's holiday event returns to Pershing Square Nov. 15 through Jan. 21.

- Hours: Mon. - Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m.; Fri. - Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Extended holiday hours: Dec. 14 - Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call for special hours Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day.
- Open every day and all holidays.
- Admission: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2. Group and party rates available.
- Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

Hollywood's Santa Parade

The old Hollywood Christmas parade might be dead, but the City has started a brand new one!

- Sunday, Nov. 25, at 5 p.m.
- Route starts at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Drive, and runs east on Hollywood, south on Vine Street to Sunset Boulevard, and west on Sunset back to Orange.
- General viewing is free.
- Grandstand tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$25 each (regular price \$35 each) or via the toll free number (866) PARADE1 (identify yourself as a Club Member).
- Information: (866) PARADE1, or www.hollywoodsantaparade.com

Fight for Life to Beat Cancer

The Club is an official sponsor of this annual event - a boxing match, this year between the LAPD and the Sheriff's Office. Proceeds go to the City of Hope for cancer research and treatment.

- 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30
- Los Angeles Sports Arena, 3939 S. Figueroa St.
- Tickets available through the Club store, the Los Angeles Sports Arena ([213]-747-7111), the Sheriff's Relief Foundation ([562]-946-7081) or the Los Angeles Police Protective League ([213]-251-4554)
- Information: www.cityofhope.org/fight4life

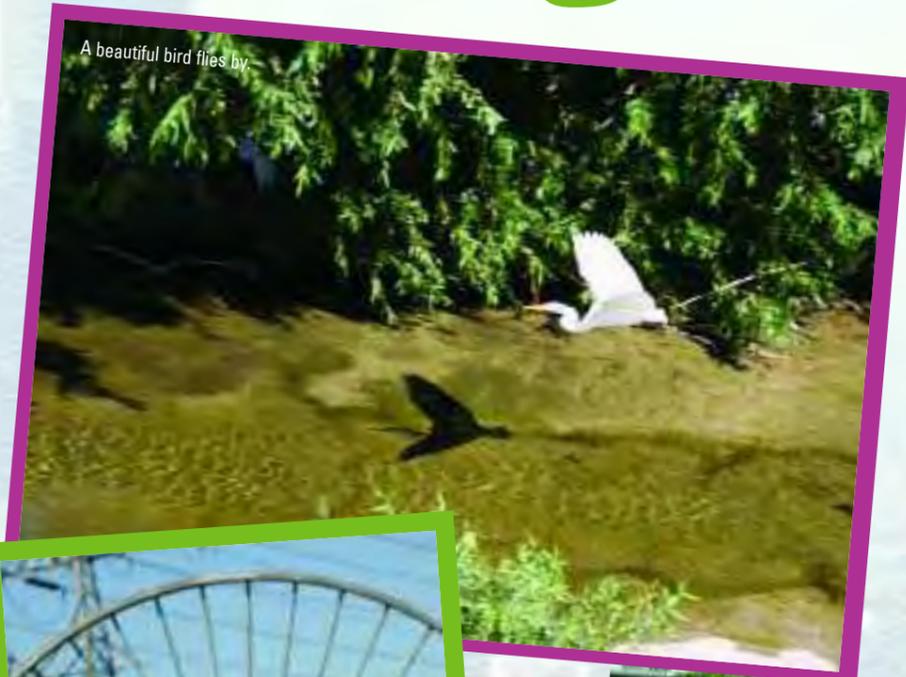
Ticket Guy Recommends:

Six Flags Magic Mountain

Ever wanted to go to Six Flags Magic Mountain, without all the long lines? Here's your chance: the Six Flags Magic Mountain Private Party! It's a \$60 value for only \$21.95.

- Limited number of tickets
- 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17th.
- Free parking.
- Purchase your tickets through the Club Store. See contact information on the second to last page of this issue.
- Visit cityemployeesclub.com

Bikeway



A beautiful bird flies by.



The Baum Bridge.



Bikeway hours of operation.

Directions:

Here are directions to one entrance to the Los Angeles Bikeway: From the I-5, take the Riverside Drive exit. Make a right turn (east) off the freeway exit, and park at the small park. The cross streets are Garden and Sonora.

