John Mirisch was elected Mayor of Beverly Hills at the City Council’s annual reorganization meeting in March. He succeeds Dr. Julian Gold who will continue to serve on the Council.

“I'm truly grateful to live in this community and for the opportunity to serve,” said Mayor Mirisch. “I look forward to working closely with my colleagues on the Council as we explore new opportunities and programs while enhancing the amenities we are blessed with in Beverly Hills.”

In a speech critical of Sacramento politicians Mayor Mirisch stated that, when done right, local government is the best form of democracy as it’s closest to home where most decisions should be made.

Mayor Mirisch was first elected to the City Council in 2009 and served as Mayor in 2013-2014 and 2016-2017.

Also at the meeting, Lester Friedman was elected Vice Mayor. Friedman, elected in 2017, is serving his first term on the City Council.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor serve one-year terms and are selected by their City Council colleagues in March at the annual ceremony held at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Music in the Mansion Returns to Greystone Mansion & Gardens

Music in the Mansion is back! Since 1994, the City of Beverly Hills has been bringing to its community members, visitors and patrons, the finest in solo and chamber music performances. The musical series began in the Beverly Hills Public Library and later found its home at Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate on Loma Vista Drive in Beverly Hills. This ideal venue gave the concert series its name, Music in the Mansion.

The monthly concerts, which run from January through June on the third Sunday of the month, take place in the living room of the SS-room, Baronial-style Doheny residence which is now owned by the City of Beverly Hills. This intimate setting gives patrons an up-close and personal experience with the artists and their music. After the concert, guests have an unique opportunity to tour the mansion, as well. The mansion’s interior is typically closed to the public aside from private and public events and seasonal tours by the park guards.

The talent is vetted under the artistic direction of volunteer Laura Schmieder, featuring the music of prize-winning international and local artists. Laura and her husband Edward are the founders of Young Artists International, an orchestra, festival and musical-talent network that has fostered the careers of nearly 400 musicians from 50 countries.

The popularity and exclusive seating almost always guarantee a sell out, so while you don’t need to purchase tickets ahead of time, it is strongly encouraged to avoid being disappointed at the door. Tickets for regular concerts are $20 per ticket and can be purchased online by visiting www.beverlyhills.org/Musicinthemansion.

May 19
Adelya Shagidullina, viola & Azer Damirov, violin. Solos and duos.

June 16
Delirium Musicum, chamber orchestra.

THE REMAINING 2019 SEASON LINEUP:

Music in the Mansion Returns to Greystone Mansion & Gardens

Share your thoughts on the draft plan to improve mobility.

The Draft Beverly Hills Complete Streets Plan presents a framework for programs, policies, and infrastructure projects that will make navigating the city easier, more enjoyable, and more equitable across all modes: people on foot, on wheels, riding transit, and in cars. The plan represents a year-long, community-driven planning effort and has a focus on preparing for the opening of the future Metro Purple Line subway stations through recommendations for first/last mile connections.

The types of improvements proposed in the Complete Streets Plan will (1) bring the City up to current mobility standards and best practices, such as a comfortable on-street bicycling environment, and (2) prepare the City for emerging transportation trends, such as installing the necessary traffic signal and communications upgrades to allow for connected vehicles. The plan includes an implementation action plan to guide transportation planning and prioritize installation of recommendations after plan adoption.

The City invites the community to review the Draft Complete Streets Plan and share their thoughts on what else should be included. The Draft Plan will be posted on the project website at completestreets.beverlyhills.org through May 17th. A Draft Plan Feedback Workshop will be held on May 8th at 6:00 PM in City Hall Room 280-A.

For more information, contact transportation@beverlyhills.org or 310-285-1128.
City Announces Launch of Clean Power Alliance

Residents and businesses in the City of Beverly Hills can now enjoy the advantages of clean, renewable power at competitive rates.

In February, Clean Power Alliance became the new electricity provider for the community. Clean Power Alliance is a public agency made up of 31 local governments across Los Angeles and Ventura counties working together to bring clean, renewable power choices to communities. Clean Power Alliance purchases clean power and SCE delivers it - nothing else changes. SCE will continue to send just one bill and will be responsible for resolving any issues with electricity service.

“We are excited to be part of this innovative opportunity to begin a new era of clean power distribution,” said Councilmember Julian Gold. “Beverly Hills is committed to sustainability and this new enterprise allows our community to further champion the environment.”

Beverly Hills customers will be automatically enrolled in Clean Power Alliance’s Clean Power rate option, which provides 50% renewable content. With this option, bills will remain approximately the same or less than SCE’s current rate at 35% Green. Customers may also select options for Lean Power (36%) or Full Green Power (100%).

Customers who have enjoyed special rates or programs in the past, such as CARE, FERA, Medical Baseline, Level Pay or Summer Discounts will still have access to those offerings.

Clean Power Alliance service for non-residential customers is scheduled to begin in May 2019.

For more information, please visit https://cleanpoweralliance.org/

Overall Crime Rate Down in Beverly Hills

2018 Statistics Show Progress in Reducing Violent Crime

The City of Beverly Hills is pleased to announce that overall crime in the City decreased during 2018.

Crime statistics comparing 2017 to 2018 show an overall crime reduction of 6% with violent crime down 11%. The City of Beverly Hills did not have a homicide in 2018. In addition, with City Council support, the Beverly Hills Police Department has added 47 new members to its ranks since 2016. “These encouraging numbers reflect the impact of additional staffing and a commitment to geographical policing,” said Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli. “Officers are diligently patrolling the same neighborhoods and business districts every day and utilizing state-of-the-art technology to keep our city safe.” Specifically, property crime including residential and commercial burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft saw the most significant decline in 2018. Chief Spagnoli also cites the newly implemented Crime Impact Team as a contributing factor where Officers and Sergeants work directly with Detectives to aggressively apprehend offenders and bring them to justice in a timely manner. She also credits the strong collaboration with the community for the department’s success. “The citizens are our eyes and ears within the neighborhoods,” said Chief Spagnoli. “I encourage residents to continue to report suspicious activity. If you see something, say something. Our Community and Police Together motto relies on this important partnership.”

Recently, the Police Department also provided an update to the City Council on an independent audit of the City’s crime statistics. The results were favorable and confirmed the City is accurately reporting crime to the community.

The free show, held on the beautiful grounds of Beverly Gardens Park, features art by over 245 artists from around the nation who showcase their work in painting, sculpture, watercolor, photography, mixed media, ceramics, jewelry, drawing and printmaking.

The spring show’s special feature is a Garden Party. Guests will experience artist demonstrations, an installation and art projects for children. As always, food trucks, a wine garden, and a beer garden with more great eats will be available.

The Spring artSHOW will take place on May 18 & 19, 2019. Mark those calendars now!
Beverly Hills Fire Department Launches Nurse Practitioner Program

The City of Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) is launching its Nurse Practitioner Program, an unparalleled program in Los Angeles County. Through a unique and innovative Emergency Medical Service (EMS) model, the program is designed to deliver advanced, efficient and effective healthcare in the pre-hospital setting. BHFD’s vehicle, ‘Nurse Practitioner 1’ (NP1), will respond to calls for service in the field. Staffed with both a Nurse Practitioner and Firefighter Paramedic with oversight from a board certified Emergency Medicine physician, NP1 is equipped with an array of medications, select laboratory diagnostics and technical medical equipment.

Whether responding to 911 calls or following up on “in home” patient referrals, NP1 will provide mobile urgent care and collaborate with primary care providers to optimize greater long-term health and wellness in our community.

CSC’s Annual Report to be published in spring 2019

The Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) is designed to regulate charitable activities in the City of Beverly Hills. The purpose is to protect charitable assets for their intended use and to ensure that the charitable donations contributed by the residents of Beverly Hills are not misappropriated through fraud or other dishonest means. The

Commission also encourages these fundraising efforts to be run in a manner that will provide the most benefit to the charitable cause being served. The Chief of Police, as Director of Public Welfare, serves as advisor to the Commission. Detailed information collected throughout the year regarding permits, charitable organizations, and financial data is published as the CSC Annual Report. The report summarizes all available information regarding permitted and unpermitted charitable solicitations which occurred during the given calendar year. The Commission aggressively pursues unpermitted events to enforce compliance with the City’s requirements.

Also, to alert the public, included is a list of charities that consistently donate less than 50% of the funds raised to the charitable cause. The 2018 Annual Report is being compiled and will be submitted to Council in the spring. To view past Reports, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/cscreport.

FAQs Sidewalk Vending

When is a sidewalk vending permit required?

In September 2018, Senate Bill 946 (SB 946) was signed by Governor Brown. SB 946 requires cities to allow sidewalk vending commencing January 1, 2019. Under the new law, the state mandates local jurisdictions to support and facilitate sidewalk vendors. A permit is required for any person engaging in, conducting or carrying on the business of vending on a sidewalk in Beverly Hills.

How do sidewalk vendors obtain a permit?

Prior to engaging in the business of vending on a sidewalk, prospective vendors must file an application for a permit, along with a non-refundable processing fee of $46, at least 30 days prior to the date requested for issuance of the permit. Application forms are available from the Finance Cashier on the first floor of City Hall.

Applicants should be prepared to provide:

- Applicant’s legal name, mailing address and telephone number;
- The name and business address of the principal, if applicant is an agent of an individual, company, partnership, corporation or other entity;
- A copy of a California driver’s license or identification number, an individual taxpayer identification number or a social security number;
- A description of the food and/or merchandise;
- A description, map or drawing of proposed areas of operation;
- The proposed days and hours of operation;
- The dimensions of the vending cart;
- A current valid City of Beverly Hills business tax registration certificate;
- A current valid California seller’s permit number pursuant to Section 6067 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code;
- Proof of comprehensive general liability insurance with minimum limits of $1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit coverage and $2,000,000 in the aggregate against any injury, death, loss or damage as a result of wrongful or negligent acts or omissions by the permittee, with an endorsement naming the City as an additional insured;
- If a vendor of food, certification of completion of a food handler course and proof of all required approvals from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; and
- An agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees, for any damage or injury caused to the City as a result of the sidewalk vending conduct or activity.

For a complete list of application requirements, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/business/sidewalkvendingordinance.

Did You Know?

The only Permitted Smoking Areas in Beverly Hills are:

- At private smoker lounges
  (State law)
- In designated hotel/motel areas
- Within public right-of-way
  (sidewalks, streets, alleyways, etc.), only if actively walking

Beverly Hills Residents and Businesses

Sign Up Now to Keep Your Family and Your Community Safe! The City of Beverly Hills has a mass communication system to notify residents of an emergency or disaster. If you live or have a business in the City, your landline phone number is already included.

To register your cell phone and email address for emergency alerts go to: www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification

Call (310) 285-1014 if you have questions.

To receive additional text message alerts:

Text BEVHILLS to 888777
Text BEVHILLSPO to 888777

For further information on emergency preparedness, call the Office of Emergency Management, Resilience, and Recovery at (310) 285 - 1014 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness.