



## Watt Plaza - Sidewalk Replacement Project

Your afternoon walk to lunch, to shop, or for exercise/errands will be noticeably better in the near future around Watt Plaza as a result of the upcoming sidewalk replacement project. Although the City of Los Angeles is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sidewalks, Ownership decided to wait no longer and proceed with a project that would provide various functional, economic and aesthetic benefits.

Sidewalks improve access to business and industry for employees relying on public transportation; sidewalks also improve customer traffic for retail businesses. Other benefits of sidewalks include:

- Reduced crime risk through increased pedestrian traffic “more eyes on the street” as promoted by the International Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Association ([www.cpted.net](http://www.cpted.net)).
- Improved access to buses;
- Enhanced sense of community through better connections to neighbors and businesses;
- Decreased use of cars for short trips, saving gas and lower emissions.

The project will consist of 4 phases to avoid as less inconvenience to pedestrians as possible while allowing each phase of concrete to “cure” properly. While we await a preliminary construction inspection, we anticipate the work to begin the last week of June. Each phase will take approximately 5 to 8 days to complete, from demolition to finished product. Tree root pruning and tree root barriers will be installed to decrease the possibility of invasive tree roots from cracking or uplifting the sidewalk. Permits have been filed and before demolition begins, directional signage and barricades will be placed accordingly. We are excited to see another improvement here at Watt Plaza and we thank you for your patience during the interim.



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# EMPLOYEE NEWS

## Employee Spotlight



The employee spotlight in this issue features **Odilon Esckys-Boma**, Director of Security and Fire Life Safety Director whose career at Watt Plaza spans nearly 7 years. Odilon has been with Universal Protection Services (UPS), our contract

Security Company, for 13 years and has diligently worked his way up the chain of command. He has been instrumental in the completion of several projects over the years including the Security Command Center, building security camera upgrade and the development/implementation of the Emergency Manuals. Odilon currently holds two ICS (Incident Command Systems) certifications through The Homeland Security Emergency Management Institute and National Incident Management System; these certifications equip Odilon and multi-agency task forces to work together in case of an emergency. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He also likes attending sporting events, jazz, blues, running, mountain biking and traveling. We are happy to have him on the Watt Plaza Team!



## 2015 Tenant Event Schedule

Here is a quick look at upcoming events for next quarter:

### June

Jeans for Life Drive – All Month

Quarterly E-Waste Pick-Up: Tuesday, 6/2

Angus – Emergency Notify Module Training: Wednesday, 6/3

CPR Training: Tuesday, 6/9

### July

Summer Tenant Event: Friday, 7/24

### August

City of Hope – Summer Blood Drive: Friday, 8/14

Fire Drill Orientations: Wednesday, 8/19

# EVENTS

## Light it Up Blue

Did you notice that the lights in the Watt Plaza exterior water fountain were “blue” in the month of April in observance of World Autism Awareness?

## Earth Day

**We hope you enjoyed our annual Earth Day Event on April 22nd!**

We were able to raffle 14 prizes to our tenants, which included 2 unisex bicycles, due to the gracious donations from participating vendors! Congratulations to all of the raffle winners!



## NEW TENANTS

### at Watt Plaza

Please join us in welcoming our newest tenants to Watt Plaza:

- ➔ Northside Services, LLC
- ➔ Withers Bergman, LLP

# How Drought Impacts Water, Food & Energy

## RETAIL AMENITIES

### Aztec Auto Detailing

#### Car Wash

310-277-5900

### Chase

310-553-8840

### Federal Express

310-203-9928

### 1st Century Bank

310-270-9500

### Mystic Flowers & Gardens

310-284-3417

### Noble Cleaners

310-552-3377

### Notary Services

310-789-2179

### On-Call Legal

310-858-9800

### Parking:

- Books on Tape (CD's)
- Electric Charging Stations
- Front Door Club

310-789-2178

### Starbucks Coffee

310-553-8226

### Taco Limon / Pizza Benne

310-286-0464

### Trimana

310-772-0726

### Trimana Express

310-553-5445

<http://www.earthshare.org/2012/08/drought.html>

Whether you live in those parts of the US that are currently experiencing the worst drought in decades or not, the drought will most certainly affect you. Corn and soybeans, the commodity crops hardest hit by the drought are used in a huge number of foods and products, and their rising prices will have a ripple effect on the global economy and your budget.

Why has the recent drought got farmers so worried? More than 75% of the nation's corn crop has been impacted by the drought, and 85% depend on rain for irrigation. As the Midwest suffers under extreme temperatures and lack of rain, plants are producing stunted crops or nothing at all.

The U.S. News and World Report points to three items in particular that will become more expensive in the coming year because of this summer's drought: food (especially meat and dairy); gas (as ethanol from corn makes up an increasingly larger portion of fuel); and electricity (traditional power plants need a lot of water to run, competing with agriculture for scarce water supplies). The economic impact could be as high as \$50 billion.

Droughts may not be as visibly destructive as hurricanes or floods, but they are no less devastating a natural disaster. Without water, we can't feed ourselves or keep our (conventional) power supply humming. And droughts can turn the land into a tinderbox ripe for wildfires like the **Waldo Canyon fire** Colorado saw earlier this summer, the worst in the state's history.

If droughts were still as rare as they've been in the past, such problems might be weathered, but scientists predict that serious droughts like this summer's will happen more frequently and with more intensity on a warming planet. And NRDC reports that most states aren't prepared for this reality.

Sustainable changes in the electricity and agriculture sectors are needed to cope with droughts of the future – supporting renewable energy and eating lower on the food chain limits both greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and water usage. You can also make a difference by using [our green tips to conserve water at home](#).

Please click on the below link for "Save Water Save Money" rebate offers:

<http://www.socalwatersmart.com/index.php/qualifyingproducts>







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## REMINDERS

### RJ Westmore Training

Watt Plaza is partnered with RJ Westmore to provide our tenants with the most current Emergency Preparedness Training for the following areas/topics:

**FIRE LIFE SAFETY**  
**FLOOR WARDEN**  
**EARTHQUAKE**  
**BOMB THREAT**  
**MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
**POWER FAILURE**

Please note it is mandatory in accordance with the Los Angeles Fire Life Safety Code for all High Rise Occupants to participate in the online training.

You can find more information on our online tenant handbook at the following direct link:  
<http://www.wattplaza.info/main.cfm?pg=coverview&pgnum=1&sid=eprocedures&pid=epraining>

### Watt Plaza Electronic Tenant Handbook

[www.wattplaza.com](http://www.wattplaza.com)

The information provided in our Electronic Tenant® Handbook is intended to provide you with a clear understanding of Watt Plaza and to facilitate your company's operations. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the helpful information provided and note that the Building Management Office is available to assist with any inquiries or concerns.

