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AUGUST 2006

NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wilacre Park

Nancy Hernandez from Councilwoman Wendy Greuel's office tells that the parking fee at Wilacre Park has been dropped from \$3 to \$1. The lot is located at Fryman Road and Fryman Place. An annual pass can be purchased for \$30 at Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The link is "new parking permit, buy one here". For more information about Wilacre Park, contact the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy at (310) 589-3200 or (323) 221-8900, or e-mail at info@smmc.ca.gov - mailto:info@smmc.ca.gov).

Girl Scouts of the San Fernando Valley

Girl Scouts of the San Fernando Valley, with a membership of over 10,000 girls and adults who work, shop, and play in the community, will be having a special fundraising event on Sept 30, 2006. The fundraiser, "Come Fly With Us!" will take place at Syncro Aircraft Interiors, and will feature dinner, dancing, and a silent auction to raise money to support the Girl Scout program of personal leadership development.

Donations of goods, services, or funding would be greatly appreciated and recognized in the event journal and our quarterly newsletter. Send /deliver to Carole Ozanian, Silent Auction, Girl Scout Headquarters, 9421 Winnetka Ave, Chatsworth ,CA 91311.

POLLY WARD, President

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HAUL ROUTE
APPEAL**

We won the Appeal of the haul route permit for the 8538 through 8550 Lookout Mountain. The project should be sent back to the Planning Department for an environmental review which may take some time - we really don't know yet.

The mission of the Hillside Federation shall be:

To protect the property and the quality of life of residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, AUGUST 2, 2006 - 8:00pm

OSULA

**Corner 3921 Laurel Canyon
& Maxwellton
Studio City**

AGENDA

- * Introduction of Members and Guests
- * Minutes of July Meeting to be Approved
- * Kagel Canyon - Frank Buchanan
- * Temescal Canyon - Barbara Kohn
- * 7685 Mulholland Variance/Multiview Neighbors
- * Lookout Mountain Haul Routes - Carol Sidlow
- * Mountaingate Project
- * Canyonback Trail, Mt St Mary's Trail
- * Reports - President
Chairman
Vice Presidents
Treasurer

The developer was denied a haul route and will not be able to excavate 5500 cubic yards at this time. He probably will continue to work at the site, as he is building a retaining wall to cover those 3 properties.

There are at least 3 more big digs involving at least 600 more trucks planned for the area. The final outcome of this is not yet known but it is important to note that we had the complete support of the Building and Safety Department - including Andrew Adelman and his staff, and our Councilman, Jack Weiss.

**CAROL SIDLOW,
Lookout Mountain Alliance**

KAGEL CANYON

The Kagel Canyon Civic Association will give a presentation re the proposed Hope Gardens Skid Row relocation center in their neighborhood by the Union Rescue Mission at our August meeting.

This is a subject that threatens us all

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because the County Board of Supervisors has voted to each take one of these centers into their district. These are not lock-down facilities, offer little in the way of actual rehabilitation, and merely give the homeless the opportunity to set up shop in our neighborhoods. I'm very fearful of having dozens of new homeless wandering our streets, and their proclivity of setting fires in steel drums has all of us with hillsides brushy property in fear for our lives. The homeless need more than just relocation, they need rehabilitation, drug counseling, job training, etc.

The URM does state that it plans rehabilitation, but we need to see details. Also, they recently cut down 10 oak trees on the 71-acre property, and applied to cut down 20 more. They have said they plan no more development, however, they just announced plans for two more buildings.

Kagel Canyon will be at the August meeting - We have invited URM and expect them to be present also.

FRANK BUCHANAN,
La Tuna Canyon Community Association

DANGEROUS COVENANT FOR YMCA PROPERTY

No Oil, Inc., Save the Coast Foundation and Pacific Palisades Residents Association are greatly alarmed by a provision in the City's "Master Covenant Agreement" received last week from Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Emily Gabel-Luddy, Associate Zoning Administrator, City of Los Angeles, promised the residents of Pacific Palisades a covenant prohibiting "oil drilling activities in any form" on the Los Angeles Metropolitan YMCA option

FEDERATION'S WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

The Federation's new website is
www.hillsidecanyon.org

Please take a look at it, and if there's something else you'd like to see on it, or if you want to send in an article to the Newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Call Steve Twining at (310) 472-6091 to give your suggestions.



NEWSLETTER

Editor/Publisher MARILYN STEFANO

HEY! Is anyone reading this beside Claire Carafello & Alan Fine? What's happening? 'Sup? What's going on in your neighborhoods? I feel like the mother whose children don't call anymore - isn't anyone interested in spreading the word about great (or awful) news in their neighborhoods? We want a Newsletter that keeps us informed about what's happening (let's have some fun stuff, too). Please PLEASE send us stuff - we appreciate being in the know - or now - or no? Articles might be subject to some editing for grammar or syntax, if needed - NOT for content.

For SEPTEMBER send by AUG. 26th
Fax a hard copy 2 weeks before the next meeting to



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of Temescal Canyon property which is part of the State park located at the NE corner of Sunset Blvd and Temescal Canyon Road when she granted the Y's request to split the property from the State Park.

The Master Covenant and Agreement now states that the covenant prohibiting oil activities will only continue "until the City Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles approves the termination."

The fate of this parcel must not be left to the whim of the City Planning Department, or any other political body. The future of this parcel must not be left in the hands of elected officials, much less politically appointed officials. The Master Covenant and Agreement must not be signed in this form.

In 1998, SMMC passed Resolution 97-185 that stated that the SMMC would ensure that the sale of the 3.95 acre parcel would be accompanied by a complete prohibition on oil drilling on the parcel. On August 13 2002, Councilwoman Miscikowski's letter to Ms. Gable-Luddy urged the city to impose a condition on the parcel map that ran with the land and prohibited oil drilling.

It is time to put an end to this more than 25-year saga. PPRA, No Oil, Inc., Save the Coast Foundation and the community do not need or want another Occidental Oil-type battle. However, we will not stand by and witness

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this sell-out.

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CANYONBACK AND NO. ST. MARY'S TRAILS TO BE SAVED

For the past year, Canyon Back Alliance has objected to the Mountaingate development project's adverse impact on recreational use of the Canyonback and Mt St. Mary's trails. Recently, however, Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Office, through the tireless efforts of Norman Kulla, brought the once-feuding parties together in order to achieve a remarkable resolution. For the past two weeks, Canyon Back Alliance has been working with Mountaingate developer Castle & Cooke, the City of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and representatives of the Stoney Hill community in a joint effort to protect public recreational use of the Canyonback and Mt. St. Mary's trails. Agreement has been reached on the following:

- (1) The Mt. St. Mary's Trail will survive and bypass the Stoney Hill neighborhood completely;
- (2) The Canyonback Trail will be wholly outside the planned residential enclave, hewing to the western-most alignment along Canyonback Ridge, with scenic views of the unspoiled hillsides.

Canyon Back Alliance is greatly indebted to: Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Norman Kulla, former LA Mayor Riordan, Joe Edmiston and Paul Edelman of the SMMC, and Robert Garcia of the Center for Law in the Public Interest. The Alliance also recognizes the efforts of developer Castle & Cooke and the Stoney Hill community, and most importantly the hundreds of supporters who sent letters, appeared at public hearings and donated to our organization.

You can show your support for this result by donating to the Center for Law in the Public Interest:
<http://www.clipi.org/donate/index.php>
TONY FREEMAN, Canyon Back Alliance

BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NC OFFICE

Chairman STEVE TWINING, also President of the above Neighborhood Council, advises that If you are interested in attending any Neighborhood Council meetings, please contact STEVE TWINING at the Council office: 310-479-6247, Fax: 310-479-0458, 1525 S. Sepulveda Blvd., #5. The office is open Mon. & Wed., 9am-6pm, and Fri. 9am-1pm.

REMINDERS: ISSUES & PETITIONS

Federation meetings are scheduled to start at 8:00 pm, and end at 10:00pm and, in order to end on time, an OUTLINE OF ISSUES & PETITIONS to be brought before the Board should be mailed to : Pres. POLLY WARD at P.O.Box 1041, Studio City, CA 91614 or faxed to: (818) 761-4065, or e-mailed to: polward@aol.com, 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

MOTIONS to be made at the meeting should be thought out beforehand, and put into writing so that they are clear and concise. EACH SPEAKER will be allowed 5 minutes to make his/her presentation, so that meetings can be kept on time.

MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

MARVIN BRAUDE SAN FERNANDO
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Date: the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
Time: 6:30pm