

Benedict Canyon

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Benedict Canyon Association Newsletter

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Will You Soon Have a Motel Next Door?

Alan Schimmel

Current zoning rules in Los Angeles prohibit property owners from renting out residential units for less than 30 days. Any rentals under 30 days in length are illegal in R-1 and R-2 zones, which are single family dwellings and duplexes. Under the City's ordinances, "short-term rentals" are treated as "transient occupancy" and are subject to the laws and regulations governing hotel rooms.



Vacation Motor Hotel

With internet sites such as Airbnb and Vacation Rental by Owner ("VRBO"), the City is considering repealing zoning rules that restrict rentals of residential units for less than 30 days, AND TURNING OUR R1 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ZONING INTO "TRANSIENT MOTEL."

Although short-term rentals are currently prohibited, the prohibitions are largely unenforced. The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) is charged with enforcing the ordinances which ban short-term vacation rentals. Typically, unless a complaint is filed with LADBS, no enforcement action is taken. Difficulties

with enforcement also arise because LADBS must inspect the residence and discover proof that the owner is violating the prohibition on short-term rentals. If LADBS determines that an owner is in violation of the short-term rental prohibition, the owner is simply fined \$336.00 for each violation; there is no mechanism in place for escalating penalties for repeat violations.

In Los Angeles there is a "Transient Occupancy Tax" of fourteen percent (14%) on revenues received that hotel operators are obligated to pay to the City - revenues which are normally collected from customers. If it is

discovered that a residential homeowner is renting out a residence on a short-term basis, the Los Angeles Department of Finance will send statements to the homeowner in an attempt to collect taxes on the rentals, which includes the tax due plus penalties for unpaid taxes. It is unlikely the city could enforce compliance and collection without a significant addition in personnel. Is Airbnb prepared to pay for this added staff, or are we the taxpayers?

The current restrictions on short-term rentals serve some very fundamental and important purposes, such as the reduction of noise and traffic in our local community. The prohibitions on short-term rentals also help ensure that property values are protected and alleviate the problem of reduced housing available to those who live and work in our community. Having new neighbors every few days next door, will negatively impact our property values and will likely become a required disclosure to lease or sell a home. Will a long term tenant or buyer want to live next to a motel?

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President's Letter

The week of June 20th, 1926 was a week that forever changed Benedict Canyon from a simple, quiet, dead-end canyon road, into a highway connecting Van Nuys to Los Angeles and the Beach Resorts. This new road from the San Fernando Valley through Benedict Canyon was referred to as the "scenic route" to Beverly Hills. Just imagine a family loading up the car on the weekend for a leisurely drive, taking in the beauty of the canyon and perhaps pulling over to take in the view as they look out towards the sea. That was then...

And this is now. The Department of Transportation estimates that 20,000 cars commute on Benedict Canyon each weekday. Think about it - that is 100,000 cars a week not including the weekends. Multiply 100,000 cars by 52 weeks in the year, and you get 5.2 MILLION cars traveling on Benedict Canyon!!!

With 5.2 MILLION cars traversing Benedict Canyon each year, canyon residents are increasingly paying the price. Every single day we are subjected to rude and reckless drivers traveling at ridiculously high rates of speed, passing around blind curves, blowing the stop lights and honking if you yield to turn into your own driveway. Sadly, it doesn't end there. People litter the canyon with car parts left behind after an accident and workers litter the road with trash from their lunches. The irresponsible smoker passing through the canyon flicks his/her cigarette out of his/her car upping the stakes for a fire. Say "goodbye" to our scenic route.

Benedict Canyon is the only canyon in Los Angeles that is made up of 100% residential single-family homes. This is why safety and preserving the Canyon's beauty should be a top priority for everyone who lives here. Everyone needs to do their part, by driving the speed limit to slow down traffic or by asking that your gardeners clean up trash around your home, even if it is across the street. Please be a part of the solution in 2015 - it cannot be done without your help!

In January the BCA held its annual meeting, and the community came out to voice its concerns. Reckless and dangerous driving, unsafe roads, and overall concern over safety in the canyon were the main topics. As a group, you helped show your strength in numbers by stepping up to the microphone for 90 minutes solid to ask Councilman Paul Koretz, the LAPD and the LAFD how they will be part of the solution. We need to continue the conversation with the City, and demand change. If you would like to be a part of the solution, we invite you to join us at our monthly meetings held on the second Monday of each month at the Beverly Hills Women's Club from 7:00 -8:30 PM. I would also encourage everyone to visit our website www.benedictcanyonassociation.org for community updates and to learn about the rich history of Benedict Canyon.

I look forward to seeing you.,

Sincerely,



Matthew A. Post

President

Benedict Canyon Association



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Benedict Canyon Grand Prix *by Kerry Welland*

At approximately 3:02 PM PST a driver was struck in a head-on collision with another driver heading in the opposite direction on Benedict Canyon Boulevard today. The driver and the passenger, a 5 year old child, remain in critical condition. Witnesses tell us that the driver who caused the accident was driving aggressively at speeds estimated at over 90 MPH and attempted to pass the car in front of them by passing into the oncoming lane. Another witness alleges that the driver was racing another driver through the canyon. Regardless of what actually transpired, it is evident that the driver's recklessness caused their own death and left another driver and a child in critical condition.

This is a fictional account, however, unless things change in the canyon it's just a matter of time before this story becomes a reality. Since when did Benedict Canyon become the location for time trials for the Grand Prix? For those of you who have lived here for years and traveled the canyon on a daily basis, the answer is "FOR TOO LONG!" Ask any resident what their main issue is with living in Benedict Canyon and you'll likely hear - "The drivers."

Benedict Canyon Grand Prix *(continued from page 2)*

There are the drivers who don't stop at the signals because they know the lights will change as soon as they reach the intersection. Then there are the drivers who pass on the right or enter oncoming traffic playing "chicken" to pass the driver in front of them. Other drivers tailgate and harass drivers, honking and flashing their high beams for no apparent reason. Then you have the drivers who are racing each other in packs at 90+ MPH, from Mulholland all the way down to Sunset. Finally, you have the motorcyclists who are practicing stunts and dropping sideways into turns traveling at speeds North of 100 MPH. Still others are guilty of committing a combination of all of the above.

Our City Councilman, Paul Koretz, certainly heard an earful of complaints about this very issue January at the BCA's annual meeting. This was not the first time he had heard an outcry from the community about the reckless speeding in the canyon; he heard about it last year as well. Last year he told us about his own experience with a wreck that "could have killed me right on Benedict Canyon". This year residents spoke in front of the councilman for over an hour. One by one, residents approached the microphone suggesting solutions and some even told of horrific "near hits" that they have witnessed in the canyon. The theme was the same across the board; residents were DEMANDING change. As a result, Councilman Koretz gave the community his commitment to address its concerns and work with city engineers to identify and implement solutions in the canyon.

The BCA's Traffic & Safety Committee led by Kerry Welland has identified a detailed list of issues that needs to be addressed and resolved in our canyon. The Committee

worked with the Councilman's CD-5 staff, including Gurmet Khara and Noah Muhlstein as well as city engineers to prioritize and address several major issues. They included the following:

- Benedict Canyon Drive is not clearly striped, making it impossible to see where the lanes are located.
- Plastic delineators need to be installed in various parts of Benedict Canyon Drive.
- There are no street lights from the 2700 block of Benedict Canyon to Wallingford.
- There is inadequate signage indicating the speed limits within the canyon.
- At one point there was a speed trailer on Benedict Canyon but no speed data or stats were gleaned from it; we need access to driver speed data in the canyon.
- The canyon desperately needs LAPD patrol presence to enforce the traffic laws. We are working with LAPD to develop solutions for additional policing in the canyon.

Since our annual meeting in January, CD-5 has addressed two of our concerns. Over the July 4th weekend, Benedict Canyon was completely re-striped, and the plastic delineators have been ordered and will be installed in the coming months. Perhaps most importantly, there has been an increase in LAPD presence in Benedict Canyon.

We welcome your suggestions and input. The easiest thing you can do to help is to SLOW DOWN. Stop at the stop signs and lights. Be part of the solution and help us make the canyon safer for everyone. One stupid decision to pass into oncoming traffic could take the lives of others including your own.

NEWSFLASH!!!

Benedict Canyon has been re-striped! The Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) is working closely with Councilman Koretz' office to improve canyon safety and to improve the overall quality of life in the canyon for our residents. Check the BCA website www.BenedictCanyonAssociation.org for updates and for other important information that affects our community.

How To Save Our Gardens And Be Water Smart *by Garrett Carlson, ASLA*

It seems the drought is here to stay for a while so what can we do?

Your first step is to evaluate your garden. What do you have and how is it used?

Lawn is the worst water hog. If you got rid of your lawn you would save 50% on your water bill and another 50% on your

maintenance bill. If you have kids or animals maybe some lawn makes sense. But, perhaps you can consider a lawn substitute, such as artificial grass or a more water sensitive grass such as Blue Gama, Buffalo grass or Bermuda. These grasses are all quite drought tolerant and they also like the sun. Be careful not to overwater, though, or you will lose

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Benedict Canyon Association

OUR MISSION

To promote, advance, further and protect the community interests and general welfare of the homeowners and residents residing in the general area of Benedict Canyon Drive.

WHO ARE WE?

We are a 100% volunteer organization comprised of area residents. All of our work is funded by donations. We are not sanctioned by any entity.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We monitor ongoing projects, programs and policies by private entities and city agencies outside our area which may impact or set precedent for land use and development within the canyon. We monitor crime, safety, traffic, development and quality of life in the canyon and are concerned with the preservation and beautification of our canyon. We have four seats on the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, an officially recognized component of our city government. We also have one executive seat on The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations.

WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE FOR OUR MEMBERS?

Annual Meeting at the Beverly Hills Hotel; Monthly meetings open to the public at the Beverly Hills Women's Club; Representation at greater Los Angeles civic meetings; Representation at the West Los Angeles division of LAPD; Emergency preparedness information; Regularly published newsletter; Hotline (310) 553-4BCA; Website: www.benedictcanyon.org

WHEN AND WHERE DO WE MEET?

The second Monday of every month - Open to the Public
The Beverly Hills Women's Club (Benedict Canyon Drive @ Chevy Chase Drive)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Refreshments - Free Parking

MAKING LIFE EASIER – BCA MEMBERSHIP

The Board of the Benedict Canyon Association would like to express our gratitude for all of the Benedict Canyon residents who support our efforts through their membership. To streamline the payment method for membership we have recently set up online payment.

To pay online, go to our website www.BenedictCanyonAssociation.org. Click on the Membership tab and then click on the “Join the association online today” tab below. This will take you to a new page where you can click on either “Become a Member online here” or “Renew your Membership online here”. Follow the instructions.

Once you have joined, we urge you to tell your neighbors about our informative website and to support us as members. We wish to thank Board Member Matt Post, who researched available software and installed it this summer.

How To Save Our Gardens And Be Water Smart

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them to rot. Quite a few people these days are making their front yards drought tolerant and keeping their back yards as is for practical use.

If you do choose to change over to more drought tolerant plant material make sure that you still continue watering your big trees. These need deep watering once a week. Soaker hoses work great for this. Wrap the hose around the tree approximately 3-5 feet away from the trunk and let it run for several hours or over-night. Our trees are very important and should be watched over carefully. They are the main structure of our gardens plus they provide shade and homes for our wildlife. Smaller plant material can be replaced easily, not so for big trees. Trees also add great value to our properties.

There are so many new and exciting plants being grown these days that it would be hard to list all of them. Some of my favorites are: lavenders, sages, aloes, agaves, red hot pokers, achilleas, grevillea, artemisias, yuccas, and kangaroo paws.....I could go on forever! Your best bet is to buy a few books and choose for yourself. My three favorite books are: 1) "Landscape Plants for California Gardens" by Bob Perry. This book is all pictures and text. It also shows how the



landscape

plants are used in different environments. 2) "Designing with Succulents" by Debra Lee Baldwin, again lots of pictures and text. You would be amazed at what you can do with an all succulent garden. 3) "The Sunset Western Garden Book", Of Course! Be creative and just go for it.

P.S. Your garden doesn't have to be all plants; you can use some rock and decomposed granite. This really does cut down on the water. Good Luck and let's hope we get some rain this winter!

The San Ysidro/Beverly Park Haul Route Issue

By Robert Schlesinger



dump truck

Some of you may have noticed an increase in the number of construction vehicles using San Ysidro Drive in recent years to the present, in blatant violation of a Covenant & Agreement with Beverly Park Estates dated January 28, 1988 and recorded in the Hall of Records Downey California. That record states "That all construction vehicles be limited to taking access from Mulholland Drive and that covenants, conditions and restrictions be developed to provide for this restriction in perpetuity."

On September 8, 1989, another recorded document stated "All Construction Vehicles shall access the project from Mulholland Drive only". The same document reconfirms the use of South Gate Beverly Park construction vehicles going through the North Gate to and from Mulholland Drive only.

In 2006 Beverly Park North restricted entrance to Beverly Park South to owners only. On May 21, 2009, in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Norman P. Tarle reaffirmed

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that Beverly Park South is entitled to access through Beverly Park North to Mulholland Drive by South Gate's owners, guests and invitees. Between 2010 & 2011, the Court of Appeals of the State of California concurred with the lower court's decision in favor of Beverly Park South.

First and foremost this is a safety issue for the residents of the San Ysidro Area. Portions of the covenant and agreements were implemented during the initial plans for the development of "Beverly Park" for the explicit purpose to protect the residents of San Ysidro. San Ysidro has been suffering the violations of these agreements with a continuous assault of heavy duty construction vehicles, going up and down two miles of a narrow, dangerous, steep winding street, causing one traffic jam after another.

Dump trucks, cement trucks and other construction trucks are vehicles with axles that can accommodate 65,000 to 70,000 pounds gross weight. This is another Loma Vista incident waiting to happen, when two off duty police officers were killed by cement trucks, within a month of each other.

This information has been submitted to the City Attorney's Office regarding enforcement of the covenant and agreements.

BCA CONTACT INFO

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Hotline: 310.553-4BCA (4222) Website: BenedictCanyonAssociation.org

Meeting: Monthly, 7pm, 2nd Monday of the month at the Beverly Hills Women's Club

(enter parking at Benedict Cyn South of Chevy Chase)

Carbon Monoxide Detector Law Revisited *by Marcy Braiker*

The Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010 was signed into law in December of 2010. It requires carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in every "dwelling unit intended for human occupancy." A carbon monoxide device is designed to detect carbon monoxide and sound an alarm. It can be battery powered, a plug in device or a device that is wired into the power line of the unit with a secondary battery backup. The following language is included in packages with CO detectors: "For minimum security a CO Alarm should be centrally located outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. The alarm should be located at least 6 inches from all exterior walls and at least 3 feet from supply or return vents." It is also required on every level including basements within which fuel-fired appliances are installed, and in dwellings that have attached garages. The law is also applicable where a permit is required for alterations, repairs or additions exceeding \$1000. In existing dwelling units there are penalties for noncompliance with this law regarding installation of a CO device. A property owner must first receive a 30-day notice to correct. If an owner who receives a notice fails to correct the problem, the owner may be assessed a maximum fine not to exceed \$200.

What is Carbon Monoxide? It is a colorless, odorless

gas produced from fireplaces, furnaces, heaters, and whenever any fuel, such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is burned. It can also be produced by vehicles when they idle. Although a person cannot see or smell carbon monoxide, at high levels carbon monoxide can be fatal. In addition, documented health effects of acute carbon monoxide poisoning include lethargy, headaches, concentration problems, amnesia, psychosis, Parkinson's disease, memory impairments, and personality alterations.

Every owner of a "dwelling unit intended for occupancy" must install an approved carbon monoxide device in each existing dwelling unit having a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage. This is the law.

What is a dwelling unit? It is defined as a single-family dwelling, duplex, lodging house, dormitory, hotel, motel, condominium, time-share project, or dwelling in a multiple-unit dwelling building.

For a single-family dwelling, the effective date for installing a CO device was July 1, 2011. For all other dwelling units, the effective date was January 1, 2013.

*California Health and Safety Code 13260 et seq. and

**Cal. Health & Safety Code 17926 (a).

“I Have Lived, Loved and Laughed. No Regrets”

Jimmy Murphy
Benedict Canyon Resident
June 4, 1938 – January 31st, 2014

“May your home always be too small to hold all of your friends; may the roof above us never fall in ... and those gathered below never fall out.” - Jimmy Murphy

Interview by Barbara Blinderman

To Marlon Brando he was Il Patron. To Old Hollywood, Ireland-born Jimmy Murphy was keeper of the most elegant salon and restaurant in Beverly Hills, where over two decades, anything could (and did) happen.” Jimmy Murphy Remembered, The Dailies (The Hollywood Foreign Press Association) [www. Goldengloves.com](http://www.Goldengloves.com).

Chances are that if you lived in Benedict Canyon anytime between 1978 and 1998 you knew Jimmy’s. You went to Jimmy’s. You talked about Jimmy’s. And you knew that when you went there you’d be welcomed with a grace and a flair that was unique to Jimmy and Anne.

Jimmy died this year at the age of 75. In the many published tributes you learned, if you didn’t already know it, that he was Beverly Hills’ premier restaurateur. The Los Angeles Times said he was ‘the genial Irishman who reigned as a Beverly Hills dining room power broker for more than three decades,’ for 14 years as maitre’d at the Bistro, and for the next 20 at his own elegant establishment on Moreno Drive just south of Santa Monica Blvd. The Hollywood Reporter described Jimmy’s as “the fashionable restaurant in Beverly



Jimmy Murphy

Hills that served Hollywood’s high society...” Variety listed just some of his regulars: Johnny Carson, Bob Newhart, Don Rickels, Frank Sinatra, Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, and Ronald and Nancy Reagan. That list failed to mention Zsa Zsa Gabor, Bob Hope, Burt Lancaster, Henry Kissinger, and Cary Grant. And the list goes on and on.

Jimmy was born in Kilkenny, Ireland and trained at the Savoy Hotel in London. He met a vivacious and very pretty nurse there named

Anne Powers who left for Los Angeles soon after. He must have decided he liked her better than the Savoy, because he followed in pursuit in 1963, without a job and not knowing what he’d find when he got here. He conquered Anne and then Los Angeles. The marriage lasted 54 years and produced three children, Geraldine, Sean and Jamie, and two grandchildren, Brandon and Charlotte.

Their first house was in Hawthorne, but it was a long commute to Beverly Hills, so they decided to look in the hills. They found their home in Benedict Canyon in 1970. As Anne describes it, “Jimmy and I realized that Benedict Canyon is one of the most desirable places in California

to reside where we are surrounded by green hills, hiking trails, and wild life. Waking up to a beautiful sunrise in the morning and spectacular sunsets as the crickets sing, make for a lovely evening of cocktails and patio dining, while God’s gift of nature is all around us. Also, the beautiful city of Beverly Hills is just down the road. Life around this area is grand.”

Anne doesn’t plan to move. The place is too beautiful and the memories too wonderful.

Will You Soon Have a Motel Next Door?

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Courts have determined in other California communities that the residential character of a neighborhood is threatened when a significant number of homes are occupied not by permanent residents but by a stream of tenants staying a weekend, a week, or even 29 days since short-term tenants have little interest in the community-- they are here today and gone tomorrow--without engaging in the sort of activities that weld and strengthen a community. For this reason, zoning ordinances regulating or restricting short-term rentals are beneficial for communities such as ours.

The City of Malibu, which allows short-term rentals as long as property owners register with the city and pay a twelve percent (12%) transient occupancy tax, has experienced disruption in their peaceful residential neighborhoods due to short-term renters. Local residents in some Malibu neighborhoods are now complaining about the rude and annoying conduct of renters, and Malibu is looking to cut down on the "party house" atmosphere that has disrupted some Malibu neighborhoods. Malibu's experience shows that regulation and oversight of short-term rentals does not resolve the issues associated with short-term rentals.

Short-term rentals can damage the quality of life for residents. Often, individual owners who don't live on the site of their rental properties don't do enough to prevent the rentals from being used inappropriately in a residential area, and/or from being turned into party houses. This leads to increased noise at all hours, parking congestion and trash problems, and disrupts the quiet nature of our canyon. This brings health and safety risks as it increases traffic and many of the party-goers are unfamiliar with the many dangerous

twists and turns of the canyon roads. Parking is also a serious concern. Since many side streets are very narrow and have no legal parking on either side, illegally parked cars jeopardize the safety of the residential community by blocking the passage of emergency vehicles.

Additionally, residents of the canyon know what to do in the event of a fire; we know that there is limited ingress and egress. Short-term renters and their visitors are often unfamiliar with the canyon's "no-smoking" rules, and smoke freely in the canyon, endangering us all. Many insurance companies have indicated that they will not insure short term rentals and insurance for those who live near short term rentals may rise.

The Benedict Canyon Association believes that the influx of short-term tenants will threaten the character of our neighborhood and has sent a letter to Councilman Koretz indicating that short term rentals should not be made legal. The community should band together and do its utmost to ensure that Benedict Canyon remains the peaceful and safe neighborhood that it has always been.

Please register your opposition to short term rentals in Benedict Canyon, email our City Councilman's office, Paul Koretz at Paul.Koretz@lacity.org, or call (818) 788-9210. You should also contact Mayor Garcetti at Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org (please cc his field deputy Daniel Tamm at Daniel.Tamm@lacity.org), or call 213-978-0600. You did not buy in a Motel Zone and do not want to live in one.

DWP and Benedict Canyon Tree-Trimming *by Mindy Rothstein Mann*

There has been growing concern over DWP's tree-trimming policies in our canyon. In response to these concerns, BCA determined that it was time to meet with DWP to see if we could find a way to work together. With the help of Councilman Koretz's staff, a meeting was arranged. Last year a small group with representatives from DWP, the BCA and Councilman's Koretz's office convened with Garrett Carlson, landscape architect, in Garrett's office.

DWP has a mandate to comply with California's Public Utilities Commission, GO95 rule 35, which requires that they keep energized conductors clear of any vegetation. In our canyon, this means cutting back all branches and trees to a minimum clearance of 5' around the high voltage lines (until this year the minimum was 4'). The high voltage lines are the ONLY lines that DWP is concerned with keeping clear; they are not concerned about the other power lines or the telephone lines.

DWP contracts the work out to a private contractor- Davey Tree Service. Although Davey Trees is supposed to have an arborist on the job, there have still been complaints from residents that trees have been cut back severely beyond 5', and protected native trees such as oaks have been cut on private property without notice. Yet, DWP says it is their policy not to do any unnecessary damage to trees during the annual trimming, and that they follow the national arborists' rules in trimming trees. While we don't believe that it is DWP's intention to harm trees, the problem is that their main priority and focus is to keep the wires free and clear of vegetation, and this can conflict with the welfare of the trees.

The BCA is also concerned with canyon safety, but that is not our only focus. The BCA is concerned with protecting

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tree canopy

the rights and property of the residents of our canyon and is equally concerned with protecting the trees in our canyon in order to maintain the beautiful character that makes it so unique.

In an effort to find a way to accommodate these concerns we reached the following agreements with DWP:

1. Before DWP does its annual tree trimming in January/February, it surveys the canyon and “marks” all trees that need to be trimmed. DWP agreed to contact BCA every year to do a walk-through of the canyon to survey all the trees that are being “marked”. DWP has agreed not to move forward with any tree trimming until it has completed this walk-through with the BCA. This will give the BCA the opportunity to have input and to discuss any tree-trimming issues.

2. Before DWP embarks on its actual annual tree trimming in our canyon, DWP has agreed to contact the BCA to let us know exactly when to expect the work to begin. We hope that we will have the ability to provide information to our residents about upcoming tree-trimming in our newsletter, via email, or through signage in the canyon.

3. Before trimming trees on or around anyone’s property, DWP is required to give notice. It was brought to their attention that in the past, some residents have not received notices. The BCA made it clear that giving proper notice to canyon residents is vital, and we expect them to be more diligent in their efforts to do so in the future.

4. DWP has agreed that all work in our area will be done through Davey Trees only, and that Davey Trees will not use sub-contractors to do any of the work in our area.

We anticipate that there will be other meetings with DWP in the future, but we hope that the experience we had this year with our annual tree-trimming is a portent for a better working relationship with DWP in the future. While there is always room for improvement, and we must always remain diligent in our efforts to protect our trees, we are happy to report that we didn’t receive any complaints from our residents this year. As far as we know, the tree trimming this January proceeded smoothly and without any serious problems. This was a perfect example of how careful collaboration on the part of BCA with the councilman’s office and various other city and county agencies can benefit our community.



Benedict Canyon

2014 BCA "Trees of Support" Donor Program Roster

OAK TREE

In Memory of Tommy
(2) Anonymous

SYCAMORE TREE

Paul & Renee Haas
Urban S. Hirsch, III
Michael J. Libow
Byron Mayo & Raven Clarke
Greg & Nancy Meidel
Anthony & Mona Nicholas
Jackie Patterson
Anthony Peju
Christopher Saigal & Hollis Leech
Beverly Sassoon
Linell Shapiro
Mark S. Siegel
Art & Renee Spence
(1) Anonymous

EUCALYPTUS TREE

Ben & Vida Afari
Barbara Berkowitz
Gary & Valerie Bird
Jacqueline Bisset
Rafe & Susan Cohen
Ken & Randee Devlin
David & Barbara Elson
Burton & Nanette Forester
Jeff Franklin
Bruce & Julie Goldsmith
David & Susan Horn
Lee Ann Jacobs
Barbara Jaynes
Gertrude Kline
Ian & Doris Vartan La Frenais
Gene Lucero & Marcia Williams
Stephen Maitland-Lewis & Joni Berry
Sally Mason
In Memory of Mojo
Mark & Irene Montgomery
Eustace Moore
C. Richard Neu
Frederick M. Nicholas
Rick Nicita & Paula Wagner
Hugh & Virginia O'Brian
Kevin & Elizabeth Parry
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Randy Sherman & Martha DeLaurentiis
Sheldon & Andrea Shapiro
Hillary Slevin
Andrew Solt & Claudia Falkenburg
Joe & Marjorie Walsh
(2) Anonymous

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Robert & Maria Abeloff
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Michael & Elaine Agran
Jim Anderson & Lynn Fireside
Rajive and Anju Bagrodia
Steven Bradley Beer
George & Carolyn Bender
Robert & Irma Bercutt
Darrell & Arden Burstein
In Memory of Paul Cabrey
Ron & Jan Cannan
Jeffrey & Judy Caren
Kevin & Erica Hiller Carpenter
Betty Chaplin
Michael Chasteen
Alex Chazanas
Eric Cleveland & Annette Stanton
Robert & Joan Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Alessio Coppola
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Mark & Maggie Damon
Marvin & Patricia Demoff
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Rob DuWors & Jerry L'Hommedieu
Edward & Selise Eiseman
Joseph & Marilyn Eisenberg
Judy Feder
Alan Fine
Henry & Julie Fisher
Phillip Forte
Evans Frankenheimer
Samuel & Ardyth Freshman
Robert Gerner
Geri Golde
Len Goldstein & KristieAnne Reed
Harland Green
Courtney Gross
Marvin & Inger Gross
Jack Grossbart & Marc Schwartz
Roger Halfhide & Patricia McVerry
Bill & Chris Harper
James & Jean Harris
Robert & Cynthia Hart
David Hayes
Mary Herman
Arthur & Gwen Hiller
Liz Levitt Hirsch
Ted & Stephanie Humphrey
Terry Jackson
Len & Nancy Jacoby
Kimberly Jaimez
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Julie Jaffe
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Arlene Rosen
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P & D Ross
Steven Rosenwasser & Kelli Sager
In Memory of Julie Roswal
Larry & Sunny Russ
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BENEDICT CANYON ASSOCIATION 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I want to help protect and preserve our canyon and the environment in which we live and express my support by joining the Benedict Canyon Association at the following membership level:

- \$1000+ Oak Tree
- \$500 Sycamore Tree
- \$250 Eucalyptus Tree
- \$100 Pine Tree
- \$75 Basic Membership

Name _____

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I do not wish my name to appear in the BCA Newsletter, but please accept my enclosed contribution.

You can become a member of BCA through Basic Membership or as part of our "Trees of Support" Donor Program. Many members are choosing to designate their membership "In Honor of..." or "Memory of..." for someone who used to live in Benedict Canyon, a beloved family pet or anyone whom you would like to honor in this special way. Basic Membership names will not be published. Also, you may contribute at the donor level and elect not to have your name published. Benedict Canyon is protected only through your individual contributions. Thank you for supporting your community.

For membership information, please call our Hotline - (310) 553-4BCA(4222)
Benedict Canyon Association is a non-profit organization.

My payment of \$_____ is made by:

Check payable to Benedict Canyon Association

Please charge my VISA MasterCard AMEX

Card# _____ Exp. date _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____

Please return this application along with your payment to:
Benedict Canyon Association, P.O. Box 1265, Beverly Hills, CA 90213
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REPORT ANY HELICOPTER NOISE YOU EXPERIENCE

Residents of Los Angeles County

YOU CAN ONLY STOP HELICOPTER NOISE... IF YOU REPORT IT
It's easy to do!

***** 3 Different Ways YOU Can Report Helicopter Noise! *****

1. CALL (424) 348-4354 That's (424) 348-HELI

2. Use the WEBSITE REPORTING FORM AT <http://heli-noise-la.com/>

3. TRACK & REPORT Past Helicopter Noise at <http://heli-noise-la.com/webtrak/>

***This is a unique opportunity to have your voices heard.
Report low-flying, hovering or noisy helicopters by calling or using
the website. Remind your neighbors that we ALL
need to be part of the solution.***

This Automated Complaint System is funded from April 2015 to March 2016



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) developed this Helicopter Noise Complaint System, made possible by the significant efforts of Congressman Schiff, Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer and other Congressional Members, in association with helicopter pilot groups and the Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition (LAAHNC). These groups have been working together for more than two years to diminish the impact of helicopter noise on residents of Los Angeles County.