

# Benedict Canyon

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## Proposals for Mega-Mansions are Thwarted!

*David Elson*

The Benedict Canyon Association, on behalf of Canyon residents, for many months actively opposed the proposed development of a 139,000 square foot residence at 10101 Angelo View Drive. The proposal, by Michael Scott, would have covered the cul-de-sac at the end of Davies Drive with a “giga-mansion” that had been described as comprising more square footage than the White House and Hearst Castle combined. Faced with stiff community opposition, Mr. Scott initially offered to have an Environmental Impact Report prepared for what was claimed to be a “single-family residence.” Mr. Scott later withdrew that offer, however, and proposed to have the development approved by the City of Los Angeles based upon a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) -- a document that provided for significantly less stringent environmental review by the City.



*View of 10101 Angelo View Drive*

The MND called for more than 50,000 cubic yards of soil to be excavated and removed from the site. This would require an estimated 27 daily trips by large dump trucks removing soil from the site for an 8 to 10 month period which equates to 5,600 round trips. This would be followed by another 6 to 8 months of daily trips made by concrete trucks that would compute to more than 10,000 round trips over an approximate 2 year period, presumably while a number of other large residential development projects in the canyon would also be underway, some near this project.

The proposed project would have had Canyon-wide impacts on traffic on Benedict Canyon Drive, as well as clogging other streets that serve significant numbers of nearby Canyon residents. The BCA Board therefore employed legal counsel to advise and assist BCA in taking steps to protect Canyon residents

from the impacts of this grossly oversized project. Eventually, on March 25th, after months of efforts by BCA and others (one neighbor directly threatened by the proposed project employed his own attorneys), Councilman Koretz issued a letter urging the City’s Building and Safety Commission to deny the haul route application for the proposed project, and also urging that the project as proposed be withdrawn. A short time later, the haul route hearing was postponed at Mr. Scott’s request, and the application for the city’s approval of the project was withdrawn in its entirety.

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## President's Letter

*In October of 2009 my wife and I became the third owners of a 1926 Tudor home in Benedict Canyon. We had looked at many neighborhoods in the area and fell in love with the beauty of Benedict Canyon.*

*After we moved in we looked into restoring our new home and were surprised at how little actually needed to be done. Fortunately for us, the past two owners had devoted time and effort to preserving our home's unique nature. They did not just live in our home - they cared for it and protected it. After ringing in our first New Year in Benedict Canyon, we noticed a sign advertising that the Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) was holding its annual meeting at the Beverly Hills Hotel and we decided to go check it out. At the meeting we learned about the BCA's commitment to protect the quality of life of this community. Just as the previous two owners of our home properly cared for our house for 84 years, the BCA had been shaping the development of the canyon and protecting its beauty over the past 64 years. My wife and I realized that we could not simply reside and rest in our community--we had to care for our community - and so we became involved in the BCA.*

*The next time you are out and about in the canyon I would like to encourage each of you to put aside your phones, turn off your radios, and look around at your surroundings - appreciate just how lucky you are to live in this amazing canyon and the fact that the BCA continues to fight to preserve your quality of life. For almost seven decades the BCA has monitored developments, crime, and traffic in the canyon and worked closely with government officials on issues that matter most to you and all our residents.*

*Volunteers are the lifeblood of the BCA; we need residents who love this community to play an active role in caring and preserving it. We also rely on your financial support - please go to [www.benedictcanyonassociation.org](http://www.benedictcanyonassociation.org) and become a member. I hope to see you at one of our monthly meetings, which are held at the Beverly Hills Women's Club every second Monday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.*

*Respectfully,*



*Matthew Post,*

*President, Benedict Canyon Association*

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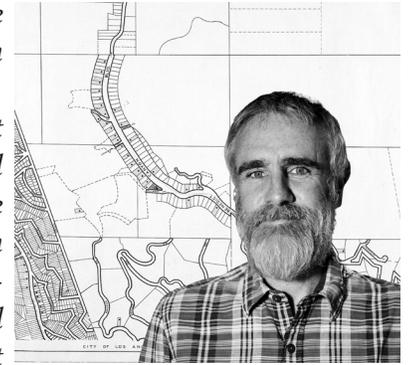
### **"Mega- Mansions"**

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Mr. Scott's project is not an isolated case, and the BCA is constantly monitoring development in the canyon. Another nearby proposed project at 1255 Angelo Drive would have had similar significant impacts on our canyon. The MND proposed to remove more than 45,000 cubic yards of soil, and the project included plans for a 56,000 sq foot structure, parking for 22 vehicles, and provisions for outdoor gatherings of 280 people. BCA again employed counsel to oppose the proposed haul route which would have had similar impacts to those from the proposed project at 10101 Angelo View, and demanded an adequate review of the project's impacts on Canyon residents. On June 9th, after the BCA enlisted Councilman Koretz' assistance, and after the BCA mobilized Canyon residents, the developer withdrew the existing application for the pro-

posed mega-mansion at 1255 Angelo Drive.

The BCA is a volunteer organization supported solely by Canyon residents. We cannot afford to routinely incur legal fees or undertake the expense of litigation. For that reason, it is essential that Canyon residents who are concerned about the impacts from such projects become involved. In order to enable BCA to continue to represent Canyon residents' interests properly, Canyon residents must support BCA through annual dues. If you are new to our canyon, take this opportunity to become a member. If you haven't renewed your membership this year, take a moment and renew. Furthermore, we encourage you to become involved - attend our monthly meetings and make your concerns known to Councilman Koretz and other City officials.



# SAN YSIDRO WAR ZONE

*Bob Schlesinger*

Due to an increased amount of construction projects that ran amok for the last number of months on San Ysidro Drive, the street was turned into a disaster zone. As a result of unregulated construction, the street became completely torn up with ruts and potholes from a never-ending stream of heavy duty trucks. The street became UNSAFE – far worse than anything we have seen in the past; dump-trucks, cement trucks, flatbeds, portable toilets, portable construction trailers, and dumpsters, were all located in the street instead of on-site. Some projects did not have portable toilets, so workers were urinating and defecating on the hillside. Workers were throwing trash and leaving debris in the driveways and on the streets; they were smoking and disposing of cigarettes in the brush in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. To make matters worse, construction workers were belligerent, sarcastic and more than once used obscene gestures, while making light of the fact that food trucks were blocking driveways and holding up traffic.

Traffic jams were common from early morning to early evening, with delays up to 30 and sometimes 45 minutes. Other delivery trucks (trash trucks, bottled water, USPS, FedEx, UPS, gardeners, plumbing, and general repair trucks), all added to the traffic jams with no flagmen in sight. A fire engine was stuck in one of the traffic jams and a fireman had to direct traffic so they could get to their destination - fortunately it was not an emergency call.

When complaints about the situation reached the Benedict Canyon Association, the BCA decided it was time to take action. The BCA sent out flyers asking residents to contact Councilmember Paul Koretz to do something to alleviate the situation. The Councilman's office responded; staff members took a tour up San Ysidro Drive and discovered exactly what residents were so upset about. Members of his staff went to the Department of Building and Safety in West L.A. to discuss the problem. The following day inspectors were on the scene getting all of the toilets, construction trailers, dumpsters, and other large equipment off the street and onto the project sites. No Parking – Tow Away Zones are still posted on the street in key areas, prohibiting parking between the hours of 7:00am to 4:00pm except on Sundays.



*Traffic Jam on San Ysidro*

After months of anger and frustration over what was happening to our beautiful and peaceful neighborhood, a semblance of order is finally returning to our community.

Please become a member of the Benedict Canyon Association and help us fight these battles. Thank you to Councilmember Paul Koretz and his support staff for their expertise and efforts!

## Important Phone Numbers

LAPD West LA	310 444-0702
LAFD 99	818 756-8697
LAFD 71	310 575-8571
Parking Enforcement	213 485-4184
DWP	800 342-5397
Gas Company	800 427-2200
Fallen Trees	800 996-2489
Storm Drain Clog	800 773-2489
Bulky Item Pickup	800 773-2489
Abandoned Vehicles	800 222-6366
Animal Services	888 452-7381
Missed Trash Pickup	800 773-2489

311 To report a "non-emergency"  
 911 Always use this number for Emergencies!

For updated and additional information go to:  
[www.benedictcanyonassociation.org](http://www.benedictcanyonassociation.org)



## NEIGHBORS WE HAVE KNOWN

### Frances Kroll Ring 1916-2015

*Mary Ann Musico*

In 1968 Frances Kroll Ring and her family moved to Benedict Canyon. Frances was a modest and understated lady. So many neighbors did not know her history and reputation until the extensive press coverage celebrating the anniversary of the death of F. Scott Fitzgerald revealed the details of the author's life and Frances' relationship with the author. Frances, as it turns out, was more than just a personal secretary to Fitzgerald.

According to the New York Times article, Frances was Fitzgerald's sounding board during the last 20 months of his life, and she became a wealth of personal information about Fitzgerald.

Frances had a varied career after her time with the author. Her memoirs were the basis of the movie "Last Call" on Showtime TV in 2012. Frances appeared in person at the end of that film which told the story of Fitzgerald's life.

After Frances' husband's death she became a story reader for Paramount Pictures and then editor of Westways, the publication for AAA. Later in life, when the DMV opted not to renew her driver's license, the

L.A. Times published an article that she wrote about her experience with limited mobility.

During all the years of residing in Benedict Canyon Frances developed a deep love of the Canyon. When she could no longer drive, the change in her lifestyle did not change her determination to live in her peaceful home and enjoy viewing her private forested hillside. In her last days her bed was positioned so that she could still see the view that she so loved. She was 99 years old when the long chapter of her Canyon experience finally came to an end.



*Frances in her home, 1978  
Photo by Amanda Blanco*

## ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

*Michael Chasteen*

The Beverly Hills Women's Club stood in as the venue for the 2016 annual meeting, which was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Celebrating the Benedict Canyon Association's 69<sup>th</sup> year, as the oldest active homeowners' association in Los Angeles, this year's annual meeting was another success. Nearly 150 guests convened to fill the room to capacity! Canyon resident and BCA member Urban Hirsch III graciously provided a vintage truck, curbside, as a friendly salutation.

President Matthew Post kicked-off the festivities with an opening address, giving an overview of the past year's accomplishments, with a brief look at the future and its challenges.

Our Councilmember, Paul Koretz, followed the president's discourse with the presentation of a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for outgoing BCA Treasurer, Alan Fine. The award paid tribute to Alan's 40 plus years of community service within the hillside communities. His children, Hillary and Howard Fine, accepted the honor on their father's behalf.

Councilmember Koretz was joined at the table of honored guests by City Attorney Mike Feuer, and LAPD Captain Tina Nieto. All three invited officials were comprehensive in their remarks, providing insight to the city's position on a number of concerns, including short term rentals and the Airbnb invasion into our community.

Representatives of Fire Station 71 were also on hand to demonstrate their support. We are so very, very, fortunate to have them, as well as Fire Station 99, as significant parts of our community team.

Former BCA president Barbara Nichols moderated the "open mike" segment of the evening. Our elected officials affably responded to ongoing concerns of speeding, party houses, and massive construction projects, as well as general crime in and around the Benedict Canyon community.

The BCA Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to thank our past presidents, Barbara Nichols and Mary Ann Musico, for their hard work in organizing this special occasion.

## SAVING OUR TREES

*Garret Carlson and Mindy Mann*

Trees throughout the West are dying. Unfortunately our Canyon is not immune. Our trees are very stressed due to several years of drought and excessive heat. The situation has been exacerbated by everyone cutting back on irrigation. When trees are stressed they are very susceptible to disease. Beetles and other insects attack weaker trees and literally suck the life out of them.

You can be proactive, however, in protecting your trees. Trees die from the top down so always look to the top of a tree to see how it is doing. If you think your tree(s) might be in trouble, call a licensed arborist who can tell you whether your trees are in distress, and can make recommendations about how to keep your trees healthy.



*Canyon Trees Dying*

### ***Some helpful tips:***

- Trees need deep watering at least once a week during this hot time of the year, so buy soaker hoses and soak the soil around your trees with a hose overnight.
- Only trim oak trees during the hot time of the year like now.
- Never trim any pine in the summer – this will attract the beetles that are killing the pines. Only trim pines in the winter when it is cool and the sap is not running.
- Never trim more than 25% of a tree at any given time. It poses too great of a stress for a tree and makes it difficult for a tree to recover.
- Hire a reputable tree company to trim your trees. When you get a bad haircut your hair grows back. When trees are trimmed improperly, they go into shock and can even die.

## FIRE STATION 71 “ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST”

*Nicole Miner*

Firefighters turned chefs, poured flapjack batter on the giant grill, flipping those pancakes while the sausages sizzled. All the fixin’s, plus fresh orange juice and Peet’s Coffee, made for a perfect “Annual Pancake Breakfast” Sunday morning, May 22, at Fire Station 71, on Sunset and Beverly Glen.

It was a grand social event attended by neighbors who came from all over the hillsides and the flats. Tables and chairs, with umbrellas for sun protection, accommodated everyone in attendance. Councilman Paul Koretz came to mingle, enjoy, and present honors. As a special treat the entire UCLA Marching Band entertained the cheering crowd! Fabulous vintage autos were displayed on the grounds. Kids climbed in the fire trucks, dogs joined the merriment with their humans, and old friends reunited with one another, socializing and enjoying the food. Everyone had a great time.

Look for the signs next May, and don’t miss the annual fun!



*Firefighter Cook’n Up Some Flapjacks*

## PARTY HOUSES

*Judy Winick*

Many of us who live in the Canyon are increasingly subjected to what we call “Party Houses”. Some of these party houses are just houses that host large and very boisterous parties. Other party houses, however, are used as commercial enterprises renting out for events for many thousands of dollars. It is not legal to do so, and yet one of the most egregious party houses continues despite warnings from the police and the City Attorney.

These affairs are often held outside with amplified music and the base so loud that our houses actually rock! Often there is a master of ceremonies on a loud *mic* accompanied by a light show. These events go on until the wee hours – the most recent until 4:00 a.m.

While the noise is a nuisance, SAFETY concerns are a bigger issue. Our Canyon streets were never meant to accommodate the current traffic. In some areas two vehicles are barely able to pass each other and if cars are parked on either side, the situation becomes almost impossible. These parties have created traffic jams where residents are unable to get out of their driveways and emergency vehicles are unable to get up the street. At a recent party the police were unable to reach the location and were instead relegated to holding up and directing traffic on the connecting roads, as well as Benedict Canyon, just so people could get out.

This situation is a disaster waiting to happen. It is terrifying to know that a fire engine or ambulance would be unable to reach us while one of these events is occurring.

### **Something must be done to remedy this situation!**

- We need to enforce the existing codes and zoning laws.
- We need to have stiffer fines to discourage people from profiting from the rental of these party houses.
- We need more police presence in the canyons.

The rights of a few should not supersede our guaranteed “right to the peaceful enjoyment of our homes”. Excessive noise anytime can, and should, be reported to 877.275.5273, the non-emergency number for the police department, where calls are recorded.

## PLEASE HELP US PRESERVE OUR HISTORY THROUGH YOUR PHOTOS AND STORIES



*Entrance to Upper Oak Pass Road, April 1957*

*Photo Provided by Bill Brockbank*

Benedict Canyon has a rich and vibrant history. Many interesting people have passed through this Canyon and have called it home. In addition to preserving our magnificent Canyon, the BCA would like to preserve its history. Whether you’ve lived here for five years, or sixty five years, please contact us with your photos and your stories. Help us enrich our community by preserving these memories! (Having trouble scanning those historical photos / negatives? – contact the BCA and we will happily scan them for you.)

Check our website [www.benedictcanyonassociation.org](http://www.benedictcanyonassociation.org) for historical photos, and find interesting stories in past editions of our newsletters!

## HELP OUR WILDLIFE

*Mindy Mann*

One of the biggest urban threats to wildlife comes from our indiscriminate use of rat poison. When rodent-eating predators and scavengers eat these poisoned rats, they're exposed to immense amounts of poison.

The most dangerous types of rat poison are second-generation "anticoagulant rodenticides." These poisons are slow-acting and work by blocking the synthesis of vitamin K which is necessary for normal blood clotting; since they are slow acting, rodents consume them repeatedly, causing the toxins to accumulate in their tissues at many times the minimum lethal dose.

Cases of secondary poisoning are proving to be disastrous for animals like hawks, owls, foxes, bobcats, and mountain lions that feed on rodents. While some rodenticide-poisoned wildlife can recover if found and treated in time, many inevitably perish.

While there is no doubt that rodents can be a menace and even a threat to property, there are better ways to combat rodents without the dangerous use of poison. Rat-proofing homes and buildings, removing their sources of food and shelter, and encouraging natural predators are a safer and better approach.

If you employ the services of an exterminator, tell them not to use rat poison – encourage them to rely instead on mechanical traps such as capture, snap or rat-zappers or electronic traps.

Many believe that the most effective approach to curbing the rodent problem is to encourage the presence of natural predators that feed on them. Ironically, the very poison used to kill rodents also kills their natural predators; coyotes, hawks, bobcats and owls are all native predators that feed on rodents.

Barn owls are excellent rodent hunters and they are one of three owls native to Los Angeles. A single family of barn owls can eat up to 3,000 rodents per breeding season. If you are interested in hosting a barn owl nesting box, go to [www.clawonline.org](http://www.clawonline.org).

### ***Tips on removing sources of food and shelter for rodents:***

- Make certain all trash is properly sealed
- Don't leave pet food outdoors
- Make certain bird feeders are not easily accessible and remove bird seeds that have fallen to the ground
- Remove extra fruit that has fallen from trees
- Make certain all crevices and cracks leading to your home are properly sealed (attic, crawl spaces and the garage)
- Make certain a ¼ inch metal mesh is used to seal off all entry points to your home (not chicken wire)
- Remove tall beds of ivy or trim them close to the ground (rodents love hiding in ivy!)



*Board Member Michael Chasteen  
Rescues a Great Horned Owl*

**LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO SAVE OUR  
ENVIRONMENT AND OUR WILDLIFE!**

## THIS IS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

### Your LAUSD Home School

*Judy Wolfenstein, BCA Resident and Eric Davidson, Principal University High School*

Opened in 1924 as Harding High and re-named University High School in 1929, “Uni” – as it is known – has been one of the star schools in Los Angeles for its 90 plus years. Many Benedict Canyon residents attended Uni, and well remember going to the school on the 23 acres between Barrington and Westgate and Ohio and Texas. From known alumni Jeff Bridges, Jane Harmon, Randy Newman, Ryan O’Neal, Mel Patton to three sitting judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Uni graduates are achievers. The school reflects the best of our community and a city that celebrates diversity as a vital resource.



*New Track at Uni High*

Uni’s students benefit from a broad curriculum, including all of the A-G requirements. Courses are taught by an experienced faculty - more than 40 of whom have advanced degrees. Class size averages 29 students per class, in fully air-conditioned buildings. Uni proudly houses a MAST Magnet: Math, Art, Science and Technology and an SAS School for Advanced Studies. Advanced Placement courses in 20 subjects are available. In addition to AP classes, eligible students can also take classes at West LA College allowing them to complete both a high school diploma and an AA degree. The Jupiter Grades program enables parents to keep current with their child’s grades and provides for teacher/parent communication.

Today’s students benefit from some of the finest athletic facilities in Los Angeles: new, AstroTurf football and soccer field, an all-weather Rekortan running track in Kampmann Stadium, a new spacious gymnasium with locker room and weight-room facilities, and new tennis courts. In 2017 The YMCA will be opening a joint use facility on campus, which includes a pool.

This past year the UCLA-supported fine arts program, presented productions including “Into The Woods” and Disney’s “High School Musical.” Stivelman Theater will be fully renovated by the start of the new school year. An active alumni supported non-profit foundation, with more than 14,000 members, raises money to supplement the LAUSD budget and enriches Uni’s many campus programs.

“Uni is constantly evolving” says Principal Davidson. “When the local middle school asked about having a speech and debate club, we made that happen. When students became focused on technology, Uni launched a Digital Media Magnet. When parents wanted more Math, Art, Science and Technology in the curriculum, we provided engineering, web design, video and music editing rooms.”

Where do Uni’s students attend college? This fall Uni graduates will join other alumni currently attending Stanford, Harvard, Yale, The United States Military Academy, Northwestern, Tufts, The University of Chicago, UC Berkeley, UCLA, every UC campus and Cal State Campus and a number of private and state schools as well.

*For more information, visit the Uni High website [www.universitywildcats.org](http://www.universitywildcats.org). After August, Principal Davidson welcomes visits and campus ambassadors will take you on a tour. Come see what Uni looks like today!*

### BCA CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monthly Meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7PM at the Beverly Hills Women’s Center

## IN MEMORIAM: ALAN FINE

### DECEMBER 4, 1929 – JANUARY 27, 2016

For more than 45 years, Alan Fine was a stalwart member of the community of his adopted home in Benedict Canyon, serving both the Benedict Canyon Association and, more recently, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council.

Shortly after moving to Benedict Canyon in the late 1960's with his wife, Barbara, and their infant son, Howard, Alan joined the BCA; he used his expertise as an accountant and volunteered his service as a treasurer. For the next 45 years, through the birth of his daughter Hillary, and through numerous comings and goings at the BCA, Alan was always there, attending hundreds of meetings and making certain that funds were raised and membership dues were processed.

Alan was there through the many battles that the Association fought over development projects and city policies;



and through it all, the Association could count on him to make certain that we had the funds available. Alan had a quiet way about him, but he also had a quick wit; he always thought before he spoke, and was a respected representative of the BCA who showed up at almost every fundraiser.

In the early 2000's, after the tragic early passing of Barbara, Alan broadened his service to the community by accepting the appointment as the first treasurer of the newly formed Bel Air -Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. His long years of service at the BCA made him the obvious choice. For the next 13 years while some neighborhood councils had funding issues, the Bel Air -Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council remained fiscally sound under Alan's sure hand.

This year at the annual meeting Alan was honored with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement. Unfortunately, due to Alan's illness he was unable to accept in person; his son, Howard, and daughter, Hillary, accepted on his behalf. We think that Alan would have been amazed at this tribute, even though he was never one to trumpet his own horn. Alan preferred, instead, to get things done quietly and effectively; and that's just what he did year after year, decade after decade.

## WE WANT TO GO GREEN

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## 2015 BCA “Trees of Support” Donor Program Roster

### OAK TREE

Michael J. Libow  
In Memory of Willow and Gus  
(2) Anonymous

### SYCAMORE TREE

Barbara Berkowitz  
Rafe & Susan Cohen  
Barbara Jaynes  
Robert Krieger  
Stephen Maitland-Lewis & Joni Berry  
Greg & Nancy Meidel  
Fred & Joan Nicholas  
Jackie Patterson  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Smith  
Andrew Solt & Claudia Falkenburg  
Art & Renee Spence  
(3) Anonymous

### EUCALYPTUS TREE

Ben & Vida Afari  
Tom & Ashley Arnold  
Gary Bird  
Jacqueline Bisset  
Fred & Corinne Buckley  
Rafe Cohen  
Ken & Randee Devlin  
David & Barbara Elson  
Burton & Nanette Forester  
Jeff Franklin  
Paul & Renee Haas  
David & Susan Horn  
Julie Jaffe  
In Memory of Gloria Kahn  
Bernard & Lynda Lax  
Ian & Doris Vartan La Frenais  
Gene Lucero & Marcia Williams  
Sally Mason  
Thomas & Linda Markovits  
Maureen McQuiston  
Mark & Irene Montgomery  
Anne Murphy  
C. Richard Neu  
Hugh & Virginia O'Brian  
Kevin & Elizabeth Parry  
Leslie Randall  
Albert Ruddy & Wanda McDaniel  
Carol Saikhon  
Beverly Sassoon  
Alan & Nita Schimmel  
Gene & Mryna Schwam  
Sheldon & Andrea Shapiro  
Hillary Slevin  
Larry Steinman & Lucy Suzar  
Joe & Marjorie Walsh  
(3) Anonymous

### PINE TREE

Michael & Elaine Agran  
Jim Anderson & Lynn Fireside  
Stephen Baker & Rene Gregorius

Rajive and Anju Bagrodia  
Steven Bradley Beer  
George & Carolyn Bender  
Ronald Boldt & Judith Shelton  
William Boucher  
Marc & Lorraine Bozeman  
Ellen Brown  
In Memory of Carl Cabrey  
Ron & Jan Cannan  
Jeffrey & Judy Caren  
Hy & Elaine Chase  
Larry Chrysler & Matthew Michael  
Eric Cleveland & Annette Stanton  
Mr. & Mrs. Alessio Coppola  
Francis & Eleanor Coppola  
Rob & Natalie Corrao  
William & Marilyn Davis  
Morris & Marlene Dennis  
Lisa Detanna  
Joe DiStefano & Beth Rubin  
Joseph & Marilyn Eisenberg  
Michael & Lori Eisenberg  
Philip Forte  
Evans Frankenheimer  
Robert Frantz & Nancy Goldman  
Mark Freeman & Andrew Webb  
Samuel & Ardyth Freshman  
James & Donna Gallagher  
Robert Gerner  
Bruce & Julie Goldsmith  
Harland Green  
Marvin & Inger Gross  
Jack Grossbart & Marc Schwartz  
Joyce Grunauer  
Bill & Chris Harper  
James & Jean Harris  
Mary Herman  
Arthur & Gwen Hiller  
Liz Levitt Hirsch  
Bruce & Lynn Heymont  
Jerome & Annie Hoffman  
Lauren Ina  
Julie Jaffe  
Stuart & Shirley Stamen Jaffe  
Ricky Jay & Chrisann Verges  
E.A. Kantor  
Archie Kapp  
Michael Kopcha  
Rosa Koppens  
Jodi Korn  
Don & Hope Kurz  
Brian LeSage  
Howard & Carol Levy  
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Harold J. Margolis  
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Larry & Nickie Miner  
Robert & Matlin Mirman

William Montgomery  
Ira & Bethany Moretski  
Dagmar & Alex Moscowicz  
Richard & Sandra Mosk  
Mary Ann Musico  
Maud Nadler  
Barbara Nichols  
Art & Daniele Ochoa  
Robert & Danna Okuyama  
William L. & Nieva G. O'Toole  
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Phil Proctor & Melinda Peterson  
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Arlene Rosen  
Steven Rosenwasser & Kelli Sager  
Saul and Gail Parent Rosenzweig  
David & Patti Ross  
Jim & Rachelle Rostin  
Larry & Sunny Russ  
John & Gayle Samore  
Barry & Nancy Sanders  
Robert & Margaret Sanford  
Ken Schwartz  
Ron Shalowitz & David Bailey  
Evelyn Shapero  
Norm & Libby Shapiro  
Betty Shelhamer  
Barbara Shuler  
Linda Silver  
Jay Silverman & Janet Wood  
Bruce Simon & Besty Hely  
Mark & Karyl Sisson  
Jordon Slovin & Melissa Bernstein  
Brent Smith & Lisa Engel  
Cortez Smith  
Stanley & Susan Sokoloff  
Rick & Fran Solomon  
Steve & Rosalie Tenenbaum  
Phillip & Millicent Torf  
Bernadine Towns  
Kurt & Dianna van Kuller  
Carol Vitkay  
Brandt & Tobi Wax  
Barry & Eleanor Weinstock  
Kerry Welland  
Judy Wolfenstein  
Phil Yaney & Jackie Keller  
Clare Yorkison  
Greg & Virginia Young  
Robert Yuro & Rosemary Forsyth  
Michael & Leslie Zinberg  
(12) Anonymous

# Benedict Canyon

## Membership Renewal for 2016

*We need your support!*

**[www.benedictcanyonassociation.com/bcamembership](http://www.benedictcanyonassociation.com/bcamembership)**

Prefer to send in a check or use mail? Complete the form below

*Please use a ballpoint pen or Sharpie*

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

*Basic Membership names will not be published in the BCA Newsletter*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(Benedict Canyon Association mailing lists are confidential and are never sold)*

- I do not wish my name to appear in the newsletter, but please accept my enclosed contribution.  
Let us know if you would like to make a donation "in honor" or "in the name" of a special person

My payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is made by:

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application along with your payment to:  
Benedict Canyon Association, P.O. Box 1265, Beverly Hills, CA 90213-1265

**For membership information, call our Hotline - 310.553-4BCA(4222)**

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## Who Are We?

The Benedict Canyon Association is a proactive group of homeowners and residents whose mission, since 1946, has been to preserve the beauty, safety and quality of life in Benedict Canyon.

## What Do We Do?



Monitor and challenge attempts to overbuild



Work with the Police and the City Prosecutor to eliminate party houses



Work with the city to maintain our roads, traffic and speeding



Stay on top of zoning and variance changes that may effect us



Assist residents in mitigating troublesome Short Term Rentals



Protect the Canyon's tree canopies from the city's efforts to cut them



Protect Canyon wildlife



Monitor and report illegal landing of helicopters in the Canyon

