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THE HOTEL IN BENEDICT CANYON

THE FIGHT GOES ON

Robert Mann

In the nearly 100 year history of Benedict Canyon we, as a community, have faced many challenges. We have experienced fires, floods and earthquakes to name but a few. But in my opinion, in one hundred years, our community and the entire community of the Santa Monica Mountains has never faced a more existential threat than that of



Benedict Canyon circa 1890

the proposed 99 room commercial hotel and banquet facility to be built in the heart of our serene residential community.

When this project was first proposed, our community came together and we made our position known to the developer and our Councilmember, Paul Koretz. The strength of our resolve, our seriousness of purpose and our commitment to preserving the serenity and residential character of Benedict Canyon and the Santa Monica Mountains was clear and convincing. Our message was simple: No Hotel in Benedict Canyon. Our Councilmember understood,

agreed and has publicly stated his opposition to this proposed commercial project and attempt to rezone the Santa Monica Mountains. Our community thanks him for his support.

You may have recently received a slickly produced brochure from the developer of this commercial hotel. For those of you who did not receive the mailer, the developer proclaims that he has heard our concerns and scaled down his project. The fact is that he hasn't heard us and despite what he represented in the brochure, he has not made a single change in the application on file with the City

Planning Department. Representatives from the BCA and Save Our Canyon have verified that as of only a few weeks ago, the developer has made no changes to his application. In that application he still proposes to build a 99 room hotel, parking for over 700, and a 5500 square foot banquet facility. He is still asking the City to create a new and currently non-existent

zoning classification that would enable him to build this commercial project.

This project is a hotel, not a nature preserve.

The BCA takes issue with many of the other statements made in the professionally prepared "propaganda" piece mailed out by the developer. In that brochure the developer describes the project in glowing environmental terms. He brands himself as an ardent environmentalist and tries to persuade us that this isn't really a commercial project, it's really a nature preserve. This project

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President's Letter

Benedict Canyon has faced myriad challenges throughout the seventy plus year history of the Benedict Canyon Association (BCA). You all know about the developer who currently wants to singlehandedly change our zoning from single family into his newly invented "hospitality zone" so that he can build a hotel in our midst. Other developers with large land parcels are "waiting in the wings" to pounce upon an opportunity to follow suit. Benedict Canyon residents are galvanized to stand firm against such proposed intrusions. We will not accept drastic proposals. We will never allow someone to come in and alter the entire nature of our Canyons and Hillside for personal gain.



Nickie Miner

As if all this weren't monumental enough, we are also facing outrageous proposals coming from Sacramento which threaten all municipalities throughout the State. The intent is to strip local government control over planning and give that control to Sacramento. Hillside communities like ours are not immune.

State Senator Scott Weiner is the instigator behind these proposals. After the defeat of his SB147 and SB148, his first radical land use bills, he morphed them into SB50. This bill, although met with a large wave of opposition, has not yet been defeated; the final decision was merely postponed. Meanwhile, Weiner continues with his assaults. In the same way that "robocallers" inundate you with constantly changing phone numbers, Weiner keeps assailing us with reinvented bills. His method of operation is to propose new bills by taking portions of his previous bills and introducing them with new names and numbers.

Weiner claims that his goals are to solve the "housing shortage" and to provide "affordable housing." Unfortunately, the reality is that his bills will ultimately benefit developers only and offer no real promise of bringing low cost housing and thereby solving the housing crisis. They do promise, however, to destroy our varied and colorful communities as we know them, by introducing high density apartment buildings in the midst of single home communities.

Pop-up organizations in support of SB50 and its permutations have names such as Abundant Housing (HA), YIMBY (Yes in My Back Yard). Wrapped in cloaks of affordability, sustainability, liveability, "positive solutions for our society," it's all doublespeak for destroying everything achieved in our Cities and Hillside to maintain sensible growth. We need to find answers to solving homelessness and we need to build lower income housing but taking the power away from local governments to determine what is in the best interest of their own communities is not the answer.

By the way, Scott Weiner is the author of SB58, the ill-conceived push to extend the service of alcohol from 2AM to 4AM in bars and nightclubs. Picture the peril for folks who leave early to get on the road for work or travel.

Keep your eyes open, be aware, stay safe. Join your Benedict Canyon Association, if you have already done so, please expand your membership. We are your neighbors, we are all volunteers here to help. Your support is paramount.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nickie Miner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nickie Miner
President, Benedict Canyon Association

Please donate at

www.benedictcanyonassociation.org/bcamembership

KEEP BENEDICT CANYON BEAUTIFUL

Mindy Rothstein Mann

Most of you have probably zipped up and down Benedict Canyon in your cars hundreds of times. At some point you have hopefully noticed the beautiful planted pots on the west side of Benedict that extend south from Hillgrove. These pots were overhauled with a grant from the city in 1994, which BCA matched in kind. The pots graciously march along the length of the storm drain and do an excellent job of softening the view of what would otherwise be an eyesore for all passersby.

Recently, on a beautiful May morning, I met with Garrett Carlson, a landscape architect and longtime resident of Benedict Canyon, to walk the length of the storm drain. Garret and I share a love of trees and we've been friends for over thirty years. Although I knew that there were numerous pots, I was quite surprised to learn that there were sixty pots in total! If you've never taken the time to take a closer look, these pots are planted with an assortment of trees, blooming flowers, and vines that cascade down the pots and along the fencing: there are pine trees, Brazilian pepper trees, strawberry trees, Podocarpus trees, ornamental plum trees, and Italian cypress trees.



Garrett Carlson, landscaping angel

This morning we were also joined by a cadre of landscape experts because it had come to Garrett's attention that someone in the city had shut off the water supply to the pots. Unfortunately, this is not the first time that this has happened. There is a long history of struggles with the city concerning the maintenance of these pots, and it would take an entire article to explain the details. Suffice it to say that Garrett has taken it upon himself to be responsible for these pots. It is no easy feat maintaining sixty large pots for 25 years, and Garrett has done a phenomenal job; he has nurtured them by watering them, feeding them, weeding them, trimming them, and when necessary, replacing the trees and flowering plants with new material.

Our purpose this morning was to assess the health of every tree in the sixty pots, to determine whether any of the trees or the flowering plants needed to be replaced, and if not, what course of action needed to be taken to bring them back to health. During our walk Garret took the opportunity to feed some of the pots with a special concoction of plant boost, his assistant cleaned out a few of the clogged sprinkler heads that water the individual pots, and the rest of us pitched in by pulling weeds.

The good news is that Garrett and his crew were able to save most of the trees with a heavy feeding, a good trimming, and of course, by turning the water supply back on! If you look at the trees you will notice that they are full and have a lot of new growth, and the pots are overflowing with color. The unfortunate news, however, is that one tree has died and a couple others are still looking somewhat questionable. In addition, the pots are aging and a few will need to be replaced. This will require the expenditure of several thousand dollars. We hope our residents will assist by becoming members and making an additional generous donation to help keep our canyon green and beautiful.

The next time you pass by the pots, think of Garrett and thank him for his efforts. That stretch of our canyon wouldn't be the same without his many hours of clipping and feeding.

Please make a generous donation to rehabilitate our potted landscape!

TreePeople, which is located in the Santa Monica Mountains, has played a key role for generations in protecting the trees of Los Angeles. It is an environmental non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment.



TreePeople has a policy of not taking positions on individual development projects, however, the organization’s Board of Directors made an exception in the case of the proposed Hotel Project in Benedict Canyon. The Board “approved TreePeople to take a stand against the proposed zone change because it would introduce a new and legal measure that would drastically change the landscape...and which could set a precedent for inappropriate or inconsistent development throughout the Santa Monica Mountains.” TreePeople, together with the BCA, Save Our Canyon, our councilman, & several other local groups, is concerned “that a zone change would open the floodgates not only to this project but to others like it thereby increasing fire risk, endangering wildlife habitat, and causing further destruction of protected walnut and oak woodlands. In fact, the project requires the likely removal or destruction of hundreds of mature and protected trees.” You can read their entire press release on our website.

As part of its goal to educate, TreePeople hosted a workshop for our community on May 4th. The workshop was organized by Mark Levin from Save our Canyon, and Courtney Gross, the Director of Major Gifts at TreePeople, who is a new resident of Benedict Canyon. Titled “How to Be a Champion For Your Community”, the workshop was a huge success and all who attended came away with the tools to communicate both with community members and critical officials in a more effective manner.

CHARTER OAK LANE
ANOTHER PROBLEMATIC DEVELOPMENT
 AUTHOR - JILL DEMKO

With a 33% grade, Eldred Street near downtown Los Angeles is the steepest street in all of California. Charter Oak Lane has a 28% grade, and is, unbelievably, the location of yet another problematic development proposal in Benedict Canyon.

Charter Oak Lane is a dead-end street off of Westwanda Drive and home to just two houses – one built in 1923 and the other in 1937. A third home washed away, down the hill, during heavy rains in the 1970’s, and its foundation still pokes out of the soil as a testament to the difficulties of building on this steep street.

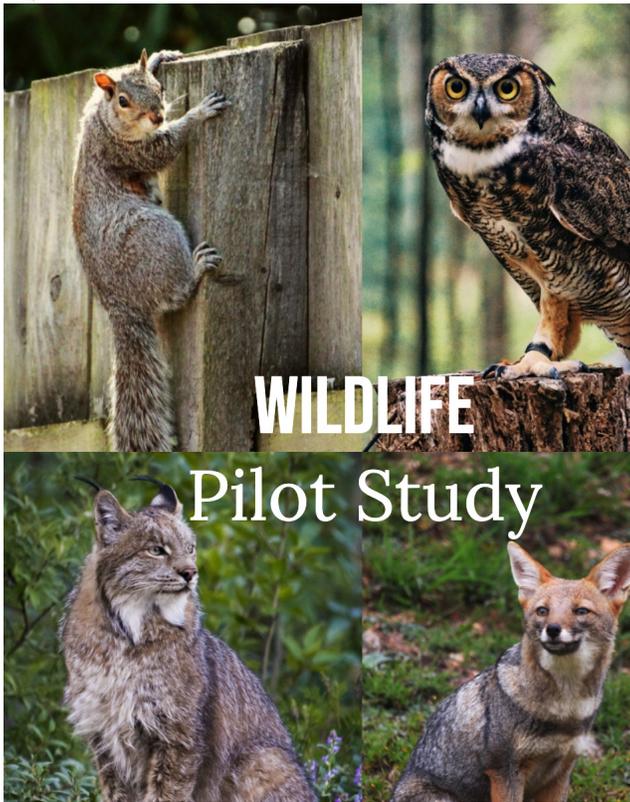
Charter Oak Lane is a steep and narrow street. It ranges from about 10 feet at its narrowest to about 16 feet at its widest. The narrowness of the street combined with the fact that there is no turn around at the end, leads to cars often getting stuck and needing towing. The street was removed from City service in 1993 and the resulting lack of road maintenance by the City of Los Angeles has left the street in poor condition.

There is currently an unimproved lot at the end of Charter Oak, about 50 feet from the end of the street. The owner of this property is now seeking approval from the City to build a 3 story, 2,279 sq. ft house. Earlier efforts by this owner to build on this property, in 2000 and 2015, were denied by the Zoning Administrator.

The BCA opposed this project because in the opinion of the BCA this, like many other sites in Benedict Canyon, are not suitable for the proposed development. The BCA noted that construction on this narrow street will likely create access and parking issues. Generally, the BCA looks closely at projects on substandard streets and projects that require variances. The BABCNC, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and the Mountain Recreation & Conservation Authority have voiced opposition to this current project as well. An answer from the Zoning Administration has yet to be published.



The Charter Oak Land Development is just one example of many concerns here in Benedict Canyon. Whether it is illegal grading, construction activities on Saturdays, cutting down of protected trees or disturbances from party houses, you need to be vigilant in order to preserve our beautiful and serene canyon life.
REACH OUT TO THE BCA WHEN YOU SEE OR HEAR THINGS SO WE CAN ASSIST YOU



Author, Mindy Rothstein Mann

The Planning Department has initiated a wildlife study to examine potential development regulations in the hillside neighborhoods of the Santa Monica Mountains. At the request of Councilmember Paul Koretz, the Department is conducting a pilot study for the purposes of testing out new development standards that could inform future citywide policies. The pilot study includes Benedict Canyon and also covers a larger area of the Santa Monica Mountains between the 405 and 101 Freeways. This area was chosen because it has a unique blend of low-density residential homes mixed with large undeveloped open spaces where wildlife thrives. Therefore, it was considered an ideal environment for testing regulations to enhance connectivity and to preserve biological & biodiversity value, while balancing urban development.

In November 2018, the Department hosted an open house to share initial concepts and receive public feedback. More than 100 people turned out to learn about some of the concepts under consideration. Since then, Department staff have been meeting with technical experts, as well as community and neighborhood groups to conduct mapping analysis of the area.

The study is considering regulations that would provide buffers and setbacks from natural resources. It is also looking at developing standards for landscaping as well as construction materials that impact wildlife, i.e. fencing, trash enclosures, lighting, and windows.

There will be another open house in the coming months and the Planning Department would like to get another large turnout from the community. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, more information can be found at <https://planning.lacity.org/Documents/Citywide/WildlifePilotStudy/StudyBoards.pdf>



SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

Tired of sitting in traffic on the 405 Freeway?

Metro has approximately 9.5 billion to expand its transit service to connect the San Fernando Valley to the Westside, and to extend that service to LAX. It is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate various rail transit concepts that will provide service to this congested route and help alleviate the existing 24/7 traffic that exists along the 405. Metro is currently considering four different concepts, but unfortunately, experts are already reporting that these will go over budget. In addition, two of these options call for noisy, elevated trains above Sepulveda Blvd.

There is a better option being proposed – a monorail that would run along the center of the 405. The monorail would be more affordable, less intrusive environmentally; in addition, an outside entity wants to partner with Los Angeles in constructing this project. If you were unable to attend the public meeting, go to www.ShermanOaks914.com and click on “community developments” to learn more about this option.

This project will affect all of us for a long time to come and we urge you to weigh in and be part of the process.



Each time you drive the one mile of Benedict Canyon Drive between Clear View Drive and Portola Drive, you have likely noticed what a difference a newly paved, striped and reflector-lined road makes. Freshly paved streets not only improve road safety, they increase our property values and our quality of life. Thanks to the advocacy of the Benedict Canyon Association and devoted residents, together with the team at LA Street Services, that one mile stretch of Benedict Canyon wasn't the only street to be improved in 2018. Clear View Drive, Kip Drive and Anthony Place were also freshly paved and painted in 2018, and the repaving of San Ysidro and its tributaries were just completed last month.

The BCA continues to prioritize road repaving projects throughout Benedict Canyon in 2019 and beyond. We have assembled a focused BCA team to coordinate directly with the leadership at LA Street Services. Together, we are assessing each of the 101 streets in Benedict Canyon, large and small, and developing a repair & repaving priority list and schedule. If your street is one of the streets that needs attention, email me at hollisleech@yahoo.com.

Our targeted efforts align with increased city funding for road repair. The fiscal year budget beginning July 1, which Mayor Eric Garcetti submitted to the City Council in April, allocates \$348 million to fixing streets, which, according to the L.A. Times, is an increase from last year's budget of \$312 million. In addition, L.A. Controller Ron Galperin reported in March that the City's Street Damage Restoration Fee Fund - money paid by utility companies for street damages - is expected to increase 10-fold from about \$7 million in 2018 to \$70.5 million in 2020. The BCA is working diligently to ensure Benedict Canyon residents notice the impact of these increased resources on our Benedict Canyon neighborhood roads.

Drive safe and enjoy the ride!



By now, most of you have either seen the changeable message sign posted by DWP at Mulholland and Beverly Glen, or some of you may have regrettably found yourselves moving at a snail's pace, and stuck in the middle of a terrific traffic jam on Sunset Blvd. In case you have wondered what this giant disruption is all about, the purpose of this major project is to upgrade the power system for Bel Air.

In a 2 phase project that will be completed by the Summer of 2020, DWP will be relieving overloaded circuits by installing 4 new circuits along with new conduit and cable. During Phase 1, construction is scheduled to take place on Sunset Blvd. Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm, and on Saturday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Occasional construction will take place on Sundays as needed.

One lane in each direction will remain open at all times to allow traffic to pass and Parking Enforcement Officers will be on-site to assist with traffic flow and any emergencies that might occur. Please refer to BCA's website for the construction map and the calendar/timetable. We will also keep you informed by email if there are any significant changes in the project or timetable.

COEXISTING WITH COYOTES

AUTHOR, MINDY ROTHSTEIN MANN



Nextdoor.com has become a popular on-line community platform where neighbors can meet each other and stay informed on what's happening in their local communities. While it can be a great source for tips on plumbers, gardeners, and babysitters, etc., it can also be a source of misinformation on some vital issues.

In the case of coyotes, the constant posting of sightings has begun to stir unnecessary and unsubstantiated fears among many residents. If you follow the posts regularly, you might believe that there has been a

coyote explosion in the Santa Monica Mountains and that they are attacking pets and following people on a daily basis. Habitat loss and land fragmentation may be responsible for some increased sightings since the coyotes have fewer places to go as their natural habitat is encroached upon. More likely, however, the increase in coyote sightings can probably be attributed to the fact that with camera phones and social media we are simply seeing and hearing about sightings in our neighborhood more frequently than we used to.

Here are some coyote facts and some tips for safely coexisting with coyotes.

Coyotes are an important part of our ecosystem. Coyotes are opportunistic omnivores that eat small mammals, birds, snakes, insects, fruit, berries, vegetable matter, and sometimes deer if hunting as a group. Like all wildlife, coyotes are seeking food, water, and shelter, and all of these are readily available in the urban environment. Rodents, which are especially plentiful in this environment, are the food of choice for coyotes, and coyotes play an important role in controlling their population.

If you want to discourage coyotes from visiting your backyard:

- Put garbage and compost in tightly closed containers that can't be tipped over
- Feed pets indoors and bring in pets at night - never leave smaller pets outside unaccompanied
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits and poultry
- Remove bird feeders that attract rodents – coyote prey
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and collect fallen fruit – these attract rodents, which in turn attract coyotes
- Eliminate any water sources, like birdbaths

Be prepared when taking a walk or out on the trail:

- If walking with pets, keep them on a 6' leash
- If possible, try not to walk alone, and vary your route
- If you encounter a coyote, raise your arms and make loud noises; throw an object at the coyote to frighten it and chase it away.
- Never run from a coyote because this action might trigger its predator instincts.
- If you have a small child or pet with you immediately pick them up or hug them close to you.

If we follow the above tips, we can find a better way to coexist with coyotes. We can also assist coyotes by not using rodenticide poisons. Coyotes eat the rodents who have ingested the toxin and it builds up in the coyotes' systems, weakening their immune systems and resulting in illness and even death. If you see a coyote that you think is in trouble or in need of help, contact the California Wildlife Center at 310.458.9453.

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So what's all this noise about?

Those residents of Benedict Canyon who live further south of Mulholland or at a lower altitude, have probably been spared and won't understand what all this complaining has been about. But for those of us who live in the upper Benedict Canyon area, or what some refer to as the "Mulholland Corridor", the past two years have been like living directly in the path of a landing strip. Planes have been bearing down on our homes creating thunderous and constant commotion to the point where we can't hear one another speak.

A couple of years ago the FAA decided to implement a new program called NextGen. This created satellite-based routes throughout the region vs. ground-based navigation and was supposed to be more precise. Unfortunately, the FAA failed to consider the environmental impact of this system. This program took the flights departing out of Burbank airport and "squeezed" them into a new and narrower highway, if you will, which was pushed further south against the Santa Monica Mountains, and which was also reduced to a lower altitude. The result was that the flights were no longer spread evenly throughout the basin. Instead, a new corridor was created, and a disproportionate amount of flights were re-routed over Sherman Oaks, Studio City, and the communities along the Mulholland Corridor from Laurel Canyon to the 405. In addition, because of the lower altitude and the way that sound bounces off the mountains, the noise created by the planes as they fly over these communities has been deafening. The residents in our canyon are also being impacted by Van Nuys airport aircraft that have been re-routed.

Several grassroots groups have formed to try to resolve the noise problem and as a result, there have been several meetings with the effected communities – with the FAA, with councilmen, with the Congressman, and with our City Attorney. The most recent community meeting with the Burbank Airport Commissioners was heated and emotional. Most residents addressed the way their quality of life has deteriorated; the constant noise, the inability to enjoy being outdoors, the dirty air, and the decline in the value of their homes. The feeling in the room was that the Commissioners had been complicit in allowing the FAA to change the flight paths. One resident accused the Commissioners of being heartless, and indifferent their suffering while another resident got down on her hands and knees and begged them to please take immediate action to change the flight patterns. Following this hearing the Commissioners voted unanimously and asked the FAA to change the flight paths in order to reduce the noise.

A hearing with the Van Nuys Commissioners was just held at LAX and it appears that there is some movement in the right direction. The FAA, Van Nuys, and Burbank have definitely heard our complaints, and while the noise has continued, they appear to be taking us seriously; they are looking to see what can be done to alleviate the noise problem. If you are tired of putting up with the noise, make certain that your voice is heard – it is important to keep up the pressure. Go to BenedictCanyonAssociation.org to learn more.

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Monthly Meetings, 2nd Monday of the Month, 7PM

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IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF THE CANYON'S LARGEST POLLUTER THE GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER

Mindy Rothstein Mann

It's been 21 years since the ordinance was passed in Los Angeles banning the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods.

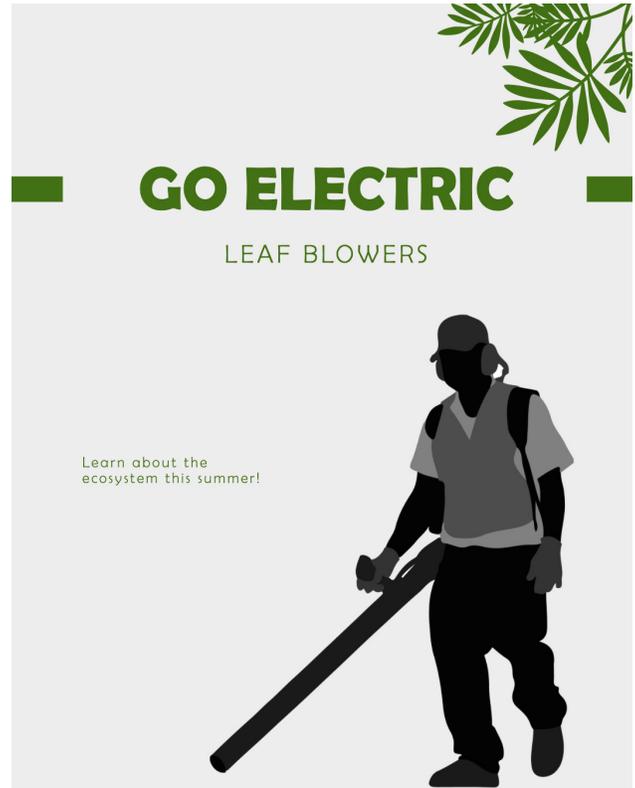
What is it going to take to get our community to come together and finally get rid of these obnoxious, illegal polluters?

- They pollute the air more than cars by emitting high levels of CO2 and Hydrocarbons
- They produce noise pollution and disturb the tranquility of the canyon
- They fill the air with dust and dirt (often filling the air with pesticides, molds, & animal feces)
- They are illegal in Los Angeles!

What we all need to do:

Tell our gardeners that they are not allowed to use gas-powered blowers on our property. Tell our gardeners to use a battery-powered blower instead. If this is financially difficult for your gardener, purchase one and keep it at your home for your gardener to use when he/she is maintaining your garden. The new generation of battery-powered blowers are not expensive, and they are very efficient; they can be purchased on-line or at Home Depot. If you have a large property you will need a model with a powerful battery. Better yet, to cut down on dust, and to maintain the mulch in your garden areas, ask your gardener to use a rake when possible, and only use the blower on larger hardscaped areas.

Just imagine how lovely it would be to enjoy a day in your home, with the windows open, listening to the birds chirping, and the sound of the wind blowing through the trees.....



Summer is here and the hot weather has already begun. Emergency personnel say it is up to us to be prepared and vigilant; this will determine whether we survive a wildfire.

- Create & maintain a defensible space around your home – this will provide the space needed to slow or stop the spread of a wildfire.
- “Ready, Set, Go” – Make certain you have a plan in place, you are all set and ready in case you have to evacuate, and you can go in a moment’s notice.
- Help prevent fires by not allowing people to smoke in the canyon - report any construction sites that are not obeying this law!

LAMC 57.4908.6 SMOKING PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to light, ignite or smoke any cigar, cigarette, tobacco in a pipe or other form of smoldering substance within the VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE.

The Hotel in Benedict Canyon, The Fight Goes On, cont.

is a hotel, not a nature preserve. It is highly doubtful that this developer is proposing this commercial hotel because he's an environmentalist. Rather, it seems clear that the purpose of this project is not to preserve open space or to enhance the natural surroundings, it is designed to exploit them. This is a commercial project that will destroy the character of our community forever. It may start a cascade of similar commercial development throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. Our community did not ask for this project. We do not believe that this project will benefit our community. We believe that it is designed for one thing and one thing only: To make money for the developer at our expense.

It has been reported recently by community residents that the developer is now sending paid marketers to go door-to-door in an effort to convince the community that this is a "retreat" and not a hotel. Are these paid salespeople providing accurate information or propaganda? What do you think is more likely?

Our community said "No Hotel" – What part of "No Hotel" does he not understand?

The BCA takes issue with the statement that the developer has heard our concerns. To the contrary, he is ignoring our concerns. Our community said "No Hotel." The developer continues to propose a hotel. What part of "No Hotel" does he not understand? What part of we will not accept a commercial hotel that never sleeps, that will take more than 6 years to build, with thousands and thousands of trucks during construction and during operations well more than half a million car and truck trips per year does he not understand? What part of the fact that a commercial hotel in the Santa Monica Mountains is completely inappropriate does he not understand? A commercial hotel that will produce noise, fire danger, bring strangers to our canyon who have no regard for our peace and quiet, who will race down our streets at all hours of the day and night, and will no doubt allow open-air weddings, parties and banquets with loud music and noise far into the night. Why does this developer continue to insist that he can ignore the will and rights of this community in order to make money at our expense? Why does this developer think that our community should establish a precedent for further commercialization of the Santa Monica Mountains? These mountains are a treasure for us and future generations. Our obligation is to protect them, not ruin them.

This is going to be a long and difficult fight. Ultimately, we believe that our community will prevail. To win, we need to be unified. We need to be strong. We need to be willing to fund the defense against this outrageous project.

We are organized and we are effective. We can win this fight, but it will take your help and your support. The BCA needs your financial support. Save Our Canyon needs your financial support. Defending against this effort takes time and it takes money. There are many people who are committed to resisting this development. They need your support.

The most important thing that you can do is to simply say: No Hotel in Benedict Canyon. Tell this to your friends and your neighbors. Say this to your elected officials. Say this to the developer when he asks you to support his effort to commercialize our canyon. Do not be fooled.

No Hotel in Benedict Canyon. Ever.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The recent Ridgecrest earthquakes were a reminder of how lucky we have been in Benedict Canyon, and at the same time, they served as a wake-up call for all of us and underscored the need to be prepared should an emergency occur.

The good news is, that we don't need to look far to find help. The Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council holds monthly meetings at the Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse. Different topics are covered every month, and experts in the field are guest speakers who make informative presentations. It is an opportunity for people from Benedict Canyon to become directly active in Emergency Preparedness for themselves and for our Canyon.

If you would like to attend these meetings, please contact Chuck Maginnis at cmaginnis@babnc.org.

BENEDICT CANYON ASSOCIATION 2019 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



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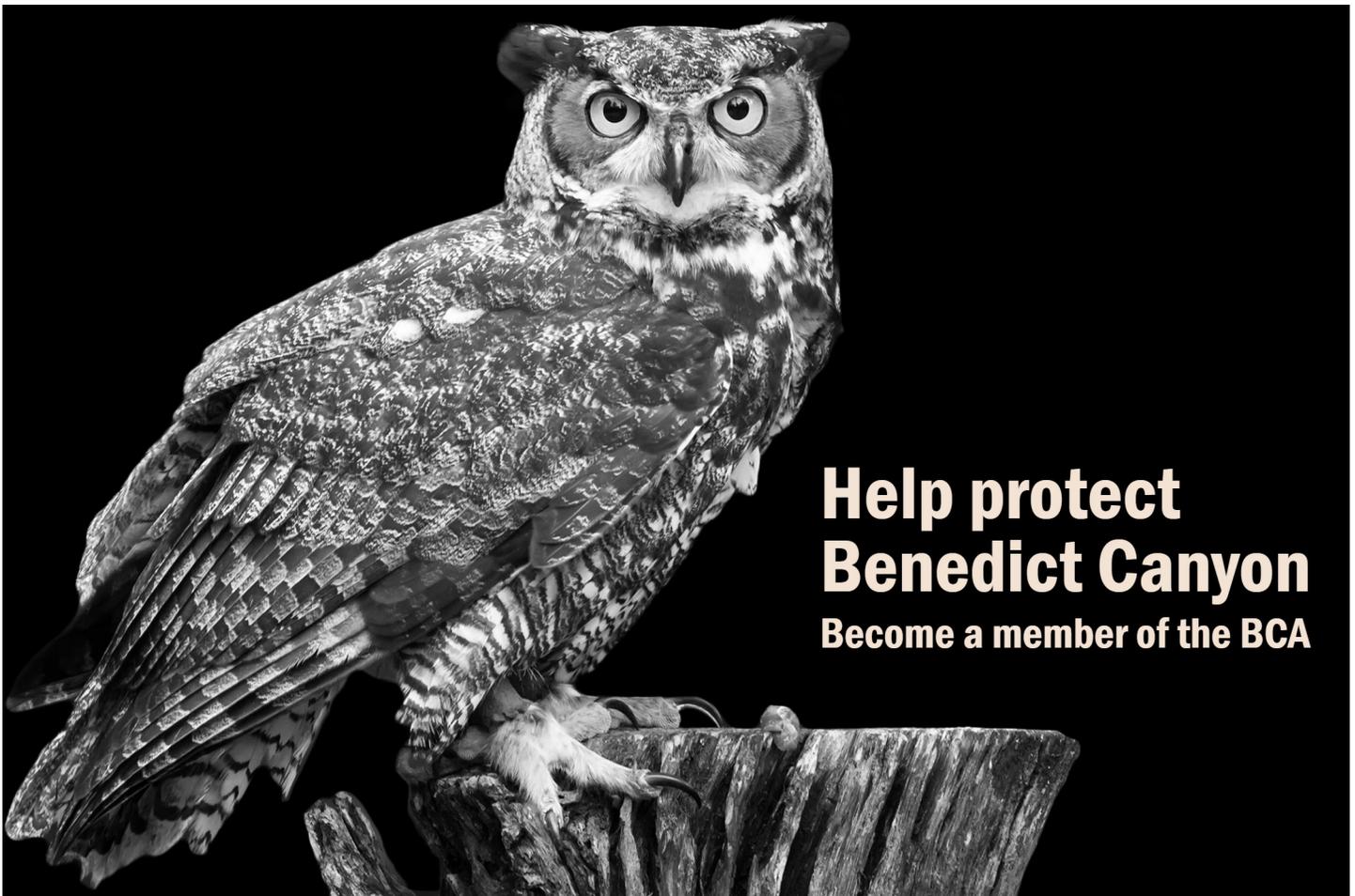
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