

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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December 12, 1967

MEMBERSHIP John Waters The Board of Directors of the Association held their monthly meeting November 29th. The membership of 396 resident families is a 20% increase of the 1966 total, and a new high for this Association.

TRAFFIC Tony Liebig

"DRIVE SLOW BENEDICT"

CAMPAIGN STARTS

FEBRUARY 14, 1968

Community action is the <u>ONLY</u> way to decrease and slow traffic in Benedict Canyon.

The Directors of the Association have reached this conclusion after months of studying the problem of the fast valley-to-city traffic which is causing a "wreck of the week". Excessive speeding on Benedict Canyon Drive and its side feeder streets is making our area a less desirable place to live.

The logical source of help, The Los Angeles Traffic Department, will never help us because it considers Benedict Canyon a rush hour valley-tocity speedway, rather than a Residential Area.

The "DRIVE SLOW BENEDICT" Campaign, scheduled to start next Valentine's Day, is designed by the Association as a community project to do what the City will not do.

Our objective is to rally Canyon residents to drive within the posted speed limits, particularly during commuting hours, thereby slowing through Canyon traffic and, hopefully, diverting much of it to other routes.

We are also most concerned by the excessive speeds of drivers on side streets, such as Hutton, Ellison, Westwanda, Hillgrove, Cielo, Clearview, Yoakum, and Oak Pass. The speed limit on these winding streets is 25 m.p.h. and less in some spots. We have had many letters from residents who have small children walking these streets to their school buses (NO SIDEWALKS).

The Campaign will be kicked off by the placement of attractive rustic redwood signs, with dug-out lettering, at either end of the Canyon. The proposed wording follows:

BENEDICT CANYON

A Residential Area

DRIVE SLOWLY

Bumper stickers will be distributed to all residents of Benedict Canyon. The proposed wording of the stickers will be "DRIVE SLOW BENEDICT". A publicity campaign will be coordinated with the placing of the signs and the distribution of the stickers. More complete details will be presented in the January Newsletter.



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TRAFFIC (Cont'd.) "DRIVE SLOW BENEDICT" can be very effective if we all pitch in by displaying the (easily removable) bumper sticker and driving within the posted speed limits. THE ACCIDENT WE PREVENT MAY BE OUR OWN.

Realignment of wires to permit the TV cable to be strung on existing power poles is now underway in Benedict Canyon.

Theta Communications has informed us that we can expect direct solicitation for service during December, and that service will begin on a progressive basis, starting at the bottom of the Canyon, about January 1, 1968.

The residents of Beverly Glen who are now receiving the service report that the reception is excellent. The antenna is located near the large water storage tank at Mulholland and Beverly Glen.

Your Association has made a vigorous effort to bring service to our area as quickly as possible. We believe that we have been effective in speeding up the Benedict Canyon installation. We have all been disappointed by previous delays but now look forward to prompt service.

January 26th, Friday ---- Beverly Hills Hotel ---- Rodeo Room

Join with your neighbors and friends for an evening of socializing and information.

For the first time we are holding the Benedict Canyon Association annual meeting on a Friday night so that no one will have baby sitter problems. Plan now to attend to learn the first hand news of the City from our guests, Councilman James B. Potter and Councilman Edmund D. Edelman.

Our State Senator, Lou Cusanvich hopes to attend if he is able to leave Sacramento at this time.

Don't forget! Friday, January 26th! The bar will be open and refreshments will be served following the program.

The new brush clearing ordinance was approved by the City Fire Commission on December 8th and will be presented before the full Council within ten days.

Support this ordinance as it contains modern standards for fire prevention in areas endangered by overgrown brush.

If any resident is concerned about fire hazards due to brush growing within 100 feet of any structure, contact the following:

Fireman Snapp or call 782-6125 Engine Co. #99 Ext. 699 14145 Mulholland Beverly Hills 90210

A refreshing victory has been won by the residents of the hillside and canyon areas of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles City Council, on December 11th, voted 11 to 3 to kill the Spindler Realty Corp's. proposed development of 213 apartment type units. Ten votes were required to defeat this spot zoning privilege.

Planning Director Calvin S. Hamilton appeared before the City Council to defend this project. It is odd that the originator and champion of the "Goals Program" would push ahead against the will and expression of virtually all of the people living in the hillside areas.

Our Councilman, James B. Potter, Jr., actively led the fight to reject this Conditional Use Permit and his motion was so passed by the Council.

The residents of Beverly Glen held a Special General Meeting on December 8th.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Mrs. Jerrold Rudelson

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TV CABLE

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FIRE INSURANCE Mrs. John D. Weaver

LOT CLEARING

COLDWATER MULHOLLAND CONDOMINIUM

GLENWOOD

Subject: "Glenwood Battle Moves Ahead". The guest speaker was Attorney Jerry Fadem, who is representing the Residents in their law suit against U. S. Plywood and the City. The meeting was held to decide the future direction the Residents would take in their legal fight.

A few weeks ago the first part of the Resident's law suit to stop Glenwood was lost. This was a disappointment but by no means the end of the case. The first part of the case, "The Writ of Mandate" is over; the part yet to be heard "Declaratory Relief" is 4 to 6 months away.

"Declaratory Relief" deals with the question of the Constitutionality of the City's procedure in granting Conditional Use Permists. Either, or both parts of this case may be appealed.

The Residents of Beverly Glen have decided to press on with the law suit and gain support from the mountain communities.

L.A. PLANNING COMMISSION The Executive Board has directed the President of this Association to write to Mayor Sam Yorty and inform him of their concern for the membership of the City Planning Commission.

The Board hopes that the Mayor will consider their suggestion in finding a replacement for retiring Commissioner Jarvis.

The new Commissioner should be a qualified citizen who would be concerned with the problems of the individual homeowner, rather than someone from the building industry or real estate interests.

EMERGENCY DOCTORS

SAN YSIDRO RESIDENTS Please correct your emergency telephone list as follows:

L. A. City, Doctors 24 hour emergency calls: 483-6122

The following letter from Herbert Glaser, President of the San Ysidro Homeowners Association was addressed to the President of the Benedict Canyon Association:

"The San Ysidro Homeowners Association, of which I am President, desires to merge into the Benedict Canyon Association since we believe that it would be to the best interests of all homeowners in the area to consolidate their activities in your Association."

In order to determine the amount of interest of San Ysidro residents in membership in the Benedict Canyon Association, this newsletter is being distributed to all residents of the San Ysidro area.

The preceding pages have shown some of the fields in which the Benedict Canyon Association is actively involved. Our purpose is to further and protect the community interests and the general welfare of the property owners and residents in this general area.

We wish to determine the number of San Ysidro residents who are interested in joining and working with our Association to solve our area problems.

If you are interested, please fill out the information below and send to Mrs. Jerrold Rudelson.

Wishing you a happy holiday season.

Sincerely, Marshall Lilly

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"20 years of service to residents"

NOTE: INFORMATION SHEET ON FOLLOWING PAGE.

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