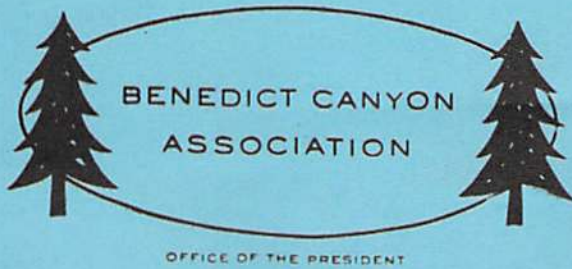


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February, 1968

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SLOW BENEDICT CAMPAIGN

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NOW!

2 Bumper Stickers ENCLOSED
(easily removable)

All residents are urged to place them on the rear bumpers of their cars at once and to make a particular effort to drive within posted speed limits on Benedict Canyon Drive AND ALL side streets of the canyon

As stressed in previous Newsletters, the objective of this campaign is to discourage speeding - and hopefully divert the fast, dangerous Valley-to-City traffic through our canyon.

The job of making Benedict Canyon safe is ours, for we get virtually no help from the City of Los Angeles. If our campaign is to succeed, a large percentage of Canyon residents must participate and their participation must continue for a long period to affect the driving habits of the "Dangerous Ones".

Additional Bumper Stickers may be obtained from Tony Liebig, CR. 59760.

CANYON
SIGNS

Approval for the southern location of our Canyon Sign has been obtained from the Beverly Hills City Council on Beverly Hills Property.

We are now attempting to find the proper location at the northernmost end of the canyon, below Mulholland. The sign will be completed in approximately six weeks.

SCHOOL
BOARD
ACTION

The following information is made available to our members:

On December 21, 1967 the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education: ". . . . The Board of Education sets as its goal an integrated system at all levels and divisions and instructs the staff to develop every feasible technique and program to accomplish this goal. "

Original motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Dr. Nava
Vote 5-2

For: Messrs. Gardner, Jones, Nava, Richardson and President Hardy
Opposed: Messrs. Chambers and Willett

An amendment to the resolution was made by Mr. Chambers: "Be it further resolved that no child be required for racial integration purposes to attend any school other than that school within whose attendance boundaries he resides against his will or without the written consent of his parents or guardian. "

Vote 5-2

For: Messrs. Chambers and Willett

Opposed: Messrs. Gardner, Jones, Nava, Richardson and President Hardy

Thursday, February 8, 1968, Board member J. C. Chambers tried to clarify the subject of mass involuntary school busing by making the following motion: "That the Superintendent and staff be directed to immediately and completely discontinue consideration of busing of children for integration purposes as part of the development of any integration programs or the preparation of proposals to be presented to the Board under the mandate contained in the December 21, 1967, integration motion. "

SCHOOL
BOARD
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This motion was tabled until Tuesday, February 13th, by a motion from Dr. Nava. The vote to table was carried by a vote of 4-3. Board President Hardy, who voted to table the motion announced, after the vote was recorded, that she would not be present on the 13th.

Superintendent Jack Crowther is expected to present his comprehensive plan for achieving integration throughout the school system at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 26th, 4:00 P.M. Anyone interested in this problem should attend this meeting to find out first hand what the Board of Education will be considering that may effect the children of Benedict Canyon next fall.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lewis Topkis at CR. 68195.

GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
1-26-68

For those of you who missed it, a record turnout, 175, attended our General Meeting at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

John Waters and his wonderful wife, Agnes, were honored. John being presented with a bronze plaque in appreciation of his 20 years of service to this Association, upon his retirement from the Board of Directors.

Election of officers resulted in the following:

President	Mrs. Jerrold Rudelson
Vice President	Anthony Liebig
Secretary	Mrs. Arthur Teets
Treasurer	Marshall Geller
Board of Directors:	
	Irwin Chasalow, Ira Englander, Walter Keene
	Mrs. Gene Marlowe, Mrs. Frank Melograno,
	Arthur Pieper, John Schenck, Mrs. Lewis Topkis,
	Dudley Trudgett, Mrs. John D. Weaver.

Councilman James B. Potter spoke upon some of the fields of interest in which your Association was involved last year and upon some of the important fields of possible involvement for this year; such as increased police recruitment, new city budget, and charter amendments.

Councilman Edmund D. Edelman spoke on the possible areas of increased tax revenue which would help decrease property taxes.

Ron Schultz, Tom Anderson and Dr. Peterson appeared for Theta Cable to explain the percentage of completion in this area.

CABLE
TV
Marshall
Geller

Theta Cable of California has informed the Association that installation is being made in accordance with their time schedule presented to the Board of Public Utilities on January 18th.

The PUC granted Theta Cable a nine month extension on their franchises. We had requested that a six month extension be given with a progress report made at the end of the third month.

Mr. Stout, Theta project engineer, has reported that 50% of the poles in Benedict Canyon have been released by Pacific Telephone for installation. This is ahead of schedule and the remaining poles will be available shortly. "Benedict Canyon will be receiving cable television service by April 10th, or sooner," reported Mr. Stout.

Theta has received an excavation permit in the Clearview Area and will start work soon on the installation of underground lines. Mr. Stout declared that he hoped to give the Clearview residents service in April.

The San Ysidro residents are scheduled for service late this year. We will have more definite information for our members from this area as it becomes available.

RATS IN
THE
HILLS

A warning was issued at our recent Board meeting concerning the growing rat infiltration from the Glenwood grading project. A request was made to the Los Angeles County Health Department Inspector, Mr. Essayan, to bait the entire areas of grading, both on the Glenwood and the Beverly Hills Golf course property to prevent the problem from getting out of hand.

Keep them out of the houses as follows:

- Screen all ground level and attic vents
- Make sure all areas around pipes that lead under the house are screened.
- Keep bushes and trees against the house trimmed below roof level.
- For any extreme problems, call the Los Angeles County Health Department, Rodent Control -- 451-5911, ext. 272.

PARTIAL
VICTORY
IN
GLENWOOD

The latest regarding the Glenwood project, at the top of Mulholland and Beverly Glen, is hopeful. The plans for this development originally included cluster housing but now only includes detached, single family homes.

Your Association and the others involved will still be working hard, when the final tract map is submitted, to reduce the density to what it should be for the area. The project is now to be called Beverly Glen Park.

BEVERLY GROVE
AND
TOWER GROVE
FILL

Mrs. John D.
Weaver

It was apparent on January 31st, at the first hearing on the tentative tract map for the proposed subdivision at Tower Grove and Beverly Grove Drives, that the trucking in of the 35,000 cubic yards of fill which the developer desires would affect not only the immediately neighboring area but all who travel Benedict Canyon, since the only access to the tract is by way of either Tower Road-Tower Grove or Beverly Estates-Beverly Grove--both of which routes originate in Benedict. Residents of the area, supported by Mrs. Rudelson of our Association and Mrs. Melograno of the Federation, presented a graphic explanation of the problems of such dirt hauling--the noise, vibration, blowing dirt, traffic disruption, and, most of all, the danger to life and property which would be caused by thousands of large dump trucks running every few minutes through Benedict and then onto the side streets. Residents feel that the tract, formerly the site of almost three years of dumping by a previous developer, already contains enough fill to be developed profitably. After hearing their testimony and reading a letter from Councilman James B. Potter, supporting their opposition to any further fill in the area, Mr. Mute, the hearing examiner, proposed a 30 day continuance for further study.

All Benedict residents wishing to express their opinion on any further dirt hauling should wire to:

Mr. Calvin Hamilton, Director of Planning
City Hall
Los Angeles 90012

Refer to Tentative Tract 23716 and, if possible, send a copy to Councilman Potter.

FEDERATION

An aerial tramway through Griffith Park to the top of Mt. Hollywood has been proposed before the City Council. This proposal includes plans to level the top of Mt. Hollywood for a 7 acre restaurant-museum-tramway complex. The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations adopted the following resolution at their Oct. 4th meeting:

"Resolved, to assure the preservation of public recreation and park facilities and resources against encroachment for unrelated and private uses."

A telegram was received from Councilman Snyder, 14th District, requesting the Benedict Canyon Association to alert our members to a Public Hearing on this matter at 10:30 A.M., February 21, Room 350, City Hall. If you are interested in this matter, either attend the meeting or send a telegram or letter to Councilman Potter stating your opinion.

BRUSH
CLEARANCE
ORDINANCE
ADOPTED

Mrs. John D.
Weaver

On Feb. 13th, the City Council unanimously (13-0) adopted new rules for the clearance of brush in mountain areas. By requiring 100-foot clearance around every home, it is hoped that the ordinance will:

- (1) reduce the fire hazard and make the hills a safer place to live.
- (2) enable the Fire Department to protect property and lives more effectively.
- (3) bring about a more competitive insurance market, enabling many homeowners to obtain insurance who cannot now do so.
- (4) remove most of the high insurance surcharges currently being paid for brush exposure. (The Pacific Fire Rating Bureau estimates that for a \$50,000 home the savings will be \$160 a year.)
- (5) solve the problem of brush on neighboring lots, since the person who owns the brush must now clear it, whether it be another homeowner, a large landholder or even the city itself.

Equally important is the establishment of new criteria for what constitutes hazardous brush and how much must be removed. The new standards are based upon a series of tests by the Arboretum, in the laboratory as well as in open-field burnings, and their acceptance by both the Fire Department and the insurance companies eliminates former discrepancies which proved so troublesome to homeowners who cleared their land as the Fire Department requested only to find they still had not satisfied the insurance companies.

As soon as the ordinance has the Mayor's approval, homeowners will be informed in detail as to its exact provisions and will be urged to cooperate with the Fire Department in starting clearance as soon as possible. It was the Federation

BRUSH
CLEARANCE
(cont'd.)

of Hillside and Canyon Associations which first petitioned the Council in 1965 for assistance in the pressing problem of fire insurance in the hills, and whose representatives met with the Fire Department, the insurance companies, the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau, landowners and various interested city departments for the two years of study which resulted in the drafting of the new ordinance. Benedict members on the Committee were Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver and Mr. Chip Chasalow.

TELEPHONE
REFERENCE
LIST

A TELEPHONE REFERENCE LIST is enclosed in this Newsletter for your convenience. PLACE IN READILY ACCESSABLE AREA. The Reference List includes the following:

Page 1: EMERGENCY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Page 2: BENEDICT CANYON ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers and directors are divided into Canyon areas and into the committees on which they serve. If any members of the Association wish to contact the Board regarding individual problems, they will be able to easily determine which board member can better provide the answers.

Page 3: GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES
Local, State, and Federal

EXPRESSION
OF
SYMPATHY

The Canyon has lost one of its most remarkable residents, young David Gitelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gitelson, 2650 Benedict Canyon Drive. A legendary figure among villagers in the Mekong Delta, David was recently captured and killed by the Viet Cong. A government official saluted him as "the most effective American of all the thousands involved in Delta pacification."

After having put in more than three years in the army, David came home about four years ago determined to do what he could to help the people of Vietnam. He spent two years at the University of California at Davis, got his BS in agriculture and returned to Vietnam as a civilian volunteer. He had served 22 months at the time of his death. He was 26 years old.

MEMBERSHIP
Mrs. Gene
Marlowe

The membership chairman announces, as of the week ending 2-16-68, there are 207 paid memberships for 1968.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAIL IN YOUR DUES!

In order that you may continue to receive this informative Newsletter full of news important to each one of us, we must have the support of each person on our mailing list.

If the Newsletter you received is addressed to Occupant or if you know of any of your neighbors who are not receiving the Newsletter please notify Dorothy Marlowe, CR. 64274, and she will place your name on the mailing list.

Please fill out the tear off sheet below and submit it with your dues.

On behalf of the Board,

Mrs. Jerrold Rudelson
President,
Benedict Canyon Association

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