

24 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO RESIDENTS

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 1972

With this issue of the newsletter, the Benedict Canyon Association begins a new year of service. The Association exists because there is a need for it, for by enlisting the many interests and abilities of Canyon residents we are able to work together towards accomplishing our goal of keeping our Canyon a pleasant area in which to live.

Members of the new Board of Directors, listed later in this newsletter, represent most parts of the Canyon. Please phone the Board member nearest you if you have any new suggestions or problems—the Board would very much like to hear from you.

We face many difficult problems this year, as we have done for many years now, and we need your immediate financial aid, for we can do little without funds. Please do your part to help by filling in the membership form on the back and mail it with your check to our Membership Chairman as soon as possible.

BCA DIRECTIONS: 1972

While the goal of keeping Benedict Canyon a residential area is our ultimate aim, our President, Mrs. Elliott Blinderman, in her address to Association members at the recent Annual Meeting outlined the following areas of particular interest to us this year:

TRAFFIC

"There is, I believe, no single expert opinion that engenders more hostility from residents of our Canyon than the assumption that better access means better traffic conditions. Too much traffic?

Just widen the roads, or put in more of them, says our city's Department of Traffic.

"It sounds logical if you're a traffic expert. But it ignores two things. One is that there is *no* way to make Benedict Canyon an effective cross-mountain speedway. . . Secondly, Benedict Canyon is a RESIDENTIAL community. . . Until our traffic department accepts the fact that it is just as important to get our residents out of their driveways and their children down the street to their playmates as it is to get a faster traffic flow through the mountains, we will have no solution to our traffic woes.

"We, as residents of Benedict Canyon this year want, at the least, traffic lights to slow down traffic on Benedict Canyon Drive."

MINI-BUS SERVICE

"Secondly, a mini-bus service begun between the Canyon and nearby urban centers. If the mini-bus works in downtown Los Angeles, why not try it in the canyons, where, if you don't have a car, you stay home."

TREES

"Thirdly, a city policy of protecting, not destroying our trees. The vehemence of the city-wide reaction against the recent wave of tree cutting by our government agencies has surprised even the most cynical of our politicians. You'll be hearing more about this from us soon."

A PARK FOR BENEDICT CANYON

"Fourth, we need a park in Benedict Canyon. A basketball court, a sportsfield, a playground—an open green area—would be a boon to every youngster in the area. . . there is not now. . . any park acquisition contemplated by the city in our area. Park acquisition remains a priority and we welcome all valid proposals and suggestions that would help us obtain one."

ORDINANCES

"Fifth, we will request city officials to recognize that the Los Angeles Municipal Code (Sec. 12.31) states it is *not* the intent of the Zoning Code 'to interfere with or abrogate or annul any easement, covenant, or other agreement between parties.' The concept that the city ignore valid legal agreements between citizens, even when by ignoring them it condones their violation, is unacceptable."

CITY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

"Sixth, we will urge our representatives to look carefully into all future appointments to city commissions to insure some diversity in the points of views that are represented. The power to confirm is not merely the power to acquiesce. We expect our councilmen to make independent assessments of the qualifications of all commission candidates. We have confidence in their ability to do so."

LAPD HELICOPTER SURVEILLANCE

Helicopter surveillance for crime detection and deterrence is currently recommended by the Los Angeles Police Department. This method is particularly effective in hard-to-reach areas such as the Santa Monica Mountains. For our area, the LAPD would request one helicopter for the entire West Side. Since it would be equipped with the powerful searchlight, fast crime detection during nighttime hours would become possible.

For a variety of reasons, however, the use of police helicopters has become highly controversial. In the Benedict Canyon area, this helicopter would join others already in use by fire departments, the L.A. County Sheriff, local radio stations reporting on traffic conditions during rush hours, and realtors and other private businessmen.

Some persons, strongly in favor of all police protection procedures, feel that any opposition to police helicopters is based on anti-police feelings. Others are disturbed by the noise created by helicopters and feel none should be used in an urban area.

The Benedict Canyon Association would like to know what its membership thinks about the use of police helicopters in the Canyon so that it can determine what position it should take. Your Association is asking you to please take a few minutes of your time to fill out the following questionnaire.

LAPD HELICOPTER SURVEILLANCE: QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CONCERNING HELICOPTER SURVEILLANCE BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE BENEDICT CANYON AREA AND MAIL PROMPTLY TO:

Sandy Mosk
1531 San Ysidro Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

YES NO

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| 1. Do you favor the use of LAPD helicopters for crime detection and deterrence in residential areas? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you feel helicopters would be effective for: | | |
| a.) crime deterrence? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b.) crime detection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you favor locating a police heliport on Mulholland Drive? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you favor locating a heliport or helistop within 1,000 feet of a residence? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you feel the LAPD should have landing rights in hillside areas: | | |
| a.) with unlimited access? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b.) for emergency purposes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is noise a principal factor for your objection to the use of police helicopters? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you object to: | | |
| a.) helicopters in flight? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b.) landings and take-offs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Do you favor allocating city funds to provide the West Los Angeles police division with its own helicopter? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. Other comments: _____

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DEEP CANYON TRACT

Many Canyon residents recently were surprised by a series of explosions. It was later found that they were due to dynamiting which took place during grading operations. No prior notification was given regarding the blasting, or what time it would occur. The LAPD indicated telephone calls came from as far away as Ventura Blvd. requesting information on the cause of the explosions.

Because of damage caused by the blasting, a Hutton Drive resident is initiating a new legal suit against the Allied-Canon Company. Additionally, the Association is in contact with the Fire Commission regarding what actions can be taken to restrict this type of activity.

In other Deep Canyon matters-any resident having questions concerning condemnation procedures should phone Bob Morris at 272-9384. He will serve as liaison for information on the status of the condemnations.

NATIONAL URBAN PARK

This may be the year for establishing a national urban park in the Santa Monica Mountains! Land use for an urban park has been recommended by The Los Angeles-Ventura Mountain and Coastal Study Commission. The Department of Interior will shortly issue its own findings on this matter.

What can you do to help establish such a park? **WRITE...WRITE... WRITE** to President Richard M. Nixon, telling him you want a national urban park in the Santa Monica Mountains, and that the people of Los Angeles badly need such a park. Write: The President, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Your contributions, too, are urgently needed for publicity purposes. Send whatever amount you can for mailings and advertisements to:

National Urban Park Committee
Post Office Box 48753
Los Angeles, California 90048

If you want to do more to help in establishing a national urban park in our mountains, call 272-4743.

BOTTLED WATER DELIVERY PRICES

Have you noticed an increase in the price of bottled water delivered to your home recently? Most large suppliers have increased their prices ten cents per bottle across-the-board; these increases have all been approved by the government. One company, however, upon questioning, will admit to an *additional* ten-cent-per-bottle charge for delivery "north of Sunset" and "north of Franklin" because of increased maintenance costs for delivery trucks in hillside areas.

So... check closely with your water delivery man and do not hesitate to check further with other water companies if you suspect any extra charges. The Benedict Canyon Association is currently looking into this matter and will report on further developments as they occur.

TRAFFIC

The recent wave of poster campaigns and letter writing by hillside residents to local newspapers, city councilmen and the Department of Traffic has resulted in that department's realization that we are not going to watch idly as our residential neighborhood is turned into a four-lane throughway to provide a smooth traffic flow to and from the San Fernando Valley, with a new high-speed road to accommodate even more cars a likely prospect for the future.

Can ordinary citizens hope to effect a change in the stated policy of a major city department? When this writer telephoned the West Side traffic division last December, we were told flatly there was "no solution" to our traffic problems here in Benedict Canyon.

Since that time, as a result of calls and letters from many hillside area residents, Councilman Wachs and his field deputy for hillside affairs have met with the head of the Department of Traffic. Meaningful tests have been conducted on Benedict Canyon Drive and results of these should be available to us shortly. These tests concern the feasibility of installing traffic signals on Benedict Canyon Drive, one at a southerly intersection and one at a northerly intersection. Councilman Wachs' office is also checking the possibility of using radar equipped patrol cars to control excessive speed, a method presently being given a trial run on Beverly Glen Blvd.

But more help from you is needed. *Please*, "keep those cards and letters coming"--to Councilman Wachs, and to Mr. S.S. Taylor, City Traffic Engineer, Department of Traffic, Room 1200, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. We are attempting, through the use of traffic signals appropriately placed, to control both the speed and the flow of traffic on Benedict Canyon Drive to allow residents to negotiate left turns and to have in-out driveway access. Let Mr. Taylor know if you are experiencing difficulties which these signals may help stop. We must break through implacable attitudes within the Department of Traffic, and only your correspondence can help.

CALIFORNIANS FOR CONSERVATION

A California League of Conservation Voters has been organized for the purpose of endorsing and supporting candidates for public office who are dedicated to improving the environment. The League needs volunteers to research candidates' records and to interview them regarding their ideas for new environmental programs. If you are interested in a particular political race, or in doing something worthwhile to make our elected representatives think about the environment, please contact:

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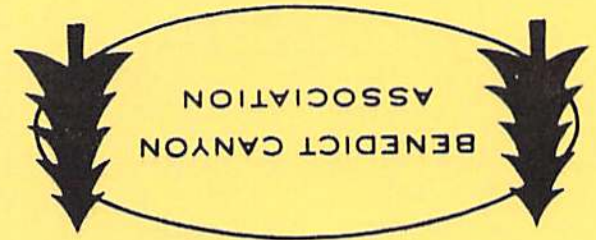
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