

Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association

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# **President's Message**

There are many problems currently facing our community. The increase in crime and traffic are two that come readily to mind. However, one of our biggest problems and the one that does more to contribute to other problems like crime and traffic is the lack of planning in our community.

Because the City and the County have refused to give us the comprehensive planning to which we are entitled, the Pass is being piecemealed to death by discretionary development entitlements given to big land developers by the City and County. Some recent examples of this piecemeal development process include:

• The recent opening of the 200,000 sq. ft. City Walk and the 170,000 sq. ft. addition which is now on the drawing boards. (Have you noticed the increase in traffic?)

• The one million square foot, three thousand car parking structure MCA is attempting to build right next to the Hollywood freeway.

• The new Metro Rail station that will occupy all of the land at Cahuenga and Lankershim from Lankershim to south Weddington Park. Metro Rail currently has

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All Cahuenga Pass Residents TRAFFIC WORKSHOP

> Wednesday, October 20, 1993 7:00 PM 10 Universal City Plaza Texaco Conference Center

Help Prevent TRAFFIC From Ruining Our Neighborhood! Your input <u>CAN</u> make a difference. consultants preparing plans for high density development to go on top of this station. (If rapid transit is coming to our community, why does MCA need so much more parking space?)

• A 2700 car "interceptor" garage at Vineland and Ventura for the Metro Rail Station. This garage will replace the Racquet Center and cause more traffic. (The Racquet Center has decided to try to fight this and has a "sample" protest letter and an address list of elected representatives if you wish to join them. Call (818) 980-9191 for more information).

Your CPPOA Board has set, as one of its top priorities for this year, the goal of getting the planning that this community needs and is entitled to. But we cannot do this without the community's participation and support. We need your weight behind us in order to get the attention of the City, County and Metro Rail. Please fill out page three and help us preserve the value of the Pass before we become nothing more than a conduit for people rushing to work and or a theme park.

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## ◆ Neighborhood Maintenance & Security

by Dane Sheldon

Don't you hate it when you see a new ugly swatch of graffiti?

Don't you despise the litter in our streets?

Don't you look at it and wish you could make it disappear?

Isn't there any way to send the message out loud and clear that it won't be tolerated in our neighborhood?

Yes there is! Send the message. Make it disappear. Participate in the...

## OPERATION VALLEY SPARKLE

...being held on October 16, 1993. The staging point for our group is 8:00 am at *Weddington Park* by the base-



by Muriel Zollman

I've lived in this neighborhood for over twenty years and know a lot of people around here by name. I don't know everyone, but I want to. That's why I personally want every one of you to join us hard working board members of the CPPOA at the...

## ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

"Annual Neighborhood Picnic?", you say. "I never knew there was such a thing."

Well, there is and I want you all to come

ball diamond. All necessary supplies will be furnished and a free celebration picnic will be held at 1:00 pm in the park at *North Hollywood* (Magnolia & Tujunga, just east of the Hollywood Freeway).

Last year, over *five thousand* people took part. This year, make it five thousand and one.

Another issue we need to stay on top of is the *Neighborhood Watch Program*. Crime is on the upswing here just as it is everywhere else, and I have the depressing statistics before me to prove it. Don't be a victim.

GOOD NEIGHBORS PROTECT EACH OTHER...THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.



you can call me for more information. I can be reached

at home (213) 851-6280 or at work (213) 383-1277.

Thanks for your time. See you at the OPERATION VALLEY SPARKLE!

#### When?

## Sunday, October 24, 1993

Where?

North Weddington Park 10844 Acama St. North Hollywood

What time does it start?

## Festivities begin at 11am

Shall I bring anything? Yes you shall. Comfy clothes for softball, croquet (after all, we are a civilized lot), volleyball and games too.

Food? I knew we'd get to that. Unfortunately, our budget doesn't include funds for vittles. (Even Chuckles the Clown does our gig for free). So you hafta bring something to eat to share with your neighbors. Besides it's a good chance to impress us with your cooking skills.

CPPOA T-Shirts will be sold – Be the first on your block. Call Florence Blecher (213) 874-0944 for phone orders.



Steve Bangs

I was recently on vacation (lucky me) in a small community outside of Santa Barbara, and noticed something strange while driving about. The people who lived there actually set an example by stopping for the stop signs and obeying the posted speed limits. What a concept!

Recently I contacted the LAPD Valley Traffic office and asked that they try to enforce the stop sign near the end of my street. It was an unqualified success. Many violations were written that day. Most of the Cahuenga Pass residents applauded the new respect for the stop signs that immediately followed. Some however, resented being ticketed on "neighborhood" streets and called in to complain. I sincerely hope that this kind of attitude changes before you have to grieve over a pet who gets mowed down by someone trying to cut twelve seconds off his/her commute. Worse yet is the fragile safety of the many little ones on our "neighborhood" streets.

Let us begin by setting an example for others to follow. Leave one minute earlier and drive twenty five. Let's all participate in preserving the quality of our community. It's not something we can just take for granted any longer.

## Helicopter Flights Increasing

Flyovers are becoming more of a problem. We have asked that flight paths be changed and non-essential flights be avoided. So far, the response has been positive, but your help is needed to monitor the noise. There will be a meeting regarding this issue on September 29. Call Krista Michaels at (213) 876-1316 for info on time and place.



# **Annual Dues Payment Form**

Enclosed is payment for my (our) 1993/94 Dues for my (our) property(ies) owned in the Cahuenga Pass area. I (we) understand the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Associa-

tion is a nonprofit California Mutual Benefit Corporation incorporated only for the property owners in this area and payment is due by July 1st, for the term of one year.

Last Name, then first name(s) and initial(s) PLEASE PRINT

Property Address (if more than one, please list on the back)

Mailing Address (if different than property address), City, State and Postal Zip Code

Residence Telephone (indicate if unlisted with "U") / Residence FAX / Business Telephone

# Please check the committees you would be interested in assisting:

- Community Improvement/Maintenance and Security
- Membership/Newsletter and Outreach Liaison
- Special Events and Meetings
- Corporate Business/Elections and Nominations
- Planning/Traffic and Development

## **CALCULATION OF DUES:**

\$25.00 Annual dues are required by all property owners for each CPPOA membership. Membership entitles you to one vote per household.

Check Number: Total Dues Paid: Make All Checks Payable to CPPOA

## MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO:

Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association 3208 Cahuenga Blvd., West, Suite 115 Hollywood Hills, CA 90068-13672

# Just Another Stop On The Tour...

Hi, I'm Josh Perl, the editor of this newsletter. I'm a volunteer, as are all the other board members. It dawned on me that I don't really know what to do as editor. I'm not sure how I can motivate you, the public, to take action on the issues before us.

Take the MCA garage for instance. One quarter mile of cement honeycomb will displace the wooded hillside that helps to absorb the sound we hear and replenish the air we breath. I've heard people say that since they won't be able to see it from their house it won't affect them.

Metro Rail is planning a 2700 car garage to service the customers coming into and out of the basin. That's way down by Vineland and Ventura though, miles away.

A local landlord rented out space to a tattoo parlor, but since it's not on my

block, it doesn't affect me.

City Walk is poised to double its retail capacity, but you know what, that neon is kind of cute as it lights up the sky. Before you know it, our neighborhood will be a stop on the tour. I can see the guide in his/ her uniform, "Oh yes, people actually lived here in the Pass a long time ago, before Metro Rail and City Walk 9. Then it was decided this area was better off as a theme park and transportation corridor. They sold their homes for market value, (which by then was almost nothing) and they moved to Oregon or somewhere".

Of course, I'm being facetious. No one is planning the annexation of our neighborhood. No one is planning it, but it may happen anyway.

What can we do? What can you do? Come and join us at the picnic, show up at a board meeting, donate some time, money, or expertise. Call and ask us when the Zoning Variance Meeting will be held (for the MCA Garage). Please aid us in saving this vanishing haven.

# Community Meeting A Rousing Success

The Property Owners Meeting at the Valley View school was a great success. There was a lot of vibrant discussion and some novel proposals, secession among them, for solution to some of our problems. We stayed late and were finally removed by the janitorial staff, but a good and educational time was had by all.

Join us next time, or at the picnic. Come meet your neighbors!

We at the CPPOA can be reached at (213) 871-5827. Give us a call, let us know what you think.

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Please sign and print your name and address to register your opposition to the

## 10 Story Million Square Foot Parking Structure

as proposed across the 101 from Broadlawn. This slip will be presented during hearings on this matter on your behalf.

Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature

Date

Street Address

City

State and Postal Zip

Fill in section above and return with Dues Payment Form.