



HOW DOES OUR LOS ANGELES GOVERNMENT WORK?

At the top of any government organizational chart is the "Electorate." That's you and me, the voting public. We vote into office our officials in the three branches of our local government: The Mayor, the City Council (with 15 districts in the City of Los Angeles) and the County Board of Supervisors (with 5 districts in Los Angeles County).

The Mayor is **elected by all the voters** in the City of L.A. The City Council Members and the County Board of Supervisors are **elected by the voters in their districts**. All elected officials are responsible to the citizens of the city and county, and are paid by public funds.

**WHAT ARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS?
HOW DO THEY WORK?**

Several years ago, in an effort to discourage secession, the City Charter created Neighborhood Councils, to be monitored by a new city agency, DONE (Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment). These NCs were self-organizing: Individuals in an area got together and decided where the boundaries for each NC should be. There are 95 NCs in the city, 86 of which have been certified by the city. Our NC, which is certified, is the **Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC)**. All NCs hold regular meetings and each year every NC receives \$50,000 in public money and is accountable to the city which regulates the use of these funds.

Individuals who sit on the Boards of these NCs are elected by the stakeholders in the NC area. A "stakeholder" is anyone who lives, works or owns property in a NC area, or who participates in groups such as schools, religious organizations, community and homeowner associations, chambers of commerce, etc. All you have to do to become a registered stakeholder (so you can vote for these Board members) is to attend a NC meeting and sign up. There are **no dues to pay; membership is free**. The CPPOA fully supports the NC process.

These Neighborhood Councils are **advisory only**. The Charter created the NCs to have an advisory role on issues of concern to the City's neighborhoods. All NC Board members are serving on a **volunteer** basis. No one is paid. They are not employees of the city nor do they have the right to represent the city in any way or to speak for the city.

In very large NCs, like our HHWNC, there are Area divisions with Area Chairs. Our Cahuenga Pass neighborhood is in **Area 2**. As with the NC Board, all Area Chairs are **volunteers**. They are not city employees, they are not paid by the city, **they do not have any decision-making power** and **they do not represent the city or the city's position in any way**. Their role is to help the city disseminate information to the neighborhood.

If you have a question, issue or complaint about a NC or Area Committee, contact DONE citizens' advocate Amber Meshack at 213-485-1497 or amber.meshack@lacity.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

Last fall the CPPOA hosted a major Emergency Preparedness Summit for our City and County leaders, association and NC presidents, local business leaders and senior officials from all Federal, State, County & City disaster preparedness agencies. Over 150 attended at this event which was hosted for the Cahuenga Pass by NBC/Universal. Thank you to all those who participated to make our region safer.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

BRILLE SITE (3520 Cahuenga Blvd West) 65 live-work condos are coming on this site, along with two planted medians on Cahuenga Blvd West in front of the property. Target completion date: Summer 2008.

HANNA-BARBERA (3400 Cahuenga Blvd West) This project is entering its final stage. L.A. Fitness in the northern building is open, and landscaping and the planted median on Cahuenga Blvd West are almost completed. The middle building will remain as offices with ground-floor retail and offices above in the south building. The new building at the rear of the site has 47 apartments. Developer Bill McGregor has agreed to CPPOA's request to locate a memorial to the Hanna-Barbera animation studio on the property. Target completion date: Soon!

HOLLYWOOD BUNGALOWS (2775 Cahuenga Blvd West) Planned are 76 loft condos, aimed to sell for \$650,000 to \$750,000. Right now the project is stalled at the Mulholland Design Review Board stage, by the developer's request. Included in the project are (5) 200' planted medians along Cahuenga Blvd West, a new traffic signal and a \$25,000 donation to Cahuenga Beautiful. Completion date unknown at this time.

ARE YOU SICK & TIRED OF WATCHING OUR HILLS CARVED UP LIKE SUSHI AS ENORMOUS HOUSES SPROUT ON TINY LOTS? WATCH FOR OUR CPPOA MEETING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT UNIVERSAL?

President's Message
by Krista Michaels

By now we've all read the newspapers and seen the nightly news. We know the MTA and GE/NBC/Universal are planning two of the biggest developments in the history of Los Angeles. One is at the MTA site on Lankershim. The other is on Universal Studios' lot. These two projects are running more or less concurrently. All of the neighborhoods around these two gigantic projects will be forever changed. The question is: What will those changes be?

While we cannot answer that big question yet because the two Draft Environmental Impact Reports (one for each project) have not yet been released, we can tell you about an important group that is closely involved in these two projects on a day-to-day basis.

In the fall of 2006 I was contacted by the Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce about putting together a citizens advisory group of organizations & NCs that are neighbors of Universal Studios and the MTA site. At the same time our Councilmember Tom LaBonge called me with the same idea. Together we formed an extensive Working Group, now the recognized entity that interfaces with Thomas Properties Group (TPG), the developer of the MTA site and the residential portion of Universal Studios' Vision Plan, and GE/NBC/Universal Studios.

Included in this entity are representatives from our own Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Assn. (Florence Blecher and I are the only two Pass reps), Studio City Residents Assn, Outpost Estates Homeowners Assn, Toluca Lake Homeowners Assn & Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside Golf Club, Hollywood Knolls Community Club, Hollywood Dell Civic Assn, Campo de Cahuenga Historical Memorial Assn, Cahuenga Pass Business Owners Assn, our own Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, Studio City Neighborhood Council, Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council & Hollywood United Neighborhood Council. Also present at these monthly meetings are City & County officials, reps from NBC/Universal and TPG.

This group has a lot of folks who are extremely knowledgeable (some are professionals in their fields), experienced in working with these types of developments, and committed to protecting our neighborhoods while still encouraging economic growth. Our motto is:

"Neighbors working together for smart growth."

What I want you all to know is that your association is working diligently on your behalf. No one is asleep at the switch. We're active, we're involved, we're not getting much sleep! But no changes are going to happen in our community without our knowledge and your input. We have the support of our Councilmember Tom LaBonge and our County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. Soon we will notify you of a major Town Hall meeting for all neighborhoods affected by these developments. You will have a chance to find out what changes are in the offing for all of us and how to effectively respond to make sure those changes are Smart Growth.

Visit the WORKING GROUP website:
www.universalworkinggroupnews.org

VISIT OUR 9/11 FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL

If you have driven by our park, you may have noticed the enormous rock with a plaque. This memorial, created by the CPPOA, honors three fallen NYC firefighters who perished on 9/11. This memorial is part of United We Plant's goal to plant a tree for every person who was lost on 9/11. Three flowering magnolia trees have been planted, one for each firefighter. Please visit this sacred memorial to honor all firefighters for their bravery & commitment to our safety.

Cahuenga Beautiful

Cahuenga Beautiful, the Pass' beautification group, received its first Community Beautification Grant from the City to plant 20 pink tabebuia trees on Cahuenga Blvd West from Barham to Universal Center Drive. Each tree will be planted to commemorate a fallen FDNY firefighter who perished on 9/11. The concrete coring starts on 10/8. Join us on Sat. 10/13 at 8 AM in our local park to put the trees in the ground. Call 323-876-1316 to let us know you're coming, and bring work gloves & sunscreen!

101 FREEWAY EXPANSION Nothing new on expansion or double-decking but Caltrans may have some plans as a result of the huge developments at the MTA site & Universal Studios. We're alert to that possibility and we'll keep you posted.

NICELY'S SHOPPING CENTER

Starbucks, in the space closest to the freeway off-ramp, is scheduled to open 10/1, & NY Deli will be next door. Developer Gary Mull wants to combine the spaces previously utilized by the bar & Nicely's as a single restaurant/bar. So far the Spirit Cellar & our good friend Henry Kim remain. Completion date: In the next few weeks.

IN MEMORIAM

On August 1, 2007, the CPPOA lost one of our treasured Board members. Patricia Zinn Etheridge, wife of Jim Etheridge, passed away unexpectedly. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her husband, family and friends. Pat, we will never forget you and we will forever miss you.

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IN THE CAHUENGA PASST...

by **FlorenceBlecher**

Vice President, CPPOA
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Did you know ...

The Campo de Cahuenga on Lankershim (where the Metro station development will be) is where the Treaty of Cahuenga was signed in 1847. This treaty settled the dispute between Mexico and the U.S. over California. Ownership of the original adobe is unclear but by the 1850's it was a stop for the Butterfield Stage, and later an encampment for the California Battalion during the Civil War. The site is now managed by L.A. Dept of Recreation & Parks as a park and cultural center.

We Recommend...

The Story of Hollywood: An Illustrated History

by Gregory Paul Williams

Details the history of Hollywood from the Shoshone Indians' trading village to the Hollywood we know today. Wonderful vintage photos from the author's private collection showing the annexation to Los Angeles, the movie industry's discovery of the area, the city's decline and the current urban renewal it is now undergoing.

CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Cahuenga Pass is serviced by the North Hollywood police station, even though we are a Hollywood community. Below are our neighborhood's crime stats compared to the North Hollywood area as a whole:

	BTFV:	BURG:	GTA:	ROBB:	Burglary/Theft From Vehicle	Burglary	Grand Theft Auto	Robbery
June 2007								
BTFV	39	6	3	6	45	13	8	9
BURG	10	3	1	3	13	8	3	3
GTA	7	1	0	0	8	13	1	1
ROBB	6	3	0	0	9	3	1	3
April 2007								
BTFV	33	6	2	6	39	13	8	3
BURG	11	2	1	2	13	8	1	0
GTA	7	1	0	0	8	13	1	3
ROBB	3	0	0	0	3	3	1	3
Dec 2006								
BTFV	30	15	6	15	45	16	13	3
BURG	10	6	1	6	16	13	1	3
GTA	12	1	0	1	13	3	1	3
ROBB	2	1	0	1	3	3	1	3

Our community's LAPD Senior Lead Officer is Officer Robert Benavidez
 Off: 818-623-4001 Cell: 818-634-0978
 Email: 32151@lapd.lacity.org
 North Hollywood LAPD Front Desk: 818-623-4016
 Our LAPD Community Representative is CPPOA Member Linus Bittner 818-766-6375
 Sign up for e-policing online at www.lapdonline.org

Want the latest news?

Visit our website: www.cppoa.org

CPPOA HOTLINE NUMBERS

Clip this section & post for easy referral:

- Councilman Tom LaBonge**
213-485-3337
- Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**
213-974-3333
- Mayor's Office**
213-978-0600
- Quick Access to City Hall**
Dial 3-1-1
- No.Hwd Police Front Desk**
818-623-4016
- Non-Emergency Police**
877-ASK-LAPD
- Univ. Studios Noise Hotline**
818-622-2995
- Dept. of Bldg & Safety**
888-524-2854
- Senior Services**
213-252-4030
- Graffiti Removal**
Dial 3-1-1
- Bulky Item Pick-up & Dead Animal Pick-up**
800-773-2489
- Animal Services**
888-452-7381
- Cable TV Complaints**
213-922-8350
- Gas Leaks**
800-427-2200
- House Hazardous Waste**
800-988-6942
- Bureau of Street Services & Street Lighting Repair**
800-996-2489
- Trees in Wires - DWP**
818-775-5398
- Abandoned Vehicles**
800-222-6366
- Sidewalk/Pothole Repair**
800-996-2489
- Commuter Express/DASH**
213-808-2273
- City Attorney**
Civil: 213-978-7000
Criminal: 213-978-7840
- Business Tax & Permits**
213-626-9271
- Trash Pickup (Missed)**
800-773-2489
- COUNTY 24-HR HOTLINE**
Dial 2-1-1 for
Crisis Intervention
Domestic Violence
Child & Elder Abuse
Homeless Shelters/Work Info
Health Svcs./Medical Clinics
Parenting Resources
Property Tax Info & More

RED FLAG DAYS

The best way to determine if your street is a Red Flag street is to look for the city's signs. You can call 3-1-1 to find out if it is a Red Flag day. Any resident can request automatic notification by submitting one email address and up to three phone numbers (fax, cell or home) to L.A. Fire Dept website: www.lafd/redflag/

Why Didn't They Finish Paving Cahuenga Boulevard West?

They will finish all the way to Barham Boulevard. But we have two major projects (Hanna-Barbera site & Braille site) that are installing planted medians for this community, as both traffic calming and beautification mitigations. Once the medians and the projects are finished, the Council office has promised president Krista Michaels that paving will be completed all the way.

GRAFFITI ANGELS

Thank you to all our Graffiti Angels who joined the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Assn to so generously contribute to our graffiti-removal fund last year: NBC/Universal, Universal Nissan, The McGregor Co., Good Neighbor Restaurant, Kevin McCarney/Poquito Mas, John Coffey/Coffey Sound, Dave Bell/Bell Family Ltd Partnership, Jordan Baker Kilner, and Minibar. You helped keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful.

PLEASE JOIN AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY CAHUENGA PASS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Non-Profit California Mutual Benefit Corporation Incorporated for Residents and Property Owners in the Cahuenga Pass
 P.O. Box 1655, Hollywood, CA 90078 Tel: 323-692-2772
 ANNUAL DUES: \$30 (Seniors \$20)

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
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