

Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association

**BHHA Annual Meeting will be
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010, 3:00PM - 5:30PM
2103 Queensferry Road**

Sullivan Canyon Pipeline Protection Project

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Every year BHHA holds its annual meeting and party. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, talk with the local Police and Fire officials responsible for our neighborhood, meet BHHA's Board of Directors, and express your concerns to our local elected officials. This year, we have invited City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, who has appeared at our past meetings. We also have invited State Assemblyman Mike Feuer, who can talk about what's going on in Sacramento. Please bring your kids! There will be food, drink, and fun for all!

2103 Queensferry Road.
See you there.

In 4th quarter 2009, SoCalGas completed the first phase of a pipeline protection project which included the re-establishment of the maintenance road and installing cover protection over some exposed areas of the two natural gas transmission pipelines. This work is required by federal and state law with respect to pipeline safety as the exposure areas make the pipelines vulnerable to damage. Cover protection was installed over ten pipeline exposure areas. The road work largely involved grading where necessary to make the road passable by a four-wheel drive truck. The maintenance road was left as essentially an earthen road. Although SoCalGas was permitted by the City to remove 31 protected sycamore trees in connection with the road repair and pipeline work,
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Important Phone Numbers:

**Police/Fire
Emergency: 911**

West LA Police Info:
310-444-0700

Police Senior Lead
Officer:
310-444-0744

Parking Violations:
213-485-4184

Pothole Repair:
311 or 800-996-2489

**Yes, it is that time
of year again -- the
annual election of
the Board of Di-
rectors of BHHA.**

Your 15 Directors each serve for three year terms. The terms rotate, so each year the terms of 5 of the Directors expire. Often, the Directors choose to run again. Incumbent Directors who are up for re-election this year are: Sheila Greenberg,

Jerry Adomian, John MacKenzie, Sandy Wallace and Sue Keane. If there are no other residents who are interested in serving as Board members, these incumbent Directors will be re-elected by acclamation at the Annual

Meeting. However, we do encourage all members to run for the Board if they are interested. If there are others interested in running for these Board seats, we will hold an election at the Annual Meeting.

The Burglar's Story

13 Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock

your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. **Helpful hint:** I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com.)

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing

and wait to hear it again. **If he doesn't hear it again**, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

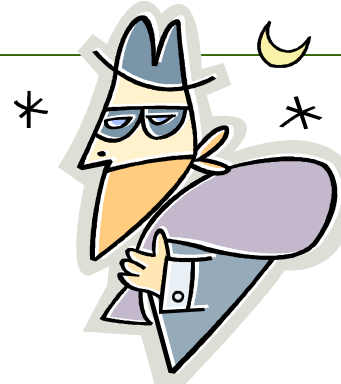
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars



Emergency Preparedness



California Poppy

Are you ready for an emergency. Let's become prepared. Volunteer to be a Block Captain on your street.



The Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association has been in the process of establishing Emergency Preparedness networks in our neighborhoods. Planning for emergencies is like being Chicken Little, but for neighborhoods like ours it is important none the less. The recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and in the city of Downey on March 16, and last years fires including the Getty Center fire should serve as reminders to all of us to be prepared. It is important to note that some of the disaster plans for the City of Los Angeles have not been changed since the early 1990's. This neighborhood will likely be one of the last to be accessed by emergency first responders in the event of a large emergency.

Many of you have expressed interest in becoming involved and we have your contact information. The Association is now in the organizational phase of our emergency preparedness program. No emergency skills are necessary and training will be made available. We are first looking for neighbors who are interested in becoming block captains. The first role

of the block captain is to provide their neighbors with information on how they can prepare themselves for an emergency. Another role of the block captain is to catalogue emergency information about their neighbors. This information includes special skills or equipment that neighbors might have in the event of an emergency. In addition, block captains will keep track of special needs or concerns their neighbors may need to have addressed in the event of an emergency. The purpose of assembling this information is so that it is quickly available in the event of an emergency.

Block captains will also liaison with other block captains in this neighborhood so that coordinated community plans may be developed. Neighbors interested in becoming block captains and all residents should understand that participation is voluntary. No one will be required to provide information that is sensitive or private. There may be groups of neighbors that are very interested and active. Others may choose not to be involved. The process of obtaining and catalogu-

ing this information will be made available to the block captains. The Homeowners Association will also assist block captains in organizing neighborhood groups by assisting the in planning and running of meetings. Block captains will also be provided with meeting support materials and speakers if necessary.

We are also asking those of you with special skills to contact us. If you are a physicians, nurse, mental health professional, architect, building contractor or trades person or have emergency training, your participation is encouraged. Even if you do not think you have special skills, but just want to help, you are also encouraged to contact us. The time commitment is up to each individual block captain, interested individual or group of neighbors. This next phase of the program must start at the individual neighbor level. Each individual and their neighbors must decide if they want to participate. If you are interested in being part of this process, contact George Maranon at 310 476-7128 or via email at gamoffice@aol.com.

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We are on the Web at
brentwood-hills.org



ELECTION TIME

Only members who have paid their dues for this fiscal year are eligible to be Board members or to vote, so if you haven't renewed your membership for 2010, be sure to send in your dues right away! You can now do so by Paypal on our website: brentwood-hills.org.

So that we'll be able to hold the Board election and count the ballots at the Annual Meeting, the Board has set a deadline of August 15, 2010 for anyone interested in running for the Board to contact Mike Leslie, who is on the Directors Nominating Committee.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please drop a note in Mike Leslie's mailbox before Aug. 15:

13759 Bayliss Road.

Or, you can email Mike at: mleslie@brentwood-hills.org

Sullivan Canyon

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only 29 sycamore trees were removed. Public access to Sullivan Canyon was closed during the 3 month construction period and re-opened to the public in early November following completion of this first phase.

During the heavy rains in February 2010, the maintenance road sustained damage. The concrete mats performed as expected, protecting the pipeline despite the heavy rains. The plan for August, 2010 will include repairing the maintenance road and cover the remaining 12 pipeline exposure areas. Public access will be closed during the construction period.

August 2010 Tentative Construction Schedule Maintenance Road Repair

- Phase II scheduled to start on August 4, 2010
- Canyon to be closed to the public starting at the Queensferry gate through Sullivan Fire Road
- Completion of road repair
- Pipeline maintenance at 3 locations
- Complete laying concrete mats over remaining 12 pipeline exposure areas
- Estimated to take 3 – 4 months

The road repair and pipeline work is being done pursuant to permits obtained by the Gas Company in 2009

For more information, go to:

From: <http://www.socalgas.com/sullivancanyon>

The BHHA Board of Directors has been following this construction and closure project carefully. The Board was instrumental in publicizing the initial work in the Canyon, assuring the protection of the ecology in our beautiful canyon, and working with elected officials and the Gas Company to establish a more effective public information process and to ensure compliance with the Gas Company's permit conditions.