
Mandeville Canyon Speed Tables

As you may have noticed if you travel Mandeville, in May two speed “tables” (bumps) were installed between Kimberley and Oakmont. Later this year, the City’s Department of Transportation will do a study to see if they have reduced speeds by the target 5 mph. If not, they might be removed; in which case, however, something uglier might take their place (like artificial stop signs, which have been proposed).

The fact that there are only two speed-tables, instead of five, represents a victory of sorts for the Upper Mandeville Canyon Association and BHHA.

At our June meeting, we heard from Wendy Rosen, who is coordinating the opposition to speed tables. You may have seen the article last month in the Times about the controversy, honking and (yes) violence that initially occurred. That seems to have subsided now.

Although we share the concerns about speeding, our bigger concern is the effect speed-bumps will have on the ability of fire-trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles to reach Brentwood Hills in the event of a crisis. In June the Board voted unanimously to oppose speed-bumps and speed-tables in the Canyon. We feel there are better solutions to speeding. For now, we are gratified it was limited to two instead of five, and hope to contain it at that. We will keep you informed of further developments as they unfold.

Board of Directors Elections

The nominating committee for the upcoming election of directors for the board of BHHA advises that there are five seats up for election, and if you would like to nominate someone (including yourself) the requirements are that you be a fiscally current resident. The deadline for nominations is August 10th, so if you would like to participate, please make sure that your membership is paid up to date. Please contact secretary John Given (at 310-471-8485) by August 10th to make a nomination, to check your membership status, or if you have any other questions.

Save the Date

Our annual meeting will be held this year on Sunday, September 16 from 3:30 to 5 pm. The location will once again be at the Pesquera Drive cul-de-sac. Although the agenda for the meeting is not yet set, guest speakers at past annual meetings have included representatives of the Los Angeles City Police and Fire Departments, Edison Security, Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, neighboring homeowners associations, and our City Council Member Cindy Miscikowski. We will also announce the results of our upcoming Board of Directors elections. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Boeckmann Property Update

Things are moving ahead with the design and planning of a public trail-head at the end of Westridge, on what was previously known as the Boeckmann property. We are working with both the City and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy regarding this. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this goal a reality. Look for more updates in future newsletters.

Fire Danger

Another hot summer means that fire risk remains high. Please clear brush on your property, and if you see anyone smoking in the hills ask them to put it out. Contact us if you would like more information on fire safety or brush clearance.

Now that the Boeckmann property belongs to the City and to the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, it is the City's responsibility to clear the brush. If you are adjacent to this new parkland and the brush needs to be cleared, please contact John Given at 310-471-8485.

brentwood-hills.org update

BHHA's website (which is located at www.brentwood-hills.org) recently celebrated its first anniversary! Kudos to webmaster (and BHHA secretary) John Given for his hard work. We have added quite a few items since the last newsletter, so please come have a look, say hello, and offer any suggestions or criticisms that you think would make the site more useful.

Hazardous Waste Roundup

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The countywide "Hazmobile" is coming to the Westside August 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This special City/County vehicle lets residents dispose of household wastes that can't go in the trash. Paints, solvents, motor oils, antifreeze, aerosol cans, house and garden chemicals, pesticides, pool cleaners and car batteries can be disposed of, free of charge, at the site, UCLA Parking Lot #31, on Wayburn Place off Veteran Avenue. Not accepted are wastes from businesses, radioactive materials, biological wastes, tires and ammunition. A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle will be accepted. For information, call 800-988-6942.

Thank You, Don and Karen

We would like to express our gratitude and best wishes to former directors Don Bullock and Karen Colbert for their dedicated service to our organization and community. Karen and her husband moved back to be closer to her family in Pennsylvania, while Don is ready for a break after six years of service.

Thanks to both of you!

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