

Brentwood Hills Gazette

Special Edition

It's Board Election Time!

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Yes, it's that time again—the annual election of the Board of Directors of BHHHA.

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 and there are no other residents who are interested in serving as Board members. However, this year, several residents have expressed an interest in serving as Board members, so there will be an election.

Only members who have paid their dues for this fiscal year are eligible to vote, so if you haven't renewed your membership for 2006 and want to cast your ballot, be sure to send in your dues!

Incumbent Directors who are up for re-election this year are: Loretta Ditlow, Judy Handler, George Maranon, Randy Sherman and Bill Sullivan. In addition, another resident of our community, Anne Youngblood, is also interested in serving as a new Board member. Some of these candidates have submitted short statements to introduce themselves, which we are distributing with this newsletter.

Please vote for only 5 Directors. Our Board members serve as at-large Directors, so only the top 5 vote-getters will serve on next year's Board.

Please fill out your Official Ballot, which is included with this newsletter, and send it in ASAP to one of the return addresses listed on the ballot. Thank you for your participation!

Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on September 17.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
W. LA Police Info	310-444-0700
West LA Detective	310-444-1850
Sr. Lead Officer	310-444-0735
West LA Traffic	310-473-0222
Parking Violations	213-485-4184

**SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Meeting
and Party!**

BRENTWOOD HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

to our

ANNUAL MEETING

On

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

At the home of

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Program begins at 4:45 PM
with guest speakers including:

CITY COUNCILMAN BILL ROSENDAHL

and

Representatives from the LAPD and Fire Department

Please join us to meet your neighbors and learn about what BHHA has been doing for our community, while you partake of the music, free food & drink — also, face painting and balloon art for the kids!

Members and Non-members are welcome

Canyonback and Mt. Saint Mary's Trails Protected in Landmark Settlement!

As part of BHHA's ongoing effort to protect and preserve the open space that surrounds our community and ensure public access to the extensive trail system through the Santa Monica Mountains, BHHA supported the successful efforts of the Canyon Back Alliance to prevent the closure of the Mt. Saint Mary's and Canyonback Trails and to minimize the impacts of a proposed Castle & Cooke development in the Mountain-gate area on Kenter Ridge.

- **In the landmark settlement reached just this month through the coordinated efforts of the Canyon Back Alliance, Save Our Mountains, Inc., BHHA, Upper Mandeville Canyon Property Owners Association, and many others, two new trail segments that will forever protect these critical trails will be constructed on dedicated public trail easements.**
- In addition, large areas of open space will be protected with open space conservation easements, funding will be granted for the construction and maintenance of these trails, and BHHA will obtain reimbursement for a large portion of the funds we donated to this effort from our endowment and war chest.
- Thanks to all who helped in this effort, especially to Tom Freeman and the Bird Marella law firm, who were counsel of record in the litigation that led to this settlement, and to our own Eric Edmunds, an attorney and Board member who donated much of his time to the effort.
- This settlement is very important because it will avoid the increased pressure on our Westridge trailhead that would have resulted from cutting off other gateways into the mountains, it will sustain a precedent of sensible development, and it will preserve, protect and maintain an open trail system for the public to use.
- **For more details on the Canyonback litigation and this fabulous settlement, please go to www.canyonback.org.**

In order to continue our efforts, we need your support, physically, creatively, and financially. At a minimum, please be sure to join the Brentwood Homeowners Association and send in your annual dues of only \$40. With about 400 homes within our boundaries, this will enable us to keep serving as an effective voice for our community.

Please also consider a payment of \$100, which would include a \$60 contribution to our endowment and defense fund, so we can continue to donate to worthy community causes and fight the good fight when necessary.

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Want us to report something
specific?
Email us at:
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Update to the BHHA Bylaws

As part of our efforts to keep BHHA effective and up-to-date, the Board of Directors has determined that we need to make some housekeeping changes to our Bylaws, which have not been updated since 1993.

Accordingly, we have attached the proposed amended Bylaws to this newsletter. Fiscally current members of BHHA that attend the annual meeting on September 17 may vote on the motion to adopt the amended Bylaws.

If you have any questions regarding the nature or reasons for the amendments, please email Michael Leslie at: mleslie@brentwood-hills.org

STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Anne Cooley Youngblood

I am delighted to be a candidate for the Board of Directors of the BHHA. My husband, children and I have lived on Queensferry Road since 1999 and have a deep appreciation for our special location. I am interested in becoming more involved in the environmental concerns here in "our own backyard" and hope to assist with the ongoing protection of Sullivan Canyon. I have a professional background in transportation management and planning (specifically, the reduction of traffic congestion), strategic planning for non-profit organizations and to a lesser degree, environmental conservation. I hope to have the opportunity to serve our neighborhood and help protect the assets we all enjoy.

George Maranon

Having recently been appointed to the Board to complete the term of a resigning member, I have brought new energy to the Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association. My past positions, include president of both the UCLA Dental Alumni Association and the San Fernando Valley Dental Society and many other leadership positions of volunteer association boards. In those positions I have participated in and directed strategic planning, restructuring, budgeting and most importantly putting ideas into action. I would love to continue to draw from those experiences and continue to serve for the benefit of the homeowners.

Loretta Ditlow

I served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Chair of the successful "Stop the Mulholland Rustic Canyon Landfill" campaign. Currently I am your representative to the Brentwood Community Council. I am dedicated to the things I believe in and have the tenacity to see projects through to their completion.

Please don't forget to renew your annual dues if you haven't already done so, and then send in your ballot ASAP to elect your chosen candidates for the five open Director seats!

The ballot is attached at the end of this Newsletter, after the proposed amended Bylaws.