

BRENTWOOD HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Our yearly annual general membership meeting will be Sunday, September 16th from 3 to 6 pm at 2260 Westridge Road. This is the same place as last year. We will also have tasty snacks and beverages as well as music. Everyone is welcome and you may pay your \$40 yearly membership at the door.

This is the time for the treasurer to give the annual budget and we will have the results of elections for vacant director seats on the Board. Each year 5 directors will submit their requests to run again. This year 4 directors will run again. They include Eric Edmunds, Sue Keane, Stu Krieger, and Dominic LoBuglio. Judy Dunn said she will not run. That leaves one open spot

If you wish to run for the open seat, you should e-mail Mike Leslie at Leslie@caldwell-Leslie.com. You will also need to write a short paragraph about yourself to be printed in our next newsletter.. We will vote with the ballot printed in the newsletter. The election committee will count the ballots. Results are announced at the annual meeting. The term of office is 3 years and we meet about 9 times a year on the first Wednesday of the month at various Board members' homes.

Speakers at our General Assembly include Captain Rodriques of Fire Station 19, Phillip Enbody, the senior lead police officer, and Councilman Bill Rosendahl. George Maranon will speak briefly regarding how to protect yourself in case of fire or earthquake and be on hand to answer questions during the meeting.

Fire season is upon us!

The fire season has begun. All of us are affected. Please clear fire prone brush to at least 100 feet from any structure, and 30 feet from your home. The Fire Department has made clear that in the event of an emergency, they must practice "triage". They will save the most defensible home first. Please do your part and **clear your brush. And please make sure your workmen do not smoke on the job. It is against the law and you may lose your house.**

Are you prepared for an Emergency?

By George Maranon

The American Red Cross points out that most of us are ill prepared for major disasters. Wild fires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, natural or man-made disasters can cause major disruptions to our daily life. Disaster can strike at any time with little or no warning. Our expectations of help arriving may not be realistic. It can force you to evacuate from your neighborhood, workplace or school or could confine you to your home. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.

One of the best ways to make you and your family safer is to be prepared before disaster strikes. Being prepared for emergencies is crucial at home, at school, at work and in your community. It may be hours or even days before rescuers reach you or your family. Are you prepared for the first 72 hours after an emergency or disaster? Remember in an emergency you are the first responder. Planning for emergency situations with your neighbors, co-workers and school officials is important before they occur. If you evacuate or are isolated, you may not have an opportunity to shop or search for the supplies you and your family will need. There are emergency kits commercially available, but these may not satisfy individual household needs. What follows is a suggested Emergency Preparedness Kit. It is also not meant to be comprehensive, but to be used as a guide. You should individualize it for the needs of your family.

It is suggested by most emergency organizations that your kit should provide for your family needs for a minimum of three days. You should determine what type of container you will use to store your supplies. This will depend on how many people you are providing for. The container should be something that can be picked up or wheeled away in case of evacuation. Some examples include a large covered trash container or other plastic storage container, or even in backpacks or suitcases. Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. You might also consider keeping a smaller version of your kit in your car or workplace. Remember to allow for storage of medications, special foods or supplies that require refrigeration.

A basic kit should have water, non-perishable food, and a first aid kit. You should allow for a "minimum" of 2 quarts of drinking water per person per day for three days. Hot days and intense physical activity can double that requirement. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more. Therefore, consider storing 1 gallon of water per person per day (2 quarts for drinking, 2 quarts for food preparation/sanitation). Avoid storing water in containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. If you have questions about the quality of the water, do not use it until you are told it is safe to do so by local official or emergency agencies. There are techniques to purify water. You can heat water to a rolling boil for 5-10 minutes or use commercial purification tablets (Halazone or Globaline) to purify the water. You can also use pure unscented household liquid chlorine bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite). After adding bleach, shake or stir the water container and let it stand 30 minutes before drinking. To purify water, use the table below as a guide:

Ratios for Purifying Clear Water with Bleach

Water	Bleach
1 Quart	4 Drops
1 Gallon	16 Drops
5 Gallons	1 Teaspoon

Select food items that are compact and lightweight, pre-cooked and/or requiring minimum heat or water. Include: ready-to-eat canned meats or fish, fruits and vegetables, canned juices, high-energy foods, vitamins. Plan on 800 calories per person per day for a total of 2400 calories. For example, an 18-ounce plastic jar of peanut butter has 2850 calories; a six-pack of one and a half ounce boxes of raisins has 780 calories; a box of cereal bars can have over 1100 calories. All are lightweight and long lasting. Consider the needs of infants and pets and any other special needs. Don't forget a non-electric can opener if you have canned food. You will be under stress and might consider having comfort foods like cookies, candy, coffee and tea.

The American Red Cross (www.redcross.org/services/prepare), the Department of Homeland Security (www.ready.gov), FEMA (www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtml), the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov), The State of California (www.oes.ca.gov), the Los Angeles Fire Department www.cert-la.com, The County of Los Angeles (www.labt.org) and the City of Los Angeles www.lacity.org/epd/ offer additional resources for preparing for emergencies.

In future additions of newsletter, there will be articles on fire safety and wild fires, earthquake awareness, evacuation and evacuation in place, family emergency plans and terrorism. If you have questions concerning emergency preparedness or wish to be involved in this neighborhoods emergency response team, please contact me, George Maranon at 310 476-7128 or via email at gamooffice@aol.com, or one of your Board members.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT SUGGESTIONS

Food*: Include a selection of the following foods in your disaster supply kit:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water) * <input type="checkbox"/> High-energy foods*: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, raisins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foods for infants, elderly persons, or persons on special diets* <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar, salt, pepper <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort/stress foods: cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, instant coffee, tea bags |
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Kitchen Items

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manual can opener* <input type="checkbox"/> Pots or cookware <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kits or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils* <input type="checkbox"/> All-purpose knife* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Household liquid bleach to treat drinking water <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum foil, re-sealing plastic bags and plastic wrap <input type="checkbox"/> If food must be cooked, small cooking stove and a can of cooking fuel or propane* |
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First Aid Kit*: A first aid kit should include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First aid manual <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes <input type="checkbox"/> 2-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6) <input type="checkbox"/> 4-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6) <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic adhesive tape <input type="checkbox"/> Triangular bandages (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Needle <input type="checkbox"/> Moistened towelettes <input type="checkbox"/> Antibacterial ointment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer <input type="checkbox"/> Tongue blades (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted sizes of safety pins <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning agent/soap <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves (2 pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum jelly <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton balls <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> 2-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls) <input type="checkbox"/> 3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls) <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers <input type="checkbox"/> Dust masks |
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Nonprescription Drugs

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin or nonaspirin pain reliever* <input type="checkbox"/> Antidiarrhea medication <input type="checkbox"/> Antacid (for stomach upset) <input type="checkbox"/> Syrup of Ipecac (used to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Laxative <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins <input type="checkbox"/> Activated charcoal (used if advised by the Poison Control Center) |
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Tools and Supplies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils* <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness manual <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-operated or hand crank radio and extra batteries* <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and extra batteries* <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher: small canister, ABC type <input type="checkbox"/> Tube tent* <input type="checkbox"/> Pliers and wrenches* <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape and plastic sheeting <input type="checkbox"/> Compass* <input type="checkbox"/> Matches in a waterproof container* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Candles or lanterns <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum foil <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic storage containers <input type="checkbox"/> Signal flare(s) * <input type="checkbox"/> Paper, pencil* <input type="checkbox"/> Needles, thread <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves* <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine dropper* <input type="checkbox"/> Shutoff wrench, to turn off household gas and water <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle* |
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Sanitation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper, towelettes* <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, liquid detergent* <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine supplies* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene items* <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses) * | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bucket with tight lid <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant <input type="checkbox"/> Household chlorine bleach |
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Clothing and Bedding: Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or work boots* <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets or sleeping bags* <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hat and gloves* <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal underwear* |
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Household Documents and Contact Numbers

- Personal identification, cash (including change) or traveler's checks, and a credit card, Copies of important documents: birth certificates, marriage certificate, driver's license, social security cards, passports, wills, deeds, contracts, inventory of valuable household goods, insurance papers, immunizations records, bank and credit card account numbers, stocks and bonds. Be sure to store these in a watertight portable container.
- Emergency contact list and phone numbers and Map of the area and phone numbers of places you could go
- An extra set of car keys and house keys

Special Items: Family members with special needs, such as infants and elderly or disabled persons.

For Baby*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bottles <input type="checkbox"/> Powdered milk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Medications |
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For Adults*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Medications: Heart and high blood pressure, Insulin other <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Denture needs <input type="checkbox"/> Contact lenses and supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eye glasses |
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Entertainment: Games and books

*Items marked with an asterisk should be considered for expiration



Eric

NEW TRAIL CO-SPONSORED BY BRENTWOOD HILLS DEDICATED

On April 19, 2007, the "Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail" was dedicated in neighboring Bundy Canyon. Not yet fully complete, the trail runs from the Mount St. Mary's Fire Road above the girl's college down into Bundy Canyon. When finished, it will continue through a beautiful riparian forest hugging Bundy Creek, and climb up the western side of the canyon to connect with the Kenter-Mountaingate Fire Road.

The trail is named for former mayor Dick Riordan and his wife Nancy, a children's activist who is very ill. This trail is the direct result of Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association's activism in opposing developer Castle & Cooke's 29-mansion expansion of the Mountaingate subdivision to our east. It would have cut off and graded over two dirt roads and trails used for generations.

Resolving a pitched legal battle between BHHA and Upper Mandeville Canyon Association on one side, and the developer, the City and some in the Mountaingate community on the other, last year at City Hall we forged a compromise preserving these trails. Ultimately, we got the developer to pay the Conservancy to build this trail, and reimburse BHHA for legal fees we incurred. The result is a beautiful new trail into Bundy Canyon which will be enjoyed by our grandchildren for years to come.

The new trail is owned, and will be maintained, by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Present at the dedication ceremony, besides Brentwood Hills activists, were the Riordans; Councilmen Bill Rosendahl and Eric Garcetti; Conservancy officials; and representatives of Save Our Mountains Inc. (SOMI), the Canyonback Alliance, and Upper Mandeville Canyon Association (see picture below). Afterwards, rangers led a hike on the new trail.

If you're a hiker, this trail would make a lovely weekend outing. Bring water and good boots. It can be reached by parking in the top-most parking lot of Mount Saint Mary's College (take Bundy north to Norman Place, turn left on Chalon, and then enter the college campus). Tell the guard you're there to hike, and follow the trail uphill about a mile to the junction and trailhead of the new trail.

Our community occupies a special and privileged place in the Santa Monica Mountains, and its network of trails and dirt roads leading into the 18,000 acre "Big Wild." For decades, your homeowners' association has been in the vanguard to protect this open space, and will continue to be vigilant toward new development proposals that could endanger or degrade the wilderness that surrounds us.

MANDEVILLE CANYON - BRENTWOOD HILLS PROPERTY ALERT: PROTECT OUR CANYON!

A massive "single family home" is being proposed for a prominent hilltop at 1862 Mango Way, a small cul-de-sac off Westridge Road above the bridge. The absentee "spec" developer requests a *12 bedroom, 19 bath* "Mediterranean home" of *15,000 square feet* "with a separate West Wing that may be used as a Guest House"; 7 enclosed parking spaces, plus room for 6 more.

Plans call for grading of a mammoth *4,000 cubic yards* of earth from the project site, which shall be "exported" elsewhere. This hotel-like mansion will tower over lower Mandeville Canyon above Boca de Canon; and for Brentwood Hills residents, will mar everyone's viewshed of the ocean and city. The plot on which this development is to be located is small, steeply pitched, covered with old rusting steel I-beams and other construction debris from an earlier project (the neighboring mirrored-glass modern house at the top of Mango), and unstable. In the past, mud and landslides have come down into the backyards of residents of Mandeville Canyon Road. For other MCR neighbors looking up, this castle will loom over your viewshed of the hills.

A hearing to obtain the grading permit was set for May 1, 2007 in Downtown Los Angeles, but has been temporarily postponed so further geological studies can be completed. Officially, the only topic of discussion at this hearing is the question of grading operations, not the proposed structure itself. In short, this is yet another "stealth" development, which we learned of only recently. One neighbor is hiring a geologist to analyze and object to the project.

This development will have a significant impact on our lives. It flies in the face of recent public-policy determinations to stop "mansionization," as well as the Hillside Ordinance several years ago to control and limit development in the hills. More worrisome, a massive castle like this sets a precedent for further mansionization and cut-and-fill grading of our beautiful canyon.

If you care about this as we do, comments and objections must be addressed *as soon as possible* to the **Board of Building and Safety Commissioners, Room 1050, 201 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**. The City's Staff Engineer is Eric Cabrera, at (213) 482-0466. In addition, please make your voice heard to our **Councilman Bill Rosendahl**, (310) 575-8461, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025 or bill.rosendahl@lacity.org. Encourage him to show leadership in opposition to ill-advised projects like this in our Canyon.

For your opinion to be considered, *it must be in writing*; telephone calls will not suffice. If at all possible, attend the hearing as soon as it is scheduled; tell your neighbors, and if enough people care, we will arrange car-pools. For more information, contact MCA President Kathleen Durbin (kathleen.durbin@mandevillecanyonassociation.com) or BHHA Vice President Eric Edmunds (vicepresident@brentwood-hills.org).