



BRENTWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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KNOW YOUR DIRECTORS

(This will be the first in a series of articles, on the officers and directors of Brentwood Homeowners' Association)

Mario Piatelli has been president of Brentwood Homeowners' Association for two years. Prior to that, he was a director. Mario and his wife Virginia have lived in the same residence in Brentwood for the past twenty-five years. Prior to living in Brentwood, Mario lived in Honolulu, Alaska, Seattle, Singapore and New York City where he was born.

Mario is president of The Piatelli Company, a 25 year, Beverly Hills based national firm of real estate auctioneers that specialize in selling real estate at auction for the federal bankruptcy courts, lenders and lawyers. He is past president and a current trustee of the Southern California Auctioneers Association in Los Angeles.

Mr. Piatelli says that of all the places he has lived, Brentwood has provided the most rewarding way of life, and it seems only fair that he devote some of his time to community affairs.

NEW TRASH PICK-UP TAX

As of July 18, 1983, there is a new trash pick-up tax. The purpose of this tax is for the city to purchase 93 new one man sanitation trucks. The tax will be \$1.50 per household, per month, and it will be added onto your bill from the Department of Water and Power. Since this bill comes every other month, the charge will appear as \$3.00. This is not a permanent charge. After a specified period, the council will decide when and if the charge will be continued or stopped.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

It is time for block meetings of every block participating in our Neighborhood Watch. According to the "averages", there isn't a block that hasn't had at least one house sold and a new neighbor move in during the year. Therefore, telephone trees need updating and the new neighbors should have a chance to get to know the people on the block so you can all be aware of who belongs in your neighborhood.

According to Frances Reid, Chairperson of Neighborhood Watch, an early evening get-together (coffee and cookies if you feel up to it) and a discussion of what has happened on your block since the last meeting is what is recommended. You can check up on the condition of your Neighborhood Watch signs. If they need to be replaced, it is as good an investment as you can make. Meet your new neighbors and update your telephone trees. If you need help, call BHA and we will do all we can for you.

Our Neighborhood Watch program has been a spectacular success, according to the police. They tell us we have dramatically reduced home burglaries in the area. So let's keep it active and assure ourselves of safe homes.

Block captains, please call your meetings as soon as possible.

NOTES ON THE OLYMPICS

Olympics To Be Aided By Brentwood's Veterans Administration

Federal agencies have contacted the Director of the West Los Angeles V.A. Medical Center to utilize V.A. property to house several hundred government personnel and to park government vehicles involved in providing security for the Olympic games.

So far all such requests have been disapproved, but if and when a proposal is made that is compatible with V.A. capabilities, the Director of the Medical Center for W.L.A. will hold a conference with a representative from your Association to insure that the impact of such planning on Brentwood will be minimal.

Housing For The Olympics

Your Association has been asked about renting a room or a guest house in Brentwood for use during the Olympics. The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety states that such use of a room or guest house is a violation of zoning and could result in a citation being issued. Such use might well have a bearing on homeowners' insurance.

OFFICERS: President Mario Piatelli; 1st Vice President: Michael Harris; 2nd Vice President: Janet Barnett; Treasurer: Albert B. Seed; Secretary: Ray Montgomery

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Bette N. Heaume

MEMORIAL WEEKEND PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Brentwood Homeowners' Association and the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce once again co-sponsored the exciting and fun memorial weekend parade. In case you were wondering who was involved, here is a partial listing of some of the people who helped make the parade so successful.

Ray Montgomery was the parade director.

Mike Harris was a parade starter.

Barbara Harris rode the elephant that was sponsored by the parade committee for the kids of Brentwood.

Hugh Snow was the motorcade starter at Barrington and Sunset.

Mel Kolliner rode as a V.I.P.

Captain Van Hubbard was in command of the V.I.P. center. He then rode in the parade as CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

Robert Snader rode in the parade as a V.I.P.

Dub Harris was the parade decorator and presented junior boxing in the shade of the coral trees.

Colonel Charles Beck led the fly-over by the Condor Squadron.

Pat Beck did all of the burma shave type signs along the green.

UCLA sold soft drinks and hot dogs.

The service clubs sold a lot of beer, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Scouts from Troop 26 sold cakes.

Al and Lois Seed guarded the parking lots in the early morning hours.

The weather was close to perfect for all the events... foggy for the 10 K run... then hot for the picnic and the beauty contest. The cool morning was also good for the nice turnout of antique and classic cars. Brentwood kids rode the elephant for free, and everyone enjoyed picnicing under the beautiful coral trees. Parades never move along as fast as we'd like, but all in all it was a fine day in honor of those who have served their country. There are so many people who helped, we were not able to list them all. Thank you to everyone, it was a wonderful day.

CAR SAFETY SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR MOTORISTS

Thanks to Travis Miljan and the Brentwood Hills Newsletter we heard about an inexpensive reflective banner that asks passing drivers to "Please Call Police" and help the stranded motorist. This banner is available from the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (LACAAW). The reusable plastic banner is recommended as an important part of every car's safety equipment by law enforcement agencies throughout Los Angeles County. The banner folds down to fit inside a car's glove compartment. When a motorist has car trouble, all he or she needs to do is lock the car doors, get the banner out of the glove compartment and place it in the rear window (stickers are provided) and wait for the police to arrive.

The signs can be ordered by sending a \$4.00 donation per sign and 50 cents for postage and handling per sign to LACAAW, P.O. Box 48903, Los Angeles, California 90048. Proceeds go to the Commission's 24-hour rape and battering hotline and prevention programs. Please remember to include a self-addressed envelope. If you need further information you can call LACAAW at 396-0549.

GARBAGE DUMP BACK IN MISSION CANYON

Assembly Bill 1388 California State Legislature

Your Association, together with the residents in the Santa Monica Mountains, have been engaged in a continuous conflict with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Department in its attempt to use Mission Canyon west of the San Diego freeway and south of Mulholland Drive as a site for garbage disposal.

We have won many battles in the past with the help of our councilman, the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Tom Bradley, whose authorization the county needs to use the site as a garbage dump. The site is located in the City of Los Angeles and the City's permission is required for such use.

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Department is now attempting to get around the obstacle which the City represents. Therefore, we find AB 1388 introduced in the Legislature of the State of California to preempt local jurisdiction, meaning getting around the City of Los Angeles. Your Association believes that the siting of a garbage dump is a local matter which should be determined by the local government body. "This bill would repeal the provisions requiring a finding of consistency of a county solid waste management plan with the applicable city or county general plan before the board can approve the solid waste management plan." Quote from Legislative Council's Digest.

Your Association will monitor the legislation and has been in contact with our Assemblyman, Gray Davis.

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VOLUNTEER RECYCLING PROGRAM

In the next few months there is going to be a curbside rubbish program that is going to be helpful in the recycling of glass and aluminum. This is not mandatory - it is completely voluntary! Marvin Braude volunteered a portion of his district for those families who wish to take part in this program. It will include the area from Mulholland on the north to the San Diego Freeway on the east to National Boulevard on the south (up to Santa Monica) to the Pacific Coast on the west up to Temescal Canyon and the Temescal Canyon alignment up to Mulholland. It will include only single family homes and no multiples or commercials.

Those families wishing to take part in this program will be provided with two plastic 10 gallon containers to collect glass in one and aluminum in the other. These will be collected one day every other week at curbside, and this collection may be the same or a different day from your regular trash pickup. Newspapers will be put out separately.

The money for this program will come mostly from a grant and partly from the environmental trust fund. The city is about to execute a contract, and as soon as this is done there will be a public information program providing everyone in the area with more details. Watch the newsletter for more information on this volunteer program.

AMENDED SCENIC CORRIDOR PLAN

On May 5, 1983, Mayor Tom Bradley officially signed the ordinance reducing the height limit on San Vicente Boulevard to three stories. This was a very gratifying result of more than ten years of extensive efforts by the directors of BHA and the other associations in the Brentwood community. The new ordinance will prevent the issuance of any additional building permits for buildings over three stories, but it cannot stop the completion of any buildings where permits were issued before the new ordinance.

BHA owes a special thanks to Ray Montgomery, Hugh J. Snow, Dick Thompson and other members of the San Vicente Business Mens Association who have worked so hard to preserve our remaining shops from obliteration.

Now the battle to save San Vicente is being waged on a different front. San Vicente, with its coral trees, has been established as a scenic corridor with a special scenic corridor plan. The City Planning Department is now proposing a modification of the corridor plan to permit buildings over three stories if the city feels that the architecture is better than average. To BHA this seems like the door we just bolted is being reopened. BHA opposed the proposal before the hearing examiner, and the next step will be the City Planning Commission. Regardless of the number of battles we win, the war is never over.

On July 21 and 22, 1983, KNXT broadcast an editorial on the subject of San Vicente in Brentwood. Here are excerpts from the editorial:

—some residents of Brentwood want to encourage more foot traffic in their community. To do this, they've proposed to limit the size of new buildings— the suggested new limits are strict. Nothing over three stories could be built in the future, unless the project is designed for people to enjoy it. If sidewalk cafes, attractive retail displays and landscaping are proposed, builders might be able to add a fourth story to their projects— Critics of this plan say its height limits are too liberal. But we think a flexible three story approach is just right. It can get quality construction and turn a profit for the developer— Right now the finishing touches are being put on the Brentwood Area Plan. (editor's note: The Amended Scenic Corridor Plan, that is).

In answer to this editorial, developers should build more service type shops in their new developments. The Amended Scenic Corridor Plan is a give away — a fourth story to the developer. The three story limit which we fought for ten years to get is a compromise. Even three stories is too high. The higher the building, the higher the rent, and high rents drive away all the service shops. The plan is really just a big developer loophole.

We already have some very successful two story shopping areas with plenty of foot traffic. We resent persons attempting to change our life style and diminish our small service shops. Every time a community gets a high rise building it loses shoe repairs, markets, notions, bakeries, gas stations, garages and many other shops because of the higher rents. Instead, the higher buildings bring us pollution, parking problems, traffic and noise. For a residential community, height is blight. Let's keep our three story limit.

NEW BUILDING FOR BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

Many people have asked us about the huge new building under construction just off of Sunset Boulevard between the San Diego Freeway and Barrington Avenue. This is Brentwood School's new multipurpose building which will house the junior high school classrooms (grades 7, 8 and 9) and will replace the twelve temporary house trailers presently on Veterans Administration property. In addition, the building will have full size basketball/volleyball courts and all athletic facilities for both boys and girls grades 7 through 12. Completion is expected by December 1, 1983. Immediately following completion of the building there will be re-sodding of the football field and landscaping of the hillsides surrounding the football field.

A SERVICE AVAILABLE TO CITY RESIDENTS

As part of the city's continuing efforts to keep Mulholland Drive and the surrounding area clean and beautiful, there is a city service which you may not know about.

The city provides free pickup of large bulky items. Anyone who wishes to dispose of a sofa, hot water heater, stove, refrigerator or other bulky items may call the nearest city refuse collection office and request service. Here is a list of the correct telephone numbers:

West Side 478-0731, ext. 392

West Valley 989-8627

East Valley 989-8521

Then all the caller has to do is take the item to the curb where rubbish is normally picked up and it will be removed on the pre-arranged day.

This service is available to any city resident, including residents of apartments, condominiums and single-family homes. The service also includes dead animals, although problems with injured animals should be called to the attention of the Department of Animal Regulation.

L.A.P.D./ TRAFFIC REPORT

Brentwood has lost a good friend with the retirement of Captain Robert Jones of the West Los Angeles Police Department. Captain Jones was the Commander of the West L.A. division of the L.A.P.D. and a veteran of twenty-seven years with the police force. Jones was active in Brentwood community affairs attending Chamber of Commerce functions and cooperating to the fullest extent possible with the homeowners on every occasion. Captain Jones has been succeeded on a permanent basis by Captain John Wilbanks. Captain Wilbanks was formerly Patrol Captain in West Los Angeles and is very Brentwood-oriented and close to the community.

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In answer to many requests from Brentwood Homeowners' Association for some form of action to be taken concerning the noise and illegal parking around MOMS SALOON, we have asked the police authorities to visit the establishment to determine if any violations (such as serving minors) were occurring. We have also had the traffic division on the alert for parking violations.

We will continue our surveillance.

BRENTWOOD BEAUTIFUL

This committee of the Association is set up to improve the aesthetics of our community. One of our past projects was an effort to clean up the open ditch along Kenter Canyon which has since been landscaped.

At present, we are in very preliminary correspondence with the Department of Water and Power, General Telephone and Councilman Braude's office to see if it will be possible to underground the powerlines which cross San Vicente Boulevard. So far, the economics and practicalities of getting this done appear to be extremely difficult, but we will continue to give it our efforts.

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If you've driven past Vicente Foods lately, you've undoubtedly noticed a nice addition to their parking lot. Several ficus trees have been planted in their newly paved concrete lot, and some purple verbena will eventually be planted as a ground cover on the strip between the cars. Eventually, the ficus trees will grow together to form a twenty to twenty-five foot shaded canopy.

After the heavy rains this winter, the market had trouble with the parking lot asphalt. According to Carl Lundgren, the assistant manager, since the parking lot was torn up and in need of repair, the market decided to use concrete and make the outside as attractive as the inside. Later on this year, or early next year, the concrete work will be extended to the front of the market.

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UPDATE ON ADDRESSES

Brentwood Homeowners' Association would like to update the addresses of the homeowners in our area. Since people move in and out of Brentwood all the time, the names and addresses change often. If this newsletter is addressed to you as Brentwood Homeowner, please let us know your name and address so hereafter we can address yours to you personally. Thank you for your help in updating our lists.

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*HERE IS MY CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS FOR
THE BRENTWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER:*

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TRAFFIC REPORT

Traffic lines and reflective lights are scheduled for many of the hillside streets such as Homewood, North Kenter and others. Also scheduled is a widening of Sunset Boulevard in the Saltair/Bundy/Kenter vicinity. For those of you who have inquired about conditions in these areas, please be patient. "The mills of the Gods grind slowly, but exceedingly small".

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"BIKE" FREEWAY

A plan for an elevated bikeway (Veloway) in Westwood is now under study. The project could connect with a network of ground-level bike paths and might route bicycles on San Vicente Boulevard through the Brentwood business area. If the Veloway is built, it is possible that our commercial area will greatly be affected.

This Association has not yet taken a position in regard to this project, but since it could cause a substantial impact, we intend to watch the proceedings carefully to voice our concerns at the various hearings as they develop.

If you are interested in hearing about the Veloway at our September 20th meeting (or in the future), please return the tear-off and we will get the proper information to you.

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*I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER
20TH HEARING ON THE VELOWAY PROJEC*

*I WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF THE
PROCEEDINGS ON THE VELOWAY PROJECT IN THE
FUTURE*

COMMENTS _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____