



THE PASSWORD (July 1997 -Published periodically for the
Property Owners of the Cahuenga Pass)

President's Message:

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS"

Dear Neighbor,

There is a lot of good news this year:

Your association has been successful in gaining the support of our City Council Representative John Ferraro and our County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky in halting the expansion of Universal Studios' community-abhorred amusement park while actively encouraging the film industry/studio expansion that we all desire! We thank you for your hearty support in turning out in enormous numbers to the public hearings. Our City and County officials have heard what you want: an end to noise, a solution to our traffic nightmares a stop to the amusement/theme park, and encouragement of healthy economic growth along with appropriate traffic and noise mitigations. At last they have heard our cries for help!!!

The bad news is this: Universal has refused to read Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's lips when he said "No new theme park" and they are still requesting almost 400,000 square feet in expanded amusement park operations. We say *NO!!!* to any more noise and traffic generated by their attempts to build a Disneyland in the middle of a mountain!

So your annual dues are now more important than ever. All of our Board members volunteer their services, but all organizations require funds for office supplies, stamps, etc. **PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES NOW!** \$30.00 is a small amount to pay to fund our fight in your behalf. We understand that often work and family needs prevent your volunteering your time to help us fight. But your dues and generous donations can do the work for you. We welcome your participation at all times, but now is the moment when it is more important than ever before to BELONG TO YOUR ASSOCIATION and SEND IN YOUR DUES PAYMENT in the enclosed envelope.

Feel free to call me at any time. My phone number is 213-876-1316 and I work for you!

Your President,
Krista Michaels

For homeowners who live in the surrounding areas near Universal, the work is just beginning. The next meeting with the County Planning Department will be:

**DRAFT EIR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17, 1997 9:00 A.M., County Hall of Records Bldg,
320 W. Temple St, Los Angeles, California.**

Many thanks to CPPOA Board Member Dan Bernstein and his wife, Toby, who have donated a 486 computer to be used for a CPPOA membership database. We still need a monitor and printer for this computer. Does anyone have a monitor/and/or printer they wish to donate? If you do, please leave your message on the CPPOA phone at 213-960-7868. It will be greatly appreciated.

Neighbors at Work. Do you want to help keep our neighborhood clean? There is a group of Cahuenga Pass homeowners who meet once a month at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings to clean up the neighborhood, i.e., clean graffiti, pick up debris, clean streets, etc. Do you want to help them and get some exercise at the same time. If your answer is yes and you want to help, please call Judy Marlin at 213-851-7584 for further details.

By taking the time to read this newsletter you may consider yourself a concerned citizen. The Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Assoc. is a simple extension of that concern. Neighborhood Organizations like these speak for their communities on a number of issues, and we would like to ask you to participate by sharing your concerns.

Please take a moment to complete the questions below and mail or fax your response to us.

- (1) Do you have any concerns about the proposed 25 year Development Plan for Universal?
- (2) Do you feel that there is a need to provide regional traffic solutions for this area?
- (3) Have you given thought to neighborhood protection issues as they apply to your streets?
- (4) **Rate the infrastructures (roads, curbs, sewers, street lights) in your neighborhood?**
- (5) Have you experienced any parking problems within your neighborhood?
- (6) Do you favor restricted or permitted parking for your area?
- (7) How do you feel about the quality of the school system in this area?
- (8) Are you satisfied with the quality of the school system in this area?
- (9) Have you had any contact with your elected officials, and was it a good experience?
- (10) Do you notice aesthetic visual change for the better or worse in The Pass?
- (11) When completed, do you feel that the Metro Rail Station will be good for this area?
- (12) Overall, do you have an optimistic outlook for the future of the Cahuenga Pass?

Thank you for your comments. We hope to be able to provide you with a Neighborhood Association that will make you proud to be a member.
(Kevin Walters, CPPOA Bd Member)

TRIP ACTUATOR 7 SIGNAL PROPOSED FOR VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL STREET

A petition signed by 94 parents of students at Valley View Elementary School, as well as residents of Oakcrest Drive, together with the vigorous support of Councilman John Ferraro, urges the Department of Transportation to install an in-ground "signal actuator" on Oakcrest Drive at the intersection of Cahuenga Boulevard West, and to replace the signal on Cahuenga West and Oakcrest (which is activated solely by a push-button inside Fire Station 76) with a normal "cycling signal." The DOT is also asked to consider changes at the corner of Cahuenga West and Woodrow Wilson Drive.

Councilman Ferraro noted in his directive to the DOT that "Parents are extremely concerned about the safety of their children who attend the school," and Hana Barlow, the School's PTA Representative, wrote in her letter to the Councilman, that "due to the extreme of the street and hazards it may present ...the school staff, Oakcrest Drive residents and the Community are appealing to you to address serious problems that pose danger to so many day after day.

The Board of your CPPOA has endorsed the call for these traffic measures, and hopes that the study will result in swift action before a child, parent, teacher or resident is killed or seriously injured while playing "Oakcrest Roulette" trying to make a turn either way against speeding rush-hour traffic. Those who wish to voice their support may write or call Rafael Propena or Mario Enriquez of the DOT at (818) 756-8441 and Mary Presby, Councilman Ferraro's Field Deputy, at (818) 755-7630.

(Steven Goldfisher, Esq.)
CPPOA Board Member

Creeks and streams in our area have stopped flowing this year. This is the first time in my family’s almost 50 years of living in these mountains that this has happened to the creek in Nichols Canyon.

The cause? According to statements made by the Department of Water and Power, MTA has accepted the blame(due to its massive dewatering in order to tunnel through the mountains for the Metro Rail) and has therefore agreed to pay the DWP to release tap water to save the ecology in these creeks and streams. As of the middle of July, DWP has agreed to pump 8 gallons per minute into one stream and 12 gallons per minute into another, with a promise to increase that 12 to 33.

Is this wonderful? Does it make everything Okay? Let’s see. MTA pumps fresh water out of our mountains and dumps it into our sewer system and, ultimately, the Santa Monica Bay. To replace the water, DWP takes water from its sources, which include the Owens Valley and Mono Lake areas, and releases it to replace our dried up mountain streams, creeks and brooks. Meanwhile, the Owens Valley suffers severe pollution, because the DWP insists it has no water to spare for the area. Our sewers get excess fresh water, Mono Lake fights for every drop, Owens Valley remains dry, and we pay for the whole mess.

As one of those who warned about this possibility 2 years ago during the MTA meetings, I resent the attitude that this is acceptable. When will we stop allowing this agency to get away with the philosophy that any impact, small or large, is acceptable in order to build the Metro Rail? Can’t we hold the MTA accountable for blatant disregard of ecological and financial waste as well as acceptance of work reportedly less than exactly what the plans specified?!!!! If this continues, it is definitely possible we could end up with a tunnel that leaks and therefore requires constant dewatering.

If you have a stream that’s stopped flowing, or if you’re just appalled at what’s happening, contact Stephen Sawyer, Senior Public Relations Officer for the MTA. His phone number is (213) 922-2206 and his fax is (213) 922-2233. While we may have no recourse for this wasted water during the drilling, we can all insist that the tunnel be built so well waterproofed that this horribly wasteful and ecologically damaging policy can stop forever once the tunnel is completed. And we can make sure the people at the MTA are held accountable for future decisions and actions.

Misc. Information: Address for new North Hollywood Police Station is:
11640 Burbank Blvd -- 818-623-4016-- (Between Colfax and Lankershim Blvds._

El Nino -(Our weather reporting sources inform us that Southern California can expect severe storms this winter. Be sure to repair roofs, check gutters, etc. to avoid any flooding or leaking problems.

COYOTES!! COYOTES!! LOVE THEM FROM A DISTANCE - DO NOT FEED THEM!

All of us who live in hills may, from time to time, see coyotes in our yards and neighborhood. They may appear to be friendly and walk nonchalantly in our area. Beware --while they may look harmless and cute (like one of our domestic dogs) they are not. They are predators -- waiting for a chance to snatch your small dog and in some instances an infant or small child left unattended in your back or front yard. Please do not feed or befriend these animals --- you are only inviting visitors you really don’t want.

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT FORM

Enclosed is payment for my(our) 1997/1998 Dues for my (our) Property(ies) owned in the Cahuenga Pass area. I (we) understand the Cahuenga Pass Property owners Assoc. is a nonprofit California mutual Benefit Corporation incorporated only for the property owners in this area and payment is due by July 1st for the term of one year.

Property Address (if more than one please list separately)

Mailing Address (if different than property address) City, State and Postal Zip Code

Residence phone (indicate if unlisted with“U”) fax

Please check the committees you would be interested in assisting:

- Community Improvement/Maintenance & Security
- Membership/Newsletter and Outreach Liaison
- Special Events and Meetings
- Corporate Business/Elections and Nominations
- Planning/Traffic and Development

Calculation of Dues: \$30 annual dues required by all property owners for each CPPOA membership. Membership entitles you to one vote per household.

Check No. Total Dues Paid: Make all checks payable to CPPOA

MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO: Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association P.O. Box 8528, Universal City, Calif. 91618

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