

### The HHA and BCNA Promote Safety in Hollywoodland

For many years, the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association and the Hollywoodland Homeowner's Association have worked together on many mutual projects.

These two groups helped to prevent a cell tower from being built on private property in violation of the R-1 zoning code. They worked with Los Angeles City Council member Tom LaBonge and Recreation and Parks to have a trail built into Griffith Park from upper Beachwood Drive when a developer built a house on the trail's entrance. Their close communication with Building and Safety led to the shutting down of a house being used regularly for party rentals. They continue to work with the Fire Department on safety issues and the recently inaugurated Red Flag Alerts. Our two local resident groups now have another safety issue to work on: protecting pedestrians and autos from the dangerous drop-offs in Hollywoodland (where the ground falls away precipitously from the edge of the street).

In August 2006, a man fell over one of the steep drop-offs on Durand Drive and, tragically, was paralyzed. Another person fell late in 2006 from different drop-off and had serious injuries. Recently, several members of the HHA and other residents met with Councilman LaBonge to discuss what could be done to address safety concerns about these dangerous areas and, at the same time, provide solutions that are sensitive to the historic appearance of Hollywoodland and the provisions of the Specific Plan. LaBonge requested that the HHA provide him with the locations of the drop-offs. The survey of the numerous drop-offs of various heights was

completed and delivered to the Council office by the end of 2006. Again, the BCNA provided support and encouragement to the HHA's effort by passing a resolution that supported the HHA's efforts and to request that the Council office find remedies to prevent any more of these accidents from occurring.

In January, LaBonge took a tour of some of the steepest drop-offs, including the ones where people fell. Both Councilman LaBonge and his Hollywood Field Deputy, Doug Mensman, agreed that it would be important to work with the HHA to develop appropriate safety barriers, including the possibility of railings that would match those on the historic stairways. The next step is for the City Department of Engineering to do a similar tour and determine what types of barriers are necessary to keep drivers, passengers and pedestrians from going over the edge at these drop-offs.

It was noted at the meeting with LaBonge that whatever the City engineers develop would have to go through the Design Review Board. There is widespread concern about unsightly metal railings and efforts will be made to avoid their use for pedestrian safety. It is important to note that the building of fences or railings on historic walls would be a City responsibility since individual homeowners are prohibited by the Specific Plan from constructing such items. Our neighborhood now faces a challenge that can't be ignored: maintaining the scenic beauty, historic aspects, and views in Hollywoodland while at the same time providing safety to neighbors and visitors.

—Hollywoodland Resident

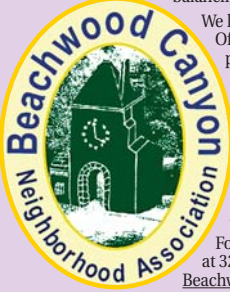
### Canyon Views Photo by Prudence Baird



### Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

Spring is in the air and your local neighborhood association is hard at work to improve the quality of life in our canyon. We can always use your help and welcome your participation—we make a great team! Why not volunteer to pass flyers around before our meetings? We have great attendance making for lively discussions—and yes, even fun!

Our next meetings are listed here. Meetings are always on a Thursday night. We start at 7:30 p.m. and our President, Larry Markes, makes sure that we start on time and finish an hour later—while allowing for people to give as much input as they like. Great balancing job, Larry. Well done!

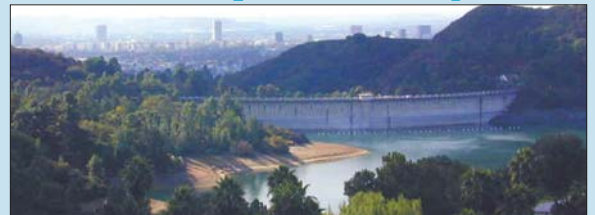


We learn so much in these meetings. Our Senior Lead Officer Mike Shea is usually there with one of his partners ready to share the most recent crime stats. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. In the meantime, if you have not yet joined or haven't renewed for 2007, please complete the form below and send it today.

- Spring meeting: April 19, 2007
Summer meeting: June 21, 2007
Fall meeting: September 20, 2007

For more information, contact President Larry Markes at 323-465-6519 or send e-mail to BeachwoodCanyon@sbcglobal.net.

### Lake Hollywood Update



About a month ago DWP crews put plastic on the landslides to minimize any further sliding in case we received heavy rain during the winter. DWP will begin remediation of the Hollywood Reservoir Landslides this spring. If all goes well, work should be completed by the end of the year. As slide areas are corrected we may be able to open up more of the perimeter roadway. The two main areas that are not yet open to the public are the south east side of the reservoir just adjacent to the east end of the Mulholland Dam, and the western side of the Hollywood Reservoir below the Lakeridge slide.

—Jim Yannotta

## THE BEACHWOOD CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Issues of interest to me are:

- Traffic, Historic Preservation, Franklin-Hollywood Hills Council, Beautification, Telephone Tree, Emergency Response, Neighborhood Watch, Membership

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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