



The Mount Washington Association

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Holiday Food Drive

Maria Gray

The Mount Washington Association is once again sponsoring our annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit the North East Mental Health Center and local families in need. We welcome donations of all kinds of nutritious, non-perishable food items such as rice, beans, pasta, canned vegetables, canned soups, etc. Canned tuna and chicken are great as they are high in protein, a much needed ingredient for a balanced diet. There are two opportunities for you to participate. You can bring your items to the upcoming General Membership meeting, or you can drop them off on Saturday, December 6th between the hours of 9 AM and 11 AM at the corner of Elyria and San Rafael. We hope you will embrace this opportunity to help others less fortunate and make this event as successful as in years past. For more information please call Maria Gray at (323) 225-4256.

General Membership Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2003, 7:30 PM
Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center
511 W. Avenue 46

Who Was Carlin G. Smith?

Details on page 3.

This year the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy purchased Heidelberg Canyon, and so we now have another park in Great Green Mount Washington! Our neighbors in Montecito Heights will also welcome the opening of the Audubon Center in Debs Park.

MWA made great strides this year working with activists from Cypress Park, Montecito Heights, Monterey Hills, Hermon, and Sycamore Terrace. The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) was certified and will soon be holding an election. Unfortunately, Cypress

Park was not certified as a part of ASNC. However, we made good friends, and we will continue to work with Cypress Park activists to improve our neighborhoods.

The MWA is one of the founding members of the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition. Our historic Southwest Museum and its

artifacts belong here in Mt. Washington! There is widespread community support for this position as the coalition has grown to include more than thirty organizations.

Your MWA Board of Directors and membership have been working on myriad projects that will help improve the quality of life for ourselves, our neighbors, and our children. Thanks to all of you who have given so generously of your time and energy. A special thanks to webmistress Donnette Thayer and newsletter editor Scott Burleigh who work quietly to inform everyone of MWA's achievements.

Margaret Mead said "Never doubt the power of a few dedicated individuals to change the world. It has always been so." Certainly MWA has made a difference.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season one and all!

ASNC Election

Pat Griffith

Several hundred ASNC ballots have been mailed out and are now being delivered to registered stakeholders in all five member communities. To be cast by mail, these ballots must be returned to the League of Women Voters by November 22; alternatively, they can be cast in person at Ramona Hall on November 24 from 3 PM to 9 PM. Mount Washington stakeholders get to select four from the six declared candidates (so far) for our regional representative seats, plus vote for one candidate for each of the seven At-Large seats representing community interests. ASNC will still be accepting Write-In Candidates through November 23; if you wish you were running, there is still time!

Candidates will be speaking and answering questions at the ASNC Candidate Forum at Ramona Hall, November



President's Message

Carol Jacques

The Mount Washington – Glassell Park Specific Plan Meeting held on September 29th was attended by over 150 people. We sponsored this meeting together with the Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) and the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council. The planning sessions were productive, expeditious, and fun. A synergy and camaraderie emerged that will continue through other Mount Washington and Glassell Park projects.

For example, Mount Washington Association members have joined GPIA in their opposition to building a McDonald's at the corner of Verdugo Road and Eagle Rock Boulevard (the Verdugo exit of the 2 freeway). Tom Topping of the *Boulevard Sentinel* wrote (Oct. 2003): "...McDonald's has practically no chance to prevail, however. The Glassell Park activists who are opposing them are now joined by the even stronger and more militant Mount Washington activists who are determined to protect their community from the evils of fast food. Together they can stop anything short of a cruise missile." We hope so, Tom. Actually our position is not anti-fast food, although that is a noble cause. Rather, our position is against the traffic congestion a fast food restaurant would inevitably cause at that corner.

The GPIA and MWA are also assisting the Anahuak Soccer League in bringing Nobel Peace Prize Winner Rigoberta Menchu to Eagle Rock High School to inspire our children in the importance of peace.

14 from 6:30 PM. Candidate statements are also posted on the ASNC website: www.asnc.us.

If you did not register already as an ASNC stakeholder, you may register at any time by completing and signing the Individual Registration form on the ASNC website and submitting that completed form, plus some proof of stakeholder status, to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). You can either fax your registration to (323) 224-2322 or else mail it or take it in person to:

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DONE

You can also register in person at Ramona Hall on the day of the election.

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Membership Report

Ed Raspa

As of October 24th we have 449 memberships (representing approximately 675 members); 367 of these memberships are paid for the year 2003. Seventy-seven of these paid memberships are at the supporting level and above; the Board offers special thanks for those members who have given extra

financial support to the Association. We have added forty-two new memberships (approximately 64 members) to the membership roll since November 2002.

Speaking of new members, the Board wishes to thank members Gilly Shaeffer and Pat Evertz for preparing and delivering welcome baskets to new residents for the last several years. Given that we have many new residents on the hill this year, this work has required an almost continuous effort on their part. Many thanks to Pat and Gilly for a job well done!

Prior to November 1998 the Board had always sent renewal notices to the membership in the January newsletter. Since then the Board has sent dues envelopes for the coming year in the November newsletter. The Board has decided to return to its previous practice and will include renewal notices in the January newsletter. If you would like to renew prior to January 2004, please contact me and I'll send you a dues envelope.

Public Safety

Cheri Uno

As I was hearing about the fires, I thought about what I would take if I had only a few minutes to get out. There was a time when I was more prepared, just after the last big Mount Washington fire in Elyria Canyon. Just after that fire I got things together, putting the insurance and other important papers in a safety deposit box, packing a backpack with emergency clothes and other necessary items. Since then, though, I have drifted away from those practices. Now, when we are not immediately threatened, is the time to take them up again.

There is no better time to get important papers stored safely, either in a safety deposit box or with friends or family who live out of the area. Make a list of items to take with you: medications, an overnight kit (have it ready in a bag or back pack), pet supplies and carriers (organize them in one location or bag). Back up important computer files to a zip, floppy or CD. Just in case the fire or other disaster hits when you can't get back, make sure a trusted neighbor has a key to your home and knows about your pet's situation and the locations of your papers and necessary items. Plan a meeting location outside of the area in the event that this happens, or arrange for an out-of-state contact person.

Because of the weather and brush conditions, the Mount Washington Area is in a **Red Flag Fire Alert**. This means there is a high danger that if a fire started in this area it could be catastrophic. Emergency and fire vehicles would need access to all areas immediately. What this means to you directly is that parking could be restricted on some of the streets in our area. Some of you may have already received warnings from the fire department or department of transportation. For a street that is 18 feet or less in width, there can be no street parking. If the street is between 18 and 25 feet wide, parking is allowed on one side only. You can be ticketed even if there is no signage restricting parking, which is why warnings have been being placed on parked cars.

Neighborhood Watch Programs are very effective against crime. If you are interested in a Neighborhood Watch meeting, please contact the Public Safety Chair at (323) 222-0410 or ctuno@pacbell.net.

On December 16, 2003, at 6 PM the LAPD will hold a **Basic Car Town Hall Meeting** at the Los Angeles Police Department Museum on York Blvd. Meet your Senior Lead Officers for the Mount Washington Area; see the museum, if you haven't already seen it. Contact Officer Rita Vallejo (213) 485-2548 for information.

November General Membership Meeting

Natalie Seaman

Who was Carlin G. Smith, the famous or infamous Mount Washington benefactor? Come to the MWA meeting this month to learn more about the life of the man who used his ex-wife's money to give our community a meeting place! We will have a special presentation by a relative of Carlin, Steve Balmer, who has documented the history of his family.

The holiday season is coming fast and we have much going on in our Northeast LA community in December. We will be providing information on the Highland Park Christmas Parade, the food drive, the toy drive, and the seasonal Adopt some Families project – come get involved! See you at Carlin G. Smith at 7:30 PM on November 17.

Draft Minutes of the September General Membership Meeting

David Brunk

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Jacques at 7:30 PM.

President Jacques proposed that Connie Rohman, Maria Gray, Anna Marinovich, Eliot Sekular, and Pat Griffith be named to the Nominating Committee. The proposal was approved unanimously. She also discussed our support for the Southwest Museum and our joint meeting with the Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) and the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council (GPNC) on the Mount Washington – Glassell Park Specific Plan. She closed with a description of our holiday programs: the Toy drive, the Food drive, and the Adopt a Family program instituted last year.

Invited speaker Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg noted that the State has a budget deficit of \$37 billion, warned of impending cuts in services such as schools and health care, and spoke against the recall election.

Invited speaker Monica Garcia, Field Deputy for Antonio Villaraigosa, distributed maps showing the new boundaries of City Council Districts 1 and 14.

Paul Ahrens, Chair of the Gold Line Committee, reported on the current status of the line. South Pasadena is using our precedents to get the noise and speed mitigations that we had negotiated. Paul moved that the MWA

write to the MTA requesting that surplus funds from Phase 1 of the Gold Line construction be used to mitigate existing problems with Phase 1 rather than transferred to Phase 2. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pat Griffith, Action VP, reported on the status of the ASNC, the need for registrations and candidates, and the upcoming election November 24th.

Ann Walnum spoke of Southwest Museum cleanup opportunities and circulated a signup sheet for providing "Continental Breakfast" to the artists and artisans who bring their work to the Museum.

David Brunk moved that the MWA send a letter to the Southern California Division Chief of State Parks and the General Manager of the Dept. of Recreation and Parks of Los Angeles to support mixed use – soccer, baseball, football, basketball, and swimming, plus a playground with wading pool for small children – of the 20 acres of land in Taylor Yard Parcel D set aside for active sports. The motion was approved unanimously. Everyone was encouraged to write their own letters directly to express their preferences.

Anahuak Soccer Club was recognized for their work in engaging children and their parents toward constructive character building activities and education. Nancy Smith described the Club's charter and mission.

Scott Folsom requested a letter of support to the LAUSD for a high school to be built on Parcel F of Taylor Yard. A motion to table this issue until the next General Meeting, when more information would be available, was approved unanimously.

The GPNC and the GPIA requested a letter supporting their opposition to a drive-thru McDonald's at Eagle Rock and Verdugo. Objections include traffic and safety problems, violation of the Specific Plan, and the fact that there are seven other McDonald's stores within a three mile radius. A motion to send such a letter passed with 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. Attendance was approximately 80.

Nominations

Maria Gray

With the approval of the General Membership, the board of the Mount Washington Association for 2004 will include FIVE new members: Susan Pfifer, Wendy Legacki, Hank Schaeffer, Michelle Lewis and Bob Walters.

Officer nominees:

President	-	Natalie Seaman
1 st VP Action	-	Rob Schraf
2 nd VP Programs	-	Maria Gray
3 rd VP Membership	-	Pat Griffith
4 th VP Hospitality	-	Grayson Cook
Secretary	-	Ed Raspa
Treasurer	-	Susan Pfifer

Past President - Carol Jacques
Historian - Pat Samson

Director nominees:

Paul Girard Ann Walnum
David Brunk Susan Baldwin
Nancy Lily Wendy Legacki
Bob Walters Hank Schaeffer
Michelle Lewis

Wendy Legacki grew up in Silver Lake and has lived on Mount Washington for 26 years. For over twenty years Wendy has been a teacher at the Mount Washington Elementary School where she is currently the Special Ed. teacher. Wendy has two daughters, is a dog lover, and brings a lively interest in environmental issues to our board.

Hank Schaeffer and his wife Gillie have lived on Mount Washington since 1986. They both have a keen interest in gardening and were one of the featured gardens in an early Mount Washington Association Garden Tour. For many years Hank practiced as a lawyer specializing in property law, so he will bring a welcome legal brain to our organization.

Bob Walters has lived on Mount Washington for 10 years. He and his wife Patti have two daughters and four grandsons who are frequent visitors to their home. Bob has been involved in various volunteer capacities and for many years served as a founding board member for LIFE (Love is Feeding Everyone).

Michelle Lewis and her husband have been residents on the hill for over 25 years. Michelle is a retiree of the LA County Probation Department where she served as Bureau Chief. Since retiring Michelle spends much of her time volunteering in various capacities, including the Southwest Museum, so we are very pleased that she has agreed to give us some of her very valuable time to serve as a board member.

Susan Pfifer has been active in the Mount Washington community for at least 18 years and previously served as bookkeeper/treasurer for the Mount Washington Preschool and Child Care Center. We are very fortunate to have found someone with Susan's qualifications, not to mention her willingness to serve.

Beautification

Jerry Schneider

Fall is finally here and it is the optimal time to plant California native plants in our gardens and public open spaces. Continuing a new Mount Washington Association tradition, our fall native plant and wildflower seed sale will be held this month. Plant lists and order forms will be handed out at the November general meeting.

If you can't make the meeting and/or need to see examples of California natives growing in a non-irrigated setting, we will be conducting a native plant clinic during Northeast Trees' fall work and planting party in Rainbow

Canyon on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23, from 9 AM until noon. Access to the Rainbow Canyon site will be from the southern end off Avenue 45 near Glenalbyn Drive. Everyone is invited to help in the NET work party, whether or not in need of planting advice.

On the subject of projects to beautify our community, we are planning to sow native wildflower and bunch grass seeds along the new sidewalk on San Rafael Avenue just southerly of the elementary school. We are looking for volunteers who would like to assist in this project, either with site preparation, seeding, or with follow-up weeding.

As always, I am open to your ideas for beautification projects. Please call me if you would like to assist or have a suggestion.

Carlin G. Smith News

Ann Walnum

There are still openings in the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center's after-school and pre-school programs. A Holiday Party and a winter day camp beginning Monday, December 22, will provide holiday vacation fun. Saturday Kung-fu for kids continues. The Center is at 511 W. Ave. 46, (323) 225-4960.

Action

Pat Griffith

Mt. Washington-Glassell Park Specific Plan

On September 29, almost 200 Mount Washington and Glassell Park residents gathered at the River Center for a joint meeting of the Mount Washington Association, the Glassell Park Improvement Association, and the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council. Our goal was to review the effects of our ten-year old Specific Plan and ask questions of the City officials charged with enforcing the Plan.

This Specific Plan was created by community activists to be a guideline for the preservation of an environment with diversity, balanced-growth, identity and historical continuity. The Plan is a reasonable set of rules applied to each application for new property development or remodel involving the addition of over 200 square feet or more. The key goals of the Plan are:

- To require differentiation of architectural design elements;
- To encourage the preservation of the hills and canyons, vegetation, wildlife habitats, natural open space, views, and trails that characterize the area;
- To limit residential projects to a scale compatible with the hilly terrain, the rustic nature of the environment, and the architectural diversity already existing;
- To ensure that residential development is compatible with access limited by narrow hillside streets heavily used for parking; and

- To minimize the impact of multiple-family projects on the privacy, light and ventilation offered by open space.

Visit <http://cityplanning.lacity.org> to download and read the Plan. Compliance with the Specific Plan is required for all projects within the boundaries of the Plan Area before a building or grading permit can be issued.

Building and Safety, the Planning Department, and Zoning officials were able to answer questions from the audience. The meeting served both to clarify the Specific Plan and to help us, as neighbors, work with construction projects that greatly affect us all.

Potential School at Taylor Yard – Parcel F?

At a September 17th meeting at Burbank Middle School, LAUSD Central District Director Tom Calhoun confirmed interest in the Taylor Yard site for a high school or middle and high school complex, stating that our neighboring high schools (Eagle Rock and Franklin) and middle schools together have about 1000 too many students. A school at Taylor Yard could also share facilities with the new State and City Park at Taylor Yard parcel D and be adjacent to the new LACC satellite campus and other new parkland and open space developments along the LA River. While the district is not able to develop a school at the site immediately, there is great interest in the idea of a Land Bank – purchasing the land now, when it is available, while waiting for a complete study of total LAUSD needs.

This section of Taylor Yard is between San Fernando Road and the LA River, between the FedEx building and the LA Media Tech complex, and it had been under consideration for an MTA vehicle maintenance site. However, activists from Glassell Park and Mount Washington indicated to City officials their interest in using the land for a school to help ease overcrowding at our catchment high school, Franklin. Cleanup was completed on these sites in 1997 under Cal-EPA and the DTSC certified that the land required no development restrictions. In the meantime, MTA has decided to site their vehicle maintenance yard in Sylmar, leaving potential purchase of the property by LAUSD uncontested.

LAUSD also proposes to build a two-story structure at Burbank Middle School (also a catchment school for Mount Washington children) to accommodate nearly 500 students on the school's playing field. Once construction is complete, existing "temporary-portable" bungalows would be removed and a new playing field would be installed where the bungalows had been.

All of these school projects require passage of a new school bond measure in March.

Gold Line Linkages

Jerry Schneider

I have been talking with several people on how to facilitate pedestrian access to and from the Gold Line. It makes little sense to drive a car down the hill in order to link up with public transportation. Short trips are bad for

both the car's engine and the environment. What is needed is to either facilitate car pooling or to establish a shuttle bus service.

Both of these are easier said than done. A shuttle bus service may be our ultimate goal, but financing in a time of tight budgets will make it a long time in coming. Councilmember Ed Reyes recently indicated to me that he is working on this. He told me that the electric shuttle buses used for the 2000 Democratic convention are sitting, unused, in a City storage yard, and that he is trying to seek additional funding sources to get these buses running. We need to support Ed Reyes's vision, and we need to start the preliminary planning steps: survey our community again on the need and support for a shuttle bus service, then recommend logical routes and bus stop locations.

While shuttle finances are being negotiated, the bus stop locations can become interim linkages that facilitate car pooling. I am proposing that benches be placed at these locations for pedestrians in need of a ride to or from the Gold Line. Much like the old "waiting wall" on Glenalbyn Drive at Avenue 42 or the ride-share stations at military bases, these benches would invite those in autos to roll down a window and offer a lift to waiting pedestrians.

Whether or not you support any of these ideas, your input is needed. For this purpose, I proposed at the last MWA Board meeting that we form a committee to start the planning and receive input. Please let me or MWA president Carol Jacques know if you would like to be a member of this committee.

Holiday Toy Share

Ann Walnum

For the third year, Mount Washington School and the Mount Washington Association join in gathering "new and gently used" toys for distribution through family-help agencies chosen by recommendation and by Congressman Xavier Becerra's annual toy drive – a total of sixteen agencies in 2002. Posters, a Pep Talk, and collection box start the drive on Monday, November 10. For pick-up, volunteering or information, please call (323) 222-8327.

Then and Now

Pat Samson

The year was 1976. The nation was celebrating its bicentennial. Mount Washington Association was 21 years old (incorporated by the State of California on May 12, 1955). Lots of newcomers (including me) were moving to the hill. MWA dues were \$2.00 for individual membership and \$3.00 for family membership (limited to two adults plus minor children). Arline DeSanctis was MWA President.

But some things seem to be constant. Comments on membership applications showed that residents were concerned about the high burglary rate, dogs roaming loose, blight, redlining, development of the canyons, vandalism, brush clearance, tree trimming, illegal

parking on narrow streets, and the need for some type of transportation, such as a mini-bus, on Mount Washington.

Las Senoras de la Montana (a service organization of about 20 women, known for its donations to the community school and recreation center) sponsored a Rummage Sale and International Spring Feed on Saturday, May 8, 1976. 25 cents bought a scoop of an exotic international dish, and dessert was free. The proceeds from this overwhelmingly successful event were used to buy needed equipment and further the programs at Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center.

Mount Washington Elementary School was finally able to add a long-needed crossing guard in 1976.

At the February 28, 1977, MWA meeting, Mr. M. J. Smith, of Bragg and Smith Realty, discussed red-lining and how it affects the community.

Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson announced on May 15, 1977, that an additional \$60,000 was available to complete the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center master plan. In a May 1978 meeting, the Supervisors of the Department of Recreation and Parks stated that they would automatically allocate 20 percent of this amount to cover paperwork and contingencies, leaving only \$48,000 available for improvements at the Center.

Comedy Fundraiser

Donnette Thayer

On October 19, longtime Mt. Washington resident and Ice House Comedy Club owner Bob Fisher gathered together some of the biggest talents in the comedy industry to honor KLOS DJ Geno Michellini.

The event was the 43rd Annual Ice House Anniversary Show, a fundraiser benefiting Pasadena Hillside Home for Children. The show raised \$20,000 for the home.

Michellini, through his 5:00 Funnies, provided vast support for comics and comedy clubs. One after

another, comics thanked Michellini for launching and supporting their careers. Performers included George Lopez from ABC-TV's "The George Lopez Show", Brad Garrett from CBS-TV's "Everybody Loves Raymond," Craig "The Lovemaster" Shoemaker (American Comedy Awards Male Comic of the Year), Ice House favorite Rocky LaPorte, and Kathleen Madigan (American Comedy Awards Female Comic of the Year). They donated their performance fees.

Bob's son Mitchell, a student at Mt. Washington Elementary School, also attended the show and briefly joined his dad onstage. The Ice House Comedy Club hosts an annual benefit for the Mt. Washington Elementary School. More information about this event will be available in the spring.

The highlight of the evening for me occurred when the real power in the comedy scene took center stage. Comedy club owners Mike Lacy (Comedy & Magic Club, Hermosa Beach), Jan Smith (Digby's W. Los Angeles), and Budd Friedman (founder and owner, Improv Comedy Clubs) joined our own Bob Fisher on stage. These powerhouse personalities stepped up to the stage to surprise Michellini with a plaque thanking him for his contribution to comedy, together with a week-long Club Med trip.

How amazing to be in the same room with these four men who have quietly made history in a gentle, life-promoting way. When we laugh, we look at ourselves a little bit more frankly, and we kindheartedly understand that we all share similar hopes, flaws and what we used to think of as our own deep, dark secrets. Laughing makes us happy, healthy and whole. Bob and his friends have made sure we keep laughing, and they've been doing it for decades.

The Ice House Comedy Club has run stand-up comedy for 43 years, featuring such acts as the Smothers Brothers and Lily Tomlin, making it the oldest continuously operating comedy club in the world.

Coming up...

- November 14 ASNC *Candidates Forum* at Ramona Hall. 6:30 PM.
- November 15 Slide show on landscaper *Theodore Payne* at Southwest Museum. 2 PM.
- November 22 *Smart Gardening Class* offered at Griffith Park Composting Education Facility, 5400 Griffith Park Drive (in Griffith Park north end). Free! Call (213) 473-8228 for more information. 10 AM.
- November 22-23 Northeast Trees' fall *work and planting party* in Rainbow Canyon. 9 AM to noon.
- November 22-23 *Oaxacan Folk Art demonstration and sale* at Southwest Museum, with Jacobo Ojeda. Also Zapotec rugs and embroidery, Comanche/Cherokee elk rawhide shield-making workshop. 10 AM to 5 PM.
- November 23 *Art discovery tour*, starting from Lummis Home (200 E. Avenue 43). 10 AM to 4 PM.
- November 24 ASNC *election* at Ramona Hall. 3 PM to 9 PM.
- December 6 *Food drive* drop-off at corner of Elyria and San Rafael. 9 AM to 11 AM.
- December 6 Traditional *Las Posadas* at newly landscaped Casa de Adobe. 6 PM.
- December 6-7 Southwest Museum Store *Holiday Sale*. 20% discount for members.
- December 13 Second quarterly L. A. Conservancy tour of Ziegler House, Casa de Adobe, Sycamore Grove Park and band shell, Professors' Row.
- December 16 *Basic Car Town Hall Meeting* at the LAPD Museum on York Blvd. 6 PM.