

Cheviot Hills News

Cheviot Hills Homeowners Association

Summer 2005

Board Elected ... Finally

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to you, our Association had a record turnout for the election of its board of directors. You elected (or re-elected): Steve Andelin (Rosbury Pl.), Stacy Antler (Rosbury Pl.), Carol Bahoric (McConnell Dr.), Pam Bentz (Motor Ave.), Jeff Berman (Dunleer Dr.), Michael Beugg (Dunleer Dr.), Peter Glassman (Gilmerton Ave.), Alisa Griner (Patricia Ave.), Kevin Hughes (Haddington Dr.), Abby Kuppin (Dunleer Dr.), Tony Padilla (Northvale Rd.), Greg Pulis (Dunleer Dr.), Scott Schomer (Cheviot Dr.), Robert J. Simon (Manning Ave.) and Jonathan Weiss (Troon Ave.). At the board's first meeting, we elected Kevin Hughes as president, Greg Pulis vice-president, Michael Beugg treasurer, and Jonathan Weiss secretary.

We would like to take a moment to thank those outgoing Board members who have served the community with distinction for the past several years: Stan Arcader, Lucie Bava, Marty Bischoff, Jim Gilbert, Tom Mitchell, Lesley Reisbord, Nancy Kattler, Art Naselow, and Nancy Samovar. They are a credit to Cheviot Hills and we hope that each will remain involved.

We would also like to thank Robert Simon, Barclay Livker, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Troop 1 Crescent Bay District, Western Los Angeles County Council for their help in supervising this year's election.

It is now time to build on the interest and involvement in our Association and to work towards continuing to make Cheviot Hills one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the City. With your help we can tackle challenging issues with creativity and civility.

We recognize that there are many viewpoints on issues and differing opinions on priorities. We welcome your thoughts and input. We will be mailing out surveys to solicit your feedback on the critical issues facing our community. Our meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at the Riddick Center at 7:30 unless there is a holiday. All meeting minutes (once approved by the Board) will be posted on the Association's website at www.cheviot hills.org.

If you have not yet renewed your membership we hope you will take the opportunity to do so and remit your \$35 in the enclosed envelope. We look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,
Your Board

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Westside Neighborhood Council

Secession pressures in the San Fernando Valley, the harbor area, and Hollywood made Neighborhood Councils a hot-button issue in the late 1990's. The councils were seen as a way of moving government closer to the neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Councils consist of stakeholders – people who live, work, play, study, worship, and raise families in the area. Hopefully, all people involved in the Neighborhood Councils share the goal of working together in a consensus-driven process in order to make their neighborhood a better place.

Neighborhood Councils were created as part of a sweeping reform package enacted by voters in 1999 to better connect the people of LA with their City Government. In the new City charter, Neighborhood Councils were given the opportunity to weigh in on anything affecting the community. The charter envisioned Neighborhood Councils taking on a host of issues from setting up neighborhood watch programs and street beautification projects to recommending to city staff which streets need repaving. The consensus is that the Councils will pick their own issues.

Each of the 15 City Council members represents approximately 250,000 Los Angeles residents. Although neighborhood councils function solely in an advisory role, the idea behind neighborhood councils was to provide a system that allows local

residents a voice in what happens in their neighborhoods.

The Westside Neighborhood Council claims the following successes:

- Working with the City and County to find acceptable use for the old welfare building at Pico and Veteran.
- Sponsoring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training by Los Angeles City Fire Department.
- Stopping the City from emptying dumpsters in Cheviot Hills Park area in the early morning hours.
- Successfully urging Jack in the Box to replace their outside speaker box to cut down on neighborhood noise.
- Contacting the news media regarding hours of operation of news and traffic helicopters over our area.
- Working with Catalina Pacific Concrete Company to effect changes in their operation to minimize noise, dust, and traffic from their plant.

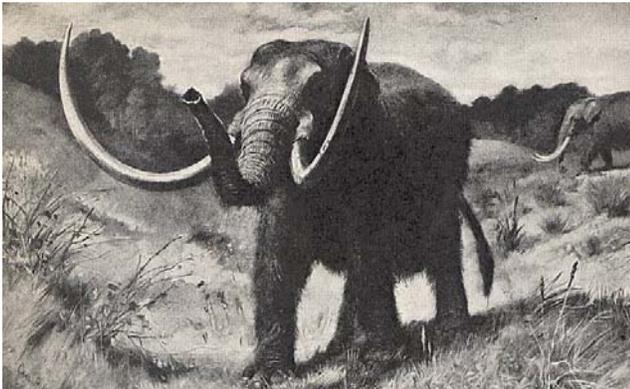
For more information on these items and the Westside Neighborhood Council in general, go to www.wncla.org/.

□ by *Stacy Antler* and *Jonathan Weiss*. Stacy Antler, a member of the CHHOA Board, is also a resident representative on the WNC.

Prehistory: Mastodon Tusk Found near Cheviot Hills

. . . The tusk was discovered by me a few years ago while I was walking the neighbor's dog along the railroad tracks near where Cheviot Dr. ends against Northvale.

It was literally poking out of the bank alongside the tracks. I notified some people at the Natural History Museum and they came out to excavate on May 15, 2003. The fossil was just a fragment, perhaps two feet long, and the excavation took only about a half an hour. They dug around the tusk to make a pedestal, and covered the fossil in a plaster jacket to protect it.



An interesting question is whether there may have been more of the mammoth present in the sand when they make the railroad cut, presumably in 1875. Of course, it is possible that more of the animal is still in the bank. To my knowledge, the enclosing sand is actually marine (sea shells have been found in some nearby places such as the top of the steep Overland Hill in Palms, and near Club Drive in Cheviot Hills), so the tusk fragment may have been washed into the sea. In view of the

fragmentary nature and relatively poor preservation of the fossil, not much can be known specifically about the mammoth except that it was in this area at time that roughly corresponds to the time animals were being trapped at the La Brea tar pits (i.e., about 40,000 years ago). "Our" tusk is between 10,000 and 70,000 years old (late Pleistocene).

Incidentally, when they were working on the big house at the corner of Patricia and Oaklawn a year or so ago, they dug up some of the very soft "sandstone" in the front yard. I was walking Sophie again, and picked up a piece from the sidewalk. In it were clam shells, recognizable, but very poorly preserved, in crumbly material that did not survive.

□ by *John Alderson* (John Alderson is a semi-retired geologist and Cheviot Hills resident. For more information on fossil finds on MTA projects, see www.intranet2.mta.net/mtanews_info/report/fossil_finds.htm)

Trivia Question: Abbotson Road – the first name for what street in Cheviot Hills?

Traffic is on the Agenda
at the August 3, 2005 board meeting. We will review the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan (NTMP) discussed in a July 20, 2005 Los Angeles Times article. Come; learn; participate.
Riddick Center 7:30 p.m.

History Online

With a library card and a computer, you can access past editions of the Los Angeles Times – all the way back to 1881! But it's not simple (as far as I know):

- ☞ *Start* at www.lapl.org/
- ☞ *Click* “access the databases” Fill in your library card number and zip code (click submit)
- ☞ *Click* “Research Library (Proquest) 1*” (it's near the bottom)
- ☞ *Click* the “Databases selected” link (upper left)
- ☞ Here's where you can search a *ton* of different papers, but for now *Click* “Clear all databases”
- ☞ *Scroll* to the bottom
- ☞ *Click* in the checkbox next to “ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1982)”
- ☞ *Click* the orange “Continue” button.

I searched for my address and found, among other things, a classified ad for renting the house and the obituary for “William Conley, 60, Past National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War.” Amazing what they used to put in the paper – obituaries with addresses! Searching his name, brought up an earlier article with a picture. I also found the real estate advertisements that appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

The following classified ad ran in 1940. Only \$90 per month!

WESTWOOD & VICINITY

\$70. Cheviot Hills dist. 2 bdrm, bklw, Water & gard. pd. AS-42713.

\$75. 6-room bung. 1 block west Fox Studios. 10348 Keswick. CR-13311.

\$90. Beaut. Cheviot Hills, nr. Studios. 6 rm. Hillside, U. ht. Enc. yd. Gard. pd. 10576 Troon. AR-83415, p.m.

\$150. 4-rm. guest house on lge. estate. Swim. pool, tennis court. BR-04177.

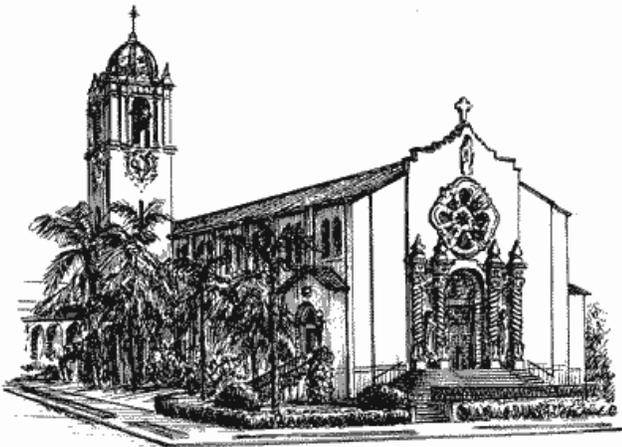
BEL-AIR RENTALS – Miss Wilson. Chas. B. Hopper, Gen Sales Agt. BRadshaw 22187 or W.L.A. 31141.

by *Jonathan Weiss* (If you find a more direct path to the Historic LA Times, please e-mail me jw@lojw.com)

ARE YOU A NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIAN?

Who is our longest resident? We are looking for the resident or neighbor who has been residing in Cheviot Hills the longest. Is that you? Do you know of a neighbor who might have interesting facts about Cheviot from days gone by?

We would love to get some info from a “Neighborhood Historian.” If you have information to share, please contact Jonathan Weiss.



SAINT TIMOTHY'S CHURCH

See www.sttimothyla.org/ for a great website describing the building of one of Los Angeles' most beautiful churches: St. Timothy's. (Explore "Parish History" on the left side of the home page.) □ from *Thomas A. Sabol*

❖ ❖ SUN CARDS ❖ ❖

All you need is a bright, sunny day, construction paper, or heavy, colored card stock.

First take some paper and fold it into a greeting card. (If you just want to make an interesting print to hang on the wall, don't worry about folding the paper.) Next, place a number of objects on top of the paper, such as keys, small toys or a small household gadget with a distinctive shape. You can also cut out shapes or letters from another sheet of paper and arrange them atop the construction paper.

Place the paper and objects directly in the sun; by the end of the day, the paper will be faded – except in the areas protected by the objects or pieces of black paper.

Fax paper also works well for this purpose – it quickly turns yellow or brown when exposed to strong sunlight. (This is an excellent way to reuse the stuff, too).

Whatever you do, your child is sure to get a kick out of making genuine solar-powered artwork.

Where in the World is . . .

West Los Angeles is the "territory lying between Mulholland High Way on the north, National Boulevard and Venice Boulevard on the south and between Fairfax avenue and the Pacific Ocean, according to an announcement yesterday [November 30, 1928] by George P. Larsen, manager of the University branch of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce." ("It's West Los Angeles Now, Vast Territory Adopts New Name After Survey, and Choice Gets Approval of Whole Area's Leaders," *Los Angeles Times*, October 1, 1928.)

HAVE YOU E-MAILED US? If we don't yet have your e-mail address, please send it to Jonathan Weiss (jw@lojw.com). We can then send you last minute or urgent information. This is especially important when it comes to late-breaking news, such as changed dates on public hearings. Also, please update your name and other information as necessary. □



FARMERS MARKETS
FRESH Produce Daily!

SUNDAY

Beverly Hills Farmers Market
(310) 285-1048
9 am to 1 pm
200 block of North Canon Drive,
Wilshire Blvd. and Dayton Way

Santa Monica Farmers Market
(310) 458-8712
Ocean Park and Main
9:30 am to 1 pm

MONDAY

West Hollywood Farmers Market
(213) 848-6502
9 am to 2 pm
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica
Blvd.

TUESDAY

Culver City Farmers Market
(310) 839-3808
3 pm to 7 pm
Culver Blvd between Main and Ince
St

WEDNESDAY

Santa Monica Farmers Market
(310) 458-8712
9 am to 2 pm
Arizona between 4th and 2nd

THURSDAY

Westwood Farmers Market
(310) 208-6115
2 pm to 7 pm
Weyburn Ave. at Westwood

FRIDAY

Venice Farmers Market
(310) 399-6690
7 am to 1 pm
Venice Blvd and Ocean Blvd

SATURDAY

Santa Monica Airport Farmers
Market
(310) 458-8712
8 am to 1 pm

For a more comprehensive list of
Farmers Markets in the area and
beyond, please visit:

www.thimmakka.org/farmersLA/farmersla.html#la

□ by *Alisa Griner*

The 411 on Numbers to Know

☎ 211 – Central number for Los Angeles County. Enables a caller to access over 28,000 health and human service programs throughout Los Angeles County. 211 LA County, formerly known as INFO LINE of Los Angeles, has been providing these services since 1981.

☎ 311 – Your one call to city hall operators will assist you in processing service requests, answering questions and contacting City agencies, elected officials or commission members.

Both of these numbers work 24, 7.

Trivia Answer:

Cheviot Drive (between Manning Avenue and Northvale Road)

We, the Officers and Directors of the Cheviot Hills Homeowners Association recommit ourselves to the following “objectives” as stated in our bylaws:

1. To promote and maintain an organization for the mutual benefit, advantage and welfare of its members within the community of Cheviot Hills.
2. To exchange and disseminate information among its members in connection with public improvements that may be made within the area and for the protection, beautification and safety of the residential homes, arteries of traffic, roads, streets, installations by public or private entities or utility corporations therein, and all other matters affecting the comfort and values of its members' residential homes.
3. To take all action in reference to any matter for the mutual benefit and welfare of the community, or any part thereof.
4. To foster and encourage a spirit of good will among its members toward the beautification, betterment and continuing comfort of the community as a place to live, and in this respect, where feasible and advisable, to organize, conduct and hold social meetings, picnics, dances and other forms of community meetings for the entertainment and relaxation of its members and their guests.
5. To aid and assist the community as a whole as well and the members of this association in every way possible to obtain, retain and keep in good repair public improvements of every nature and to negotiate, confer and contract as an unincorporated association with all persona, public bodies, utilities and other organizations, private and public, in reference to any and all of its purposes aforesaid.
6. To do and perform any and all things valid and permissible under the laws or the State of California for unincorporated associations of like nature and purpose.

Under our bylaws, our Board has set up several committees. They work best with involvement from throughout the neighborhood. The committees are Traffic; By-Laws; Code Compliance; Community Relations; Schools, Parks & Library; Trees & Streets; Soundwall; Social Events; and Airport.

If you would like to participate on any committee, please contact Kevin Hughes (KHughes@T-NLaw.com).

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THAT BIG SIGN

You have seen it,
You know where it is,
It directs you to



MONTE-MAR VISTA

MOUNTAIN SEA VIEW

THE MOST PERFECTLY IMPROVED PROPERTY IN THE MOST IDEAL LOCATION that HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE
Completed Improvements
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It is a FINISHED PRODUCT



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Many are under Construction now
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You can buy and move in at once
- Price and terms are right.



High ground that sits astride the TIDAL WAVE of Prosperity
Come Today—Buy Adjacent to the Direct Short Route to Beach Cities!

LOCATION SUPREME
Exactly half distant from Los Angeles and beach cities. MIDWAY BETWEEN BEVERLY HILLS AND CULVER CITY . . . in the path of every known expensive development. Surrounded by three fine Country Clubs. Within walking distance of the \$200,000 Palomar Tennis Club. On the highest point between the city and the sea where fine homesites with perpetual restrictions are limited. Westward progress stops at the ocean and Monte-Mar Vista overlooks and is a part of the EVER RISING TIDE OF VALUABLE LAND . . . and there is but one answer . . . ONCE IT IS GONE THERE CAN NEVER BE MORE LIKE IT.

PICO BOULEVARD 100 FEET WIDE.
The Mighty Street of All

Monte-Mar Vista is south from Pico along Motor Avenue, between the Hillcrest and Rancho Country Clubs. Pico may be a trifle rough today. DUE TO PRESENT PAVING WORK . . . but it is passable . . . and when completed will be the traffic street, the shortest route to the ocean . . . a street where every nearby property will be made valuable, because of it. Drive Pico Boulevard and see Monte-Mar Vista now.

. . . or if you prefer you may drive Washington Boulevard and turn at National Boulevard where signs will direct you. You then enter alongside the California Country Club.

COMPLETE
Monte-Mar Vista stands today as the first "finished product" in residential property that has ever been offered in California history. Improvements are in. Paid for. \$700,000 in magnificent homesites already

sold. It has elevation but no grades. See the property. Then you will understand. Every home built and every home to be built can look upon a view in every direction. No other property has ever or can ever say as much.

HOMES NOW BUILT
\$400,000 Worth
You can buy and move in immediately. The Commercial Construction Company, through its president, Eugene Webb, are centering their entire building program in Monte-Mar Vista, simply because of its perfect location. They know that nothing can keep this wonder location from being the most cherished of all future residence places. \$400,000 in perfect homes now built and building. \$1,000,000 in fine homes is the program. They have purchased the sites. They have the money to carry through. Drive out. Select a home that you will enjoy, where lawns and shrubs and drives are all in. Where flowers bloom and there is nothing else to do but MOVE IN . . . some of them are pictured above. Others will follow. Everyone will have a view and not a grade to reach them.

IMPROVEMENTS
Claude Fisher, president of the Fisher Construction Company, has seen to every detail. Concrete streets, wide and of the very finest and costly materials, are now in. Curbs and sidewalks, of the same sincere working crews and the same materials, are in. UNDERGROUND CONDUITS carry electric and telephone wires. Gas and water pipe are in. Sewer connections are in, and no streets will ever be torn up later. Expense has been no object. Ornamental electroliers and trees will line the wide paved streets. Monte-Mar Vista is a

sight for everyone to see. No one can dispute the prideful words . . . when we say . . . "It is a finished product."

FACTS! FACTS!
With these wonderful homes, these streets, these improvements, with such a location, there is STILL MORE TO TELL. PRICES ARE RIGHT AND TERMS LIKEWISE. This is the most magnificent property in the world for the price you have to pay. Forever restricted as to stores, unsightly garage and filling stations. No small homes, apartment or bungalow courts will ever be built. Even surrounding property is so well in line with westward progress that it is impossible to ever conceive of undesirable buildings ever being built anywhere near, much less close.

The Glorious Outdoors! The finest beach clubs of the world are within sight and only a short drive. The New University site can be seen to the north along the mountain edge. Just a trifling drive from Monte-Mar Vista. Five minutes to Beverly Hills with its outstanding shops and stores. Theaters and their flaming lights to entice you at night. Close enough to Country Clubs to walk and play before breakfast. Close enough to reach the city in twenty-five minutes. Even a morning dip in the surf is in store. Give yourself and family the opportunity to see what this wonderful location offers.



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