

Paid Membership Dues for HDCA are Lagging

The coffers of the civic association have been depleted by the purchase of the Franklin and Ivar property

by Patti Negri

News Flash! The MAJORITY of you reading this article DID NOT pay your \$30.00 dues this year. For those of you who did – THANK YOU! You do not have to read this article... Just know that you are loved and appreciated. For those of you who didn't – maybe you just need a little information and encouragement.

Where does your \$30 per household go, you ask? Well, unfortunately, it is not enough for me or the board to run off to Mexico... So, here are just two of the places your hard earned \$30 membership fees are used:

1.) THIS NEWSLETTER! (Yes, the one you are reading right now!) Even though it is beautifully created by VOLUNTEERS and hand delivered by your *continued on page 3*



New and remodelled homes in areas like Cheviot Hills and Westwood that dwarf existing houses helped spur the anti-mansionization law

New City Ordinance Puts Curbs on Mansionization

The Los Angeles City Council enacts limits based on lot size and other factors for the flat lands – A hillside ordinance is must pass within two years

by George Skarpelos

The Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved an ordinance in May that limits the building of over-sized homes on small lots. The result is a fundamental change in the city of Los Angeles zoning code.

Changes in land value, housing preferences and housing inventory have contributed to a trend toward larger single family homes here in Los Angeles. However, larger structures are often incompatible with the established scale and character of older, single-family neighborhoods.

The Baseline Mansionization Ordinance grew out of a motion introduced by Councilmember Tom LaBonge in June, 2006

and pertains to homes in flatlands only. A separate ordinance, which is now under consideration by the Los Angeles Planning Department, addresses the expansion of homes in hillside and coastal areas. As part of the discussion leading up to the vote on this measure, the City Council pledged to bring the hillside anti-mansionization ordinance for a vote within two years.

Owners of houses meeting certain criteria, such as larger setbacks and properties that are certified as being environmentally friendly, would be allowed an increase of 20 percent.

"We must protect the neighborhoods from oversized buildings that destroy the character of a neighborhood," said Councilman LaBonge. *continued on page 2*

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Notes from your President



Greetings friends and neighbors! As I look out my window on this Memorial Day weekend I think of summer. (Not that it looks like summer, mind you, with this fabulous freak rainstorm we are experiencing as I type).

But summer is nearly upon us just the same! We have just started planning our second annual Hollywood Dell Barbecue and Block party for July. (Yes, it is almost time for our fabulous “Dell-tones” to start practicing!). ;o) We are even the early stages of working on our theme for our 51st annual Fundraiser atop the hill at Tara this September. For that one we are going with an environmentally correct “green theme” this year! Please let me know if you would like to help out or be on the planning committee for either of these upcoming events!

Next up after those parties will be Hollyween – and that saddens me a bit – NO, not the event itself – that is one of the fun-dest and best attended and most

loved events in the Dell, but thinking of Hollyween reminds me that Kirsten and Eric Press are no longer residing here in the Dell on Holly. I want to sincerely and deeply thank Kirsten and Eric for their many years of service and involvement here in the Dell. For years they have opened up their home to us every month for our HDCA meetings, and Kirsten is the creator, the “magic” and the inspired leader behind Hollyween. Their family has made the Dell a better place to be – just because they were in it. (The silver lining for us is that they are still homeowners here – and they promise to come and visit often!) They have been fabulous friends and neighbors and we wish them the best in their new home.

Speaking of monthly meetings..... uh oh.... we are now “homeless”! I thought we would try “rotating” homes for awhile. Many people have said that this would be both fun for attendees and only a small, easy commitment for volunteers. (Committing to one meeting at your home a year – is WAY easier than every month!) So, please let me know if you are interested in hosting one of our monthly meetings. We usually have 20 to 30 people attend and it is fun and easy. We usually meet on the second or third Wednesday of the month. Call me! Patti 323.465.8407.

Anyway, the rain is letting up – and the princess Dora wants to go out and play ball with her boyfriend Ombi. BTW – Ombi’s mom is a wonderful in-you-home dog and cat groomer that I highly recommend! Check out her ad in our Newsletter under Sugar and Spice. She is talented, loving and very reasonably priced! So, enjoy your summer. Start planning your entry for our July Barbecue Bake-off Contest and... ‘til the next time..... see you ‘round the hood!

xox

Patti

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Councilman Tony Cardenas said he was concerned that homeowners in the flatlands would be disproportionately impacted, and amended the ordinance to include a two-year sunset clause. During that time, the city Planning Department is expected to draft a mansionization ordinance for the hillside communities.

“This ordinance would stand for two years and if we see for some reason the hillside ordinance isn’t happening, then we can have

a vote of the council lickety-split and then just continue it in perpetuity — just without my vote,” Cardenas said.

Councilwoman Wendy Greuel introduced the city’s first anti-mansionization ordinance in 2004 for the Sunland-Tujunga area.

“Over the past four years, the ordinance has helped us preserve the character of neighborhoods in that community,” Greuel said. “The new baseline ordinance passed by the City Council will allow us to take this success citywide.”



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HDCA Autumn Fundraiser is Slated for this Fall

On Saturday, September 27th the Dell will hold a fundraiser focusing on keeping the neighborhood “Green”

by Alexa Iles

The Hollywood Dell Civic Association is planning another gala and auction. For those who remember the last swanky bash (July '06) we raised a record amount of money for the HDCA and four wonderful local organizations – and had a great time doing it!

In the past two years the HDCA has helped keep the Dell green by donating money and rallying support from Newport

many of us, the natural beauty of the Dell is what first attracted us to this area. The Dell is a place where all of your senses can experience the joys of nature. Take a walk through the neighborhood and you will hear a plethora of birds, see a vast variety of plants and flowers while bunnies and lizards scamper by, as the scent of jasmine gently wafts up the hillside! And just minutes from the heart of Hollywood! Environmental activism should

For many of us, the natural beauty of the Dell is what first attracted us to this area.

Capital Advisors to keep the Ivar/Franklin lot from being developed. Now our neighborhood will have a beautiful pocket park instead of yet another building project! The Beautification team has also been busy landscaping, cleaning graffiti and installing elegant trashcans along the Holly corridor. All of these efforts have depleted the Dell coffers, so it's time for another fabulous fundraiser!

This year's event theme is “Keeping the Dell Green.” For

start at home. And if gas prices continue to rise, most of us will be looking for ways to get our business done close to home!

The HDCA will be focusing on soliciting donations from local businesses, finding great “local vacation” getaways, and products or services that are kind to the earth. If you have a business or idea to contribute, or are interested in helping with the event please contact Alexa Iles Skarpelos: alexa@mediaart.com (323-469-4977).

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VOLUNTEER neighbors – the printing costs are substantial. We are approximately 1000 homes – and that's a lot of printing

2.) Beautification! While our VOLUNTEER Beautification team does amazing things with donated plants and materials – we can't always get free stuff. We

need the money to help keep our Dell green and beautiful.

There are many more needs and uses of the Funds – but I am supposed to keep this to 100 words and I am well over 200 – so.... Please, please send in your \$30 dues. You will see the “fruits of your labor” right in your own backyard. I promise!

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July Barbecue

The Dell's Bastille Day tradition is revived for the event and will include a Pet Parade and the return of the Dell-Tones

by Alexa Iles

Sunday, July 13 is Bastille-Day's-Eve and time for the 2nd annual Hollywood Dell neighborhood block party. Don't lose your head! Follow your nose to the stretch of Ivarene between Vine and Willetta Streets from 4pm - 8pm and find all of your BBQ favorites, fellow neighbors, music and fun. As Marie Antoinette reputedly said, "Let them eat cake..." and ribs, and hot dogs and tri tip! Ooh la la.

And speaking of cake, this year's bake-off will be a cake-off! Cake-off contestants should bring their cake and a copy of the recipe when they sign-up. There will be awards given and the top

cake recipes will become part of a special edition cookbook that will be available at the fall fundraiser! (see separate article on page 3)

Enjoy the first ever Hollywood Dell "pets and their pals" parade. Does your pooch have a lot of personality and the wardrobe to match? Ivarene residents and owners of Catts & Doggs pet boutique, Rania and Virginia have graciously agreed to sponsor the parade! All are welcome to dress up and rendezvous at 4:00 pm to kick off the party. Madame Dora and her side-kick Fifi De La Punta will be co-grand marshals. Prizes will be awarded for creative and festive participants!

Like last year, there will be a bountiful buffet featuring all your BBQ favorites: ribs, chicken, tri tip, hot dogs, veggie kabobs, hamburgers and all the usual sides. You just need to come hungry and bring your own beverages.

Also back by popular demand are the fabulous Dell-Tones featuring Pamela Clay on vocals. The Dell-Tones are all residents

of the Hollywood Dell who got together for the first time to play at last year's BBQ. Bring your dancing shoes, these folks will get you on your feet!

Repondez s'il vous plait (RSVP) by July 7. To purchase tickets send or drop off a check payable to the HDCA, to 6324 Ivarene. \$20 adults / \$10 kids / under five free.



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Cheremoya Celebrates Earth Day at Open House

The neighborhood elementary school recognizes environmental issues in its annual get together

by Anji Williams

Cheremoya Elementary hosted a fabulous open house/dinner on Earth Day, which was open to the community. The evening started off with a delicious meal, provided by Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) and local business. Victuals included dishes representing the various cultures in our community, as well as the ever popular dishes, like homemade mac & cheese.

After dinner and socializing, everyone got to tour the classrooms and admire the student work. Each classroom had an

environmental theme, which easily facilitated cross-curricular instruction, the latest buzzword in education. There were numerous examples of hands on arts/science/literature based lessons, from live butterfly habitats and lessons on metamorphoses to planting and lessons on photosynthesis. There was a huge prominence of recycled materials, like milk cartons for planting to paper in various art projects. The writing samples explaining all that was being studied, even in the first grade classrooms, were quite impressive.

Long-term Cheremoya teacher, Debbie Aldahl, is now serving on

HUNC, and has been instrumental in coordinating various events in the community, including this wonderful evening. The neighborhood look forward to future events, where we can see the

awesome instruction taking place at our local school. To receive emails about upcoming events, please visit:

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Dell residents Ferris and Violet Williams at the Cheremoya Elementary School Open House and celebration of Earth Day

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A Fond Farewell to the Hanson-Press Family

A very beloved Dell family moves out of the neighborhood, but leaves a legacy of commitment and enthusiasm.

by George Skarpelos

With sadness, the Hollywood Dell bids a sweet adieu to the Hanson-Press clan Kirsten, Erik, Olivia and Maxine. In order to be closer to school and work, they have relocated to Westwood. Though we applaud their motives to lessen their carbon footprint and reduce general traffic congestion, we will sorely miss all that they have done for the neighborhood.

Perhaps our community best knows them for graciously offering their house almost every month for the regular HDCA meetings. Their hospitality and generosity was never more on display than at those Wednesday meetings. Whether it was in their living room or outside on their patio during the balmy season, we will always remember them for such a special environment where we can come together as a community.

As a family they recognized the nascent baby boom that was flourishing in our neighborhood. Strollers seemed to appear on our sidewalks in waves and the Hanson-Press crew there was a need for some kind of an informal

group that would bring together the parents in the area to create a community that both parents and children can share. Thus the Hollywood Parents playgroup was born. This informal gang of parents and children became a wonderful circle where friendships were made, activities were planned and advice was available. It has become a real cornerstone of families in the Dell. For more info see <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HollywoodParents/>.

It was also the Hanson Press clan that spearheaded what has become the wonderful Dell tradition of Halloween. As an outgrowth of the Playgroup, came a clamor for Halloween activities that would take place closer to our neighborhood. Often families would drive to Hancock park or to Beachwood just to go trick or treating. It seemed silly that with all these families here in the Dell that we couldn't have a worthwhile celebration here. Kirsten and Erik rallied the troops, headed up the organizing committee and have put on three incredibly successful events that have proven more popular than imagined.

They have worked on numerous other Dell events and causes. Whether it was a fundraiser or a community get together, they always pitched in. Erik was instrumental in making the "Welcome to the Hollywood Dell" video which was shown at the 50th anniversary HDCA fundraiser and chronicled many of the old time residents here,

several of whom are no longer with us.

They have contributed to our community in so many ways, and always with an enthusiasm and commitment to making where we live a better place. We can only wish them well, knowing that wherever they go they will be a great asset to their new surroundings. We will miss them.



The Hanson-Press family, Olivia, Erik, Maxine and Kirsten at the first Halloween. Kirsten and Erik were the driving force behind this event.



WELCOME TO NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

This is community bulletin board exclusively for HDCA members. It's a

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WELCOME!!!

Did you know that the Dell has a Welcoming Committee? If you know of anyone who has recently moved into the neighborhood (and that includes you!) call Patti Negri at 323.465.8407 or e-mail her at pinkaire@aol.com. She will make sure they receive a welcome basket of goodies, including information about the neighborhood, the HDCA and "who to call for what".

MAKE YOUR POINT

If you have an idea or a point of view

that you would like to share with your neighbors, consider writing something for the newsletter. Whether you would like to discuss neighborhood gripes, gardening tips or the special qualities of your two-year old, we welcome any and all remarks.

The newsletter is published 4 times a year. Whether it is text, artwork or photos, it is of interest to us here at the newsletter. If you have anything that you would like to submit, you can e-mail it to hdca@mediaart.com.



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