

SLIDE PRESENTATION SET FOR JUNE 16 MEETING

The latest slides depicting the unique natural beauty of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills will be part of the program of the next SSMPA meeting. Other topics to be covered at the meeting include Nichols property acquisition progress (see below), state and county legislation updates and the planning of activities for the coming year. Please join us at this informative and important meeting:

DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1975
PLACE: MEETING ROOM, GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN
21821 Devonshire St, Chatsworth (near Topanga Cyn.)
TIME: 8:00 p.m. Promptly

Our regular meetings are held the third Monday of each month at the above place and time. If you are unable to make it in June, please mark your calendars and we'll look forward to seeing you soon !!!

NICHOLS PROPERTY OPTION: DONATIONS NEEDED

A 90 day option for purchase has been negotiated by the Trust for Public Land for the 283 acre Nichols property. This parcel is located on the old Santa Susana Pass Road and adjoins the Stage-coach Trail property. It is a natural continuation of Chatsworth Park North and South. Without this key parcel, however, the Santa Susana Mountain Park may never become a reality! If L.A. County funds are not available by the end of July when the option period will be up, then SSMPA will be asked to supply \$15,000 as a portion down on the land. We now have about \$13,500 in our land fund.

THEREFORE, DONATIONS ARE NOW URGENTLY REQUESTED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. Tax deductible contributions may be made payable to our new "Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mtns." Please ask from your generous friends and local businessmen and see how much you can help us in raising this money. This is it! WE HAVE OUR FOOT IN THE DOOR--LET'S GO THROUGH IT !!!

L.A. COUNTY BUDGET DISAPPOINTMENT: WHAT YOU CAN DO

As of this writing the Santa Susana Mtn Park project has been again cut from the proposed L.A. County budget in an austerity measure recommended by the CAO. SSMPA President Jan Hinkston and San Fernando Valley Chairman Glenn Bailey are scheduled to testify soon before the Board of Supervisors in support of County funding of the Nichols property purchase and/or lease option. We urge you to back up their efforts by writing letters of support TODAY to Supervisor Baxter Ward, Hall of Administration, Los Angeles 90012 informing him of your support for the Santa Susana Mtn Park concept. Please also ask him to earmark \$30,000 out of his Fifth District's \$1,000,000 parks and recreation allocation so that the option of the Nichols property may be exercised. PLEASE WRITE A SHORT LETTER TODAY--IT MAY WELL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE WHETHER WE ACHIEVE OUR LONG SOUGHT AFTER GOAL OF PARKLAND IN OUR MOUNTAINS! THANKS!!

***** T E A R O F F *****

YES! I want to help preserve the unique Santa Susana Mtns. for the enjoyment of future generations. Please sign me up as a 1975 member of SSMPA. Enclosed are my dues of \$5.00 Individual, \$7.00 Family, \$3.00 Student, \$10.00 Business/Organization

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

YES, I CAN VOLUNTEER SOME TIME.
SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK TO SSMPA; P.O. Box 831; Chatsworth, CA 91311

***NOTE--If you have friends who may be interested in joining SSMPA, please send us their names and addresses so that they may receive our literature. Thanks.

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OUR BOARD MEMBERS for the current year are the following: 341-~~2695~~
 President, Jan Hinkston 347-3736; Vice-Pres, Zelma Skillman ~~882-2695~~,
 Rec Sec, Zorka Nelson 984-1127; Corres. Sec, Virginia DeBroux
 882-7729; Treas, Ed Burke 341-6618; S.F.V. Area Chairman, Glenn
 Bailey 342-0761; Ventura County Area Chairman, Pearl Turbush (805)
 526-7387; Newhall, Saugus, Valencia Area Chairman (open); Members
 at Large, Don Fike 882-0260 and Max Feldman 349-7721.

WANTED--DOCENT VOLUNTEERS Have you ever been curious to know more
 about the flora, fauna, history, geology, etc. of the Santa Susana
 Mountains??? Here is your chance to find out--by becoming an
 interpretive guide (docent) for nature and history walks in our
 hills. If you are interested in joining with SSMPA at these
 training walks, please call Cathy DeSalvio as soon as possible at
 341-7913 or write to her at 10443 Independence Ave; Chatsworth 91311.

SSMPA FAMILY HIKES HELD MONTHLY Regularly scheduled hikes in
 conjunction with the Sierra Club to explore the unique Santa Susana
 Mountains are offered on the SECOND SUNDAY of every month. Summer
 hiking dates have been set for July 13, August 10, and September 14.
 We always meet at 9 a.m. at the northwest corner of Topanga Canyon
 and Devonshire in the school parking lot. Please wear good shoes
 (lug soles or tennis), bring water and lunch. Because of the nice
 rains this year, the flowers are fantastic--bring a hand lens and
 see a whole new world!! Camera bugs--we always need good photos
 of the area for displays. For further hike info please call
 Bill Scott at 885-8479. SEE YOU THERE !!!

SSMPA IS SADDENED by the passing of Joy Carol Totschek of Canoga
 Park. Joy was active in our Association and was Publication Director
 for our booklet SANTA SUSANA, Over the Pass...Into the Past which
 outlines the history and areas of interest in the mountains.
 Her involvement will be missed.

TRAILER PARK ADJACENT TO CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH? An application for
 a conditional use permit (case #171-74-CUC) for a 194 unit trailer
 park on the 55 acres next to the park (10225 Larwin Ave--between
 Devonshire St. and Jeffrey Mark Ct.) is still being considered by
 the L.A. City Planning Dept. As reported in the March newsletter,
 the property is where the Indian pictographs, the foundation cellar,
 and the rock quarry are. The Planning Dept. has requested further
 explanation on the archaeological portion of the Draft Environmental
 Impact Report submitted by the applicant and is not processing the
 request at this writing. A (reasonable??) alternative has been pro-
 posed by the Dept, which the developer is not willing to accept, that
 would require some land to be set aside as a public facility with
 public access. Those interested in keeping up to date on this are
 urged to call Mr. William Heeb, Planning Dept. Environmental Section,
 at 782-6125 Ext. 5776. Send him letters of concern c/o City Hall,
 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE REPORT AB 674, a \$1,500,000 Santa Susana
 Mtns. bill, died in committee. Write or call Assemblyman Bob Cline
 349-3333 thanking him and urging his continued efforts for park
 funding. Two \$25 million urban parkland funding bills, AB 997 (Z'berg)
 and SB 174 (Roberti) are now being considered. Call Madeleine Jones
 in Supervisor Ward's office (786-8911 Ext. 45555) to determine the
 current status of these bills and what needs to be done. And keep an
 eye on AB 1722 (Z'berg) which would put a \$350,000,000 State and Local
 Bond Act on the Nov. 1976 ballot for parkland acquisition. IT IS
 ALWAYS VITAL FOR EACH OF US TO CALL ALL OF OUR STATE AND LOCAL OFFI-
 CIALS ON A REGULAR BASIS EXPRESSING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MTN. PARK
 CONCEPT. PLEASE CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE BOARD MEMBER FOR MORE INFO.
 HAVE A GOOD SUMMER BY JOINING US AT OUR MEETINGS AND/OR HIKES !!!!

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