

Save Oak Savanna

Newsletter

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Supporters:

- Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (WHHO)
- Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy (SMMC)
- Mountain Recreation Conservancy Association (MRCA)
- · Louisville High School
- Environmental Defense Center
- Braewood-Calabasas HOA
- Greater Mulwood HOA

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SAVE THE MULHOLLAND SCENIC CORRIDOR

Save Oak Savanna (SOS) continues their aggressive efforts to preserve the open spaces and neighborhood identity unique to the Woodland Hills area. DS Ventures (the developer) wants to build 37 3-story condos, with an entrance on Mulholland, directly across from Louisville H.S. and an exit on San Feliciano. The project involves 6.2 acres known as the Nicholson property. Under current zoning, the condos could not be built. That's why the developer seeks approval of zoning changes, approval of a condo subdivision and exceptions to the Mulholland Scenic Corridor Plan. The developer's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be released for public inspection soon. SOS has hired Land Use Attorney Robert Silverstein to represent SOS in opposing the zoning changes and exceptions sought by the developer. SOS will be retaining environmental, wildlife and traffic experts to effectively respond to the DEIR. SOS is gearing up for exciting fundraising events and activities and you are invited to volunteer or participate!

BACKGROUND

Save Oak Savanna began in June 2005. Neighbors adjacent to the Nicholson property discovered it was slated for condo development. DS Ventures requested zoning changes from R1-1 (single family dwellings) to RD-6 (designed for condos and apartments) and approval of exceptions to the Mulholland Corridor Scenic Plan, which would result in degradation of the view shed, hillside and oak trees protected by the plan.

SOS's grassroots dissemination of the facts and evidence led to an outcry from the Woodland Hills community. Over 100 neighbors attended the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (WHHO) meeting of August 25, 2005 to voice their concern with the proposed development. SOS is now incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, has set up a terrific web site and operates twelve standing committees. Nearly 250 residents attended the community meeting at Louisville H.S. on October 25, 2005, to further show the united power of the community. Membership is now over 500 strong!

OBJECTIVES

- Educating area residents, local, state and federal elected officials on the value of preserving existing open spaces, protecting wildlife and preserving natural resources, including coastal oak trees.
- Informing area residents and necessary officials about development proposals that exceed current zoning laws, or require approval of exceptions to the general plan requirements, specific plan requirements and guidelines.
- Making permit and planning agencies accountable for upholding existing general plans, specific plans and zoning ordinances.
- Limiting development to projects consistent with the neighborhood character and identity.

You are invited to the



Save Oak Savanna

Garage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday **March 25th**

8 am - 12 pm

On Cerrillos Drive in Woodland Hills 4+ HOUSES...starting at 4606 Cerrillos Drive

Come meet your neighbors, shop for something unique, help stop rezoning to allow condos in our neighborhood and protect the pristine beauty of the Mulholland Scenic Corridor at the same time!

We have antique furniture, rugs, TVs, washers/dryers, electronics, gadgets galore and more! There will be water, soda and baked goods for sale as well. *All proceeds go to Save Oak Savanna.*

Donations Needed!!!!

Do your spring cleaning, clear out the clutter, unload the unused and donate items for the garage sale! We're requesting that donations be dropped off Saturday, March 18th, 10 am – 2 pm, or contact Beth Rider to schedule a drop-off or pick-up.

Call: 818-715-7193 or email: bethrider@adelphia.net.

DONATE INACTIVE CELL PHONES TO SOS!

Please, **NO** Accessories or Chargers, etc. Bring to 4622 Cerrillos Drive, Woodland Hills **GARAGE SALE: Saturday, March 25th** For more information, please call 818-462-3203

WE HAVE eBay!

SOS is set up with Pay Pal to accept donations on our website and is now listing items for auction on Ebay too! We will take photos, list items for you and handle the entire transaction. You will get a receipt for your donation. SOS prefers donations of items that can be easily shipped, PLEASE and THANK YOU. To donate, contact

saveoaksavanna@yahoo.com

- OLD FASHIONED -

Ice Cream Social

BINGO • SILENT AUCTION • BAKE SALE • DJ & MUSIC

Saturday **May 6, 2006**7 pm – 10 pm

Pacific Boy's Lodge 4900 Serrania Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

Please consider what auction items or gift certificates you might have to offer or persuade your favorite restaurant, a local business or someone you know to offer, such as: Art and Photography, Babysitting Services and Service Hours for Teens, Electronics, Hardware and General Stuff, Golf and Sports, Hair Cuts, Hair Products and Spa Services, Hotels and Retreats, Liquor and Wine Baskets, Movies, Music and Entertainment, Restaurants and Special Memorabilia.

Please contact Beth Rider at bethrider@adelphia.net with any information about donations or questions/suggestions for the silent auction. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING FACTS

We have budgeted for the following expenses:

\$40,000 Legal Expenses, for Land Use Lawyer, Environmental, Wildlife and Traffic Consultants; to perform an intelligent and substantiated forensic analysis of the shortcomings of the developer's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and assist community members in preparation of individual responses to the EIR.

\$4,000 Community Awareness Campaign including weather resistant signs, Newsletters and Event Notices such as the Public Hearings and Fundraising Events.

We are asking for each house to donate \$100-\$200 or to donate whatever they can to help offset these expenses, and we sincerely appreciate your help.

VOLUNTEERS PUT THE \$ IN CA\$H

Volunteering your time and effort to make a fundraising event a success also results in monetary contribution, from other people attending...so that's a great alternative to a cash contribution. We want YOU! **PETITION DRIVE** needs walkers/talkers/signer-uppers! Please contact **damico@rand.org** for details.

ICE CREAM SOCIALIZERS sought to help on May 6th! SOS/COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE will need several sharp-eyed sales volunteers...you know why.

MONEY TALK\$ (aka: Attend and Spend)

Cash being that currency so versatile, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR to attend one of the upcoming events and patronize your new favorite nonprofit...spending, enjoying, acquiring, admiring.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ATTENDING!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SOS meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at the Pacific Boy's Lodge, 4900 Serrania Ave., Woodland Hills (Enter and go LEFT)

MARCH

| 3-7-06 | SOS Regular Meeting 7 pm |
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| 3-8-06 | WHWCNC Full Council at Parkman Elementary |
| 3-21-06 | SOS Regular Meeting 7 pm |
| 3-25-06 | SOS Garage Sale on Cerrillos Drive WH |
| 3-27-06 | WHWCNC PLUM Meeting at WH Retirement |
| 3-30-06 | WHHO General Meeting, Pacific Boy's Lodge |
| APRIL | |
| 4-4-06 | SOS Regular Meeting 7 pm |
| 4-12-06 | WHWCNC Full Council at Parkman Elementary |
| 4-18-06 | SOS Regular Meeting 7 pm |
| 4-24-06 | WHWCNC PLUM Meeting at WH Retirement |
| 4-27-06 | WHHO General Meeting, Pacific Boy's Lodge |
| MAY | |
| 5-2-06 | SOS Regular Meeting 7 pm |
| 5-6-06 | Ice Cream Social at Pacific Boy's Lodge 7 pm |
| 5-16-06 | SOS Regular Meeting 7 pm |

MYTH v. FACT

MYTH: The developer's "project" is for single family homes.

FACT: The developer submitted plans for a "condominium subdivision".

MYTH: The "Project" will fit in with the surrounding neighborhood.

FACT: The developer's project of 3-story condos has no sidewalks, no driveways and no room for real backyards. The project is completely inconsistent with the surrounding community. This is a neighborhood of 1-story and 2-story single family homes with large lots and yards.

NOTE: REGULAR UPDATES ARE SENT VIA EMAIL. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)
SO WE CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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