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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Meeting of the West Pasadena Residents Association is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 1983 for the purpose of electing Directors. Details to be mailed later. Anyone interested in serving as a Director or helping with W.P.R.A. activities should contact any member of the Nominating Committee. Those members are: Walter Cochran-Bond, James Gamb, Virginia Kimball, George McWilliams, and Annette Serrurier.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the residents of the West Pasadena and San Rafael areas about issues of possible concern. It is the hope of W.P.R.A. to publish this newsletter four times a year. The editors wish to keep the newsletter informal and welcome any news articles, suggestions, comments, and help.

**MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM J. BOGAARD,
MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CITY OF
PASADENA**

• Lower Arroyo Seco - On January 11, the City Board approved the Lower Arroyo Seco Management Plan, which is designed to facilitate the restoration of the Lower Arroyo Seco as a natural environment. The plan had been in preparation over a long period of time. The City Board, after discussion of the plan and the resources available to implement it, adopted the plan as a guideline for all future activities in the Lower Arroyo. More detailed information about this program has been furnished to the W.P.R.A. Directors and is also available from my office.

To express goodwill and support, W.P.R.A. might wish to contribute to the implementation of this plan, a proposal which I have submitted to your President, James Gamb.

• Rose Bowl - On Tuesday, February 1, at 10 a.m., the City Board will undertake a discussion of activities in the Rose Bowl. The purpose of the discussion is to review the specific events which will be presented in the Rose Bowl during the year. The City Directors appear to support explicit guidelines to the City staff regarding the kind and frequency of events, and I hope that a policy on use of the Rose Bowl will be adopted soon.

You are aware that W.P.R.A. submitted a letter to the City Board in cooperation with other neighborhood associations requesting prompt action by the City Board in adopting reasonable Rose Bowl use policy. Without this letter, it would have been difficult to schedule the February 1 discussion. Continued interest on the part of W.P.R.A. members will be helpful.

• Area Code Changes - In January 1984, Pacific Telephone Company is creating a new area code, Area Code 818, which will apply to most of Pasadena. Following a series of information meetings, residents of a small portion of the San Rafael neighborhood in west Pasadena will be surveyed by a City questionnaire to determine their wishes regarding the proposed area code split. This small area in San Rafael was originally scheduled to remain in Area Code 213, but concern expressed by numerous residents prompted the City to conduct information meetings and to send a survey

so that the final action taken by the Telephone Company will respond to the majority wishes of the affected residents. Persons attending the information meetings agreed that the City was providing a desirable opportunity to citizens to express their views as to matters of importance to them.

• Traffic Issues - The City Directors seem to be increasingly willing to recognize the concerns of Pasadena residents about the increasing volume and speed of traffic in our neighborhoods. In District 6, I have conducted meetings in recent weeks on west La Loma Road, on Bellefontaine Street, and on Romney Drive specifically to discuss traffic management and control. City staff persons have been working closely with these neighborhoods to study the problems and to formulate possible solutions. It is very important, in my view, for the City to respond to the concerns of residents by developing acceptable traffic management techniques.

**REPORT FROM JIM GAMB, PRESIDENT OF
WEST PASADENA RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

Policies for Rose Bowl Use

As many of you are aware, our Association has been concerned for some time about the effect which a higher level of Rose Bowl use will have on the Arroyo Seco and those neighborhoods near the Rose Bowl.

While we recognize the desire on the part of city government to use the Rose Bowl more to develop additional revenue for the city, we believe that it is necessary to achieve a balance between revenue producing uses and the adverse impact of Rose Bowl activities on both the environment of the Arroyo Seco and the surrounding neighborhoods. Indeed, we believe that city government should face up to its responsibility under the terms of the Arroyo Seco ordinance and develop a comprehensive policy for Rose Bowl use which explicitly recognizes these conflicting considerations.

With this in mind, representatives of the W.P.R.A. have been working together with

other neighborhood associations to study and recommend to the Pasadena City Board of Directors appropriate policies for the use of the Rose Bowl. The report and recommendations of this group will be delivered to the Pasadena City Board on February 1, 1983. Our statement will stress the relationship between Rose Bowl use and the recently passed Arroyo Seco ordinance and emphasize the need for both an independently developed environmental impact report and an analysis of revenues and costs which derive from Rose Bowl activities. It also includes a statement of suggested policy objectives which consider the environment of the Arroyo Seco, current recreational uses, financial issues, parking questions, emergency vehicle access and the quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods. The report concludes with a recommendation for *interim* guidelines for Rose Bowl use which would place limits on both athletic and non-athletic events, on parking and on night time uses and which urges the development of alternative parking sites.

Nomination of Directors

Once again the time is here to consider nominations for Directors of the Board of our Association. W.P.R.A. Bylaws provide for a total of 21 Directors with seven terms expiring each year. The Nominating Committee this year is composed of Annette Serrurier, Walt Cochran-Bond, Virginia Kimball, George McWilliams, and Jim Gamb.

We are most anxious to consider all who may be interested in participating in the work of the Association and serving on the Board. If you have an interest, I urge you to contact any member of the Nominating Committee or any other Director of the Association. All of us who are involved in the Association strongly believe that the membership of the Board of Directors should reflect as completely as possible the range of attitude and opinion about neighborhood and city issues which exists among our membership. We solicit your interest and participation.

SOUND BARRIER WALLS

Progress continues on the construction of a sound barrier wall which is to be built along the south side of the 134 Freeway between Annandale Road and San Rafael. It is to be ten feet high, except along the Club Road area, where it will be twelve feet high. Caltrans officials have indicated that the design of the wall will be completed by the summer of 1983 and that the actual construction should be completed by December 1984.

An informal Advisory Committee of local residents is working with City Director William Bogaard and City Traffic Engineer David Barnhart on this project. The Committee includes: Rex Nelson, Delmer Beckhart, William Ross, Dan Gillingham, Glen Dawson, and Chris Martin.

FIRE AT THE VISTA DEL ARROYO HOTEL

On 29 October 1982, fire raced through the oldest section of the historic Vista del Arroyo Hotel. Flames, which were visible for miles, rose to the height of the Vista Tower. Fire doors fell which helped to protect the tower structure from more serious fire damage and Pasadena firefighters were successful in preventing the fire from spreading to adjacent bungalows. Only the four walls remain of the northernmost two-story wing of the hotel. The fire is attributed to workman error. Discussions regarding the reconstruction of the hotel section continues between officials of the General Services Administration, the United States Court of Appeals, the City of Pasadena and the State Office of Historic Preservation. The entire Vista del Arroyo complex is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

NEWS FROM THE PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Pasadena Public Library will be presenting the Spring '83 Author Series which will begin in February. Tickets, at a cost of ten

dollars for the series, are available at the Information Desk at the Central Library and at all eight branch libraries. The Author Series will be held in the Central Library Auditorium at 285 E. Walnut Street at 7:30 p.m. More information can be obtained by calling 577-4030. The Series includes the following authors:

Louis L'Amour Tuesday, 15 February 1983
Marianne Alireza Tuesday, 22 March 1983
Monica Highland Tuesday, 19 April 1983
Tom Reiterman Tuesday, 17 May 1983
Richard Peck Tuesday, 7 June 1983

NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE WATCH PROGRAM

The Pasadena Fire Department, under the leadership of Administrative Chief Carl E. Marckmann and Capt. Il Joe Nestor, is offering to neighborhood associations, the *Neighborhood Fire Watch Program*. The program will cover a full presentation of home fire safety including a film and an overview of fire problems of all aspects of the home and residential buildings. Various prevention steps and danger areas will be discussed. If you are interested in such a program for your block or neighborhood, call Administrative Chief Carl E. Marckmann 577-4655, 8-5 Monday-Friday or Captain Il Joe Nestor 577-4342, B Shift.

For Your Information NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Burglary continues to be of great concern to the residents of Pasadena. Both the Police Department and W.P.R.A. encourage each neighborhood block to contact Agent Curtis, who will help you formalize a program for each specific area. His telephone number is: 577-4550.

Did you know?

. . . that members of the Police Department will come to your block to describe the Neighborhood Watch Program?

. . . that a Police Officer will come to your home upon request to advise you about potential security problems?

. . . that for a small fee, residents within a Neighborhood Watch area, may purchase a

Neighborhood Watch Street Sign. There are a number of signs now posted in the vicinity of W. California Boulevard and South Grand. Such signs contribute to the reduction of residential burglaries. Call Agent Curtis today!

UPDATE ON THE LANDMARK DISTRICT ORDINANCE

The Landmark District Ordinance was unanimously adopted by the City Board following public discussion of the proposal in December in which proponents and opponents had the opportunity to express their views. The ordinance had been in preparation for a long time. It had undergone numerous modifications to respond to the concerns for certain persons that the ordinance would be used as an indirect means of downzoning areas which permit the development of apartments and condominiums.

The ordinance, which is designed to avoid indirect downzoning, does provide a means for neighborhoods with homes of historic and architectural interest to adopt, with the consent of property owners, zoning guidelines, which will encourage the maintenance of the existing structures. Before any Landmark District is established, a long series of actions, studies, hearings, and meetings will be required to determine the propriety of the District and the extent of support from affected property owners.

The Board of West Pasadena Residents Association had followed closely the Landmark District Ordinance and supported its adoption.

UPDATE ON LA SOLANA INN

The Solana Inn, a familiar landmark to many residents of West Pasadena has been demolished for sometime. Many W.P.R.A. members will remember that it was a constant "news item" on the pages of prior issues of the newsletter. The update for this issue is a most positive one. Three historic homes have been

moved to the site of the La Solana Inn. The home on the southeast corner of South Grand and Lockehaven was the first to arrive (from Oakland and Del Mar) and to be rehabilitated and sold as a single family residence. The second home to arrive was moved from land which is now part of the Avery complex on Walnut and Orange Grove Boulevard. This residence, still in the process of renovation, faces South Grand and is just south of the corner. The last home came to Pasadena from North University Park in Los Angeles and is now on its new foundation on Lockehaven. It is surely one of our City's most dramatic Victorian structures. Workmen can be seen daily on the premises pursuing its careful restoration.

W.P.R.A. members might find it interesting to take a little extra time to drive by the old La Solana Inn site . . .

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The West Pasadena Residents' Association meets monthly, on the second Thursday of the month. The Board meetings are open to all area residents. The monthly meetings are held in various Board members homes. Please feel free to call any of the Board members to express concerns, suggestions or to find the location of the monthly Board meetings—The WPRA Board looks forward to hearing from area residents. Your input is important!

President - Jim Gamb 799-3556
 1st Vice-President - Annette Serrurier . . 799-2556
 2nd Vice-President - Peg Stewart 449-6148
 Secretary - John Poole 796-7181
 Treasurer - Richard Yadley 449-3366

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL NEIGHBORS OF WEST PASADENA

• This issue of the newsletter is, once again, being mailed to "current resident" and is intended to arrive at every residence within the boundaries of the West Pasadena Resident's Association. We encourage anyone who is new to the neighborhood or anyone who is not yet a member of WPRA to please

complete the information on the attached envelope and to return it.

The is *not* a renewal request for regular members of WPRA. Should you have a question regarding your membership, just drop us a note or call Claire Bogaard, 799-9819, in the late afternoon.

A regular membership includes the quarterly (hopefully) newsletter and announcements of meetings important to the residents of West Pasadena.

There are currently over one thousand members of WPRA. Should anyone be receiving more than one newsletter to his residence, please notify us so we can correct our files.

What Are The Boundaries of W.P.R.A.?

The boundaries of the neighborhood association are:

- on the north Colorado Blvd.
- on the south the boundary of South Pasadena.
- on the east Fair Oaks Blvd.
- on the west the City of Los Angeles.

• West Pasadena Residents' Association has a new mailing address. Please note it for your records:
 West Pasadena Residents' Association
 Post Office Box 50252
 Pasadena, CA 91105-0252

• The next Membership Meeting of WPRA will be held on 10 March 1983. Details of the program will be sent later but members may wish to mark the date on their calendars now.

WHERE TO CALL IN CITY HALL IN CASE OF:

1. Abandoned or junk vehicles 577-4633
2. Vehicles parked on lawns or vacant lots . 577-4149
3. Trash and debris on lawns or vacant lots . 577-4087
4. Poorly maintained houses and yards . . . 577-4633
5. Overcrowded dwellings 577-4633
6. Boarded-up houses 577-4633
7. Businesses operated in a home 577-4149
8. Too many garage or yard sales 577-4152
9. Health problems in a home or yard 577-4390
10. Animal problems 792-7151
11. Overgrown street trees or vegetation . . . 577-4158
12. Cracked sidewalks 577-4158
13. Streets that need sweeping 577-4158
14. Problems with garbage pickup 577-4158
15. Errors on utility bills 577-2440
16. Landlord/tenant disagreements 794-7194
17. Need for a low-interest home loan 796-1813
18. Need for assistance in Spanish 792-3148
19. POLICE DEPARTMENT 577-4241
20. FIRE DEPT. and PARAMEDICS 792-4161