



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

A Non-Profit 501(c)(4) Organization
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Earth Day Chatsworth Park North
Saturday, April 19th, 9:00am-12:00pm

Garden Festival at Homestead Acre, Chatsworth Park South
Sunday, April 27th, 11:00am-4:00pm
Set up starting at 9:00am

Day of Service at Stoney Pointe
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00am-12:00pm
with information table at Chatsworth Depot
11:00am until the end of the event.
NEED VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN UP AT STONEY POINTE FOR GENERAL CLEAN UP AND REMOVAL OF NON-NATIVE PLANTS. Main entrance via Topanga Cyn. Blvd., south of Santa Susana Pass Road. Street parking on east side of Topanga.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 21, 2008 at 7:15PM

At this month's meeting, as a follow up to Earth Day this last Sunday, April 6, 2008, there will be a discussion/presentation about Chatsworth Reservoir Nature Preserve Wetland and Riparian Mitigation Program.

Our guest speaker, David Edwards, is the Project Manager for this major mitigation program.

After 4 years of negotiations between Councilman Greg Smith, BFI, DWP, LA City Department of Parks & Recreation, Army Corp of Engineers and Fish & Game, there has been an agreement for land purchase, mitigation and perpetual conservation easement and maintenance of significant areas of the Chatsworth Nature Preserve.

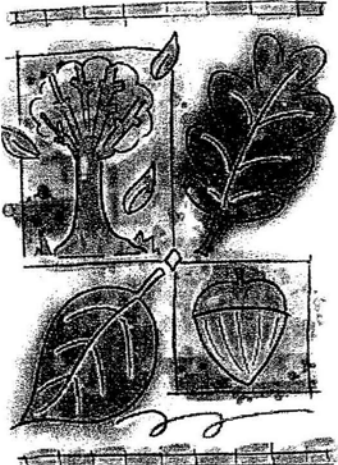
Many questions will begin to be addressed:

1. Why community pressure to develop in this area needs to be prevented?
2. What wildlife/plant life is supported in the preserve?
3. How important is the ground water that DWP manages?
4. What is the future for the Preserve?

Community input and response are crucial to the EIR process that is required by the governmental agencies involved. For a copy of the EIR Mitigated Negative Declaration it is available at: <http://www.laparks.org/environmental/environmental.htm>
Copies of the report are also available at the Chatsworth Library

SSMPA General Membership Program meetings take place every 3rd Monday, September through November and January through May at the Rockpointe Clubhouse, 22300 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, on the south side, 1 block before entering Chatsworth Park South. Our program meetings begin at 7:15pm and conclude at 9:00pm.

*Ownership
RAP
to City
to Parks
conservation
easement
permanent
14 acres
of reservoirs
1300 acres
mtg June 15
July 1*



The purposes of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association are the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills as open space lands and wildlife corridors linking the Los Padres National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains, including the Angeles National Forest, to the Santa Monica Mountains; as habitats for plants and animals native to the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills; as locales of unique geologic formations; as sites of ethnological, archaeological and historical interests; to provide passive recreational opportunities and environmental education opportunities; and, to support the acquisition of new public parks, open space and conservation easements, the expansion of existing parks, participate in the planning of park infrastructure and programs, and support said programs.

HERE ARE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF SSMPA BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2008 AT THE MAY 2008 GENERAL MEETING. THE BALLOT WILL BE IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER.
REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Diana Dixon-Davis, Chair, Reid Bogert, Warren Stone)

Business 818 227-4220
Jack Unger-Candidate for President:

SSMPA has just completed a very successful year. I'm asking you, our members, to give me the opportunity to lead SSMPA for the next year as we work together to build our momentum and to achieve even more this coming year. This year, our ideals, our actions, our energy and our funding have allowed us to help buy and permanently protect several significant pieces of land but there is additional land that also needs immediate protection. To continue our work, we need to do several things. We need people who are willing to step up and volunteer their time and energy. Everyone leads a busy life these days but as an organization we need to put on our "thinking caps" and create additional opportunities for our members to get involved. To survive as an effective organization, we also need to expand the ways that we reach out to new members. We need to attract younger members as well as inviting newer members of our community to join us. Finally, we need to broaden the scope of our fund raising. This past year we created a non-profit 501(c)3 funding arm, called "Save Simi Hills" that allows individuals to make tax-exempt contributions to SSMPA. I would like to see us use "Save Simi Hills" to encourage individuals world-wide to contribute to our efforts and to help us protect and preserve the land, the animals, the birds, the plants and the history of this beautiful area that we are privileged to experience and to enjoy.

Warren Stone -Candidate for Vice President: *-498-3196 cell 948-1735 home*

I have been on the Board of SSMPA as Member at large for two year and a Life Member for 15 years or more. I support the protection of open spaces and wild life habitat. I support the Santa Susana Historical Park. I also serve on the board of Save Chatsworth Inc. and the Vice President of Twin Lake POA.

Teena Takata-Candidate for Recording Secretary: *-703-1040*

Teena is running for recording Secretary. This means she will be keeping minutes of the Board meeting and voting records for issues that are voted on at the General Meeting. We hope to publish minutes electronically in the near future using our new website at <http://www.ssmpla.com>, although sensitive topics like land parcels that we may assist in acquiring will not be identified until the acquisition is completed. Teena has lived in Chatsworth for the last 30 years and is also active in the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, where she is Secretary of the Land Use Committee and Vice President of the Council. She hikes, is interested in native plants and retention of open space in our area for future generations and the enjoyment of our neighbors.

Diana Dixon-Davis-Candidate for Treasurer: *341-4242*

For 7 years I have successfully kept SSMPA books, prepared monthly treasurer's reports, filed annual Federal and California State Income Tax forms and other required reports. Since I have CMT, I am unable to hike or do physical things to support this park that I so love. I can do the Treasurer's job and as a member of the board I can work on legislation and represent the board during public hearings. As a well known and often appointed citizen expert to many different boards, councils, and commissions, I am constantly able to advocate for the SSMPA and our Santa Susana Pass SHP!

AWARDS: 2Chatsworth Citizen of the Year, State and National PTA Awards, Co-Author 2 California State PTA Resolutions, 3 National Safety Council Awards (2 Grand, 1 Merit).

SSMPA Member for 28 years, Treasurer 7 years. Sierra Club member about 40 years, California State Park Site Steward 2008 Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, Founding and Elected Board Member, (2002-2008), PTA Board Member (School, Council, District), Chatsworth Coordinating Council, Bd Member & Treasurer, 25 year member, LAUSD School Board Safety Committee, LA County Plastic Bag Reduction Working Group (Antonovich Appointee) 2007-2008, LA County Safe Haven Task Force (Antonovich Appointee) 2002-2003, City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission 2001-2002 (Korenstein appointee), Co-Chair California State Earthquake Preparedness in Schools Commission (Sen David Roberti appointee) Now used by National Red Cross as national model for school disaster preparedness. Assorted Legislative and Educational Advisory Committees (City, County, Assembly, Senate), Author/Co-Author of 18 Refereed Journal Articles, Papers, Reports. EDUCATION: MA Demography/Epidemiology UC Berkeley 1972, BA Cultural Anthropology/ Science UC Berkeley 1969, Basic accounting, LA Pierce College, 1984-85.

Carla Henry-Candidate for Board Member at Large: *(818) 340-7357*

I have a passion to preserve and protect the open space in the Santa Susana Mountains-Simi Hills. It started because I am a landscape artist and observed that irresponsible development is destroying so many natural wonders in our area. I want to continue donating my time and energy to working with other dedicated people to create and protect the wildlife corridor this area provides.

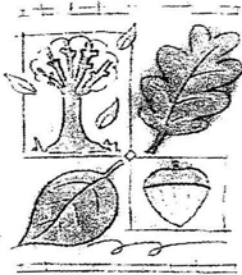
Reid Bogat - Candidate for Board Member at Large: *323-664-8333*

Reid, a lover of the outdoors and the natural landscape, is committed to protecting the rich heritage of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills. Reid spent his boyhood growing up on a small ranch in Chatsworth and attended Chatsworth Elementary School. He has a masters degree in business administration. Reid maintains the SSMPA's group E-Mail list and membership database.

*John Luker mem-at-large
(818) 371-7918*

UPCOMING HIKES

Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen.
RAIN CANCELS



THERE IS AN E-MAIL WITH TERRIFIC GRAPHICS THAT DETAILS HIKES THROUGH DECEMBER 2007
 Zuliebear@aol.com
 TTN: Dianne

Activities Schedule

Rancho Simi Trailblazers

Regularly Scheduled Hikes

(Hikes are canceled if it rains. There are no hikes on holidays.)

Sunday Evening - Rocky Peak

Meet at 4 PM at the Rocky Peak trailhead at the end of Rocky Peak Road on the Santa Susana Pass.

(Meet at 5 PM during daylight savings time.) (Strenuous - 4.8 MRT)

Tuesday Evening - Long Canyon

Meet at 6:30 PM in the Long Canyon parking lot. Directions: Take First Street South. Continue when the road's name changes to Long Canyon Road. The parking lot is at the intersection of Long Canyon Road and Wood Ranch Parkway.

(Easy to Moderate - 3.0 MRT)

Thursday Evening - The Chumash Trail

Meet at 6 PM at Chumash trailhead. Directions: Take the 118 Freeway to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite and turn right on Flanagan Dr. The trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Drive. (Moderate to Strenuous - 5.2 MRT)

April Activities

April 12th

Simi Peak via China Flat

6 MRT - Moderate to Strenuous (1000' elevation gain)

Bring two quarts of water and a snack. Wear boots. Directions: take 101 Freeway to Lindero Canyon. Follow Lindero Canyon to King James Court. Park on one of the side streets near the arroyo, just east of King James Court. Meet at 8 AM near the arroyo/trailhead.

April 13th

Flower Walk

The Chumash Trail

9:30 AM. Meet at the Chumash Trailhead. Directions: Take the 118 Freeway to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite and turn right on Flanagan Dr. The trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Drive.

April 19th

Mt. McCoy and the Reagan Library

3.6 MRT - Moderate (700' elevation gain)

Hike up to an isolated knoll in a 200 acre open space region at the western end of Simi Valley. At the summit (1,325') is a white cross, erected in 1941, and a 360 degree view. From there it's about another half mile to the Regan Library. Bring a snack and 2 to 3 quarts of water. Wear boots. Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal.

April 26th

Marr Ranch / Chumash Trail to Northridge Trail (loop)

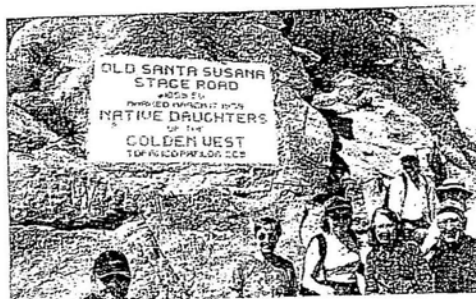
5 MRT - Easy (400' elevation gain) / 9 MRT - Moderate (1200' elevation gain)

Hike through a beautiful local canyon. Bring a quart of water and a snack. Wear sturdy shoes. Meet at 8 AM at the 118 & Stearns St. Park & Ride. As an option, we'll continue on past the gate at the end of the Marr Ranch Trail and take the trail up to the top of the Chumash Trail and hike down the Chumash Trail. Once we arrive at Flannigan Road, we will then walk a couple of blocks, through the neighborhood, and take the Northridge Trail back to our cars.



STAGECOACH TRAIL

STAGECOACH TRAIL - 9:00AM. INTERPRETATIVE HIKE INTO HISTORY OF SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK. MEET AT 9:00AM FIR A 2 1/2 MI (400' GAIN) LOOP UP THE STAGECOACH TRAIL. FROM TOPANGA CANYON BLVD., TURN W. ON DEVONSHIRE STREET, DRIVE INTO CHATSWORTH PARK S. TO PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE AUDITORIUM. LEADER: LEE BAUM (818-341-1850/SIERRA CLUB-SANTA SUSANA MTNS TASK FORCE OUTING). STAGECOACH TRAIL HIKES WILL BE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING OCTOBER.



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

invites you to JOIN / RENEW (circle one).

Investing in the future of our communities and its resources is probably one of the best expenditures of our time and efforts. Return this cutoff with your contribution lend your support. Make your check payable to SSMPA and send to SSMPA, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4831.

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Chris Beauvais - Candidate for Board Member at Large - Editor Newsletter

When I took over the Newsletter from Susan Gerke last September, I knew I had a large pair of boots to fill. I hope I have done her proud. I have lived most of my life in Granada Hills, but hung out at Chatsworth Park, Corriganville and Douglas Park throughout my youth. While at Pierce College in the last 1980's and early 1990's, I did Field Archeology at the reservoir at Kuehner and the 118 Freeway and the remains the park at Corriganville. I want to continue informing the community about things of interest in the Santa Susana Mountains and celebrate the work of the membership.

Jan Miller-Candidate for Board Member at Large:

Jan has served as President of SSMPA for several years and is a Life Member.

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Patty Miller-Candidate for Board Member at Large:

Patty has served as Recording Secretary for several years and is a Life Member. See Statement for Treasurer

SELF NOMINATED:

Patty Miller-Self Nominated Candidate for Treasurer:

A life member of SSMPA, I have served as Recording Secretary for 4 years. I have over 15 years experience in all aspects of branch banking with Bank of America. For 6 years I was the business coordinator of the Campus Newspaper at CSUN, where I did payroll, budgeting, collections, payables and receivables and account management. For 4 years I have been the financial manager of a court supervised family trust. I balance my accounts every month and I can do the same for SSMPA, with accuracy & efficiency (and cookies).

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Diana Dixon-Davis-Self Nominated Candidate for Board Member at Large:

SSMPA ,Member for 28 years, Treasurer 7 years. See Statement for Treasurer

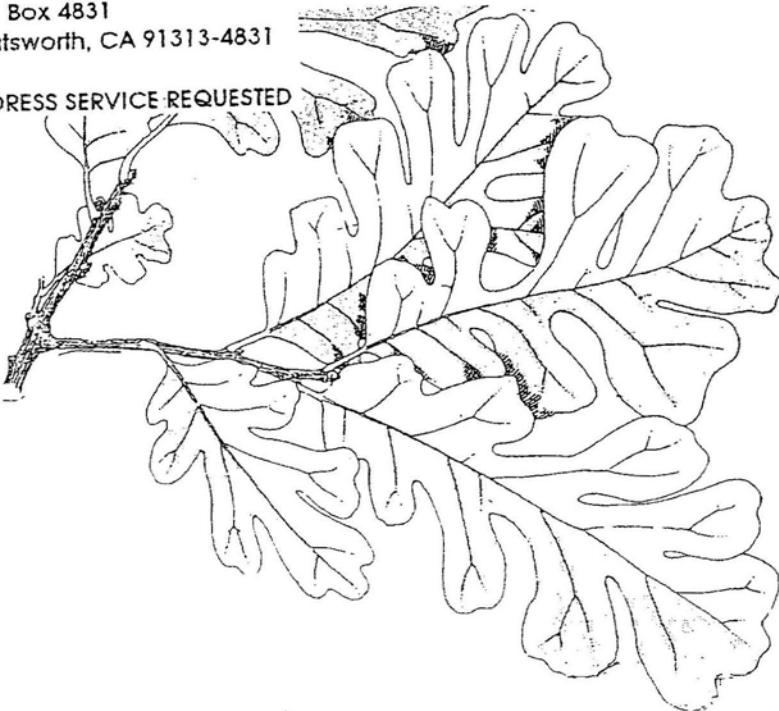
A campaign has begun to save 48 California State Parks from being closed (for 2008-2009 budget.)

Submitted by Carla Henry

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is one of the parks slated to be closed. It will probably cost more to close our park and others than to patrol the "infiltrators" who want to hike, swim at a state beach, or camp at one of the state parks earmarked for closing. Ironically, our congressional representatives and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, need to first assess how much revenue is earned at our state parks by state residents and visitors worldwide before they even determine what the actual cost is to keep all State Parks open. Last year the California Department of Parks and Recreation reported there were 77 million visitors. I know to park at a local state park is \$6.00. So \$6.00 x 77 million is more than my little calculator calculates! If you're concerned, go on the website: www.savestateparks.org Make your voice heard!

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