

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association P. O. Box 831, Chatsworth,  
California

NEWSLETTER  
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The citizens of California have overwhelmingly approved Proposition I in the recent election. People are aware that parks and beaches must be acquired now for future citizens regardless of the cost. It is comforting to know that with the current trouble throughout the world ecology and recreation are still important issues to many people. We are encouraged by the passing of this bond act which will allocate 37 million to L.A. ----- However it does not guarantee that a park will be created in our mountains, therefore, we must continue to pressure our representatives until our goal is reached. Please send a note to Supervisor Baxter Ward, Hall of Administration, L.A. 90012 and to Kenneth Hahn, Chairman Board of Supervisors, Hall of Administration, L.A. 90012. Tell them you would like to have county funds go towards the acquisition of parkland as outlined by the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association.

Our Board Members for the current year are the following:

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SSMPA has been selected to receive an Award of Merit from the Conference of Historical Societies at its 20th annual meeting. The award, representing the significant contribution to California history made by SSMPA, will be presented at a luncheon to be held on June 21 at the San Fernando Mission. President Zelma Skillman and Historian Zorka Nelson welcome any members who wish to accompany them.

*Jean Page  
At S.S.M.P.A.*

GREAT NEWS\*\*\*\*\*Due to the efforts of Max Feldman, Ed Burke, Ray Hicks, and Zelma Skillman, the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains is a reality. This new corporation is a non-profit, tax free, and tax exempt organization. All donations made may be deducted from your income tax.

Jan Hinkston & Zelma Skillman recently showed off our mountain to Mr. Gil Eisner, newly appointed deputy for our area from the office of Supervisor Baxter Ward. Mr. Eisner was greatly impressed with our efforts and is preparing his report for Mr. Ward.

Why not plan on joining the fun at Mason Park on the 4th of July\*\*\*\*\* Bring the family\*\*\*\*Stop at our booth for an ice cold chunk of watermelon or pineapple. Jan Hinkston & Ed Burke could use some help manning the booth so contact either one if you have some free time that day.

S.S.M.P.A. members always enjoy participating in community affairs. Pioneer Days celebration in Simi Valley earned us \$40.00 through the sale of our publication "Over The Pass--- Into The Past." Thanks to our Simi Valley Chairman, Pearl Turbush, many new friends became acquainted with the goals of S.S.M.P.A. Nancy Ruzanski set up the display board and answered questions at the May Festival held by Save Orcutt Park Association. This fun day included guided tours through the Orcutt Mansion and a visit by our mayor, the honorable Tom Bradley.

If you have never seen the interesting slide presentation on the unique Santa Susana Mtns. & Simi Hills, feel welcome to attend the disctheque at Rockpointe on July (18th or 19th) Jan will present the program as part of the homeowners' monthly lecture series.

Plans for the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 are beginning to form in Chatsworth. A Committee has been formed with Marion Luster as Chairman. One of the ideas being considered for this once in a lifetime event is an Historical Pageant involving hundreds of people depicting the early day Indian and Mexican settlements in what is now Chatsworth. People of every age bracket are encouraged to participate in this nation wide event.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR NEXT MEETING JUNE 17, 1974 at 8PM AT GLENDALE FEDERAL IN CHATSWORTH.



*Mrs Pearl Turbush  
3285 Elmore St  
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A MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY HAS PROMPTED THIS INSERTION TO OUR LETTER!  
AN OFFER HAS JUST BEEN SUBMITTED ON THE 283 ACRE NICHOLS PROPERTY BY THE  
OWNERS OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN HOTEL SITE, WHO PLAN ON DIVIDING IT INTO  
HOMESITES. THIS PARCEL IS LOCATED ON THE OLD SANTA SUSANA PASS ROAD AND  
ADJOINS THE STAGE COACH TRAIL PROPERTIES. IT ALSO IS CONNECTED TO BOTH  
THE CHATSWORTH PARKS. WITHOUT THIS KEY PARCEL, THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN  
PARK MAY NEVER BECOME A REALITY! OUR ASSOCIATION IS MAKING THIS DESPARATE  
APPEAL FOR FUNDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE NICHOLS LAND. IF YOU SHARE  
OUR CONCERN FOR THIS VITAL LINK, PLEASE HELP US! WE HAVE ONLY ONE WEEK  
IN WHICH TO RAISE \$37,000, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE GREATEST CHALLENGE WE  
HAVE EVER FACED. LETS ALL TRY TO KEEP OUR BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS IN THEIR  
NATURAL STATE. PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR NEWLY FORMED CORPORATION,  
THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS.  
AND REMEMBER . . . ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE FOR YOU.