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Santa Susana Mountain Park Association P.O. Box 831, Chatsworth, California 91311

Hello folks:

This letter is all good news! Escrow has finally closed on the purchases of two additional parcels for the park. A total of about 120 acres west of Chatsworth Park South is now owned by the State. These parcels include the Devil's Slide, and the sites of the relay station and water cisterns. Off road vehicles have been severely damaging the archaeological sites and we are working with State to get some gates put up.

Marilyn Luckey of the Santa Susana School has generously made available to us the space needed for a temporary visitor's center. The school is located at the corner of Devonshire and Valley Circle. We hope to open up shortly on a part time basis. Look for our sign and drop in.

As you know, the State does not have much money to spare. No funds have been allocated to run our park. So we are going to roll up our sleeves and raise some money ourselves. We would like to raise enough money on a continuing basis to hire a naturalist. - hopefully, on a full time basis. This is where you come in. We are going to try our hand at Bingo. Many groups have found it to be a good source of funding. We are applying for the necessary permit now and it will take several months to complete the process. We would like to be ready at the beginning of January. We need volunteers to help us out in running the game. We have tentatively scheduled them for every Friday evening, but we may change this to Thursday. If each of you can volunteer to help for just one evening a month we can do it. Mrs. Luckey of the Santa Susana School has come through like a champion and is letting us use the auditorium of the School as our location. Please call Pauline Aue at 341-5872 and let us know which night you can help.

MEETING NIGHT - September 19 at 7:30 at Glendale Federal, 21821 Devonshire. Right at the height of the fire season -- just the time to find out the role that fires play in the ecology of our mountains. Tim Thomas, a Ranger-Naturalist with the National Park Service will show slides explaining the relationship of "Wild Fire & Wild Flowers". He will give us tips on fire prevention too. Mark your calendars now and bring friends and neighbours.

Meeting Night - October 17 at 7:30 at Glendale Fed. Our speaker this month will give us information on the unique aspects of the Santa Susanas and Simi Hills. Why is it so important to preserve this area? Come and find out!

Just a reminder - please check the date on your mailing label. If it is not current we would appreciate your renewal. Every little bit helps. Bye the way - if you cannot help with Bingo could you send in a donation to help our Park Operating Fund.

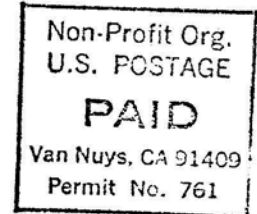
MORE GOOD NEWS. The State has just approved the budget for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. This includes funding to purchase China Flats in the Simi Hills. This is a key area that will allow the Simi Valley trail system to link up with the new acquisitions of the National Park Service in Cheseboro Canyon. If negotiations are successful we will one day be able to hike or ride from Simi Valley to the Ventura Freeway. Eventually we hope to link our park with the same system.

The Earthwatch club (with ourselves and others co-sponsoring) is holding workshops on Urban Living as if Survival Mattered. This will be held at Pierce College on November 12, a Saturday, from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Many vital topics will be covered: (lunch available)

- Landscaping - Native plant use - edible landscaping - Climate Control
- Raising Food at Home - Organic gardening - French Intensive
- Home Energy - Passive/active solar - Alternative Energy sources
- Wildlife Management - backyard habitats - Insect/rodent control
- Water and Energy Conservation - recycling -etc -etc-etc-

For further information call 997-1810 and ask for Glenn Bailey

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-----Membership Application-----

Yes, I support SSMPA's goals. Please enroll me as a member.

NAME(S) _____ Telephone _____

ADDRESS _____ Zip _____

Yes! I can volunteer some time. My special interest/occupation: _____

ANNUAL DUES: (Please make check payable to SSMPA) Student \$3.00
Individual \$5.00 - Family \$7.00 - Business or Organization \$10.00

DONATIONS: Tax deductible donations should be made to SSMP Foundation.

ALSO AVAILABLE: Commemorative History Books about the Stagecoach Trail \$4.00
Beautiful decals \$1.00 each

Please return with your check to SSMPA, PO Box 831, Chatsworth CA 91311
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