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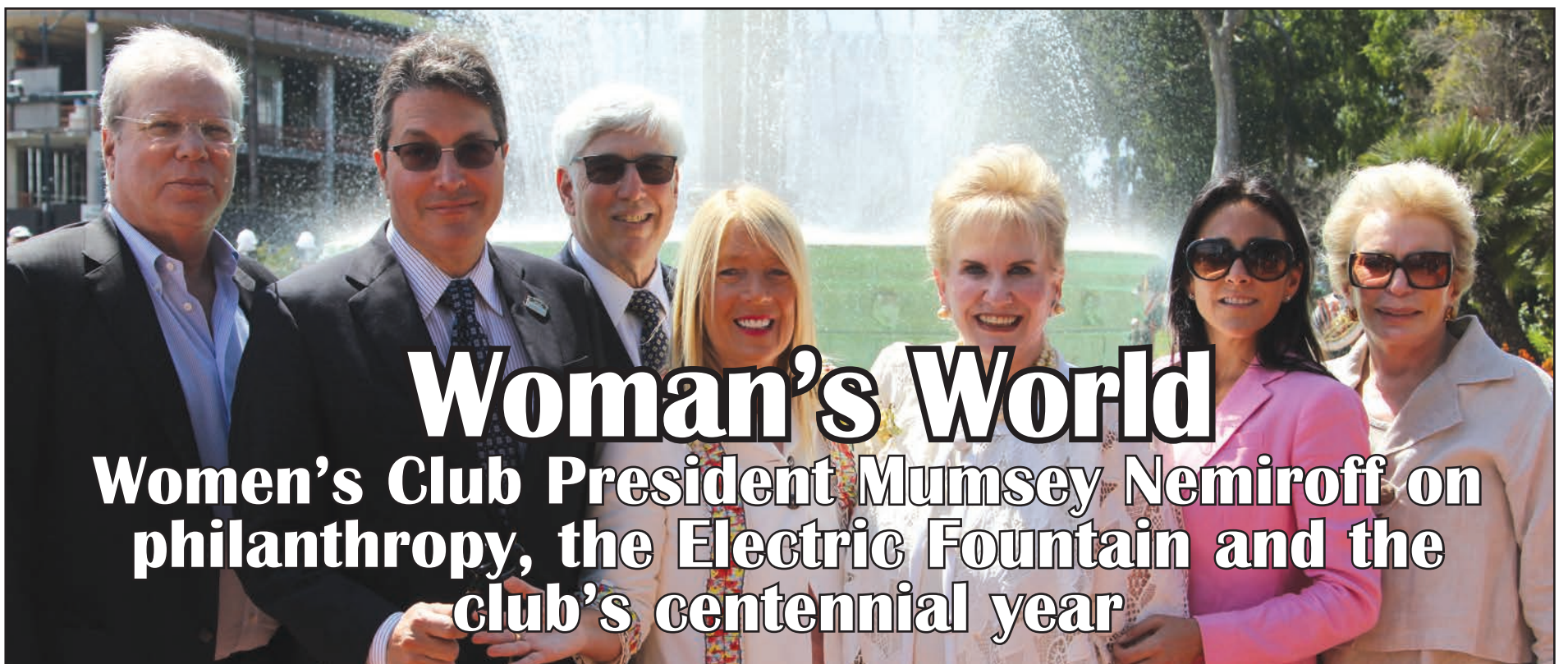
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Hilton launches signature gathering effort

But will they meet the deadline?



Woman's World

Women's Club President Mumsey Nemiroff on philanthropy, the Electric Fountain and the club's centennial year



BEVERLY HILLS TELEVISION

BHTV City Council and Commission Schedule – Channel 10

- Planning Commission: April 14 at 1:30 pm, April 15 at 8:00 pm
- Mayors forum: April 14 at 10:00 pm
- Public Works Commission: April 18 at 8:00 am, April 18 at 8:00 pm
- City Council Study Session: April 19 at 2:30 pm
- City Council Formal Meeting: April 19 at 7:00 pm

letters & email

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY:

As Mayor of Beverly Hills, I've been approached by a number of residents who have asked me about a petition circulating which would add to the Beverly Hilton's building entitlements without going through the standard City reviews, including environmental reviews. Let me tell you my personal opinion about the petition and initiative: I believe that the more you know about this deceptive initiative, the more you're going to want to say "no." For example, you are probably not aware that the initiative's real purpose is to allow the developer to build a 375-foot high skyscraper, and that there are no "public gardens," despite the pretty pictures.

As Mayor, and, more importantly, as a resident who cares about Beverly Hills, I urge you not to sign the petition. The initiative is being misrepresented by those asking, and in some cases pressuring you to sign. The circulators get paid per signature, so they clearly have a financial interest in getting you to sign. In many cases, the signature-gatherers aren't Beverly Hills residents and have no stake

in our Community.

Here's why you shouldn't sign (or should rescind your signature if you were pressured into signing or mistakenly signed the petition):

1) **The campaign is deceptive, especially about the "open space."** The developer has titled his scheme "The BH Garden and Open Space Initiative." In fact, his main goal is to build a 375-foot skyscraper, absolutely unprecedented in Beverly Hills.

a. **The park is not a "public park."** The developer has tried to give the impression that the small amount of additional open space created would be a public garden. Paid supporters have compared the new open space to the popular Beverly Canon Gardens by the Montage. The new open space is NOT a public park, like the Beverly Canon Gardens. It would be a private area, open to the public at the owner's discretion. It could be closed for private parties and events.

b. **The "open space" could be eliminated in the future.** There is nothing in the initiative which ensures that the park would remain green space forever. The open space would not be deeded to the City, nor is the City being offered a permanent easement, which means the developer could apply to build an additional high rise building there at some point in the future.

c. **Disruption to El Rodeo.** The "open space," as planned, would be more – not less disruptive – to El Rodeo across the street. One of the arguments made to El

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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**ESPRESSO YOURSELF
NORTH BEVERLY DR.**

Proving he's truly multi-talented, *Dancing with the Stars* Season 18 champion Maksim Chmerkovskiy whipped up espressos for guests at Nespresso last Thursday, as part of Culinary Week.

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OUR DATA SPEAKS VOLUMES



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BHUSD legal fees for first QTR approach \$1 million

BHUSD legal expenditures inched towards \$1 million for the first quarter calendar year, totaling \$847,642 (see chart on right). Second-quarter legal fees stood at \$927,260.

Around \$285,000 was charged to the general fund and \$562,000 to Measure E.

The \$285K was paid to six different law firms, two more than the previous quarter, and Measure E expenditures were paid to five different law firms.

Attorney Fred Fenster from Greenburg Glusker represents the district in the litigation involving former BHUSD Facilities Director Karen Christiansen. The total judgment against the district currently exceeds \$20 million.

As of October 2014, Horvitz & Levy represented the district in the CEQA appeal involving Metro's proposed Purple Line extension project, which the district

lost. Murphy & Evertz represented the district in the CEQA case against Metro in opposition to the Purple Line extension route.

According to research conducted by Board of Education Vice President Mel Spitz last December, comparative school districts spend \$65 per student on legal fees, whereas the BHUSD spends \$478.

Mirisch applauds fellow Swede's Culver City win

Swedish-American businessman Göran Eriksson was elected to the Culver City Council Tuesday night.

"I'm happy that my friend Göran Eriksson got elected to the Culver City Council," Mayor John Mirisch



Göran Eriksson

said. "I supported him, and I'm looking

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Program Charged	Law Firm	January	February	March	Grand Total
General Fund	Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin				
General Fund	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		61,611	34,684	
General Fund	Best, Best & Krieger		42.72		
General Fund	Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger		3,058.00	6,341.00	
General Fund	Haight, Brown & Bonesteel			58,136.00	
General Fund	Horvitz & Levy LLP		77,132.00	44,414.00	
General Fund	Lozano Smith		55.00		
Total		0.00	141,901.00	143,575.00	285,476.00
Measure E	Amir Development Co. - Management Acct.				
Measure E	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo	14,616.00	22,816	21,331	
Measure E	Horvitz & Levy LLP	5,524.00	1,421		
Measure E	Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman	10,944.00			
Measure E	Murphy & Evertz, LLP		120,962	93,410	
Total		15,256.68	289,525	257,383	562,164
Grand Total		15,256.68	431,426	400,959.74	847,642.42

Source: BHUSD, Fiscal Services department

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Rodeo parents is that "a park would replace a building, and that would be better for El Rodeo." However, the developer has announced that the park space would host a "Tavern on the Green" style restaurant, which would serve liquor. It would likely host parties and the potential noise and impacts on the school cannot be studied, as the developer is avoiding a full environmental review through the initiative.

d. **No free or additional parking.** Not only can the owner close the park at his sole discretion for private events etc., but the initiative does not provide for free parking, such as the City provides at the lot below the Beverly Canon Gardens. Neither does the initiative add parking to the project to deal with the additional demand the new restaurant and event spaces would create.

2) **At 375 feet, the building is much too high for Beverly Hills.** While getting the skyscraper approved is the main goal of the initiative, none of the renderings shows the full height of the building. All of the developer's drawings cut off the skyscraper to deceptively minimize its visual impact. To put things in perspective: the proposed tower is 70 feet higher than the **Statue of Liberty** – including the base; it is 60 feet higher than **Notre Dame** in Paris; it is 60 feet higher than **Big Ben** in London; it is more than double the height of **Niagara Falls**. What's more, it is more than double the height of the current highest building in Beverly Hills. The maximum height allowable for commercial buildings by our General Plan is 45 feet. Beverly Hills is not Manhattan; we are not Dubai; and we are not Century City. There is simply no good reason for us to allow such a ridiculously outsize monstrosity just to satisfy the financial desires of a developer.

3) **The process is unfair and sets a bad precedent.** The Hilton is using a

loophole, which would allow it to avoid the full environmental and public review which every other construction project has to go through in Beverly Hills. There are numerous additional impacts, including increased traffic and shade and shadow issues, which the project would create and which would be completely ignored because the loophole eliminates the full environmental review. This is clearly unfair to all of our residents and businesses who go through the existing process whenever they want to build, remodel or construct something. If anything, a project of the magnitude proposed by the Hilton should in fairness require more, not less environmental review.

4) **The proposed project wastes water compared to the existing plan and is less environmentally friendly.** The current Hilton project requires the Waldorf Astoria hotel and the condo buildings to have a gray water system, which means that the buildings would need to use recycled water, for example, to flush the toilets. The initiative would eliminate the buildings' gray water system, meaning each time a toilet is flushed, potable water is wasted. This is both irresponsible and unacceptable in a drought-stricken California in which the City of Beverly Hills has been mandated by the State to reduce our water usage by 32%, which has forced the City to assess penalties for residents who use too much water.

5) **The proposed project will have additional impacts, including additional traffic and circulation impacts, which can't be studied or mitigated with this initiative.** The initiative creates new outdoor event areas, which could be used to host numerous private parties, conferences and other events. These kinds of events are among the most intense traffic generators, and we would not be in a position to regulate or mitigate any of the negative impacts

the project would necessarily create.

It is clear why the developer doesn't want to go through the same process and procedure as every other resident and business in the City; it's clear why the developer is spending millions on a deceptive campaign to get our residents to approve his plan. The fact is, the project, if approved as proposed, would enrich the developer by some \$200 to \$300 million -- without any additional financial benefits to the City.

Let me be clear: even if the developer would renegotiate the development agreement with the City to provide additional financial benefits to the City and schools, which are not included in the initiative, I would oppose it for all of the reasons stated above. While it may be a financial boon worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the developer, a 375-foot water-wasting skyscraper, which is what the initiative is really about, is simply wrong for the City and for our residents.

I would urge you not to sign the petition, and should you have signed by mistake and wish to rescind your petition, please contact our City Clerk, Byron Pope, at bpope@beverlyhills.org, 310-285-2401. You have the right to rescind your signature.

Of course, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

John A. Mirisch
Beverly Hills Mayor

"Board forms advisory committee, increases K-3 cap to 23" [Issue 861]

On Tuesday night, a large number of educators in our district attended the Board of Education meeting because they were concerned about the Board's position on K-3 class sizes. The reason teachers did

not express their feelings at earlier Board meetings when revisions to the Board Policy on class size were being discussed was because they understood that this issue was being negotiated at the bargaining table and what is in our contract supersedes what is in our Board Policies.

In March, the Beverly Hills Education Association and the district came to a conceptual agreement to raise the K-3 class size to a maximum of 21 students when all classes at a given grade level is at 20. In other words, under the terms of this conceptual agreement, a 2nd grade class at Beverly Vista would get a 21st student only when every 2nd grade class in the district had 20 students. Under the current contract, with the revised Board Policy on class size, a 2nd grade class at Beverly Vista could conceivably have 23 students as long as the district-wide average for that grade level is at 20:1.

Community members and educators have long made it known that such a scenario is problematic. However, we understand it to be a temporary issue since a conceptual agreement has already been reached. But because some members of the Board of Education appear to be sending mixed signals regarding their stance on class size, BHEA wants to stress the importance of what it means to have a conceptual agreement as well as remind the Board that BHEA has always been open and willing to work with the district for the good of our students - we did so when the Board asked to revise the 2016-17 school calendar, we offered solutions that would allow for a 21st student in a K-3 classroom last year, and we will work with the district if flexibility is needed regarding class size or any other issue as we move forward.

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BHEA President
Beverly High Special Education Teacher

very forward to working with him, in addition to finally being able to create a Westside Swedish caucus.”

Eriksson has been involved in international sales, marketing and business development for more than 30 years. A retired Army captain and longtime Culver City resident, he has served on the city’s Finance Advisory Committee, as well as on the Culver City Unified School District’s Citizen Bond Oversight Committee.

Before moving to the United States in 1983, Eriksson held several jobs in Sweden, including as a longshoreman on the port docks.

Mirisch lived in Sweden for 20 years before returning to Beverly Hills in 2007.

LaVan to resign

Hawthorne Principal Ena LaVan has submitted a letter of resignation.

“I’m so sorry to see her go, but we’ll be aggressive in getting a new principal for Hawthorne,” said Superintendent Steve Kessler. “This will have my immediate attention.”



Ena LaVan

Before she was appointed principal at the K-8 school last June, LaVan was briefly considered for the same opening at Beverly High.

In a surprising move, the Board of Education publically named her as a candidate, and then turned her down for the position.

LaVan is the founding Principal of Alliance William & Carol Ouchi High School, a charter school in Los Angeles.

She did not return a call from the *Weekly* by press time.

Beverly Vista soccer fields to cost nearly \$1 million

Earlier this year, the Board of Education greenlit the bid process for the expansion of the Beverly Vista playfield, a project that will add two U-10 soccer fields to the existing space.

At Tuesday’s meeting, the Board endorsed a contract totaling \$969,000 with Asphalt, Fabric and Engineering Inc. The bid includes an option to add school logos to the centers of the two fields, a \$24,000 addition that would bring the final price to \$993,000.

The logos did not receive the Board’s unanimous support, and will be voted on at a later meeting.

In addition to BHUSD students, the expanded green space is expected to benefit members of youth organizations like AYSO.

AYSO Regional Commissioner Michael Karon told the *Weekly* earlier this year that school playgrounds play an “important role in our ability to put kids on fields.”

The soccer organization has agreed to fund a significant portion of the \$969,000 undertaking, but has not yet finalized the amount.

After the project is complete, soccer fields will envelop nearly three quarters of the playground at Beverly Vista.

The Board received bids from two other firms.

5th Annual Alden-Berg Lecture features Yaroslavsky and others

The 2016 Alden-Berg Lecture will bring together former L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, *Los Angeles Times* writer Jill Leovy, and Yale University professor John Mack Faragher for a discussion on “Violence and Justice in Frontier Los Angeles.”

The Alden-Berg Lecture is named for Geraldine Alden and Barbara Berg, two distinguished alumnae of the UCLA History Department.

Now in its fifth year, the lecture draws on the excellence of the History Department faculty to address important issues of the past and present.

The event will take place May 18 at 7:00 pm at the Fowler Museum on the UCLA campus.



Zev Yaroslavsky

2016 Walk to Cure Arthritis to take place May 14

Rheumatologist Dahlia Carr, a 1991 Beverly High graduate, will be participating in the 2016 Walk to Cure Arthritis on May 14 at Exposition Park.

Walk to Cure is the Arthritis Foundation’s nationwide community team fundraising event. In an effort to find a cure for arthritis, the Foundation funds research and scientific dis-



Dahlia Carr

covery across the nation.

Carr is married to 5th District Supervisor candidate Elan Carr.

Visit www.WalkToCureArthritis.org/LosAngeles/Carr to donate or to join Carr’s team.

Larry King to host Beverly Hills Tomorrow

Television and radio personality Larry King will host the Chamber of Commerce’s annual “Beverly Hills Tomorrow 2016: A Vision for the Future” event on April 21 from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Industry leaders will discuss the latest innovations in medicine, health care, transportation and entertainment. The event will feature live entertainment and food and beverages from Beverly Hills restaurants.



Larry King

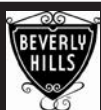
Visit www.beverlyhillschamber.com/tomorrow for more information.

Metro field work to begin next week

On April 18, Metro contractors are expected to begin conducting potholing activities along Reeves Drive, between Wilshire and Charleville boulevards.

The field work will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. from April 18th to the 25th.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES FEES & SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

The proposed resolution will increase certain fees and service charges that are charged to the public for the various activities and services as set forth in the schedule for fiscal year 2016/2017. In some cases fees were adjusted by 1.6% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for November 2015 to reflect the increase in the City’s costs. In other cases, new fees were established or existing fees were adjusted to reflect a more equitable distribution of costs, or a change in service level. Most fees would become effective on July 1, 2016.

Copies of the proposed Resolution are available for review or purchase in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 290, 455 N. Rexford Drive, and in the Finance Department, 3rd Floor, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date. If you need more information, please contact **William Castrillon at (310) 285-2458**.

Please note that if you challenge the Council’s action in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

BYRON POPE, MMC
City Clerk



(From left): *Manos PR Founder Melinda Manos, Certified Fitness Professional Angelique Millis, The Art of Body Shape Managing Member Nicholas Lakhomoff and Vice Mayor Nancy Krasne.*

City welcomes Art of Body Shape

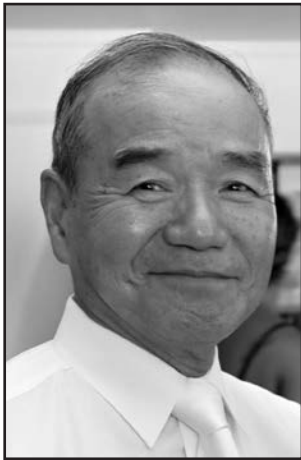
The Art of Body Shape celebrated its grand opening April 7 in the company of Vice Mayor Nancy Krasne and Chamber of Commerce members.

Located at 165 North San Vicente Boulevard, the fitness studio and organic detox spa offers anti-cellulite and weight-loss packages.

OBITUARIES

SADAO NAGUMO

(January 7, 1938 - April 5, 2016)



Sadao Nagumo passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 5 at his home in Beverly Hills. He was 78.

Born in Tokyo on January 7, 1938, Nagumo came to the United States in 1976. The following year, he became owner of Jeremiah P. Throckmorton Grille, a hamburger shop located at 9433 Little Santa Monica Boulevard.

In 1988, he moved his business to 255 South Beverly Drive. He served his customers with diligence, honesty and humor until 1997, when he closed his business. Even after closing the eatery, Nagumo continued to enjoy meeting and talking with his former customers as he took his walks and ran errands around the neighborhood.

Nagumo was predeceased by his parents Yoshio and Yoshino Nagumo and his brother, all who were from Tokyo. He is survived by his wife Atsuko; his daughters Takako and Noriko Naagumo; his grandchild Faith; and three sisters.

A farewell gathering for family and friends in Los Angeles will be held on April 14 at Fukui Mortuary Chapel, located at 707 E. Temple Street.

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All work has received the necessary permits and approvals. For emergencies or issues needing immediate attention, call (310) 497-5033.

Dababneh to hold fundraising event this Sunday

Assemblymember Matt Dababneh (D-Woodland Hills), who represents the 45th District, will hold a fundraising event in Beverly Hills from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 17.

Attorney Sam Delug will host guests at his home on North Elm Drive.

RSVP by emailing matt@dababneh.com. Tickets range from \$500 to \$4,200.



Matt Dababneh

District "technology" bond estimated at \$53 million

More than triple the original evaluation, the BHUSD "technology" bond is now estimated at \$53 million, as revealed in a presentation held by district staff and faculty members at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday.

Slated for the November ballot, the technology bond would fund tech equipment, infrastructure and projects, requiring an annual General Fund allocation of \$960,000.

"We're talking about excellent teaching that's empowered through technol-

ogy," said BHUSD Technology Director Bernadette Lucas.

The Board heard from bond proponents Chief Academic Officer Jennifer Tedford, Beverly Vista Principal Christian Fuhrer and Tech Committee member A.J. Willmer, among others.

Following a proposal by Superintendent Steve Kessler, the Board directed Godbe Research last December to conduct a poll so that the district can conceptualize voter support for the new bond.

Board member Isabel Hacker wondered whether the \$53 million estimation requires fine-tuning.

"The amount of the bond that [Redondo Beach Unified School District] passed was \$36 million," Hacker said. "They have 16 schools and 10,000 students; it passed in 2012 and the life of the bond is 14 years."

Hacker said she believes the district can minimize the cost of the bond.

The Board is expected to revisit the discussion at a future study session.

Community program on homelessness next week

West Hollywood Mayor Lindsey Horvath will moderate a panel discussion on homelessness on April 20 at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood Auditorium, located at 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.



Bernadette Lucas

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Municipal Gallery - Beverly Hills City Hall, 2nd Floor
 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
PROJECT: 9908 South Santa Monica Boulevard Condominium Project

The City of Beverly Hills is preparing a Draft EIR for the proposed 9908 South Santa Monica Boulevard Condominium Project located at 9908 S. Santa Monica Boulevard as more fully described below. The public is invited to attend a preliminary "scoping" meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to comment on environmental issues that should be addressed in the Draft EIR.



Project Location: The 36,002 square foot (sf) project site is located at 9900-9916 South Santa Monica Boulevard, in the City of Beverly Hills. The site is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Charleville Boulevard and South Santa Monica Boulevard and consists of five parcels. The project site is denoted by Assessor Parcel Numbers 4328-002-010, -011, -012, -013, and -034. The project site is regionally accessible from Interstate 405 (the San Diego Freeway) and Interstate 10 (the Santa Monica Freeway), and locally accessible from Santa Monica Boulevard (State Route 2).

Project Description: The project site is comprised of five lots located on the south side of South Santa Monica Boulevard, at the corner of South Santa Monica Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard. The proposed project would involve the construction of a new 27-unit condominium building with units ranging from one to four bedrooms and subterranean parking. The condominium building would consist of five stories of residential units, rooftop common areas, and one level of underground parking containing a total of 74 parking spaces for residents.

The project site is located in a C-3A Commercial Zone, which does not allow multi-family residential uses. Therefore, the proposed project would require amendments to the General Plan and Municipal Code in order to create a Residential Overlay Zone, as well as a Planned Development Permit.

Potential cumulative impacts and potential for growth inducement will also be addressed; alternatives, including the No Project Alternative, will be evaluated.

Purpose of the Scoping Meeting: The purpose of the scoping meeting is to present the proposed project in a public setting and provide an opportunity for a full airing of the environmental issues that are important to the community. The meeting will include a presentation of the proposal and the environmental issues to be analyzed in the Draft EIR will be described. Following the presentation, interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public will be encouraged to present views concerning what environmental issues should be included in the Draft EIR. The oral and written comments made during the scoping meeting will provide an inventory of potential environmental effects of the project to be addressed by the Draft EIR.

Project Characteristics

Assessor's Parcel No.	4328-002-010
	4328-002-011
	4328-002-012
	4328-002-013
	4328-002-034
Project Site Size	36,002 sf (0.83 acres)
Building Floor Area	89,988 sf (2.10 acres)
1-Bedroom Units	5
2-Bedroom Units	18
4-Bedroom Units	4
Total Units	27
Parking	74
Proposed Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	2.5:1
Max Building Height/Stories	66 ft / 5 stories

Note: sf = square feet, ft = feet

30-Day Comment Period: The City invites all interested members of the public to attend the public scoping meeting. The City also invites written comments on issues related to potential environmental impacts during a 30-day comment period, which starts on April 14, 2016 and will conclude on May 13, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to:

Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner
 City of Beverly Hills Community Development Department
 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210
 Fax: (310) 858-5966
 Email: asahakian@beverlyhills.org

After the Draft EIR has been prepared, it will be released for public review and comment. The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing on the Draft EIR and on the project. Separate notices of the availability of the Draft EIR and of the hearings on the project will be released at later dates.

The case file on this project, which includes the plans and applications, is available for public review at the Planning Division, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Copies of the Initial Study are also available in the Planning Division at City Hall and online at www.beverlyhills.org/environmental. If there are any questions regarding this notice, or if you would like to review the file or receive copies of available documents, please contact Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner at (310) 285-1127 or via email at asahakian@beverlyhills.org.

April 14, 2016

Andre Sahakian
 Associate Planner



BHHS baseball team routs Providence, edges Southlands Christian

Norman softball team defeats Environmental Charter, Viewpoint

By Steven Herbert

Jacob Hankin went three-for-four with two doubles and drove in three runs and Grant Gaon went three-for-four with two RBIs as Beverly High defeated Providence, 10-1, in a non-league baseball game April 5 at La Cienega Park.

Cannon King and Alex Neustaedtar both had two hits and two RBIs for the Normans, who out-hit the Pioneers, 12-5.

Norman junior Zachary Geller pitched a five-hitter, striking out nine and walking three in seven innings.

Beverly Hills combined singles by Sid Steinberg, Neustaedtar, Gaon, doubles by Hankin and King, three Providence errors and a walk for

seven runs in the second inning.

The Normans added two runs in the third when Neustaedtar led off with a single and Gaon and Hankin followed with back-to-back doubles.

Beverly Hills opened the scoring in the first, when Gaon, Hankin and King singled consecutively.

The Pioneers combined a walk and two singles for their run in the fifth.

Beverly Hills 3, Southlands Christian 2

Hankin singled in Niall Bauer with the winning run with one out in the bottom of the eighth in a nonleague game at La Cienega Park April 6.

Brian Hall walked to lead off the

inning, then was forced out at second on a ground out by Bauer, the No. 9 hitter in the Normans lineup. Neustaedtar and Gaon walked to load the bases.

Beverly Hills tied the score in the sixth when Neustaedtar doubled with one out and scored on a single by Gaon, who was three-for-four.

Neustaedtar, who was three-for-three, singled leading off the first, advanced on Gaon's single and scored on Hankin's double.

King pitched a six-hitter, allowing two runs, one earned, striking out four and walking two.

The Eagles scored once each in the fourth and sixth.

El Segundo 9, Beverly Hills 5

The Normans allowed four runs in both the third and fifth innings, then made the final score more respectable with four runs in the fifth and one in the sixth in their Ocean League opener Tuesday at La Cienega Park.

Beverly Hills combined four walks, a catcher's interference call and Gaon's single for four runs in the fifth.

King walked and Gaon and Zach Steinberg singled to account for the Normans run in the fifth.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at El Segundo today and Hawthorne Tuesday in Ocean League games beginning at 3:15 p.m.

Softball

Beverly Hills 8, Environmental Charter 1

Emma Carruth went two-for-three and with two RBIs and Lena Shapiro was two-for-three and drove in a run for the Normans in a nonleague game at Beverly High March 29.

Freshman Claire German, Justine Elitzer, Aleks Recuperero and Maddie Tirella each had a hit and RBI for Beverly Hills. Erica Nabtkhorian drove in Recuperero with a fifth-inning ground out.

Shapiro pitched a three-hitter, striking out eight and walking three.

The Normans scored twice in the first, once each in the second and fourth and four times in the fifth.

Environmental Charter scored its run in the fourth.

Beverly Hills 10, Viewpoint 1

Shapiro pitched a one-hitter, Montana Logan and Tirella both had two hits and two RBIs while Elitzer had a single and two RBIs in a non-league game at Beverly Hills April 6.

Abi Hakimi had two hits, including a triple, and drove in a run while

Carruth had two singles and an RBI.

Izzy Rund had a single and an RBI, while Norman teammate Stavroula Kyriazis also had an RBI.

Shapiro struck out four and walked two.

El Segundo 16, Beverly Hills 0

Carruth had two singles and Elitzer and Shapiro singled for the Normans other hits in their Ocean League opener Tuesday at Beverly High shortened to five innings because of the 10-run rule.

The Eagles scored once in the second, five times in the third and 10 times in the fourth.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Hawthorne and at Lawndale Tuesday in Ocean League games beginning at 3:15 p.m.

Boys' Lacrosse

Hart 9, Beverly Hills 2

Zach Antin and Dylan Ticknor scored for the Normans in a non-league game at Hart April 1.

Beverly Hills trailed 2-0 at the end of the first quarter, 5-1 at halftime and 6-1 entering the fourth quarter.

Goaltender Ethan Grabel made 11 saves for the Normans and freshman teammate Jacob Fox three.

Hamilton 8, Beverly Hills 5

Antin had three goals and Kyle Khalili and Jonny Perez one each for the Normans April 5 at Nickoll Field.

Beverly Hills led 2-0 at the end of the first quarter, but trailed 4-2 at halftime and 5-3 entering the fourth quarter.

Grabel made 13 saves.

Amanuel Behailu and Benji Liker each had an assist for the Normans.

El Segundo 19, Beverly Hills 5

Antin scored four goals and Perez one and Liker had an assist Friday at El Segundo.

Norman freshman goaltender Henry Grote made 15 saves.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Downey Friday at 6 p.m. and play at Village Christian Monday.

Steven Herbert has covered Beverly Hills High School sports for Beverly Hills Weekly since 1999. He has also covered college and professional sports for The Associated Press, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post. He can be reached at (310) 275-7943 or by email at stvherbert@aol.com.

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detention&arrestsummary

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PARKER, PRINCETON CHARLES, 31, of Beverly Hills arrested on 4/04/2016 for shoplifting – burglary, petty theft, outside misdemeanor warrant, giving false ID to police officer, possession or control of syringe or hypodermic needles, possession of meth, robbery and possession of drug paraphernalia.

LYNCH, DAVID ELISAH, 24, arrested on 4/05/2016 for refusing or failing to leave land, real property or structure of another.

ALATORRE, RAUL, 42, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/05/2016 for public intoxication.

SALLEE, CHRISTIAN ANTHONY, 22, of Anchorage arrested on 4/05/2016 for assault on police officer.

MOOREZIKKI, MIKKKI NIKKI, 49, arrested on 4/05/2016 for BHPD arrest warrant – misdemeanor.

ALVARADO, ANTHONY GEORGE, 21, of Rancho Cucamonga arrested on 4/06/2016 for outside misdemeanor warrant.

VILLAMONTE, ALICIA GRACE, 28, of Rancho Cucamonga arrested on 4/06/2016 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

LYNCH, DAVID ELISAH, 24, arrested on 4/06/2016 for trespassing of real property.

IONESCU, DIANA ELIZA, 29, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/06/2016 for amount of defacement, damage or destruction is \$400 or more.

PHAM, KHANHLOC NGOC, 38, of Santa Ana arrested on 4/06/2016 for commercial burglary, counterfeit or forge seal or handwriting, grand theft, forgery and getting credit using other's ID.

JONES, JUSTIN D, 25, of Chicago arrested on 4/06/2016 for forgery of state, corporate or official seal and possession for sale of marijuana.

BLANCHARD, ASHANTEE, 25, of Dolton arrested on 4/06/2016 for possession for sale of marijuana and outside felony warrant.

FARMER, KERWIN T, 23, of Chicago arrested on 4/06/2016 for forgery of state, corporate or official seal, metal knuckles and possession for sale of marijuana.

WILSON, THOMAS, 26, of Naples arrested on 4/06/2016 for forgery of state, corporate or official seal, grand theft auto and possession for sale of marijuana.

ONEIL, DONOVAN, 31, of Beverly Hills arrested on 4/06/2016 for forgery of state, corporate or official seal and possession for sale of marijuana.

SMITH, DOMINIQUE LAWRENCE, 26, of Calumet City arrested on 4/06/2016 for possession for sale of marijuana, theft or driving of vehicle and outside felony warrant.

RAMIREZ LORENZO, RUDY WILFREDO, 26, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/07/016 for driving unlicensed upon highway, uncovered load and unsafe condition of vehicle.

STOKES, RICHARD L, 24, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/08/2016 for possession of a controlled substance.

PHIPPS, LAURA JANE, 41, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/07/2016 for public intoxication.

MACHAT, MARGAUX LORRAINE, 33, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/07/2016 for shoplift – burglary.

RODAS, LUIS MONROY, 24, of North Hollywood arrested on 4/06/2016 for driving unlicensed upon highway.

BYRD, WILLIAM, 59, of Beverly Hills arrested on 4/08/2016 for public intoxication.

MOORE, CHARITY FAE, 40, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/09/2016 for outside misdemeanor warrant and giving false ID to police officer.

FARRAR, ADAM STAR, 44, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/09/2016 for outside misdemeanor warrant.

YARDEMIAN, ANITA, 45, of La Crescenta arrested on 4/09/2016 for BHPD bench warrant –misdemeanor.

WEBSTER, JERMAINE LONZELL, 45, of Los Angeles arrested on 4/09/2016 for criminal conspiracy and commercial burglary.

KEENAN, JERRY WAYNE, 28, of Van Nuys arrested on 4/09/2016 for forgery of state, corporate or official seal, criminal conspiracy, commercial burglary, giving false ID to police officer, forgery and getting credit using other's ID.

WILSON, KIMBERLEY JOANNE, 47, arrested on 4/09/2016 for petty theft.

PAYNE, MICHAEL C, 44, of Rialto arrested on 4/10/201 =6 for receiving stolen property, acquiring or retaining an access card validly issued to another without owners, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia.

MONTGOMERY, AHMED SESMEEN, 37, of Pomona arrested on 4/10/2016 for receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled substance, acquiring or retaining an access card validly issued to another without owners and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CORN, JARED, 34, of Beverly Hills arrested on 4/08/2016 for assault-domestic violence and inflicting corporal injury.

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Panelists include Beverly Hills Human Services Administrator Jim Latta and West Hollywood Sheriff's Department Captain Holly Perez.

For more information contact Ruth Williams at (323) 874-0728 or Lillian Raffel at (310) 278-7596.

The program is sponsored by the West Hollywood/Beverly Hills Democratic Club.

Pianist Vladimir Khomyakov to perform at "Music in the Mansion"

"Music in the Mansion" continues at Greystone Mansion on April 24 with pianist Vladimir Khomyakov. The program includes music scores from Manuel de Falla, Isaac Albeniz, Enrique Granados, Alberto Ginastera and Maurice Ravel.



Khomyakov is an on-going jury member for the ISAM International Piano Competition, the Pacific Musical Society International Music Competition and the "Yuri Yegorov" Russian Open Piano Competition. His performances have been broadcasted on radio and television worldwide.

The remaining "Music in the Mansion" concerts for 2016 include DuoKYaria with Yoon Hee Jung and Ko Ni Choi on May 22 and Quarteto Nuevo with Kenton Youngstrom, Aaron Chavez, Damon Zick and Jacob Szekely on June 19. The season concludes on July 13 with iPalpiti Festival, which will bring together a consortium of prize-winning musicians from around the globe.

Performances are held at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, with the exception of the iPalpiti Festival, which will take place the evening of July 13.

Tickets cost \$20 for regular concerts and \$30 for the iPalpiti season finale. Visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhreg to purchase tickets online.

Community meeting on Metro draft expenditure plan to take place April 21

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is holding a series of community meetings this month to share with the public the draft expenditure plan that could become part of a possible ballot measure in November.

A meeting will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on April 21 at West Hollywood's Plummer Park Community Center, located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.

The plan is based on public input and outlines \$120 billion in transit and highway projects and a host of other improvements. In addition to new transit and highway projects, the draft plan includes commuter rail; transit operations and projects to keep buses, trains and facilities in good repair; pedestrian and cycling connections and funding to support affordable fares for students, seniors

and the disabled. It would also return revenues to local cities on a per-capita basis.

The potential ballot measure under consideration would ask voters to increase the county-wide sales tax by a half cent for 40 years and to continue the existing Measure R tax for an additional 18 years, both of which would run through 2057. In addition to a 40-year plan, staff also provided the Board with 45- and 50-year scenarios. The Metro Board of Directors has final say on the spending plan and is scheduled to decide in June whether to put a ballot measure before the voters.

The full expenditure plan is available for public review at www.metro.net/the-plan. The public is encouraged to take a look at the plan, realizing that it is a working draft document and subject to change, as the process goes forward. The public will be able to provide input through a variety of outlets, including public meetings, telephone town hall meetings or at theplan@metro.net. Public input will be compiled and shared with Board members as they contemplate a final expenditure plan and decide at their June meeting whether to put the measure on the November ballot.

--Briefs compiled by Mina Riazi



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HILTON LAUNCHES SIGNATURE GATHERING EFFORT

But will they meet the deadline?

By Mina Riazi

Proponents of an initiative to build a 375-foot residential tower on Santa Monica Boulevard have launched an effort to gather approximately 3,600 valid signatures so that the project can appear on the November 8th ballot.

But in a letter to the community earlier this week (see

“It’s an initiative to build a 375-foot skyscraper masquerading as an initiative to build open space”

—Mayor John Mirisch

pages 2-3), Mayor John Mirisch urged residents not to endorse the petition.

“It’s an initiative to build a 375-foot skyscraper masquerading as an initiative to build open space,” Mirisch said.

Marie Garvey, the spokesperson for developer Beny Alagem, said Mirisch’s letter “includes

several inaccuracies.”

“I don’t want to get into it,” Garvey said when asked to elaborate. “This project was fully vetted in an environmental review process; there are no changes in the square footage, traffic or uses, and we believe that the right thing to do is let the residents decide.”

Signatures are needed from 15 percent of 21,000 registered Beverly Hills voters, Garvey said, which amounts to roughly 3,600 signatures.

“They need to back up, I would say, a minimum of 30 to 45 days prior to August 12 in order to potentially qualify for the November ballot,” said City Clerk Byron Pope.

August 12 is the last day to approve consolidation requests for the county.

According to Garvey, the Beverly Hills Garden and Open Space Initiative has hired a canvassing and outreach firm to take on the project, which is standard protocol. In addition, 100 community members are volunteering to gather signatures, standing outside “different popular locations” throughout the city, as well as going door to door.

Mirisch has heard reports that the signature gatherers have often been aggressive, but he acknowledged that it was secondhand information.

“We’re on pace to collect all the signatures we need,” Garvey said. “And we’re seeing a lot of support for putting this on the ballot.”

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— Hilton PR representative Marie Garvey

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WOMAN'S WORLD

Women's Club President Mumsey Nemiroff on philanthropy, the Electric Fountain and the club's centennial year

By Mina Riazi

The Beverly Hills Women's Club is celebrating its centennial year. What do you consider to be its greatest accomplishment?

I think its greatest accomplishment is the diversity of our membership and the diversity of our philanthropic endeavors. We have always been interested in philanthropy, and since I've been president, we have really branched out. We now include the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital: we do little bags for the patients and their families to help them through a difficult time. Another of our philanthropies is called "college track" and it involves high school students from the Boyle

Heights area. A few weeks ago, we invited 80 of them to a day of inspiration at the club, and we had panelists who are club members who started from rather limited beginnings—as a matter of fact, some of them even went to school as kids in Boyle Heights and became lawyers and teachers and various professional women. They actually mentor these kids with their college applications, making sure that they get the applications in on time and that they're filled out properly. It's not only dollar philanthropy that we give, but our time as well. We fill [100] backpacks every year in August for back-to-school for the Salvation Army. The backpacks are age and grade-appropriate, from elementary to high school. And these kids wouldn't even be able to attend school without some of these necessary items that other kids take for granted. We support Aviva, which is

a court-appointed program for girls. The girls go to Aviva directly from the court, it's a live-in school environment. These girls have nothing, sometimes just a grocery bag with a few possessions. And we supply them with toothbrushes, shampoo and clothing. We have track suits that we give

them—all kinds of things, things that they really need. We have a group called the Philanthropy Council within the Beverly Hills Women's Club and they vet each charity that we take on.



"It's not your grandma's Beverly Hills Women's Club"

What's your response to people who claim the Women's Club is an old-fashioned concept?

It's not your grandma's Beverly Hills Women's Club. We have a very ethnically diverse membership, first of all, and we have a predominance of professional women as members. Monday is "game day," and while that does salute the traditional women's club with bridge and mahjong, there are also French class and book club meetings on Mondays as well. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays we have different events like field trips to Rand Corporation, where we have lunch and tour [the institution] and have one of their experts speak to us; we have people who come and speak on climate change and a whole variety of things. We also have member participation. For instance, every year around Chinese New Year, one of our Chinese members hosts a dumpling cooking class in her kitchen—so we do a lot of things like that. Every Christmas, we have an open house

where Santa Claus comes, and I [dress up as] Santa Claus. The Marines come and everyone brings Toys for Tots and it's a wonderful holiday celebration. Every year, our big luncheons are Mother's Day, holiday in December and Valentine's Day. During those we invite vendors who come and sell their products and all of that money goes towards our restoration and our charities. So we're very involved in the community as well as being philanthropic, and we do a lot of cultural things.

How does one become a member?

The process involves filling out a membership application, which is available online or can be picked up at the club. A person needs to be sponsored by two current members, and that shouldn't be a problem, because if someone is interested in becoming a member, we invite them to a couple of events as our guest so that they can meet members and see if it's a good fit. We actually have a lot of foreign members: we have two new members from Italy. It's very nice to walk around the club and hear other languages spoken. We have a mother and a daughter who both joined and they're from Tunisia, and there's a young couple who opened an art gallery in West Hollywood, and the four of them sat down and they were speaking French, their first language. It's really nice to be in that kind of environment and to be [surrounded by] interesting people whose paths, for one reason or another, would never have crossed if they didn't have the club in common.

What was the club's purpose when it was founded?

It has always had the same mission, which is community involvement in cultural, philanthropic and social endeavors.

What are you doing to attract younger members?

Our programs are now [scheduled] at different times of the day; we always make it a point every month in our program book to [offer] evening meetings, afternoon meeting and breakfast meetings, which are great because we give breakfast. [In this way], we accommodate the schedules of young mothers and working women. I think it's a very important way to attract members. The nature of the programs [also help attract younger members]. I took a group out to Pepperdine University in Malibu to see the Andy Warhol show and they

loved it. A lot of them went to lunch afterwards and some of them went back to work. I've also taken groups down to the Broad Museum. We provide the opportunity to do things like that.

What was the club's role in the Electric Fountain restoration?

The Electric Fountain on the corner of Wilshire and Santa Monica was given by the Beverly Hills Women's Club and a couple of our members. We have two commemorative banners up on Santa Monica Boulevard for the Women's Club, and they're both up at the Electric Fountain.

Will Rogers and some of the other founding members had the foresight to not only purchase the lot on which our clubhouse is located on, but the lot next door, which is now our parking lot. Originally, Will Rogers had horse shows on the lot that's now our parking lot, so it's another kind of horsepower that occupies that lot today.

Does the Women's Club own the building?

Yes. People pass that building and think it's a home—it was never a home, it was built as a clubhouse. The building is a national, state and city landmark. It's Beverly Hills landmark #3.

Why is the club essential to Beverly Hills?

We provide something that is available nowhere else. We're not a country club—it's not elitist—it's a community club and a community organization and our philanthropic endeavors are not elitist either. As I mentioned, we try and have a broad spectrum of philanthropy that is very inclusive ethnically and geographically throughout Southern California and throughout the Los Angeles area. I think that we fill a lot of holes in the Swiss cheese that is Southern California.

Tell us about some upcoming events.

On Thursday, May 5, we have our big Mother's Day lunch and there will be vendors and we are thrilled to be having an Eileen Fisher fashion show. We have an estate sale every year, at the end of our season, and this year the estate sale is on June 25. Members donate furniture, clothing, designer handbags—all kinds of things—and we use the proceeds to maintain and restore our clubhouse. The public is invited. Our centennial gala will take place on November 12.

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¹ 9900 Wilshire Development Agreement – pg 11

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