

Upper Mandeville Canyon Newsletter

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Happy New Year from your 2016 UMCA Board:

Continuing Board Members

Julia Weinstein, Jim Wright, Scott Chamberlin, Karen Bruckner, Philippe Besson, Johanna Minassian, Zachary Rothenberg

Re-Elected Board Members

John Binder, Ophir Finkelthal, Dan Fried, Whitney Fried, Jillian Kleiner, Pat Logan, Alice Rudnick, Vaughn Minassian

New (and returning) Board Members

John Koo, Debby Shaw, Josh Binder

Thank you to the above board members for your service to our UMCA community!



THANK YOU to all the neighbors who displayed holiday lights!

Unfortunately, we got ZERO votes for our contest; perhaps that means we are happy to just enjoy them and not pick favorites. But I can't help giving special props to 3500 MCR, 3625 MCR and 13041 Sky Valley Road for their eye-catching decorations. Cheers!



NO SIDEWALKS, BE CAREFUL!

My personal opinion is that MCR is one of the scariest roads I ever drive. I also walk the road with my dogs and with my kids. So I knew it was a great idea when one of our board members suggested we remind everyone to beware, and be AWARE, if you are going to walk on MCR. In addition to the narrow road, no sidewalks and blind curves, there are points at which drivers may have the sun in their eyes and they can't even see you. Walk on the left side of the road so you can see the cars, keep a tight grip on pets and children when cars are near and remind caretakers and dog-walkers to do the same.



HELPING THE HOMELESS IN EL NINO: SHELTER IS AVAILABLE!

Los Angeles has the ability to shelter up to 6,000 people. Presently shelters are only at 50% capacity. People can bring their pets and come with a partner and shelters are open 24 hours a day. Outreach-workers are going out and talking with people during the rains and there are shuttles to help them to get shelters. Information and assistance is available by calling 211 from a cell phone.



JANUARY IS EMERGENCY SUPPLIES REFRESH MONTH

Ok, I made that up. But if it's not, it should be. As reluctant as we are to get our emergency preparedness in order, the truth is we need to check and refresh our supplies on a regular basis.

Check your smoke detectors, replace the batteries and make sure each section of your home has a detector installed, especially the kitchen and bedrooms. A handy kitchen fire extinguisher is essential. Make sure the pressure indicator is in the green. Make sure you have fresh batteries for flashlights, expired provisions are replaced and emergency phone numbers are up-to-date.

There's more rain to come, so keep your gutters and catch basins clear, make sure drains are clear, get new windshield wipers if you need them and turn your sprinklers off when it's raining. Also, make sure your pets are licensed and chipped so they can be recovered if they get out in the storm.



MARTIN CADILLAC

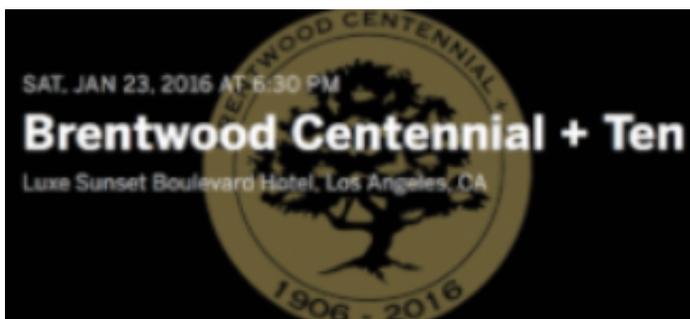
For several years now, the owners of Martin Cadillac have been working on plans for a massive redevelopment of the property they own at the corner of Bundy and Olympic. You can read about the project in its current proposed form at [Curbed Los Angeles](#) or at [Brentwood Homeowners Association](#) website. **A public hearing is being held downtown this Wednesday, January 13th at 9:30am, @ City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 1020.** The Hearing Officer will make a recommendation to the City Planning Commission based on testimony received at the hearing and written communication received prior to or at the hearing.



WILDLIFE SEMINAR

On Thursday, January 21, the BHA will hold a meeting in conjunction with LA Animal Services to talk about how to deal with animals paying both welcome and unwelcome visits. 7:00pm-9:00pm. University Synagogue, 11960 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles 90049

Please [RSVP here](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENTWOOD!

Cocktails and dinner will be served at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. The evening will be hosted by Pam Dawber and guests will enjoy entertainment by the local schools as well as videos & photos of historical and current Brentwood. There will also be a small live auction and visits by local government officials. They will also be honoring Tom Safran, a long-time homeowner and supporter of Brentwood, with the first annual Brentwood Community Council Recognition Award. Tickets \$140 per person. Any excess funds raised during the event will go to local Brentwood charities. [Buy Tickets.](#)



WE REALLY WELCOME YOUR INPUT AND SUBMISSIONS!

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