

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held at Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Tuesday, May 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Raymond Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Council introduced themselves and identified their representative capacity.

Present:

Representatives

Said Jabbari	Gene Heller
Bryan Gordon	Ike Cohen
Loretta Ditlow	Howard Jaskol
Jackie Raymond	Nancy Freedman
Sue Casamassima	Said Jabbari
Raymond Klein	Roz Gamble
Rabbi Morley Feinstein	Mary Sidell
Nancy Babcock	Chuck Kahn
Cory Buckner	Jennifer Wenger-Turchen

Alternates

Marylin Krell	Larry Watts
Dennis Hinman	Tony Diamond
Victoria Talbot	Naomi Kageyama

Legal Counsel

Larry Watts

Absent:

Representatives

Linda Taheripour	Emese Wood
Wendy-Sue Rosen	

Alternates

Christina McIntosh	Keith Allen-Niesen
Tom Kalette	Judith Nesburn
Mitch Feinman	Flo Chapgier
Flora Gil Krisiloff	Tom Freeman
Jenna Abouzeid	Eva Satori-McClane
Barbara Goldenberg	Erica Broido

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting were previously distributed and the Chair noted that the change would be made to reflect that Emese Wood was indeed present at that meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as distributed with this one edit.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH CITIZENS' AWARD

Awards were presented by Committee Chair Loretta Ditlow, and Committee Members: Bette Harris, Jackie Raymond and Nancy Babcock to the following recipients: the St. Martin of Tours Junior High School Classes, the Brentwood School 6th Grade Class, Lisa Glick, a teacher at Brentwood School, Briana Monkarsh and Simon Brooks of Brentwood School; Jennifer Hourani, Archer School; Ariana Fisher, Peter Atkinson, and Connor McGillivray, Palisades Charter High School. A full report follows these minutes.

REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Bette Harris, Chair, Representation Committee.

The Chair said Bette Harris has been doing an exemplary job in sourcing candidates for the open positions. Bette announced a new Member-At-Large Alternate: Keith Allen-Niesen, Partner at Manatt Phelps & Phillips and Co-Chair of the Real Estate and Land Use Committee. A motion was made by Jackie Raymond and seconded by Ray Klein to approve Keith Allen-Niesen as Member-At-Large and the Council approved unanimously. Keith had a meeting in Long Beach and said he would try to get back in time to attend the meeting.

Bette also announced the new Public Schools Alternate: Naomi Kageyama. She is a mom of a Brentwood Science Magnet first grader, and she is also Development Chair of the PTO. No vote was required to approve this position. A warm welcome was extended to Naomi. Two openings remain for Public Safety Alternate and San Vicente Business District Alternate. Please contact Bette Harris if you have a referral. Rabbi Feinstein asked Bette to forward him a list for distribution.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Officer Philip Enbody, Senior Lead Officer

Raymond Klein, BCC Public Safety Representative

Officer Enbody reported that crime was down 21% year-to-date in Brentwood. WLAPD sent an email regarding 500 vehicles stolen/broken into year-to-date in the division, 46 of which were in Brentwood. Theft is up 9%, particularly bikes, etc. Officer Enbody advised everyone to secure their property. The City of Los Angeles is organizing an anonymous Gun Buy Back this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Hollywood. No questions asked; there is a \$100 gift coupon for Ralphs or a Visa card in exchange for a gun; assault weapons are \$200. The Gun Buy Back last year realized 7,000 weapons. Officer Enbody left a flyer with information. This concluded Officer Enbody's report.

Ray Klein reported that at the last CPAB meeting, the Captain announced that the deployment for West LA last year at this time was 212 deputies and now it is 240. There was a presentation about identity theft and it was opined that it is preferable to use a credit card rather than a debit card as no money is immediately taken from your account, and it is easier to appeal an erroneous credit card charge. Further, you can freeze the three credit reporting accounts for \$10 each and that means no one can open a new credit account in your name. In order for you to open a new credit card account or obtain a loan, you need to unfreeze the accounts and then refreeze them. It also cuts down on junk mail/credit card applications. The addresses are:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 6790

Atlanta, GA 30348

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788

Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

There has also been “fishing” reported in mailboxes on streets so place envelopes with checks in the post office boxes, not mailboxes. It is recommended that you shred all credit card applications and do not simply put them in the trash. There was also an alert from WLAPD regarding Honda Accords and Civics from 1990 to 1999. More than 20% of stolen cars are one of those as their ignitions become worn with age and are easier to steal. Advice is to replace the ignition.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer, Bryan Gordon presented the following report:

- No further dues were received in April, but we received a very generous donation from Nancy Freedman's organization of \$1,000 for the website. This is the second donation; we received \$1,000 from Nancy in 2008. This \$2,000 covers the full cost of the initial website design and some updates, and the Email Alert program.
- Disbursements for April were \$945.00
- Net deficit for the year to date is \$492.85
- Total Funds in the bank are \$19,256.15, represented by the Street Furniture Fund of \$14,250.00 and Checking Account of \$5,006.15

The Treasurer urged all Members who have not already done so to submit their Dues as soon as possible.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Ellen Isaacs for Assembly Member Mike Feuer

Callie Hurd, Field Representative, Senator Fran Pavley

Jessya Avalos, Field Deputy Councilman Rosendahl

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Callie Hurd was absent; the Chair announced Senator Pavley’s Town Hall meeting on state government reform on Friday, May 21, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (including breakfast) at the Providence Tarzana Women’s Medical Center at 18321 Clark Street, Tarzana. More information at: www.SENATE.CA.GOV/PAVLEY. Please RSVP to her office.

Jessya Avalos, Field Deputy Councilman Rosendahl

Jessya Avalos was absent. The Chair noted Jim Horowitz was present but Jim indicated he had nothing to report. Jim asked if anyone was in charge of the June 14 California Veteran’s Home Program and Jeanne Bonfilio confirmed she was and would be presenting a report later in the meeting. The Chair asked Jim Horowitz to tell Councilman Rosendahl that we have collected over 600 emails sent to the Planning Department in opposition to Bundy Village and another 200 who have signed a petition at the Farmer’s Market and Brentwood Art Show. So we have a total of more than 800 voters in Councilman Rosendahl’s district opposed to the Bundy Village development. Jim Horowitz confirmed he would report back to Councilman Rosendahl.

Ellen Isaacs for Assembly Member Mike Feuer

Ellen Isaacs introduced Stephanie Gillette as the new Valley representative. Ellen had three items to report. One is an excellent Secretary of State website on the June 10 ballot propositions 13 – 17. They are complex issues. PDF of voter guide is at: www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/. On this website you will find summaries by the attorney general and impartial analyses by the legislative analyst including the tax impact and the arguments pro and con for each of the propositions. Ellen recommended it was worth looking at for the June 6 primary.

Ellen referenced a letter by Mike Feuer she had distributed regarding the Planning Department supporting the proposed Baseline Hillside Ordinance. It is meant to preserve the character and scale of single family developments on the hillside and it is a good start in controlling over development on the hillside.

A member of the audience referenced a proposed property on Mango Way (Mandeville Canyon) that was 16,000 square feet and included parking for 12 cars, swimming pool and guest house. They would need to dig into the hill and this could create mudslides. Ellen said she remembered the property and this proposition would go a long way to prevent that type of over development.

The Metro 405 Project – Ellen has been reporting on it for three years. It is 10 miles long in three sections. It will be very difficult for residents and commuters. Metro has been very open to comments from the community to address concerns. We have to do the best we can for the next three years. The Chair explained that we are concerned about the other segments in addition to Sunset, especially Mulholland Bridge. Ellen said it would be useful to have the manager of the Mulholland section attend a BCC meeting. This concluded Ellen’s report.

Jeanne Bonfilio, Public Information Officer, State Veteran’s Home

Jeanne Bonfilio has been presenting reports to the BCC for the past year. US Department of Veteran’s Affairs deeded 17 acres to State of California to build a 396-bed unit. They just moved in last Monday and it is still under construction. There will be 600 employees and they are not yet fully staffed. The Dedication Ceremony is on June 14 (Flag Day) at 10:00 a.m. The Chair already circulated the flyer to the email list for community events. The event is open to the public. The Marine Band and the Salvation Army Band plus bag pipers will be attending. There will also be a fly over by vintage World War II airplanes.

Jeanne reported they are still working with Metro and CalTrans on the trees. There has been a short extension on removing and transplanting them. They appreciate the support from Mike Feuer and BCC. The tree planting will make it a wonderful place for the veterans. Spouses can apply with the veteran; veterans take precedence over the spouse of a veteran unless the spouse is also a veteran. The nursing facility has 282 beds; assisted living has 80; and an Alzheimer’s and Dementia unit has 60 beds, so there are three levels of care. You must be a California resident, 62 or older, and honorably discharged in order to qualify.

Jennifer Badger, West Area Director, Mayor’s Office

Jennifer Badger was absent and there was no report.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Hyginus Mmeje, Bureau of Sanitation

Hyginus Mmeje and Chandra Silaban, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, presented a new septic tank Ordinance. The City of Los Angeles entered into a memo of understanding with the state in 2005 to regulate septic tanks. It took five years for the City to come up with an ordinance to maintain tanks. They worked with the Council office (District 11 – Rosendahl) and have met on several occasions with Norman Kulla. The speaker referenced a handout with additional information on the process if the location is in a high risk area or not. It is considered high risk or sensitive if it is:

1. located within 600 feet of impaired water bodies
2. located within 900 feet of drinking water wells
3. located within 150 feet of any city stream
4. septic tank within 5 feet of ground water

The Bureau has conducted an inventory of all septic systems. If it is not a high risk, register with the Bureau of Sanitation and the owner is responsible for having the system inspected and certified by a plumber (specially certified by Bureau of Sanitation) and they will issue a permit. The fee is \$65 per year and you renew it each year. In high risk areas, the charge is higher.

If the system has failed, the Bureau will inspect it and provide a notice of violation. They will make a determination of the level of damage. If it is minor, you will have 30 days to fix it. If major and it cannot be repaired, you will be required to upgrade it or connect to the main sewer. This can cost as much as \$60,000. If the sewer is within 200 feet, it must be connected within 5 years. If not, you must put in an upgraded system. The Councilman complained regarding the high cost and recommended obtaining more environmentally-friendly programs and reducing the cost. Note it is only required if the system fails and Building & Safety determines it cannot be repaired. If not required, you can continue to operate the current system. If it is a new property, you must pull a permit from Building & Safety. Building & Engineering will determine if the sewer is available. If it is within 200 feet, it must be connected. If it is a remodel, it can remain unless it fails. The department anticipates it will collect around \$400,000 in fees.

If the owner has obtained a fraudulent certificate for a failed system, these are usually reported by neighbors. Building & Safety will issue a citation and report it to the Los Angeles Public Health Department. Plumbers are strictly regulated and attend a 2-day seminar before being added to an approved list. Contact: (323) 342-1561 or www.lasewers.org/private_sewers_septic/septic_systems.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Larry Watts, Chair, Bylaws Committee

The bylaw amendment was distributed previously and was attached to the Agenda. BCC has been a non-profit for ten years without obtaining a tax exemption from IRS or Franchise Tax Board. Over the past couple of years, revenue and expenses have increased and we should file for a tax exemption. In order to do that, the nonprofit status has to be reflected in the bylaws submitted with the application. The Chair directed everyone to the copy of the revised bylaws. The provisions state that the organization is not organized for the private gain of any person and that upon dissolution of the organization, any remaining funds go to a similar organization, not an individual.

The Chair asked for a motion if there were no questions. Ike Cohen asked if the organization is a non-profit, does the IRS prohibit or restrict using the money in specific ways. Since the BCC is close to politics and politicians and submits appeals, etc., it could be a violation.

The Chair responded that they had consulted with an attorney who is an expert in this area. They explained exactly what the BCC does and the lawyer confirmed we can continue to do all those things. Although we would never do it because bylaws prohibit getting involved in politics (but not getting involved in things like Bundy Village), there is a difference in being a 501(c)(3), which is a charity type where you get a deduction for money donated to the organization, and our type which is a non-profit civic social welfare organization, we can file Bundy Village appeals and although we would not, we could get involved in elections for the council member. There is a lot of breadth in what our type of non-profit can do. Nothing we are doing or have done is prohibited. We just do not have a tax exempt determination.

The Chair also confirmed the two insurance policies currently held by BCC as directors & officers and general liability, which we have had for two years. The amendment to the bylaws need to be distributed twice so we will vote at the next meeting in June.

SAVE LOS ANGELES PARKS

Larry Watts stated that the City has to cut its budget and we want them to do it with the least impact to youth and underserved areas. The inability of the City to provide programs will create a serious impact. We are asking the City to: 1. Focus attention on underserved areas; 2. Design a program to minimize budget cuts in the area and enter into agreement with private non-profit to support and establish programs,, and that DWP go back to its historical practice and not charge water charges – this would put \$17 million into the budget and require local parks to adopt conservation to minimize the use of water and electricity; 3. Form a city council committee of citizens to make a recommendation of how to improve delivery of services to city as a whole and particularly to underserved and disadvantaged areas.

Larry directed the members to the resolution that had been circulated and he then read the resolution to be presented to Save LA Park Alliance and delivered to the City Council, Councilman Rosendahl and the Mayor’s office. The Resolution read was as follows:

WHEREAS the lower income neighborhoods of our city are generally underserved in terms of parks and recreation areas and services;

WHEREAS these same neighborhoods for the most part lack the financial resources to pay for the organized sports and other recreational programs offered by the L.A. Department Recreation & Parks;

WHEREAS youth gangs are often prevalent in these communities;

WHEREAS organized sports and other recreational programs are effective ways to help divert families and youth from gang participation; and

WHEREAS cuts by the L.A. Department Recreation & Parks in programs serving the neighborhoods of our city will lead to increased vandalism, gang violence and community nuisance activity, often in the more disadvantaged communities in the City, which in turn will raise social costs to the City in the long run,

WHEREFORE, the Brentwood Community Council resolves as follows:

RESOLVED that City Council of Los Angeles consider and adopt the recommendations of the Save Los Angeles Parks Alliance, including the following:

1. That it be the policy of the city to maintain front line recreation services in parks that especially serve the city’s more disadvantaged communities.
2. That cuts in budget of the Department of Recreation & Parks be designed to minimize impacts on the parks and recreation centers, especially those serving the city’s more disadvantaged communities.
3. That the Department of Recreation & Parks be directed to encourage recreation staff at recreation centers to seek out in-kind donations from local businesses and to partner with parent booster clubs, volunteer non-profit organizations to provide sports and other recreational programs at no or minimal cost to participants in the city’s more disadvantaged communities.

4. That the DWP be directed to return to its historical practice of not charging the L.A. Department Recreation & Parks for services, but that the individual parks and recreation center also be directed to adopt water and energy conservation procedures established by the DWP.
5. That a committee of stakeholders and volunteers be appointed to review and make recommendations with respect to how the operation and functioning of the Department Recreation & Parks may be improved to more efficiently and effectively deliver services to the city and in particular, to the city's poorest communities.

Larry Watts confirmed that the resolution was being presented to all city councilpersons. There was discussion regarding whether the shortfall would be passed onto other parks and it was determined it would not.

A motion was made and seconded to approve presenting the above Resolution to Councilman Rosendahl. The vote was: 17 in favor, one opposed with zero abstaining. Therefore, the motion passed.

DEMOLITION OF SUNSET BRIDGE AND CLOSURE OF CHURCH LANE

Mark Van Gessel, Metro Sunset Segment Manager, Olga Arroyo, Community Relations, Clemente Valdovinos, LADWP Civil Engineering

Olga and Mark presented at the Luxe Hotel the previous night from 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m. The powerpoint presentation (available through the BCC website and sent by email to the "Road Closure" list) was about 45 minutes followed by questions. Although the Chair had circulated the presentation earlier in the day, there were still questions about timing, schedules, and alternatives.

Olga Arroyo referenced the handout circulated that explained the project and what to anticipate. Work will commence this weekend (not demolition) as they need to examine the bridge. They will then have a demolition date which they will provide to the Chair of the BCC.

Mark Van Gessel stated they have met with the Chamber of Commerce and neighborhood councils. Media briefing for radio and TV stations (Channel 89.3 is already advertising) will commence tomorrow. There will also be ads in newspapers. They are planning to close Sunset over the 405 this Friday at 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Saturday, at which time it will reopen with lanes configured two in each direction on Saturday instead of six lanes. There will be traffic officers/controls and signs will be installed. Signals will not be working so traffic control officers will be on site. It will be finalized on Saturday night and, hopefully, it will be in place by Sunday morning. They will be closing Church Lane for six months.

DWP has a project going on at the same time. The water line that goes across the bridge has to be done at the same time to avoid ripping it up twice so the DWP and Metro will be working together.

The 405 bridge rebuild is estimated to take 10 months; part of the bridge is being demolished at a time and rebuilt. The reason the DWP is doing this now is because one of the reservoirs is closing down soon so the only source of water is a new 36-inch line from Church to Beloit and they are upgrading another pipe from 42 to a 60-inch pipe.

There was concern and discussion regarding the closure of Church Lane. Mark Van Gessel said they reviewed a 2-lane configuration but could not do it so they accelerated the contractor to get the work done as quickly as possible to minimize the down time. The contractor will have two crews on site and is

estimating six months; Metro is working closely with them and they continue to look at ways to do it even more quickly. Buses that go down Church are aware of the detour.

The Chair receives weekly and sometimes daily updates that are available through the BCC; sign up for BCC Email Alerts on “Road Closures and Detours” and you will receive the latest information. There is also a link to Metro and the 405 project on the BCC website under “Traffic and Transportation”.

Luxe Hotel and Angeleno Hotel have visitors and Mark Van Gessel confirmed they are working directly with both hotels to deal with their concerns.

Work on the California Incline will start in about 11 – 12 months. The Chair thanked Olga and Mark for their presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jackie Raymond announced the May 30, 2010: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. picnic sponsored by SBRA and Brentwood Green at Brentwood Green at the Brentwood Science Magnet School. Free event, bring your own picnic. Call (310) 281-8566 or email info@SOUTHBRENTWOOD.com.
- Mary Sidell announced the Mount St. Mary’s College Architectural Imagination In Los Angeles on June 14-15, 2010 - Getty Center, Disney Concert Hall, and Schindler Kings Road House.
- Larry Watts announced Sullivan Canyon road repairs commencing May 24 for two weeks
- Jennifer Wenger-Turchen announced the Brentwood Village Summer Kick Off on June 12, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pony rides, petting zoo, food, artisans, art work & music. All welcome.
- Nancy Babcock announced that the Palisades High is in a financial bind and busing is being affected and will be phased out. On June 6, there is a fundraiser at Richard Riordan’s house; Nancy will forward an email with event details to the Chair for distribution to the BCC members.
- Naomi Kageyama, representative of Brentwood Science Magnet, reminded everyone of the June 6 Annual Fair and Silent Auction 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction with wide appeal of items ends at 3:00 p.m. Entrance is free.

Efram Harkem, owner of the Luxe Hotel, announced that Seth Horowitz, General Manager, is no longer with the hotel. The Chair noted that Seth ably represented the hotel and was also on the BCC’s Transportation Committee. The hotel has an interest in community issues and someone should replace him. Efram confirmed that a replacement will be found.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bundy Village

Lauren Cole, Chair of the Transportation and Traffic Committee

The Chair reported the City Planning Commission has issued two decisions. One appeal was due yesterday and one on zoning and change to general plan is due Thursday. We filed an appeal yesterday and will be filing another appeal as will other organizations. The hearing date has not yet been set. We will conduct an email blast to the three persons on the Council PLUM committee. See more information at www.STOPBUNDYVILLAGE.com

Land Use Committee

Bryan Gordon, Co-Chair Land Use Committee

Bryan Gordon presented the following report.

Brentwood Town Green

The scoping meeting was held Monday evening, April 26, 2010. The purpose of the scoping meeting was to obtain public input as to the issues that should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Many, if not most, of the comments were regarding traffic. Many comments were made regarding the preservation of the Historical Status of the Barry Building. Scoping comments are not limited to the public meeting, but the scoping comment period will remain open through Monday, May 17, 2010. If you have any issues you feel should be studied in the EIR, please send your comments to:

david.somers@lacity.org

Stuzzichini

The ABC advised us that it was recommending approval of the issuance of the State License and asked if we wanted to hold a hearing to continue the protest of the license. Based on the ABC staff approval, and the conditions imposed by the CUB and Change of Use approvals, we advised the ABC that we would not insist on a Hearing. We asked that the ABC consider those CUB conditions when conditioning its approval. A complaint has been filed against Toscana for its violation of the number of seats it has, and pursuing that complaint is the method to address Toscana non-compliance. Toscana has begun the process of removing existing seats while it is applying to increase its seats to the code-permitted number.

Fig & Olive

The CUB has been appealed to the Area Planning Commission (APC). The Applicant has addressed our concerns, and has arranged parking in neighboring office buildings on evenings and on Weekends in lieu of parking in the condo building during those times. All cars from 6:00 pm onwards will be parked in the commercial garages on San Vicente. By 9:00 pm all remaining cars in the Gorham garage will be moved over to the commercial garages. The garages are located at 11940 and 11980 San Vicente. When we obtain copies of the parking leases and all other relevant facts, the LUC and the EC will decide what position to take at the APC Appeal Hearing.

There was comment from a member of the audience regarding the development and its impact on traffic and parking. Mitch Paradise was concerned that there is no on-site parking and cars will park in his residential neighborhood. He said that at the dinner hour, the area is already gridlocked. Bryan Gordon responded that the BCC had imposed many conditions on the tenant, not only parking requirements. Another member of the audience responded that he was looking forward to walking to the restaurant.

Sunset Safety Committee

Said Jabbari reported on the meeting last week at the Luxe Hotel. There were 35 sign ups for the meeting and 19 attended. Twelve organizations and groups were represented. They identified several issues and created team leaders and made the following recommendations:

1. More police presence and enforcement at all schools in the area of schools from Kenter to Barrington Place
2. Sunset Boulevard Safety Awareness Campaign on specific dates in conjunction with City Councils
3. Speed watch and radar signs
4. Unloading areas of school buses
5. Synchronized lights from PCH to freeway

6. Ordinances against motorbikes cruising
7. 800 line for Sunset to report issues to West LAPD
8. Sidewalks and landscaping

The next meeting will be scheduled shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: June 1, 2010

BRENTWOOD YOUTH CITIZEN AWARD – 2010

Chair Loretta Ditlow, along with committee members Bette Harris, Jackie Raymond and Nancy Babcock presented the following awards.

St. Martin of Tours School

Members of the Executive Board of the Student Council who accepted on the school's behalf were Jamie Daigle, President and Christopher Alexander, Vice President.

St. Martin of Tours School has a long history of giving students the opportunity to address the needs of those less fortunate. This year, the Junior High classes (grades 6, 7, and 8) have taken on a special project to feed the hungry. Several days during the year, students in these grades bring ingredients to school and make sandwiches in the school kitchen. The Director of Youth Ministry then delivers the sandwiches to a local homeless shelter or Food Bank. The students have fed hundreds of needy people throughout the year. Other community service projects include a monthly collection of non-perishables or school supplies. In November, the students provide Thanksgiving meals to the needy by collecting donations (bake sale, etc.) for turkeys and collecting food items. A group of students deliver the food to the charity.

Another school program is called Penny Wars-Dollar Wars, where the students raise money to buy farm animals for families in Africa. The students are currently planning a garage sale, to raise funds for charity.

Brentwood School

Jackie Raymond presented awards to Briana Monkarsh and Simon Brooks.

Briana Monkarsh, a 12th grader, at Brentwood School. Briana has performed approximately 440 hours of community service while at Brentwood School. She volunteers each week at the Friendship Circle working with and tutoring her special needs buddy; tutors and mentors elementary school children at the Maple Counseling Center; and serves as President of the school's Benefacta Board, which oversees all of the school's service learning activities. Briana organized the school's involvement in Portraits of Hope's life guard tower painting project; feeds the hungry at local homeless shelters; and helped raise \$2,000 to purchase food and two shelters for ten for the Haiti Relief effort.

Simon Brooks, is a 12th grader, who serves on the Benefacta Board, overseeing service activities; coaches children at Barrington Park; Captain of the Varsity Basketball Team; Peer Leader; Brentwood Theater Company; packs and distributes food through One Voice; volunteered at Foster Camp over summer.

Archer School for Girls

An award was presented to Jennifer Hourani.

Jennifer Hourani has volunteered many hours on community service projects. She is an active member of Archer's Community Service Board, which hosts an annual community service fair and holds weekly meetings to help students identify service projects. She is also on the executive board of Green Youth Movement, which helps young children become environmentally aware and develop green habits.

Jennifer went on a service trip to Fiji and helped build a footpath around one of the villages; taught English to local children; and helped construct a school, painting walls and windows.

For the past few years Jennifer has spent nearly every Sunday morning tutoring and mentoring children from the Hispanic Mission Program at St. Nicholas Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. Every week, she has a new lesson and fun art project prepared for the children.

Palisades Charter High School

An award was presented to Peter Atkinson.

Peter Atkinson is a 12th grade student at Palisades Charter High School and has volunteered hundreds of hours at Brentwood Green weeding, watering, and planting trees at this joint-use park. Peter studies music at the Colburn School of Performing Arts and is a very talented French horn player. He has volunteered his time performing at many underserved schools and nursing homes. Through the Boy Scouts, he has helped with food drives for the needy and given time to many Eagle Scout projects. His own Eagle Scout Project will involve additional improvements to Brentwood Green, including construction of potting benches and a trellised gateway in the Farm Garden. During his recent summers in a small town in Maine, Peter has also spent innumerable hours volunteering for Opera House Arts (a community arts organization) creating a box office website, ushering, selling tickets, marketing and advertising.

Lisa Glick

We are recognizing an exceptional teacher, Lisa Glick, who is the coordinator of Community Service Learning at Brentwood Lower School. For the past fourteen years, she has helped guide students to explore their community, identify problems, and find meaningful ways of being of service.

Brentwood School Sixth Grade Class of 2010

The following students have funded and prepared food for the homeless shelter in Brentwood every week for the past year.

Arianna Fisher

Arianna is a twelfth grader at Palisades High School, who has worked at Camp Harmony with under-privileged youth for the past four years. She leads the Buddy Program, which mentors children with special needs.

Connor McGillivray

Connor brings his youthful, enthusiastic energy to work with Camp Harmony students. As senior patrol leader of Boy Scout Troop 117 with their many charitable projects, he designed, funded, and built a bike shop for the Pacific Lodge Boys Home.

Congratulations were presented by all present to the award recipients along with grateful thanks for all their wonderful voluntary work.