

Country Club Park Chronicle

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COUNTRY CLUB PARK PRESENTS

A HOLIDAY

PARTY

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16

5 - 8 P.M.

AVATAR MEHER BABA CENTER

1214 SOUTH VAN NESS

**Please bring a packaged toy
And a canned good for charity**

PLEASE RSVP THE NUMBER ATTENDING.....(213) 673-3893



Message from the President

By Edmon Rodman

As you read this, Thanksgiving will have already passed, but it is never too late to give thanks. In Country Club Park we have much to be thankful for. There are so many neighbors and city agencies and departments working with us, that we often forget who actually keeps our homes and streets safe, our trees trimmed, our streets paved and clean, our lights on, and our lives informed. Who are the people who work for our mutual good? For some it's a job, for others a volunteer position, for most, a simple act of helping out; all of them need to be thanked.

For meeting with us, listening to our concerns and dreams, and then taking action, let us thank our Councilman Herb Wesson.

For helping our community prepare and pass it's Interim Control Ordinance (ICO), and helping to move forward our pocket park proposal, let's thank Andrew Westall Senior Deputy to Councilman Herb Wesson.

For handling and responding to many of our problems with zoning, policing, lighting, for helping us with Saturday in the Park, and for attending our general meetings, we need to thank Sylvia Lacy, Senior Deputy to Councilman Herb Wesson.

For getting our new trees planted and seeing that they are properly watered and cared for, and for

speaking at a general meeting, let's give two very green thumbs up and a thank you to Dore Burry, Environmental Services Manager, and the staff of the Korean Youth Community Center.

For responding to our calls be they about late night music, or someone breaking in, thanks go out to the men and women of the Wilshire Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

For putting out fires large and small, answering our emergency calls, and saving lives, let's thank the men and women of Fire Station 29 on Wilshire.

For the wonderful story in the Los Angeles Times about our homes and community that we shared with friends and family, let's thank writer Gayle Pollard-Terry.

For the great LA Times story about how racial covenants were done away with in CCP a "thank you" goes out to writer Cecilia Rasmusen.

For working to the have the street lighting repaired as well as street humps installed on Wilton Place and for being an HPOZ advocate, let's thank Amy Vuckovich.

For all the homeowners and others like Film LA who encourage filming companies to be sensitive to resident's concerns and also make a donation to the CCPNA, let us say a close-up and dramatic thank you.

For everyone who planned and

worked to make our second Saturday in the Park a special day and communal success, especially the event's chairperson, Maisha Closson, let's say thank you.

For being a key sponsor of Saturday in the Park for two years; being both generous with her time and resources let's thank Mrs. Ji of Chosun Galbee.

For being a guest speaker at our general meeting and introducing us to the world of historical homes as well as researching and writing the text for our new 2008 calendar, let's thank James Dunham.

For volunteering his time to photograph our homes for the neighborhood calendar a focused and well-lit thanks to Rob Hewett.

For sponsoring the back cover of the 2008 calendar, thanks go to Mr. Marlseon Ro of Roland on Olympic.

For serving our community by planning, meeting, listening, fretting, and looking to the future, we need to thank the men and women who have served on the Country Club Park Board of Directors this year: Tom Smith, vice-president, Regina Jones, treasurer, John McCarthy, recording secretary, myself, president, and board members, Maisha Closson, Prem Goyal, Trang Ho, John Longmuir, Sequoia Mercier, Pamela Whittenbury, Gary Song, and our newest member, Shin Yong Earl Kang.

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For editing our newsletter and managing our website, for listening and acting upon many of your concerns and problems, for being there when the neighborhood needs her, let's write a "thank you" editorial for Holly Eubanks.

For all our block captains, who have dealt with broken gates, and many other neighborhood concerns, a special thanks to each one of you.

For raising funds to help defray the cost of Saturday in the Park, let's thank Chanel Wickland.

For all who have attended our community meetings, and to all who have moved to Country Club Park in 2007, giving us the potential to grow, "thank you."

For all the woman and men who have served on the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council, looking after our community, Thank you. And to Doug Alston, former OPNC vice president, thanks for all you have done.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the holiday party, where you can celebrate this time of thanks and giving by donating to charity a canned good or new toy. Until then, keep your porch lights on and your spirits up.

Edmon Rodman



OPNC and CCPNA Hold Fall Elections

Both the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council (which subsumes Country Club Park) and the Country Club Park Neighborhood Association held Board elections this fall.

OPNC's election was actually toward the end of summer, on August 25, and returned several previous board members to the Council and added many new members.

The Country Club Park Neighborhood Association Congratulates the new Board:

Director - East (7 positions)

Dr. Doug Alston
Pamela Whittenbury
John Longmuir
Gary K. Song
Constance Melton
Jesse Pinkney
Sherri L. Woods

Director - West (7 positions)

Chris Elwell, OPNC President
Jonathan Hafter
Kory Odell, OPNC Secretary
Milton H. Gaines
Olivia Reese
Cheryle A. Grace
Laura Rudison

Business - East (1 position)

Jewel Thais-Williams

Business - West (1 position)

Verna Jones, OPNC Treasurer

Community Based Organization (2 positions)

Joseph F. Hancock
Samson Adekunle Odede
Youth Represenative (1 position)

Micah Rodman

Senior Citizen (1 position)

Audrey J. Quarles

Young Adult (2 positions)

no candidate

Education (2 positions)

Angela L. Jones, OPNC Vice President

Holly L. Eubanks

Faith Based (1 position)

Stephen Semien



Country Club Park's Board of Directors election was held in October. Here are the results:

Edmon Rodmon, President
Tom Smith, Vice-President
Regina Jones, Treasurer
John McCarthy, Recording Secretary
Maisha Closson, Director
Prem Goyal, Director
Trang Ho, Director
John Longmuir, Director
Sequoia Mercier, Director
Pamela Whittenbury, Director
Shin Yong Earl Kang, Director

Congratulations to all!

**Pioneering African American Physician,
Educator, and Community Leader
Dr. Lewis F. Boddie Dies at 94**

Longtime Country Club Park neighbor Dr. Lewis F. Boddie died on September 11 after a period of declining health.

Dr. Boddie was born on April 4, 1913, in Forsyth, Georgia. A graduate of Morehouse College in 1933, he then followed his parents into the field of medicine, attending Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He achieved his medical degree in 1938.

In 1941, he married his beloved Bernice, and the couple came to Los Angeles in 1949. When Dr. Boddie received his certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, he became the first Black physician with that certification west of the Mississippi.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Within the context of his practice, Dr. Boddie became an indefatigable advocate for child welfare and adoption for minority children. He served on the Board of Directors of the Child Welfare League of America, Inc., and on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Youth. Additionally, he taught for many years at the University of Southern California and University of California at Irvine medical schools, and achieved Emeritus status at both universities.

Like his grandfather before him, who attended the African American Methodist Episcopal Church in Milledgeville, Georgia, Dr. Boddie was an unwavering member of the Second African Methodist Episcopal Church here in Los Angeles. A memorial service was held at the church on October 27.

Dr. Boddie is survived by his wife Bernice and their seven children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, many cousins, nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends and neighbors.

On behalf of Country Club Park, The Board of Directors of Country Club Park Neighborhood Association offers Mrs. Boddie, all the children, and the extended family members our heartfelt condolences.

**Richard Wayne Hicks, Sr., African American
Aeronautical Engineer and Longtime
Country Club Park Neighbor Dies at 72**

Neighbor Wayne Hicks, Sr., died here in Los Angeles on October 31 after a prolonged illness.

Wayne spent his childhood and teenage years in a close-knit African American community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was born on December 18, 1934. After graduating from high school in 1952, however, he moved away to Michigan to attend the University of Michigan, where he pursued double majors in Mathematics and Aeronautical Engineering.

His family describes a "whirlwind three days" at the end of Wayne's college career, when he graduated on one day, married his college sweetheart, Elizabeth Ann Crockett, on the next, and set out with his new bride to begin their married life in California on the next.

During his career as an aeronautical engineer, Wayne worked side by side with the best of the best in the space industry. Not only did he help develop aeronautical systems for NASA shuttles, but he also monitored shuttle launches from the Kennedy Space center.

In addition to loving the engineering aspect of flight, Wayne was also a skilled pilot and loved to fly. He spent several years rebuilding a fighter plane in his back yard, and owned a Mooney fixed wing single engine plane, in which he spent many countless hours in Los Angeles skies.

Wayne is survived by his wife and three children, six grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Board of Directors of Country Club Park sends deepest sympathies to Mrs. Hicks and all your family members.

Neighbors...please remember to notify the Board when important life cycle events occur in your family, so we can give proper acknowledgement in the newsletter. -Ed.

This just in from neighbor Rich Schmidt!

The Milkman Is Back!!



Alta Dena is now offering home delivery service to the residents of Country Club Park!

They deliver baskets of milk, cheese and more right to your doorstep each and every Thursday morning!

To set up your service and to place an order contact John McBride at (800) 535-1369 ext 504

***"We've been using this service and we love the convenience and we trust the product. Give John a call and have him add you to his route."
Rich & Kathi Schmidt, Gramercy Place***

Speed Humps and Wheelchair Accessible Curbs Installed in Country Club Park

At last, the long sought-after speed humps along Country Club Drive have been installed between Manhattan Place and Gramercy Drive. Anita Saunders initiated the petition for speed humps over three years ago, requesting that the stretch between Manhattan and Arlington along Country Club Drive be modified with the traffic calming devices.

The City approved only the one block, however, because (as we were told later) each separate block needs to initiate its own request. We have heard from neighbors that there is a need for speed humps all along Country Club Drive. Neighbors interested in having speed humps installed in their neighborhood

can mail or fax a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting a speed hump petition along with the neighborhood representative's name, address, and telephone number. Include the name of the street on which you wish to have speed humps installed and include the boundary cross streets. (For example, Elm Avenue between Oak Street and Pine Street.) To receive a petition, mail your request to the Department of Transportation, Speed Hump Program, 221 N. Figueroa St., Suite 300, Los Angeles CA 90012, or send a fax to (213) 580-5580.



Several months ago, our block captain on Wilton Place, Carol Hall, wrote a letter to the newsletter regarding the need for wheelchair accessible ramps in Country Club Park. Prior to her request, Dr. Rasmussen had made the same

And how about some cookies to go along with that glass of milk?!

Get in the Holiday Spirit with Recipes from the North Pole...

Our neighbor on Wilton Place, Malcolm Brown, sent us a treasure trove of cookie recipes for the holidays (about 250!) They are available online, at www.northpole.com/

On the menu at the left of the page, click on Holiday Recipes, and then on the icon for the category of your choice. Select the name of the cookie to bring up the recipe.

You will also find some delightful activities for the kids on this site. Enjoy! Thanks, Malcolm!

7 Layer Cookies

1 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 cup shredded coconut
6 Oz chocolate chips
1 can sweet condensed milk
1 cup walnuts
1 stick butter (1/2 cup)

Melt 1 stick butter in a jelly roll pan. Spread in pan (in layers)- 1 cup of graham cracker crumbs, 1 cup of shredded coconut, 6 oz of chips. Drizzle one can sweet condensed milk on top. Add 1 cup of chopped walnuts on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove and let cool then cut into squares.

request – for several years in a row. The proverbial wheels of bureaucracy do indeed grind slowly, but we are grateful to have these safety features in place.

Thanks to all in the neighborhood and in the Councilman's office who assisted in these projects!



Welcome, Bennet Lee Barnes!

Board member Maisha Closson and hubby Chris Barnes are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, born on October 27 at 1:04 a.m. Country Club Park welcomes its newest neighbor, and first ever baby born to a serving Board member!

Congratulations, Maisha and Chris!
Welcome, baby Bennet!



Preserving Country Club Park – Preserving Our Homes

Our neighborhood received an important helping hand from the City when Mayor Villaraigosa signed the Country Club Park Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) on October 19, 2007. The Country Club Park Neighborhood Association has aggressively sought this protection for our piece of Los Angeles. This ICO is the first step toward the establishment of an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) to help preserve and enhance the varied and distinct residential character and integrity of Country Club Park.

Recognizing that Country Club Park is an important historic and cultural resource to Los Angeles, the City Council adopted the ICO to provide protections to the historic buildings, structures, landscaping, natural features and lots within our neighborhood.

Because CCP has experienced an extraordinary amount of building

permit activity, we have been in danger of losing our irreplaceable buildings and the unique historic character of our neighborhood.

This ICO will regulate the issuance of building permits. Permit applications for the demolition, construction, addition to, or external alteration of any structure in the neighborhood will be carefully scrutinized and evaluated with regard to Country Club Park's history, architectural integrity, cultural past, and significant aesthetic features.

If you would like more information or would like to help the CCPNA preservation effort, please contact Tom Smith (tom.smith@countryclubpark.net or 323-732-8811).

E-Police Newsletter Resumes Narrative Format

Our thanks to Dr. Rasmussen for notifying us that the Wilshire Division has returned to a narrative report of crime activity in Los Angeles neighborhoods.

Captain Wemmer reports that as of December first, crime has been reduced overall by minus 8 percent. Basic Car 7A47 reports a burglary and grand theft auto for its patrol area within the last month.

To sign up for the newsletter, go to and click on E-Policing. http://www.lapdonline.org/wilshire_community_police_station/content_basic_view/6553

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COUNTRY CLUB PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Those who live and work, learn and worship here...

Send your contribution now, or bring it with you to the
Holiday Party on December 16.

Support the Country Club Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter,
Special Events such as Saturday in the Park,
and projects to maintain, beautify, and preserve our
historic neighborhood.

Keep informed of the latest developments in the community.

It's that time of year when we again ask you to support your Neighborhood Association.

Our renewal period is from July 2007 to June 2008.

We want to keep you informed about what's happening in Country Club Park that could affect you.

Be part of the drive to preserve this unique, diverse urban neighborhood.

Fill out the renewal form below. Thank you for your support.

RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

STANDARD DONATION - \$35.00

PATRON'S CIRCLE DONATION - \$50.00

SPONSOR'S CIRCLE DONATION - \$100.00

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P.O. Box 19512

Country Club Park Neighborhood Association

November/December NEWSLETTER

December Event: HOLIDAY PARTY

Date: Sunday December 16, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Avatar Meher Baba Center

1214 South Van Ness Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90019-3520

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