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Ralphs Property Update

By Dave DePinto

SHPOA joined with neighboring community organizations to hold a community meeting in July at Village Christian School attended by more than 250 residents. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold: to provide information to residents about the new owner of the former Ralphs property (corner of Sunland and Glenoaks) and preliminary plans for the property, and to allow residents to express their retail preferences for the benefit of the property owner.

The property owner advises us that outreach and discussions with potential tenants are active. SHPOA authored a very strong letter appealing to potential tenants to consider the positive attributes of our communities when looking at the site (which has drawbacks to retailers such as its small size and lack of residential density in the immediately surrounding community). Our letter is being used by the property owner and leasing agents as part of their marketing efforts. As of this writing, there are no leases finalized and leasing specialists are reaching out

(See *Ralph's Update* on p. 3)

SEPTEMBER SHPOA MEETING

Tierra del Sol,
Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.

"Back to School Month"

School is back in session, so we will turn the spotlight on education and schools at our September meeting. We've invited representatives from a variety of local schools to inform you about their programs and offerings. In today's world of education, you have more choices than ever. Our schools are critical to our youth, families, community and property values. **Please join us!**

Trails Now Connect Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon

By Bill Eick

The Fond Land Preservation Foundation recently announced the purchase of an additional 40 acres in the mountains between Sunland Blvd. and La Tuna Canyon. This parcel was purchased from Ahead with Horses and is a portion of the hillside area owned by that organization. The property has 68 oak trees. Additionally the property can be legally accessed from La Tuna Canyon and one can walk up the mountain and connect with the existing Foundation property on the Shadow Hills side of the open space.

This new property is the first connection between the two communities and provides trails for hiking and horse back riding. In the coming months the Foundation will have additional announcements about trail improvements and official dedications. The Fond Foundation now owns in excess of 540 acres in the Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon area and an additional 37 acres in Lake View Terrace. If you have questions please e-mail Bill Eick at weeick@pacbell.net.



See This Sign? What Should You Do?

By Dave De Pinto

If you said "STOP" you are partially correct. And not one of those California, slow down, roll the tires, then speed up "stops." "STOP" means.....stop!

You also should "STOP" waiting for the City or some magic plant eater to trim those trees, bushes and weeds blocking the view of traffic signals and safety signs around Shadow Hills. If you live near a blocked sign, if it's adjacent to your property, if you walk your dog or horse by a blocked sign, or if you drive near a blocked sign, get a pair of clippers, scissors, a saw or a chain saw and trim that vegetation back. Ask for forgiveness later...the life you save may be your own! If you need help, contact SHPOA (shpoa@shpoa.us) and we'll make sure it is taken care of.

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Letter to Non-Member Shadow Hills Residents

By Dave De Pinto

On behalf of the Board, a big thank you to the members and advertisers who support SHPOA! The Board has been grappling for years about the issue of equity – a relatively few residents support SHPOA to the benefit of the entire community, and many of our residents are neither involved with nor support SHPOA.

Recently, the Board decided to reach out once again to non-members to give them information about SHPOA and to encourage their involvement. Our letter is shown below and we hope it strikes a chord with folks and inspires them to support our Association. Please talk to your neighbors about joining SHPOA. It's a win-win!

Dear Shadow Hills Resident:

SHPOA is going to ask for your help. But, first, I'd like to ask you some questions. If you answer yes to any of these, maybe you'll say yes to the last question, which is to ask you to join the only neighborhood improvement association in Shadow Hills: the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA).

- ***Do you love our Shadow Hills community (includes Stonehurst, Rancho Caballo, Rancho Verdugo, Shadow Hills Estates, Mustang Estates and Stallion Ranch)?***
- ***Are you concerned about the future of our neighborhood and want to see property values increase?***
- ***Do you benefit from SHPOA's Neighborhood Watch program?***
- ***Do you enjoy SHPOA's free newsletter mailed to your home every other month?***
- ***Has our free Daily Fodder (daily email) helped you or a friend or neighbor in any way?***
- ***Have you enjoyed riding, walking or jogging on Shadow Hills extensive trails system or used the new equestrian-safe crossings SHPOA helped create on Wentworth at Wheatland and Mary Bell?***
- ***Have you enjoyed SHPOA meetings at Tierra del Sol with guest speakers and free refreshments?***
- ***Are you glad to see traffic/radar speed enforcement return on Sunland Blvd. due to SHPOA's efforts?***
- ***Do you appreciate SHPOA's maintenance of white horse rail fencing and removal of litter and graffiti?***
- ***Did you know SHPOA is leading efforts to find new retailers at the closed Ralphs in Sun Valley?***
- ***Did you know SHPOA was formed by residents like you 50 years ago to fight plans to build the 210 Freeway right through the middle of Shadow Hills?***

SHPOA's mission is to protect, preserve and promote

our country lifestyle, safety, equestrian rights and property values. We are certified with the state of California and the IRS as a non-profit organization. We prioritize our activities based on input from you. We are often "first responders" on matters of concern to you. ***We are 100% volunteer and have none of the required fees and enforcement powers of a typical HOA.***

As we commemorate our 50th Anniversary in 2013, we are reviewing the best ways to succeed in the future. We need to confront a long-standing manpower and financial challenge: the Association, which supports ALL 2,200+ households in Shadow Hills, is supported by a relative few. Only 335 residents (roughly 15% of our community) are members of SHPOA...and voluntary membership is only \$25 per year.

SHPOA breaks even each year financially and may survive with or without your help. That's how dedicated we are. But we could provide even more services if more members of the community participated. Your support means a lot to our hard-working volunteers.

So, now for our last question: ***wouldn't you feel safer, more connected and prouder of our beautiful, unique community if you lent a hand?*** We've enclosed a membership envelope for your convenience. Please return it today. If you join now, your membership will be effective for the rest of 2013 and ALL of 2014. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me (818-352-7618; 7daviddepinto@ca.rr.com). Thank you.



(Ralph's Update cont'd from front page)

to tenants with the benefit of our recent survey and input from the meeting.

Please follow progress on this issue on Daily Fodder (receive Daily Fodder by emailing shpoa@shpoa.us). SHPOA is working with neighboring community leaders to do all it can to represent the interests of the community. Some residents have unfortunately voiced cynicism and pessimism about this process, but the fact is that had SHPOA not acted, we'd likely already see a super discount store on that location and there would have been little consideration given to the needs and desires of this community. Not only did 250+ people come to the meeting at Village Christian School but more than that amount replied to our survey – their voices were heard! We will continue to strive to achieve the best mix of retail and business activity at that property and appreciate those who understand and support our work.

Daily Fodder List Update

By Terri Ortiz

Please note we are updating and cleaning up our files for Daily Fodder and our newsletter. Please send an email to shpoa@shpoa.us to make sure we have your current email and mail addresses. Thank you!

Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

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Membership Form

Shadow Hills area residents, its time to join SHPOA for the 2013 calendar year!

Your support and participation are vital to the preservation of our rural community.

Membership = \$25

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Benefits and Value of SHPOA Membership

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- ✓ Fight for code enforcement to protect residential zoning
- ✓ Provide legal counsel and referrals
- ✓ Expand trail system, open space and wildlife corridors
- ✓ Support equestrians and equestrian organizations
- ✓ Advocacy with government and law enforcement agencies

Protect Public Safety, the Environment and Property Values

- ✓ Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- ✓ Liaison to local police and fire departments
- ✓ Assist animal health and care
- ✓ Reduce speeding, unsafe driving and trash truck traffic
- ✓ Community beautification and clean-ups
- ✓ Partner with real estate community

Promote Shadow Hills

- ✓ Market unique lifestyle and real estate properties
- ✓ Conduct SHPOA membership drives
- ✓ Hold general member meetings with guest speakers, helpful information and entertainment
- ✓ Bi-monthly newsletter
- ✓ Daily email outreach and information
- ✓ Website information
- ✓ Special events and signage

Calling All Equestrian Service Organizations!

by Dave DePinto

We have added a new, free and ongoing reference section to the SHPOA newsletter that provides a brief description and contact information for non-profit and charitable organizations serving equestrian needs and interests in and around Shadow Hills. If you would like your organization to be listed here, submit information about your group or a group you are familiar with to Dave DePinto (7daviddepinto@ca.rr.com; 818-352-7618). If we missed you in this issue, or if any the information we've listed needs updating, we'll get that information into the September newsletter and continue forward from there. **Thank you.**

AHEAD with Horses, Inc.

AHEAD (Accelerated Habilitation Education And Development) With Horses Inc. 40+ year history providing unique, motivating and effective therapy, education and recreation through horses and related experiences to disabled/disadvantaged/at-risk/special-needs children.

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Non-Profit 501(c)3; Tax ID# 95-3165603

Blue Shadows and California Rangers at MonteVerde Trails Ranch

Blue Shadows is a non-profit organization dedicated to teach children of all ages how to ride horses. This organization is a mounted drill team based on early cavalry drilling; members become better riders while learning drill maneuvers.

Tammy Wickham

Location: MonteVerde Trails Ranch

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Website: www.blueshadows.org or www.monteranch.com/children.php

Non-Profit 501(c)3

The California Rangers is for youth from 9 to 18 years of age with a desire to ride horses and be a part of a team. No previous riding experience is necessary, nor does one need to own a horse. The only requirement to join is a willingness to learn, a lack of fear and the ability to participate in weekly practices and annual events.

Karin Gannon

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Dusty's Riders

Dusty's Riders' provides interactions with horses and nature for at-risk children. The program removes children from their present environment and provides opportunities for personal growth. Through this interaction, children build self-esteem and self-awareness. Dusty's Riders is a 501(c)(3) public charity, founded in 2000 by Jessica (Crawford) Hight and Sarah (Crawford) Williams to help at-risk kids in the Los Angeles area. Dusty's Riders is run a volunteer organization, with no paid staff. All donations go directly to the program.

Jessica Hight or Sarah Williams

Location: Gibson Ranch

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Equestrian Trails Inc.

Equestrian Trails, Inc. A non-profit corporation since 1944, the Charter is "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation". ETI's combined membership works successfully to keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing these issues, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will listen to constituents' needs.

E.T.I. holds events such as Trail Rides, Gymkhanas, Trail Trials and Horse Shows. These are organized by local Corrals located throughout California. The national E.T.I. organization oversees each Corral and the area which it serves.

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New Heaven on Earth Ranch

The **New Heaven on Earth Ranch (NHOER)** is a CA based 501 c(3) public charity, based in Lake View Terrace, CA, dedicated to the memory of the late Johny Carpenter. Stuntman, cowboy and actor, Johny's original Heaven on Earth Ranch stood for almost 25 years on Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace. Johny built an authentic western town and taught physically and mentally challenged children/young adults how to ride. NHOER is committed to building the "Johny Carpenter Arena" and establishing the "Randy Horton Riding Program" for physically/mentally challenged, at-risk and disadvantaged children and young adults.

Mike Carpenter

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Non-Profit 501(c)3; Tax ID# 27-2613489.

Peacock Hill Ranch

Peacock Hill Ranch Inc. operates a 501(c)3 non-profit that rescues and rehabilitates neglected, unwanted and abused horses. After careful rehabilitation and evaluation, we place them with appropriate homes.

Royan Herman

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Shadow Hills Riding Club

Shadow Hills Riding Club offers therapeutic riding programs in which horses serve as tools for physical therapy, emotional growth and learning for individuals with mental, physical, and/or emotional disabilities, along with other charitable activities associated with this purpose.

Shadow Hills Riding Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Johnny Higginson or Susan Kelejian

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Website: www.shadowhillsridingclub.org or www.shadowhills-equestriancenter.com

Non-Profit 501(c)3; Tax ID# 27-0537010

Special Spirit Inc. at Moonshadow Ranch

Special Spirit Inc. provides a private, safe and serene environment where challenged children and adults can socialize, be at peace, pet the animals, and be one with nature. Our mission uses therapeutic horseback riding (also known as Equine Assisted Therapy and Adaptive Riding) to help children and adults with cognitive, physical and emotional illnesses to gain focus, independence, balance, and social skills.

Special Spirit Inc. helps people with all forms of special needs and promotes autism awareness in the greater Los Angeles area.

Eva Lund, President/Treasurer

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Valley View Vaulters, Inc.'s mission is to encourage and support individuals of all ages and abilities to exceed their own expectations through the art and sport of gymnastics on horseback, also known as equestrian vaulting, resulting in improved quality of life and instilling lessons that will remain with participants forever. Valley View Vaulters was founded in 1980 and focuses on teaching the globally renowned sport of Equestrian Vaulting. It is unique in that it is among the few mainstream, competitive vaulting teams that have both handicapped and non-handicapped vaulters competing in non-handicapped classes.

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Being All You Can Be To Your Community

By Eric Stein

Just like the majority of you who are reading my article, I'm a homeowner in Shadow Hills who has invested a great deal of money and time in my own home. As the safety and environment around us keeps changing, I have become more concerned with the future of Shadow Hills and the direction it's going. While many people can point fingers and tell others what they don't like, how many of you have faced the challenge to make a difference in our own neighborhood? Getting involved, whether it's picking up loose trash on the side of the road, joining the Board of SHPOA, becoming a street block captain for suspicious criminal activity, etc. can help make a difference in a positive way. We all want to live in a nice neighborhood, it's about time we pull together and make a change!

What SHPOA is NOT.....

By Sue Mansis

In my position as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, I am privileged to meet and converse with many residents; some who have lived here for many years, others who are new to Shadow Hills, and a few who are finally feeling settled here. Most all agree that living in this unique and very personal community is what attracted them.

Many residents offer wonderful feedback and grateful thanks for the work SHPOA does on their behalf, but occasionally I get a puzzled look or concerned opinions about what they perceive SHPOA to be. I am always surprised when I hear the array of misconceptions, suppositions, rumors and just general distrust in who we are and I admit that personally, I was one of those skeptics for the first few years after I moved here too!

SO, since SHPOA has worked very hard to describe what (we) are, I decided to write about what we are NOT.

1. **First and foremost, we are NOT a closed board.** Our meetings are open to the public and are usually very informal and (I daresay) fun!
2. **We are NOT an exclusive organization of horsey people.** Only a couple of us even own horses, much less ride them!
3. **We are NOT a gang of "good ole' boys"** - our board is as diverse as Shadow Hills itself!
4. **We are NOT a political group** - again, we are diverse, definitely don't always agree and never get into political arenas, name calling, finger pointing.
5. **We are NOT 'governing' elitists.** We operate under bylaws and procedures which keep us accountable and responsible.
6. **We are NOT narrow minded, anti-development, nor stuck in the "good old days" of Shadow Hills.** While we love our open spaces, we also respect the right to build, create and beautify.
7. **We are NOT possessive of your time or loyalty**

(See *SHPOA is NOT...*, p. 7)



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Community Cleans Up in Hansen Dam



On Saturday, August 17, more than 30 people volunteered their time to clean up trails and other areas within Hansen Dam. More than 20 large bags of trash, wooden pallets and glass bottles were removed. A horse actually helped pull a stuck, abandoned shopping cart out of the water. The following groups helped make the event a success: Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, ETI, MonteVerde Trails Ranch and Foothill Mounted Patrol. Most of the youth involved were members of the California Rangers youth riding group. Thanks to all our volunteers!



**Shadow Hills
Presbyterian Church
2013 Blessing of the
Animals**

A beloved community tradition continues as Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church celebrates The Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 10am - 1pm. Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church has a 60-year history of welcoming all of God's creatures. From the early years when folks in the community rode their horses to church, to our recent Sunday evening "Pets Are Welcome" services, Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church has shared the community's love of animals.

Pastor Rebecca Pritchard will pray for each animal that is present and a complimentary photo will be taken. In addition, there will be music and food. So, bring your horses, cats, dogs, llamas, iguanas, fish, hamsters, goats, sheep, rabbits, lizards, birds - all of your furry, feathered, hairy, and scaly friends are welcome! Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 10158 Johanna Ave (at Sunland Blvd.).

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- we are humbled by any level of involvement our supporters offer!

8. **We are NOT all professional business people.**
9. **We are NOT interested in taking away resident 'rights' or policing individual properties.**
10. **We are NOT a group of old friends or intertwined neighbors.** Many of us would never know each other except for the common tie we have through loving and serving our community.
11. **(Remember the "soup Nazi" on Seinfeld)? We are NOT "land Nazis" --** and have no desire to obstruct progress, but we do try to advocate for keeping the open spaces and integrity of the land and trails as much as reasonably possible.
12. **Lastly, we are NOT closed to change or suggestions** - we love hearing from YOU and we are grateful for any support and encouragement of our efforts. We realize we are fallible people with opinions just like you, and we aren't immune from making mistakes. But we do listen to our critics and supporters alike and we are wide open to new input, involvement and individuals.

If you have formed an opinion of what SHPOA "is" please give us another chance and come see for yourself what we are "not." **All are welcome!**



SHPOA (Better than an HOA)

By Eric Stein

Before buying my home in Shadow Hills, I used to have a home in South Orange County. Almost all neighborhoods down there had some tie to a Howeowner Association (HOA). What did the HOA do for the neighborhood? Not too much in my opinion except give me a bill every three months! HOA's are meant to keep up the property values by keeping consistency in the neighborhood appearance (making sure nobody had a pink house while all others were brown or beige). Besides the outer appearance or maybe telling someone to take down the Christmas lights two weeks after Christmas, there was pretty much silence from the HOA's.

Here in Shadow Hills, we are lucky to have SHPOA care for the cities and businesses around us that have a direct impact on our property values and way of life as we know it. An HOA would never fight for the Redistricting of our City Council. An HOA would never work with City leaders to create caution signs for Horse Crossings, etc. While SHPOA cannot enforce dues from each resident of Shadow Hills, each resident can show support for the non-profit organization for the good deeds that it does for the community. There are so many things the average resident is not aware of but is still benefiting from the leadership actions displayed by the Board Members. **Please show your support by signing up for a \$25 annual membership today!**



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The Sun Continues to Shine in Shadow Hills...

By Denise Fleck, www.sunnydogink.com

Mary adored her dog Daisy and always wanted her by her side. One 80°F day, while the "girls" were out for a car ride, Mary made a quick stop at the convenience store. Inside she encountered a new cashier who was having difficulty working the register. The line of impatient customers grew and Mary was delayed returning to the car and her precious pooch. Ten minutes passed and although the windows were cracked open, the temperature inside climbed to 125 degrees! Daisy was in distress...she was panting profusely, her gums were bright red, her heart was racing, there was foam around her mouth -- Daisy was suffering from heat stroke.

Even with windows open, a parked car can quickly reach more than 150 degrees resulting in heat stroke, permanent brain damage or death to your pet. Latest research shows you shouldn't leave your dog or cat unattended in the car for even a few minutes if the temperature is 72° F or hotter! Even with windows down (which allows for an escape or pet-napping) heat radiates from the concrete and asphalt through the car's metal and makes it quickly unbearable. Additionally, pets don't sweat like we do to regulate their body temperature. They pant to exchange cooler outside air with the warm humid air in their lungs while cats don't usually pant until they are overwhelmed by the heat. If the outside air isn't cooler than their body temperature, an animal can succumb to heat stroke which can cause brain damage, kidney failure, cardiac arrest and death. Old and overweight pets as well as flat-faced breeds are at the greatest risk.

An air-conditioned house is safest for your pet, but the next best thing is a well-ventilated/insulated doghouse or a shaded porch with a fan or misting system. Provide fresh water all day long making sure that outside bowls remain in the shade even when the sun moves in late afternoon. Outside food bowls should be placed in a pan containing a few inches of water to keep ants out and should be hooked to a spigot to refill all day long.

Remember: hot concrete and asphalt can burn precious paws! Walk your pets during the cool parts of the day and stick to the grass. If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for paws. Dog shoes are great on hot surfaces for short periods of time, but since heat is expelled from the paw pads, you dog is likely to overheat if they are covered on a hot day.



What to Do Should the Worst Happen

By Denise Fleck

- Move your pet to a cooler environment. Indoors is best but even a shady sidewalk or grassy area can help.
- Place pet in a tub or wading pool getting him wet "from the paws up," if using a hose to wet his skin, belly, arm pits, groin and paws first. Water sprayed on the back may just skim off the fur and not cool the skin. Also keep in mind that on hot days, water coming out of a hose can initially be very hot. Take care to let water run till cool before spraying on your

precious pet. Do not immerse up to his neck in a tub or pool or use ice water -- cooling too quickly can result in shock.

- Offer small amounts of water or an electrolyte replenisher like Pedialyte or K9 Quencher, but don't force your pet to drink and do not let him "tank up" when he is over-heated. You risk the possibility of him vomiting the water and aspirating into his lungs. Fluids may need to be given intravenously at the Vet.
- Check temperature under the tail every 5 minutes and stop cooling process at 103° F.
- Get to Vet or Emergency Center ASAP if Temperature is above 103F. Be prepared to treat for Shock and administer Rescue Breathing & CPR.

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Getting Schooled by Home School

By Eric Stein

My older daughter (age 6) is now in first grade. Last year we started home schooling her for kindergarten thru a program directed by CAVA (California Virtual Academies). It's a fantastic hands-on program that is free to all families in the state of California. As the State continues to reduce public school budgets and educational programs, CAVA has provided us with a brand new set of books, computer, printer, musical instruments, and other new learning tools. I recommend that one parent have the ability to stay home and have a consistent regimen in order for the child to learn properly.

Regarding the common question we get about social skills, we frequently have our children enrolled in the Burbank Community classes like gymnastics, dance, ballet, etc. The CAVA program also has a "Community Day" scheduled once a week (not mandatory) where the children get classroom settings for additional teacher instruction. It's a great situation where the parent(s) truly knows what the child is being taught and how they are doing in school.

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- Gee, Officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!
- Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
- I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there is no other car around-that's how far ahead of me they are.



Helpful Hint of the Month for the Horse Owner

By Dr. Lindsey Brown

This very comprehensive list is shown in full on the SHPOA website (www.shpoa.us). Due to its length, we'll cover one tip per issue of our newsletter.

Tip # 7 – The Geriatric Horse

Geriatric horses need additional attention. Important considerations include adequate nutrition, oral exams, furriery, vaccines, deworming, musculoskeletal disorders such as osteoarthritis, and metabolic diseases such as Equine Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID) aka Cushing's Disease. We want to keep our senior horses healthy and comfortable.



"You talkin' to me?"

A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!

–William Shakespeare

King Richard the Third
Act V, Scene iv, Line 7

Closure of Puente Hills Landfill

by Elektra Kruger

The Puente Hills Landfill, in operation since 1957, will close on October 31, 2013. It is one of the largest landfills in the country currently accepting over 13,000 tons/day of solid waste. Since 1970 it has been owned and operated by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. We've already seen the closure of many landfills in nearby Sun Valley...a good sign!

The need for alternative disposal options/sites may ultimately result in a rise in waste disposal costs for communities currently using the landfill - like the City of Los Angeles. As a City we are still actively seeking to attain the goal of "Zero Waste" production, but we are not there yet. Given the imminent closure of the Puente Hills landfill, in late July 2013, our new Councilmember and Chair of the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee, Felipe Fuentes, presented a Motion to City Council. The Motion requested the Bureau of Sanitation to provide a report on its long-term strategy for waste disposal and how it will ensure the residents of Los Angeles that they will not see significant hikes in their sanitation charges as a result of the Puente Hills landfill closure.

The Motion was forwarded to the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee for their review and recommendations. The Committee approved the Motion in late August. The final approval is in the hands of the City Council.

SHPOA continues to lead efforts to promote a wide range of mitigations for waste and recycling businesses in neighboring Sun Valley, including full enclosure and clean burning fuel trucks. Projects planned by both Athens Services and Crown Disposal remain in play with City Planning, and Waste Management's planned project remains stuck in a legal battle. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of all of these trash-related projects.

"In-House" Bulky Item Pick-Up?

by Elektra Kruger

Under the bulky item Pick-up program, the Bureau of Sanitation will pick up large or "bulky" household items such as mattresses, couches and other furniture curbside, by appointment. Residents sometimes fail to call to make arrangements for pick-up (311) in which case the City will not pick up bulky items even if left curbside or sometimes oversize items are placed curbside days before scheduled pick-up resulting in community blight. Dumping attracts more dumping - it's contagious.

There appears to be a need to explore different options for bulky item pick-up to minimize trashing our neighborhoods with lingering bulky items. Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo has suggested that one such option might be to develop an "in-house" pick-up program which would prevent bulky items from ever reaching our streets. He submitted a Motion to City Council in early June 2013 asking that the City Council request the Bureau of Sanitation to work with the City Attorney's Office to explore this option.

The Motion was referred to the City Council's Public Works Committee for their review and recommendations. SHPOA will update you on any progress on this Motion in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



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Three Feet for Bicycle Safety

by Elektra Kruger

Under existing law, a bicyclist is required to ride "as close" as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except when passing another bicyclist or preparing to turn left at an intersection or driveway or to avoid a roadway obstruction such as a parked car. When passing a bicyclist, a driver of a motor vehicle is required to pass to the left at a "safe distance without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle". A violation of this infraction is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 for the first conviction and up to \$250 for a third (or any subsequent times) infraction within any one year.

Assemblymember Branford believes bicyclists to be subject to harassment by aggressive drivers driving too close to them frequently resulting in severe injury or death. Thousands of such accidents occur in Los Angeles alone despite the City's numerous public awareness campaigns to curb this behavior. Thus, in late February 2013, Assemblymember Branford presented a Bill, AB 1371, to the State Assembly that would establish the "Three Feet for Safety Act" which would require that:

- A driver is to provide three feet distance between the vehicle and the bicycle or its operator when passing OR
- To slow to a reasonable and prudent speed when passing a bicyclist if unable to provide the minimum three-foot passing distance due to traffic or roadway conditions.

The new Bill would make it an infraction punishable by a \$35 fine (??) or a \$220 fine (??) if there were a collision between a motor vehicle and a bicyclist causing bodily harm to the bicyclist and the driver was found to be in violation of the "Three Feet for Safety" provisions. This Bill would even permit a vehicle to cross over a mid-roadway double yellow line to complete this maneuver if necessary despite doing so would otherwise be against the law.

The Bill, with various amendments, passed State Assembly by a vote of 52 to 20 and was forwarded to the State Senate. In reviewing "Three-Foot Laws", the Senate Transportation Committee found that 32 States and the District of Columbia have enacted laws requiring drivers to pass bicyclists at a "safe distance" with 22 of those States and DC specifically defining a "safe distance" as not less than three feet and Pennsylvania even requiring a minimum distance of four feet.

The Senate's Transportation Committee is hashing through the issue of this Bill's enforceability. To be continued in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.

Mattress Recycling?

by Elektra Kruger

Communities are experiencing illegally dumped mattresses and box springs at an ever-increasing rate bringing blight to our neighborhoods. In mid-February 2013, California Senators Hancock and Correa hoped to address this issue by introducing a Bill that would create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs which would include an Advance Recovery Fee (similar in concept to the fee applied to glass, plastic and aluminum



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The 2013 Bill submitted by Senators Hancock and Correa would require a mattress recycling organization to develop and submit a plan for approval to CalRecycle for the recycling of used mattresses in the State by April 1, 2015. It would require CalRecycle to establish a State mattress recycling goal based on the organization's plan and on data contained in the organization's 1st annual report. It would require CalRecycle to review and update, as necessary, the baseline amount and goals of the program to ensure the program advances its statewide recycling goals beginning July 2020 and every 4 years thereafter.

Retailers would have to offer consumers the option of having a used mattress picked up for recovery at the time of delivery of a new mattress at no cost to the customer beginning July 1, 2014. The Bill could allow for a flat rate Advance Recovery Fee as opposed to a percentage based on purchase price. This would make sense since initial purchase prices are variable from store to store even for the same commodity.

This would offer the consumer who took the mattress from the retailer home himself to still recover his rightful recovery fee. It might also incentivize those of us who clean up after those who dump mattresses illegally to obtain some small payment for their efforts which also additionally helps remove blight from our neighborhoods.

The Senate Rules Committee also added the amendment that a retailer may contract out delivery of a new mattress or pick up of a used mattress to a third party authorizing that retailer to charge the consumer for the cost of delivery of that new mattress or pick-up of a used mattress. This would be foolish as there would then be no incentive for the consumer to recycle old mattresses, makes this whole proposed Bill mute and we would still have issues with illegal dumping.

The Bill passed by a vote of 6-0 in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and by a vote of 5-1 in the Senate Appropriations Committee. To be continued in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.

You Can Grow Roses from Cuttings!

By Sue Mansis

Simply cut healthy stems, place them in large potatoes, and then bury them 3-4 inches deep in a healthy soil mixture of peat moss and top soil. The potatoes keep the stems moist and help develop the root systems. It's a perfectly simple way to multiply your rose garden without spending lots of \$\$\$.

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The Reel Cowboys provided some great music for NHOER's fundraiser BBQ.

area). PATH Int'l stands for Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International.

If you'd like to nominate an individual or group for the "Spirit" award, please contact Mike Carpenter (lamikec@yahoo.com or 818-470-5235). Nominations will be accepted until 5pm Thursday September 26th. The honorees will be chosen at the board of directors meeting, Thursday September 26th, 7pm, at the Ranch Side Café in Lake View Terrace and all are welcome to attend. Visit us on our website: www.NHOER.org or go to Facebook New Heaven on Earth Ranch and like us. NHOER is a CA based 501 c (3) public charity dedicated to the spirit of Johny Carpenter. Their Board of Directors meets the last Thursdays alternating months 7:00pm at the Ranch Side Café in Lake View Terrace. Next meeting is September 27th and is open to the public.

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Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones

by Elektra Kruger

Many properties in urban areas lie undeveloped for many years due to a variety of reasons which ultimately brings blight to the surrounding neighborhood. In an effort to avoid this, State Assemblymembers Ting and Alejo introduced a Bill that would seek to create incentives for people owning these properties to agree to have them utilized for Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones (UAIZ) in exchange for reduced taxes on those properties.

By early July 2013, the Draft Bill found itself in the hands of the Senate's Governance and Finance Committee for their review. Up to that point an amendment to the originally submitted Bill allowed for "structures that support agricultural activities including, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, toolsheds, greenhouses, produce stands and instructional uses."

Initially, the term limit of a UAIZ agreement was to be for a minimum of 10 years. As the Bill passed through the legislative process, this was reduced to 5 years, but whether this was to be a 1-time only option or whether "rolling terms" continuing the agreement for additional 1 or 5 year agreements was never addressed.

The Senate Governance and Finance Committee recommended that this aspect of the Bill be addressed. There have been some amendments to the original Bill as it passed through the legislative process in regards the size of the property to be contracted into an UAIZ agreement. Either it must be a min of 0.1 to 3 acres in size or, if larger than 3 acres in size, that the County Board of Supervisors must make a determination that to contract that large of a piece of property would result in a net increase in tax revenue on adjacent properties based on anticipated increased property values of those adjacent properties. The County needs to protect itself from too great a loss of property tax revenue income.

SHPOA will keep you updated as this Bill continues through the State's legislative process in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



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Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lakeview Terrace
Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd. intersection); Pastor Rebecca Prichard (818-353-2500)
Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)
Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley
Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills
Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley
City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office CD7
 Councilmember Felipe Fuentes; 7747 Foothill Blvd., Sunland

Community Calendar

LAPD Community Coffee

- 1st Tuesday, Every Month
- 8 a.m.–10 a.m.
 - Albertson's/Starbucks, 6240 Foothill Blvd.

FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

- 1st Tuesday, Every Month
- 7 p.m.
 - 9747 Wheatland Ave.

Neighborhood Watch

- 3rd Tuesday, Every Month
- 6:30 p.m.
 - East Valley Municipal Bldg.

"Prime Timers 60+"

- 3rd Wednesday, Every Month
- Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church
 - Call church 818-353-2500

Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

- LAST Tuesday, Every Month
- 7 p.m.
 - Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

- 3rd Thursday, Every Month
- 7 p.m.
 - Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
 - www.ftdnc.org

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- 4th Wednesday, Every Month
- Call Becky Borquez, 818-352-3634

ADVERTISING DEADLINE For the Sept/Oct Newsletter: Aug 5!

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

Dial 311 – Info on all City Services
 L.A. Dept. of Water & Power (800) 342-5397
 Street Service (800) 996-2489
 Large Item Pickup..... (800) 773-2489
 Abandoned Car..... (800) 222-6366