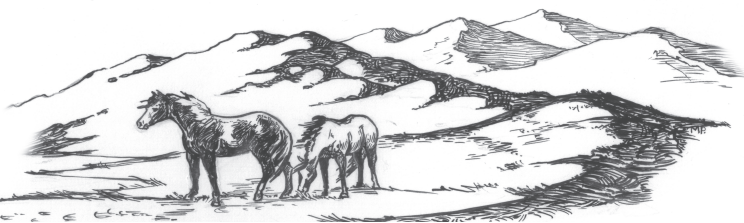


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Recap and Minutes for SHPOA General Meeting September 13, 2022

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022 the SHPOA held an in-person meeting at Tierra Del Sol at 7:00 pm. It was a beautiful evening and since the topic for the meeting was "All Things Animal", we held the meeting outdoors. Many community members brought their furry family members along with them for the evening's presentation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tina Eick. Eick then welcomed the membership and then turned the meeting over to Vice President, Jacqy Gamble. Jacqy introduced our newly appointed Senior Lead Officer from LAPD, Officer Diana Figueroa for A35. Officer Figueroa described her jurisdiction (which includes Shadow Hills) and her commitment to serving our area with the professional experience she has gained in her years as a police officer for the City of Los Angeles. We are pleased to welcome Officer Figueroa to our community.

Jacqy then introduced Teresa Lamb-Simpson, District Representative from Congressman Adam Schiff's Office. Ms Lamb-Simpson gave an update on current projects within the district including handouts for the arts for local secondary students.

Vice President Gamble then introduced our main speaker for the evening, Linda Greco. Linda is a professional dog trainer who teaches Novice Obedience classes for the Hollywood Dog Obedience Club. (hdoc.org). The club has been in existence since 1949 and has a well-earned reputation for helping thousands of dogs to become happier, well-adjusted members of their families. Linda has been professionally training dogs since 1977. She joined HDOC as a member over 15 years ago and has been one of their instructors for the last 7 years. Linda explained that her primary goal was to teach the handler to become a trainer so that they would then be able to use these skills on future furry family members. A discussion on appropriate behavior and how to achieve these goals was followed by a demonstration of a former "student" in some basic obedience skills. A portion of the meeting offered suggestions for animal first aid kits for dogs and horses. Jennifer Heinz a Shadow Hills resident, displayed her air tags on her dog's collar which she uses in lieu of a GPS locator chip. Injured or orphaned wild animals can be taken to the California Wildlife Center, (CWC) who will be rehabilitated and then, when deemed well enough, reintroduced into the wild.

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SHPOA's Last Meeting of the Year

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Tierra Del Sol, 7 pm

Be sure to mark your calendar for the last SHPOA meeting of the year! The meeting will be at Tierra Del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills at 7:00 pm. The meeting will include the election for next year's SHPOA Board and a brief meeting highlighting our priorities for next year ... followed by:

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An extra raffle ticket will be given for donated school supplies

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NOVEMBER 15TH !!!**

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The CWC can be reached at 310-458-9453. They have a full time vet.

Michael Mason from La Tuna Canyon was the final guest speaker for the evening. Michael has formed a non-profit organization, La Tuna Canyon Volunteer Fire and Rescue since 2018, (LTCFire) which trains volunteers and assists in identifying and responding to spot fires in the canyon and in the Fond Park. His organization has a number of well equipped water trucks and fire engines. The mission of LTCFire is "to provide dedicated resources for support during larger disasters". He is interested in extending these efforts to Shadow Hills. If anyone is interested in joining his organization, please contact him at 818-394-5403.

Following the various guest speakers, the SHPOA moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm.



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SHPOA General Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022 7:02 pm By Zoom

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) was called to order by President Tina Eick at 7:02 by Zoom. President Eick led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a welcome and a brief description outlining the night's agenda. Jacqy Gamble, Vice President then introduced the government representative, Mary MacAdam Area Director for Councilwoman Rodriguez. Although MacAdam is only acting as temporary Area Director she was able to briefly discuss the issues concerning District 7. MacAdam assured the membership that she would advise us of our permanent representative as soon as she had the information available.

The meeting was then turned over to Cindy Bloom and Bill Eick representing Save Angeles Forest for Everyone (SAFE) Coalition, for the latest update on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the High Speed Rail (HSR) proposal and the major issues which are of concern to the local communities, including the threat of drilling through the Angeles National Forest which is located in the San Gabriel Mountain range. Bloom pointed to the problems inherent to the proposal - dewatering of the San Gabriel Mountains, destabilization of the many earthquake faults and the possibility of tunnel boring equipment failure. Bloom also discussed the millions of truck trips required for the project.

At the conclusion of the discussion SAFE requested a \$3,000.00 donation from SHPOA to the SAFE Coalition to help fund expert testimony on the geo-technical aspects of drilling through the Angeles Forest. A motion was made to that effect and unanimously approved by the current SHPOA members in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.



Concerns Over The Well-Being Of Griffith Park
Pony Ride Equines
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In late 2021, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks received a number of concerns regarding animal welfare of the equines participating in the Griffith Park Pony Ride concession from both the general public and animal rights groups. A third-party veterinarian inspected the facility, observed the working conditions of the animals and reviewed all veterinarian records and charts of the operation. The ponies' working conditions were assessed to be satisfactory with no gross violations with respect to animal care and treatment although issues requiring attention and improvement were identified most notably that some ponies were in need of veterinarian

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care for saddle sores, farrier care or dental care. One public posting regarding the fear of the pony rides being shut down spoke of one of her favorite memories as a child being when her father took her to local fairs or other locations offering pony rides. She grew up with a deep love for horses that has never faded and actually grew into a deep love for all animals. She got to pet them, talk to them and felt a connection she never would have had due to the fact that her family did not have the money for or place for horses. She frequently took her own children to locations where she could find pony rides. She fully believes that if one can instill a love for animals, it will also grow into a special love for humanity and all living animals. I could well have written this comment myself as it describes my own childhood, my own days riding the Griffith Park ponies and what brought me to live in Shadow Hills, a community well known for its many animals of all kinds. A second public posting noted that the pony rides have been under new ownership and management since 2017. The new owner and management and his staff are committed to taking care of the ponies with on-call veterinarians providing regular veterinarians care and are fed alfalfa pellets and soaked cubes as well as health supplements to sustain and improve the pony's individual health needs. These ponies have been trained with rewards-based training and current up-to-date training techniques which produce favorable results with no harm to the pony.



Up-Date On The Sidewalk Repair Ordinance By Elektra Kruger, Resident

As part of its Willits settlement obligations, the City has completed sidewalk repairs at approximately 2,100 sites, a small fraction of the locations in need of fixing. Public Works has received more than 3,700 ADA accessibility repair requests and 4,400 sidewalk repair rebate applications since the program began in 2017. Also identified by the department are approximately 2,700 City facilities where it must evaluate adjacent sidewalks and address ADA accessibility issues. Sidewalks next to City properties are prioritized for repair under the current sidewalk program which moves most locations next to private properties further down the line. As part of the "fix and release" policy now part of the City's sidewalk repair program, the City repairs sidewalks currently in a state of disrepair followed by the issuance of a "Certificate of Compliance" to the homeowner of the parcel adjacent to the sidewalk which henceforth releases responsibility of maintaining the sidewalk to the adjacent property owner. As of the end of June 2021, the Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering had issued only 4,879 Certificates of Compliance representing less than one percent of the 640,000 sidewalk parcels in Los Angeles. Per a report submitted by the City's Controller various factors are impacting the City's ability to quickly repair more sidewalks

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Preserve Country Lifestyle

- ✓ Fight for code enforcement to protect residential zoning
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- ✓ Expand trail system, open space and wildlife corridors
- ✓ Support equestrians and equestrian organizations
- ✓ Advocacy with government and law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Assisting families impacted by fires or other natural disasters

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
- ✓ Leading the fight to defeat the high speed train proposals

Promote Shadow Hills

- ✓ Market unique lifestyle and real estate properties
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Fire in Shadow Hills
By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

On September 21, 2022 a fire broke out in the Fond Park at approximately 1:00 pm. The main concentration of fire was south of Teazole Canyon and Shadow Island Drive. It was reported that 107 acres were burned. Firefighters from our own local LAFD Stations # 24 and # 77 were joined by responders from Burbank, Glendale, and the U.S. Forest Service. Additionally, the La Tuna Canyon Fire and Rescue volunteers (led by Michael Mason) assisted in the effort. The fire was successfully extinguished and there were no injuries or property damage reported. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the many fire firefighters and the extremely successful water drops by the amphibious helicopters, Shadow Hills was saved from the devastation that often results from wild fires. We are so very grateful to the brave first responders for helping to protect our community ... **YOU'RE THE BEST !!!**



LAFD Air Support Doing What They Do Best



Foodware Accessories Upon Request Only
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation has started meeting with representatives from environmental, business and industry organizations regarding policies in the reduction in use of plastics. Members of business and industry organizations posed questions and concerns that reducing the use of disposable plastics might negatively impact their current businesses. Environmental organizations supported any plans to reduce use of disposable plastics. The Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) will continue to engage with the community and plans to hold several informal feedback sessions in the coming months especially engaging with local impacted businesses. Many restaurants have already ceased using expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) products with others supporting such a ban in the future. Allowing customers to use their own reusable beverage and food containers as allowable by AB 619 is another option. My husband and I bring our own straws and take-out containers for left-overs. Los Angeles County has agreed to promote AB 619 and any reusable foodware in general to all restaurants that it inspects and permits. This outreach is predicated upon the County's proposed EPS (Styrofoam) ban for dine-in meal service being adopted. This outreach is anticipated to begin in mid- to late 2022 and continue through early 2023. The Bureau of Sanitation received \$1,000,000 in funding from the American Recovery Act to assist restaurants in reducing single-use plastics and foodware within the City. The Food Service Provider Zero Waste Program extends the efforts of the City's Straws-on-Request and Foodware-Accessories-on-Request Ordinances serving the

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ability of restaurants to develop and support future reusable polices. LASAN will have a Board tasked with administering and distributing funds as micro-grants to support small business food providers as they transition away from single-use plastics and non-recyclable foodware as well as from unnecessary packaging. Provided that the City’s budget approves funding for the Comprehensive Plastic Reduction Program, LASAN will report back in 6 months on the progress on the development of a city-wide expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) ban Ordinance, the development of a zero-waste program at City facilities and City events Ordinance and an expansion of the single-use carryout bag ban Ordinance. Progress on these items will be reported on in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



High Value Projects To Bypass
The PLUM Committee
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) has significant power over land use decisions in the City. Because a granting of entitlements for high value projects can be worth hundreds of millions of dollars, developers of these projects hire teams of consultants and lobbyists who often have been known to “influence” members of the PLUM Committee. Given this, in mid-August 2020, Councilmember Nury Martinez presented a Motion to City Council suggesting that high value projects bypass review of the PLUM Committee and go directly to the Full Council to be voted on – except as I see it, consultants and lobbyists can just as easily target our councilmembers. I applaud all necessary efforts to reduce corruption but bypassing review of the PLUM Committee and bringing “high value projects” – projects that imply significant size bringing with it significant impact on their neighboring communities as well as the entire City and going directly to the City Council for review - is not the answer. Such projects deserve full vetting with sufficient time and input for evaluating their impacts. Going directly to City Council for approval/opposition vote would have the effect of limiting public participation in the approval process, giving unfair advantage to large corporate developers and place communities and constituents, smaller development companies, non-profit organizations and public land trusts at a significant disadvantage to engage in public hearings and increase corruption within the City Council. By bypassing the PLUM Committee, stakeholders will have a reduced opportunity for comment and the ability to influence council decisions. Any restrictions of public hearings including that of the PLUM Committee reduces public participation in the approval of a land use application process and might well be considered as going against the democratic spirit of the Brown Act. Not only that, but if City Council does give decent vetting time to review a “high value project,” this would result

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in notable delays of other City Council business. A solution must be developed to deal with the problem of corruption in the planning and land use process engaged in by the City Council’s PLUM Committee and the City Council itself. To be up-dated in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



Go Figure
By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

Go Figure is a local art studio for the past 9 years, located on McBroom Street in Shadow Hills. The studio is comprised of novice to gifted, professional artists who meet on Tuesday mornings to spend 3 hour sessions creating works of art in clay. The teacher and gifted master is Marsh Drucker who challenges her students to dare to “see” and then to create a figure three dimensionally. Marsh is a portrait artist, creating life-like busts of models, friends and family members. Her home is an art gallery, featuring incredible works ranging from a bust of her husband, Art, which is so lifelike that you expect to see the statue wink at you to a visionary bust of Helen Mirren. As a classically trained artist, Marsh starts with the fundamental basics of sculpting in clay and then encourages her students to explore the emotional qualities of their art pieces.

Often a model is hired to pose in 20 minute increments over a 3 hour class to allow the students to study and then sculpt the figured from all angles. It is an extremely peaceful yet challenging experience. The studio is in a converted garage which allows the garage door to be open to enjoy the wonderful views of the Big Tujunga Wash. Music (from all genres – 60’s, 70’s, country to classical) plays in the background and the much-needed camaraderie during breaks, makes this art experience so rewarding.

If you are a sculptor looking for a studio or a budding artist, you can contact Marsh at amdruckerfam@gmail.com





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Prohibit Bicycle "Chop-Shops" On Public Right-Of-Ways
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Per instruction of the Los Angeles City Council responding to a Motion presented to it by Councilmember Joe Buscaino, the City Attorney prepared and presented a Draft Ordinance to the effect that no person shall assemble, disassemble, sell, offer to sell, distribute, offer to distribute or store three or more bicycles, five or more bicycle parts, etc. on a public right-of-way. Several Neighborhood Councils approved the Draft, though surprisingly a greater number of Neighborhood Councils opposed it arguing that the Ordinance "would add nothing that existing laws do not already cover but will subject legitimate bicycle vendors and mechanics to harassment and criminalization." Many public citizens similarly opposed the Ordinance arguing that it criminalizes the unhoused population that depends on bicycles for transportation. Somehow, I think these people have failed to read the Ordinance thoroughly in that prohibitions are to be for:

- Five or more bicycle parts
- A bicycle frame with gear or brake cables cut
- Two or more bicycles with missing parts
- Three or more bicycles

Prohibitions are not to apply to:

- A person operating under a valid City business license or permit authorizing such activities
- A person in possession of a single bicycle which is being repaired as a result of malfunction or damage that occurred while the person rode the bicycle on public property. The sole purpose of the repair shall be to restore the bicycle to its operational form and enable the person to resume riding the bicycle

On May 4, 2022, the City Council's Public Safety Committee reviewed and approved the Draft Ordinance recommending it to be added to Section 56.15.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. They forwarded the file to the City Council's Public Works Committee for their review and recommendation which, at their May 25, 2022, concurred with the recommendation made by the Public Safety Committee. The Ordinance was approved in the June 21, 2022 meeting of City Council, was approved by Mayor Garcetti August 5, 2022 and became effective August 8, 2022.



Send Billy To A Sanctuary
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Billy, an Asian bull elephant, has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for decades, much of the time in conditions meeting only minimum standards set by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). For many years, before opening the current "Elephants

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of Asia" exhibit, he was placed in a small enclosure with hard surfaces not considered adequate for his feet and joints allegedly without sufficient exercise and stimulation. Here he had long been exhibiting abnormal behavioral patterns that many experts characterized as an indication of detrimental mental health brought on by that environment. The current Elephants of Asia exhibit provides a better environment both for him and the Zoo's cows, but one which can by no means compare to that of an Elephant Sanctuary in terms of space and natural environment. In the new exhibit, Billy and the other elephants have had more space, but still experience a lack of soft surfaces and Billy's very presence along with the four cows has, until recently, necessitated dividing the exhibit acreage into large corals with electrified fences so that Billy, being a bull elephant, can be kept separate from the cows. This separation has been the standard for elephants in captivity which ended up compromising the purpose of the larger exhibit and diluting the benefits of the costly expansion of space dedicated to the Zoo's elephants which was completed a decade ago. Now the Zoo has decided to allow Billy and the females to occupy the same space which, at times, has been an inherently controversial and risky move according to elephant experts. The Zoo's Vision Plan's new proposal to further expand the exhibit acreage by about three acres does not ultimately resolve all of these issues and actually creates new ones in that it would intrude into wildlife habitat outside of the Zoo's current boundaries. According to the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, elephants in zoos, breed poorly or not at all leading the Zoo to attempt (unsuccessfully) to collect genetic material from Billy for use in assisted breeding efforts in North America. Techniques for collecting this material from Billy are extremely invasive adding to the list of ways Billy's long stay at the LA Zoo has been detrimental to his well-being. The Institutes website notes that techniques for freezing a bull elephant's reproductive material and then thawing it at an opportune time has not been perfected suggesting that Billy would continue to be subjected to invasive treatment in the future with scant prospect of effectuating successful breeding. Hopes of having Billy sent to an elephant sanctuary will be further discussed in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



Where To Find Hidden Cash
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Toilet tanks:

Jars stuffed with jewelry or cash or something taped to the lid

Freezers:

Gold coins frozen in ice or plastic zipper bags filled with cash

Bookshelves:

Look through pages of books for stored bills, dividend checks etc stashed between the pages.

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Pantries:

Inside cereal boxes, flour bags and coffee cans

Under floorboards:

Check for loose floor boards, under throw rugs, loose wall-to-wall carpet edges

Old trunks:

Steamer trunks had special compartments built into them to pack mementos. Check under the lining. Look for a false bottom.

Closets:

Go through every piece of clothing and box. Money has been found in shoeboxes and cigar boxes. Check the pockets and lining of old jackets

Drawers:

Women's vanities usually have at least one drawer with a false bottom to hide good jewelry.



Stonehurst And The Big And Little Tujunga Watersheds
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The Stonehurst neighborhood is located approximately one mile south of the confluence of the Big Tujunga and Little Tujunga Creeks both of which drain the southwest side of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north. Tujunga was originally spelled "Tejunga", but in 1917 the Auto Club of Southern California published a map with the spelling "Tujunga" which is the spelling assigned to it ever since. Big Tujunga Canyon has a watershed of 115.32 square miles, Little Tujunga Canyon has a watershed of almost 19 square miles so theoretically during most years with its Mediterranean climate we should be getting 16-17 inches of rainfall a year. But drought conditions were not totally unknown. The great droughts of the 1860s and 1880s are said to have destroyed the cattle-based economy of southern California. But then there were also times when too much water came too fast resulting in some severe flash floods. Residents of Shadow Hills may well remember the flash floods of 2005 when neighbors helped neighbors clean up the mudslides that came from hillsides onto yards and driveways and roadways. The Foothill Bridge took a toll and the Big Tujunga River took two of the newly constructed Angeles

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Expansion Of The Wildlife Ordinance
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The world is facing an extinction crisis with more than a million species facing extinction within the next few decades. Besides climate change, a primary driver of wildlife extinction is habitat loss and fragmentation due to uncoordinated and poorly-sited development and the lack of safe wildlife crossings across freeways and roads. A primary example is our famous P-22 who is unable to roam freely to forage and seek mates. In 2019, the California Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to list Southern California mountain lions as candidates under the California Endangered Species Act lest they go extinct. In the proposed 2022-2023 City Budget, Mayor Garcetti has included funding for staff in the Department of Planning to complete the Department's Wildlife Pilot Study. Numerous other

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efforts are underway both regionally and nationally to help stave off this wildlife extinction crisis including President Biden and Governor Newsom's 30% by 2030 conservation preservation plans, LA City's Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridors/Habitat Connectivity initiatives, LA Counties Significant Ecological Areas and Wildlife Connectivity Ordinance, Ventura County's Wildlife Connectivity Ordinance, the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing, Senator Alex Padilla's Public Lands Act, Congressman Adam Schiff's Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, the LA River Master Plan, the Arroyo Seco-San Rafael Hills-Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriele Mountains conservation efforts, regional habitat conservation plans in Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties and SCAG's Connect SoCal Regional Wildlife Connectivity Plan. Native wildlife does not recognize jurisdictional boundaries, thus individual wildlife preservation efforts run the risk of failure. One habitat connectivity blockage can spoil the entire effort, therefore an interconnected regional effort is essential for this project to succeed and the City of Los Angeles must partner and coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to pool resources, staff, funding and expertise to ensure that our wildlife connectivity efforts remain connected. In late April, City Councilmembers Nithya Raman, Paul Krekorian, Paul Koretz, Monica Rodriguez, Mike Bonin and John Lee all co-presented a Motion to City Council asking that the Council instruct the LA Sanitation Environment and Biodiversity Expert Council along with the Department of City Planning convene with local and regional jurisdictional conservational and environmental stakeholders to share best practices, information and resources with the aim of developing a Regionwide Habitat Connectivity Plan encompassing LA and Ventura Counties, a connection between the Rim of the Valley to the LA River, the Arroyo Seco, the Verdugo and San Gabriele Mountains and beyond. Any progress on this Motion will be reported in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



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Golf Course fairways downstream with it. Theoretically, flash floods should not be a great surprise given the large watershed of the steep San Gabriel Mountains to the north and east. Before the construction of the Big Tujunga Dam in 1931, there were said to be severe flash floods almost every year, the worst being the floods of 1861-1862, 1868, 1884, 1890-1891, 1910 when the mouth of the main channel shifted almost a mile to the west), 1914, 1916 and 1934-1935. The flood of New Years Day 1934 was said to be of near Biblical proportions with many people being killed. Almost all of the local canyons were scoured clean of homes, people, farms, roads, bridges and everything else from Tujunga through Sunland and the entire Tujunga Valley. Again in 1938 flood waters raged to a depth of 15 feet in places and once again numerous homes were washed away or damaged and a number of people were killed. To tame this recurring problem, the Hansen Dam was constructed between the years 1938-1940 at the north edge of the Stonehurst community. To be continued in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.

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High-Speed Rail Update! Please Submit Your High-Speed Rail Comments By December 1, 2022
by Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Save Angeles Forest for Everyone (SAFE) aggressively and successfully secured a 30-day extension to **DECEMBER 1** for folks to submit their comments due to the fact that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was nearly 7,000 pages!

If you feel compelled to submit comment(s), it's very easy.

Mail: California High-Speed Rail Authority, 355 S. Grand Ave., Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071

Website portal: www.hsr.ca.gov

Email: Palmdale_Burbank@hsr.ca.gov with subject line "Palmdale to Burbank Project Section Draft EIR/ EIS Comment"

Telephone: (800) 630-1039

Or go to our website www.dontrailroad.us (you'll have to scroll down a bit on the home page) for electronic links.

TIP: If questions are raised in submitters' comments, the California High Speed Rail Authority must address these issues. If issues are raised just as "comments," they only need to "note the comment." Therefore, in SAFE's comment letter, we are also asking questions so that they must answer our concerns in the final EIR.

Why do you need to weigh in? The project is NOT dead and in fact, even though Refined SR14A is currently the preferred alternative, if for any reason the California High Speed Rail Authority discovers during their further studies that Refined SR14A is untenable, E1 and E2 are back in play.

Please support The No Build Alternative.

Many people have asked for talking points for submitting comments so here are some to consider:

- Overall, The No Build Alternative is the only feasible alternative. Every other route goes through the environmentally sensitive Angeles National Forest.
- Crosses major seismically active area, including the San Andreas and San Fernando faults.
- Tunneling will likely cause dewatering of Angeles National Forest (source of some local water, plus private wells in Kagel Canyon).
- Does not take into account growth of hybrid and electric vehicles, thus negating the train's "clean energy" benefit (and the highways and freeways are already in place).
- Their population growth and ridership estimates appear to be grossly overstated.
- 25% of all cap and trade money now and over the last few years has been given to the project because it's allegedly "green," YET the construction will require the high speed rail to purchase pollution offset credits.

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- Will take 30 to 70 years to recoup the pollution it creates during construction through any clean air benefit the train may offer after it's operational.
- Nearly 5 million trip trucks (round trip) hauling dirt (much of it contaminated) from portals.
- Years of construction will result in dust, vibration, noise, road closures (some permanent).
- Permanent sales and property tax loss to cities, counties, the state, and schools due to acquiring business and residences which are currently paying taxes.
- Will cost nearly \$1 billion to tear down newly built Avion complex near the Burbank Airport.
- Crosses high severity fire hazard zones and could actually cause fires due to metal on metal technology (wheels and braking system) and catenaries which can spark if debris hits them during our frequent wind storms.
- The statewide budget has gone from \$16.5 billion in 1996 to \$105 billion in 2022. Grossly mismanaged, behind schedule, and over budget.

In the meantime, SAFE hired a well respected engineering firm to study the tunneling through the Angeles National Forest.

We've asked for your help before but this **IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME TO ACT!**

Again, for more information visit www.dontrailroad.us or www.hsr.ca.gov. If you have questions, please call Cindy Bloom 818-445-5602 or email cbloom571@gmail.com

Below is a rendering from the DEIR. Can you imagine what would happen if they elevated Wentworth 30 feet? What happens to the Wheatland and Mary Bell intersections and access to properties? Fire Station 24? How will heavy fire engines navigate the grade during emergencies?



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Tuesday, November 15th!

Place: Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.

Time 7:00 pm

Message from Councilwoman Rodriguez

Since the resignation of Ms. Martinez has left our neighbors in Council District 6 without a representative, I introduced a motion calling for a special election to be held to fill the seat. Until the election of a new Councilmember, the Council District remains staffed and available to respond to constituent needs. In absence of an elected member, the City Legislative Analyst serves as a 'caretaker' that provides support for the continuum of service to the residents of the 6th District. I believe in a transparent process, and I believe a special election is the fairest way for the residents of the 6th District, or any district in the city, to be afforded an opportunity for their voice to be heard.

In addition, this week the City Council adopted a motion requesting a report prepared by the City Legislative Analyst to place a ballot measure on the November 2022 ballot that would amend the City Charter and create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City of Los Angeles. I amended this motion directing an additional, independent report from the Pat Brown Institute, aimed at ensuring that this process is kept separate from other City matters and is transparent in nature. I look forward to having a fair and honest discussion when it comes back to Council.

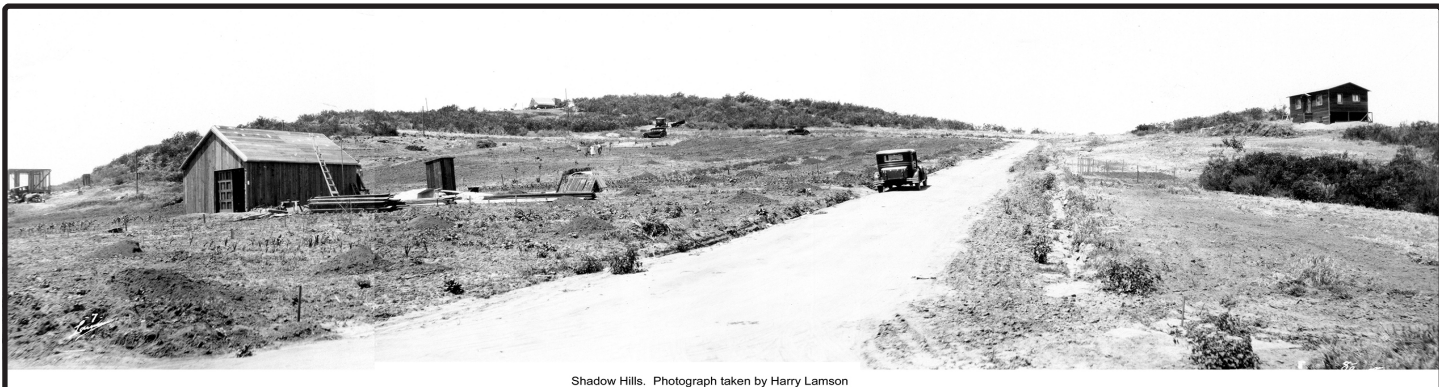


Greetings To Our New Neighbors
By Gerardo Barrientos, SHPOA Board
Welcome - Barev dzez - Bien Venidos

Welcome to all our new neighbors who just moved into our beautiful hills of Shadow Hills. We would like for you to appreciate all the joys and sometimes, the not-so joyful things of living in our area in CD7.

This picture of Shadow Hills circa 1910 will give you an idea of how tranquil and quiet it was back then, when people started moving here for many reasons. One of the alluring qualities of Shadow Hills was the **silence** of the hills. It's impossible to turn back time, but we can all enjoy the silence if we remember to consider our neighbors' search for tranquility as well. Please remember that, by law, we cannot make loud noises after 10 pm nor before 7 am. Welcome to our community ... we look forward to meeting you soon!

Photo courtesy of Bolton Hall.



Shadow Hills. Photograph taken by Harry Lamson



Left: Sculpture
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"Mermaid"
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Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council Announcements By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board and FTDNC Board Member

Neighborhood Councils are the closest form of government to the people. They are advisory bodies, who advocate for their communities with City Hall on important issues like development, homelessness, and emergency preparedness. Neighborhood Councils are part of the Los Angeles City government and have annual budgets funded by taxpayer dollars. Neighborhood Council board members are City officials who are elected by the members of their local communities, but they donate their time as volunteers. The Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999 as a way of ensuring that the City government remains responsive to the different needs and lifestyles of Los Angeles's rich variety of communities. There are currently 99 Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles, each serving about 40,000 people. To learn more about Neighborhood Councils visit The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, (FTDNC) consisting of Lake View Terrace, La Tuna Canyon, and Shadow Hills, exists to promote greater local participation in government in order to make the Los Angeles City Council and city government more responsive to local needs and wishes. Specifically, to advocate for stakeholders regarding land use, planning, and development, and all issues of concern to our stakeholders; to preserve the rural, recreational, ethnically diverse, and environmentally sensitive nature of our area as an important low-density oasis within the city limits; and to acknowledge that the FTDNC comprises 3 of the few remaining horse keeping areas within the entire city of Los Angeles.

The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council will facilitate and encourage diverse interests in our community to work together in addressing common concerns and to promote and facilitate dialogue and collaboration with other neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles.

Who is a Stakeholder and what can he or she do?

As defined by the FTDNC Bylaws, a Stakeholder is anyone who lives, works, or owns property within the boundaries. A Stakeholder attends meetings, votes in the elections, participate in committees, and participates at many levels with City's decision making processes.

What is the Composition of the FTDNC Board?

The FTDNC Board is comprised of 15 members representing diverse stakeholder interests and geographic locations. The area which makes up the neighborhood council was divided by census tracts into six areas. There are two board members representing each of the six areas and three At-Large Representatives. All Board members serve

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for a term of two years.

What are FTDNC Board Members expected to do?

Board Members are expected to attend all general and special meetings and participate on committees; conduct outreach in their area by making community members and neighbors aware of the Neighborhood Council.

Announcements

Calendar. FTDNC will be distributing their annual free wall calendar in December. It features stakeholders' beautiful photos of our area. Stay tuned for how to get yours! You can also sign up for our e-newsletter by going to www.ftdnc.org, scrolling all the way to the bottom of the home page, and clicking on "Join Newsletter." You can unsubscribe at any time. Announcements on when/how to get a calendar will be sent via SHPOA's very own Daily Fodder, and on the Foothill Trails District Facebook page.

Elections. Neighborhood Councils hold their elections every other year. There are 15 board positions available. Once seated, the new board selects its Executive Officers which are: President, Vice President of Administration, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of Communication, and Parliamentarian.

If you wish to run, please visit <https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections> Our communities would love to have you!

Our election date is Saturday, June 1. Mail-in ballots will probably also be utilized but details are not yet available. Visit our website, www.ftdnc.org for the latest information.

Also, it's actually rewarding to serve on both the SHPOA board and the FTDNC as there is a lot of cross-over with community issues.



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than it is currently doing. Although sidewalk repair must comply with disability access standards to meet the requirements of the Willits settlement, it does not require the City to repair the entire sidewalk on each parcel when only small defects exist, yet that is what is happening now. The City's "fix and release" policy is resulting in more work than required by law. Changing the City's sidewalk inspection and prioritization criteria to focus only on significant defects would give Public Works more discretion to focus only on what is required by the Willits settlement and would be more in line with practices of other jurisdictions. In addition, LA's program now excludes basic regular sidewalk maintenance concerns. Along with ADA accessibility requests, rebate applications and repairs prioritized adjacent to City facilities, there are an additional 50,000 reports of sidewalk problems that do not fall under the requirements of the Willis settlement resulting in a substantial backlog built up and continuing to be built up over decades of neglect.



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Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC)

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

FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

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

FTDNC Equestrian Committee meeting

- 2nd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
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FTDNC Public Safety Committee meeting

- 2nd Wednesday, Every Month 6 p.m.
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LAPD Community Coffee Time

- 1st Thursday, Every Month 8:00 a.m.
- Rise n Shine Cafe, 9685 Sunland Blvd.

Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

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

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- 1st Monday, Every Month
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Key Community Locations & Contact Info

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Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills (818-352-1419)
Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley (818-767-8282)
City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office: Council Member
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