

SHPOA and SAFE Coalition Confront High Speed Train Board of Directors – Train Project on its Last Legs

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

Blasting the High Speed Train Board of Directors for holding a "Fake Meeting" in Burbank, SHPOA and the SAFE Coalition leaders stood up strongly for our communities by sharply criticizing the Authority for "ducking" our communities and holding their meeting in downtown Burbank on a work day rather than in the midst of our potentially impacted communities where thousands of residents would have attended and communicated their opposition. As stated by numerous presenters, the bogus, "fake meeting" was a disservice to our communities,



The CHSRA Board brace themselves to hear the attendees.

to our elected officials and to the High Speed Train Board as its Chairman, Dan Richard, had promised a meeting in our local environs before major decisions were reached – and we played a tape recording for all present to hear his commitment, documenting the deception and lack of truthfulness by the Authority.

Several dozen community leaders still volunteered their time to participate in an early morning protest rally outside the hotel, and then attend, testify and object to the damaging train proposals and their potentially disastrous impacts on homes, families, neighborhoods, community character, businesses, wildlife, water supplies, Big Tujunga Wash and Angeles National Forest. Thanks to all

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SHPOA COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm, Tierra del Sol

Please attend our community meeting, open to members and non-members alike. We provide important community updates, welcome new members and residents, allow for questions and answers on relevant topics and provide refreshments. Thank you. Farmers' Market to Close - Shadow Hills Loses a Gem

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

In a very sad development, Tierra del Sol has decided to shut down the Farmers' Market hosted each Saturday since June 2017 at its beautiful indoor/outdoor facility on Sunland Boulevard. The Market suffered from a lack of attendance, not from a lack of effort. SHPOA supported the Market and had a booth there nearly every week to share community information.

It took a lot for Tierra del Sol to initiate this massive undertaking and we commend their Board and staff for investing and sustaining the Market. It's disappointing that our communities were not more supportive of the concept. It will be a long time until we see something like this

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Look at the trash and brush the SHPOA volunteers cleared!

Volunteers Clean Up Sunland Boulevard Brush and Trash

By Cynthia Urias, SHPOA Board

On November 10th the SHPOA Volunteer Committee completed another community clean-up that spanned nearly four miles along Sunland Boulevard, from the 210 Freeway to Stonehurst Drive. Approximately 40 bags of trash was picked up and collected, brush was cleared and trees were trimmed exposing hidden road signage. In addition, several large discarded items such as TVs, chairs and shopping carts were cleared from our now even-more-beautiful Sunland Boulevard!

HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came out and braved the dirt, grime and frequent speeding cars

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of those for their commitment, passion and time!

Early that same morning, the California State Auditor released a scathingly critical audit of the high speed train Authority that has led numerous Legislators – both Republicans and Democrats – to demand resignation of



The crowd at the HSR meeting grows restless. Photo by Sarah Reingewirtz, Pasadena Star-News/SCNG

the Authority's Chairman Dan Richard and to call again for the project to be terminated.

Importantly, at the Board meeting, SHPOA and the SAFE Coalition delivered a "United Front" of community leaders and elected officials before, during and after the meeting demanding removal of all above ground route options that impact residents, businesses and sensitive environmental areas.

While the threat is not completely over, and a new Governor may reshape the Project for the future, SHPOA and the SAFE Coalition want all residents to know we have made incredible progress toward protecting our communities – Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, Lake View Terrace, Kagel Canyon, Sylmar, Pacoima and Sun Valley.

You deserve the facts and transparency from all our elected officials on this issue. It's been incredibly difficult and time consuming to inform, meet with and obtain commitments from many of our local elected. For an analysis of which elected officials supported SHPOA and SAFE Coalition, and which failed our communities, please read related articles in this newsletter.

For the Record - Passing Grades (and Appreciation) for These Local Elected Officials on the High Speed Train Project

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

Note: SHPOA Board Members, SAFE Coalition leaders and other community leaders have had extensive contact with all elected officials in the northeast San Fernando Valley over the past four years related to the high speed train project. We represent you. Thus, we want you to know what we have experienced, who has worked well with us and who has disappointed us. You can form your own conclusions, but the following articles summarize our experience, trials and tribulations with our local

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again. Thanks again to Tierra del Sol.

Here is the announcement from Tierra's Executive Director, Rebecca Lienhard:

"In June of 2017, we launched the Sunland Farmers' Market, with the high hopes of bringing greater access to our community for garden-fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as a place to gather alongside family and friends while holding a nice cup of coffee and freshly made breakfast in hand. Tierra del Sol went all in with our efforts, including investing in several mailers directed at our surrounding neighbors, marketing to our local businesses and schools, as well as signage at advantageous locations on Sunland Blvd. Although we succeeded in creating greater awareness of our beautiful Sunland Campus, we needed to generate an on-going and sustainable customer base to keep our farmers alive! We did not. Sadlv. as our customers became inconsistent so did the sales for the vendors which in the end, resulted in a poor Farmers Market experience for all.

It is with much sadness that I must inform you that the last day of the Market will be Saturday, December 15, 2018. Please take this time to purchase your favorite goodies and stock up for the holidays. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to email me at rlienhard@ tierradelsol.org."

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for almost 4 hours to beautify our neighborhood, as well as for the donation of their time, labor, supplies and vehicles. Everyone had a great time and was grateful to make our community even more beautiful and safe!

Many thanks to Lucas Crowley at Tierra Del Sol for providing parking, our rendezvous area and hot coffee for all our volunteers. The yummy croissants from Frances Bakery were key to giving everyone an extra boost to keep on going!

Each of the volunteers was entered into a raffle to win Gift



Cards to Tierra Del Sol. Congrats to the winners, Danielle Dohmen, Carlos George and Lynne Toby!

Our Volunteer Committee is super fun and we would love even more people to come out and join us! Our next Clean-Up Event will occur in 1st quarter of next year. Details will be communicated early next year. We need more volunteers in order to execute even larger improvement projects and on a more frequent basis - Please consider volunteering today!

A blinding brush problem is being corrected by a SHPOA Volunteer!

to get involved, please contact Cynthia Urias at cynthia. envp@gmail.com.



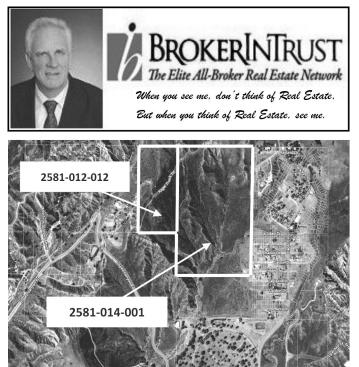
- $\sqrt{}$ Support equestrians and equestrian organizations
- ✓ Advocacy with government and law enforcement agencies
- Assisting families impacted by fires or other natural disasters

Protect Public Safety, the Environment and Property Values

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

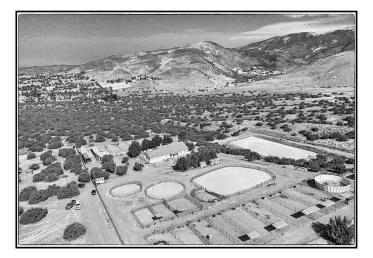
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- $\sqrt{}$ Market unique lifestyle and real estate properties
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elected officials.

Over the past four years (or whatever number of years they've been in office), we received early, unequivocal, positive and consistent support from the following elected officials and their staffs. We are grateful and respect greatly these elected officials for their transparency, responsiveness, trust and clarity of their positions:

- Congressman Adam Schiff
- Councilmember Paul Krekorian
- Former LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff
- Present LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez
- Former Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra

Over the past four years (or whatever number of years they've been in office), we had ongoing meetings and discussions that initially opened the lines of communication with several other elected officials. Ultimately, through persistence and ongoing communication on both sides, support was garnered and increased over time to the point that they adopted positions opposed to the local train proposals. We thank and greatly respect these elected officials for their understanding and their commitment to ongoing dialogue, communications and trust with our communities:

- Congressman Tony Cardenas
- · Senator Bob Hertzberg
- Senator Anthony Portantino
- Assemblymember Luz Rivas
- Former Senator Carol Liu

At the County level, over the past four years, we received strong, initial support from several elected officials such as former County Supervisors Mike Antonovich, and present Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (Kathryn Barger was chief of staff to Supervisor Antonovich for many years). Supervisor Barger and her staff were among the most communicative elected officials we worked with during the past four years. However, in the past year we were very concerned and frustrated by County Board member involvement with Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Rodriguez on the bogus, infeasible "Metrolink Alternative," which was pursued pointlessly for nearly a year, delaying our communities' efforts to have the above ground train proposals eliminated from consideration. We understand that their objective was to seek high speed train funding for local transit projects, but we all knew, and had been advised by CHSRA years ago, that such use of Prop 1A funds (approved by voters) was infeasible and could not be used for such purposes. We feel it took far too much time for that option to be dismissed, that those discussions were not collaborative with community leaders, that those discussions were designed to appease other special interests such as labor unions, and that they distracted attention and focus from removing the damaging route proposals from consideration.

• Thus, we commend, appreciate and respect Supervisor Barger and her staff for their ongoing communications with SAFE Coalition leaders, their presence and testimony at the Burbank CHSRA Board meeting, and their opposition to above ground high speed train operations in the northeast

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San Fernando Valley as communicated in the Board's 5-Signature letter in 2016 and most recently in testimony at the CHSRA Board meeting in November 2018.

· Further, while we have not had as much contact and interaction with Supervisor Kuehl or her staff over the years, we commend, appreciate and respect her early support of the Board of Supervisor's 5-Signature Letter, and we have been advised by staff for Supervisor Kuehl that an updated position statement is under development. We look forward to reviewing that position statement and and sharing it with our communities.

In the past year, under what we'd call "better late than never," after numerous false starts, poor communication and erred position statements, we've obtained stronger support and opposition to the high speed train project from Council District 6, Nury Martinez. This occurred as the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, which failed to develop a position statement over several years, finally stated its opposition in November of 2018.

 Thus, we appreciate Councilmember Nury Martinez, Council District 6, taking action to oppose the Preferred Alternative. While we commend her for developing a City Council Motion in that regard, we call for the Councilmember and the full City Council to amend the Motion to include ALL present alternatives remaining under consideration. Our communities, and our community leading organizations, including nearly a dozen community non-profits and Neighborhood Councils, are all aligned as opposing ALL above ground routes, thus, our City Council members, and a City Council Motion, should do the same and reflect the will of our communities.

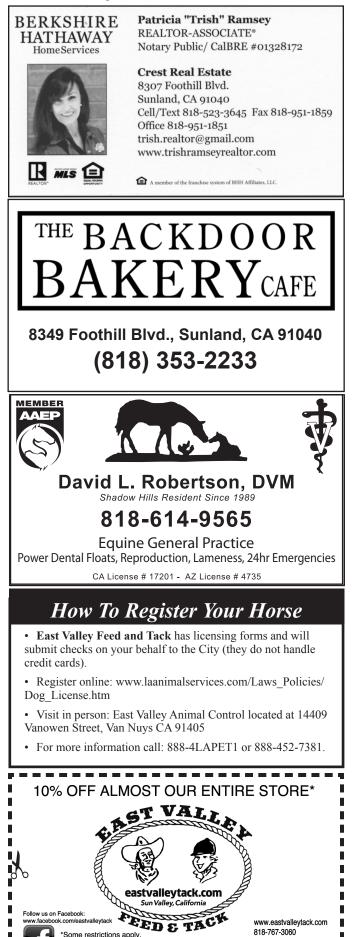
For the Record - Failing Grade for These Local Elected Officials on the High Speed Train Project

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

Over the past four years, several elected officials proved to be conflicted, non-responsive, disrespectful and disingenuous in their dealings with the SAFE Coalition of community leaders and their positions were and remain either ambiguous or contrary to the best interests and will of our communities. These elected officials let us down, wasted our time, failed to represent us and demonstrated lovalty to special interests ahead of the interests of the residents, businesses and sensitive environmental areas within the northeast San Fernando Valley.

· LAUSD Board President Monica Garcia blocked an LAUSD Board Motion/Resolution proposed by former school board member, Monica Ratliff, that would have opposed above ground high speed train routes in the northeast San Fernando Valley. Clearly, many schools, students, teachers and communities would suffer irreparable damage from the proposed routes going through neighborhoods and near sensitive receptors. The Motion was a "no brainer" for an institution that serves the educational and developmental needs of young people and their families. Disgracefully, Board Member Garcia and her staff strung us along, did not honor a commitment to tour the impacted areas, and killed the Motion at the behest of local labor unions opposed to our communities.

· Council President Herb Wesson was one of our biggest disappointments as Mr. Wesson was caretaker for our



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District after the departure of Councilmember Fuentes. He attended a community meeting at All Nations Church several years ago and, before hundreds of residents, promised his support of our fight and his opposition to the proposed routes. We have preserved his recorded/videotaped comments. He failed us by not following through on a City Council Motion he had co-authored opposing high speed trains, and by withdrawing his support of the Motion at the request of Councilmember Monica Rodriguez who we were advised said she would draft a new motion...but never did. In the end, Councilmember Wesson did not honor his word, did not provide leadership to the City Council, and allowed politics and special interests to prevail. To this day, after more than two years of effort by the SAFE Coalition, there is STILL no City Council Motion opposing the trains and supporting our communities. This is failed leadership at the highest level and was a disgraceful political about-face for the President of the LA City Council who never indicated his reasons for failing to honor his commitment. It should be noted that there was no representative, nor any statement from the President's office at the recent train Authority Board meeting in Burbank in November 2018.

• Former Councilmember Felipe Fuentes was a "closet supporter" of the train project who sought to divide our communities, pitting one community against the other, because he supported the project, overall, due to his labor union ties. Shortly thereafter, he resigned and now works as a lobbyist on behalf of some labor union interests. He negotiated a "back room deal" with the likely to be resigned/fired Authority Chairman, Dan Richard, which unevenly applied Environmental Justice principles that abandoned the communities of Lake View Terrace, Sun Valley and some parts of Pacoima. He betrayed his own District and is largely responsible for this threat remaining unresolved and hanging over the heads of the northeast San Fernando Valley.

 Mayor Eric Garcetti is another huge disappointment who played a classic game of trying to please everyone such as unions, the Governor, his own political aspirations, and our communities...to no avail. Years ago, he issued a very ambiguous letter that had good and bad points, but never clarified his position despite many months of requests for comment and transparency. He also instigated a yearlong delay tactic in which he and Councilmember Rodriguez, and to a lesser degree, LA County, pursued the infeasible "Metrolink Alternative" which never had any viability, yet wasted about a year of time, benefiting only the high speed train Authority and its special interests. It should be noted that the Mayor's office refused to talk, meet, respond to emails and respond to text messages from the SAFE Coalition leadership for more than two years on this issue. In addition, there was no representative, nor any statement from the Mayor's office at the recent train Authority Board meeting in Burbank in November 2018.

For the Record – Worst of All and Worthy of a Vote of "No Confidence" if not a "Recall"

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

• Councilmember Monica Rodriguez makes Felipe Fuentes look like a Nobel Peace Prize winner. We expected this Council representative to seize this issue as a great, first chance to be the champion that we lacked in

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the City Council. We expected the Council office that was most impacted by the threat of the high speed train, to be the leader and the fighter against the Project. We expected this Council office to be the "closer." Unfortunately, we have witnessed the worst case of failed leadership, weak leadership, lack of truthfulness, laziness and disrespect in our four plus years of fighting the high speed train project. First, Councilmember Rodriguez ran a campaign for office that included no mentions of the high speed train project on her website or campaign materials. Then, during her campaign, she ignored and missed the SAFE Coalition deadline for attending a candidate interview session to answer questions about her position on the high speed train project, which had been timed to occur prior to the LA Times issuing endorsements in the CD7 election. We viewed the proposed interview as an easy to do, "softball" opportunity for each of the candidates to firmly back and support our communities. We fully expected each to seize the opportunity to garner our support on this damaging, "no brainer" issue. We had no intention of endorsing either candidate, but viewed this as a solid opportunity to align our potential elected official with the communities he/she would serve. Apparently, it was too difficult for this conflicted, divisive and hostile candidate to handle. So, when the SAFE Coalition gracefully extended the interview opportunity for the candidate on a Sunday evening at Bolton Hall, she arrived unprepared, evasive and unfriendly (did not acknowledge or shake hands with any Coalition members before or after the meeting except for one of her political supporters). At that meeting, she unexpectedly and infamously LIED (we have her comments preserved on tape recording) to the approximately 25 SAFE Coalition members in attendance about her acceptance of campaign contributions from high speed train contractors and employees/board members (posing a glaring conflict of interest). The lie was so blatant, such a sign of disrespect, and so against the community's best interests, that the SAFE Coalition leaders in attendance at that meeting, representing nearly all the communities located in the NE San Fernando Valley, voted overwhelmingly 21-2 on the following evening to endorse her opponent in the election. Further, for 18 months and counting, Councilmember Rodriguez has refused to meet with the SAFE Coalition and directed her staff not to meet with the SAFE Coalition. She and her staff also failed to attend several major high speed train-related community meetings hosted by the SAFE Coalition at locations such as All Nations Church, Lake View Terrace Recreation Center and Lake View Terrace/ Hansen Dam Public Library. Thousands of residents found the time to attend these meetings, but our own Council representative disrespected all of our communities by being MIA (Missing in Action). As if all this is not bad enough (and worthy of a vote of "no confidence" or even a recall), at the recent train Authority Board meeting, Councilmember Rodriguez did not attend, her chief of staff did not attend, her Planning Deputy did not attend, her District Director did not attend, and she issued NO statement....but a junior staff member did attend but DID NOT speak or submit any public comment. What political courage and what disrespect of our communities: send a junior staffer and make no comment! Thanks for nothing! Also recently, Councilmember Rodriguez was the key player in the flawed "Metrolink Alternative" delay tactic. She too had been advised by SAFE Coalition of the proposal's infeasibility, but she ignored her community so as to please other politicians

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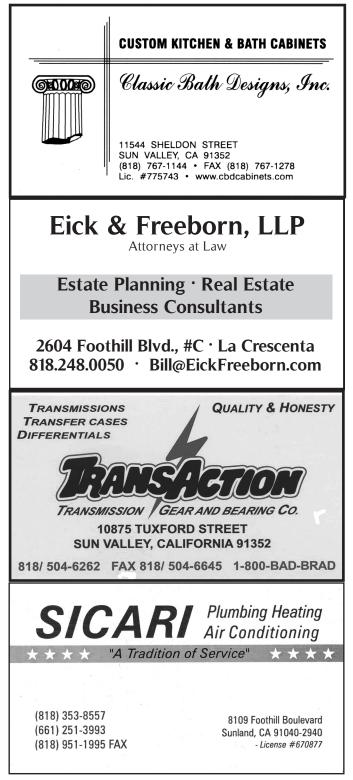
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—Mark Twain

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and special interests. This same Councilmember had the audacity to claim "credit" in a press release for getting the high speed train Authority to hold a board meeting in the northeast San Fernando Valley. But, when the Authority refused to do that and scheduled the meeting for downtown Burbank on a work day, the Councilmember was silent and did not even attend the meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez has destroyed relationships with many community leaders and community organizations so as to further her relationship with Mayor Garcetti, with the soon to be resigned/fired train Authority Chairman Dan Richard, and a wealth of labor unions that would benefit from the high speed train project, from which the campaign contributions have been flowing non-stop since she was elected. If the high speed train ever happens, it should bear her name as it tears through any part of the Northeast San Fernando Valley. We will never forget her failure and her hostility, and we will hold her accountable.

Note for Shadow Hills Residents – this the same elected and sworn Council representative who, during the height of the La Tuna and Creek Fires, did not reach out to SHPOA, Shadow Hills, nor its community leaders. Worse, neither the "paid" council representative nor her staff responded to phone calls and text messages from SHPOA seeking information and assistance at the height of those crises.

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SHPOA Board Member Recognition and Changes

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

Every year SHPOA conducts elections for its Board and also appoints volunteers to various committee assignments. This year, we will see one of the most profound changes in the Board in decades. Time waits for no one and several long-time board members are transitioning into new roles with SHPOA and their active volunteer duty.

First, our newsletter's long-time layout and design expert, Mike McCoy, is moving to Texas. Mike takes all of the gobble-ty gook we provide to him and weaves it into the same homey newsletter you've received for free for all these years. Mike has made a lot of us look very good over the years! Good luck and thanks, Mike! We will miss you.

Second, Teri Ortiz, who took the Daily Fodder concept at its earliest stage many years ago and elevated it to new heights of service and information, is transitioning out of that position in the near future. Thanks Teri for your daily, and we mean daily (weekdays, holidays, nights, etc.), 24/7 volunteering on the Daily Fodder. You got us through crimes, fires, flooding, lost animals and much more.

Third, long-time SHPOA leader, Bill Eick, who has served as president (as did his wife, Tina), vice president, Executive Secretary and Land Use Committee Chair, is recuperating from a stroke which occurred in late October. Bill's health has improved greatly and he returned home in late November to continue his rehabilitation. Bill has been a tireless and fearless fighter for Shadow Hills, for the NE San Fernando Valley and the equestrian community for many decades. He personifies the intelligence and toughness that is embedded into the DNA of the SHPOA Board of Directors. We are not so much a social club as we are, as the LA Times noted, a "sharp-elbowed" community service organization. We owe Bill so many thanks, we may one day re-name our community, "Bill's Hills." I don't think we've seen the last of Bill, but we thank him and pray for him and his family. He is one of a kind.

Finally, I'm no longer going to be the SHPOA president now that we have scored significant victories on the high speed train front. SHPOA presidents are not supposed to serve more than two consecutive annual terms per our by-laws, but the Board waived this to ensure continuity during the most challenging years of fighting the train project. So, after more than decade of serving as SHPOA's president or vice president, I'll return to simply being the editor of the newsletter for a while as my family and I prep for my retirement and the next phase of our lives.

Please attend our meeting on Tuesday, December 11, and vote for the next SHPOA Board of Directors.

Winter Water Saving Tips

By Dave DePinto, SHPOA Board

Southern California continues to feel the effects of the recent 5-year drought. While there has been rain recently, it's worth noting that the prior twelve months produced less than 5 inches of rain, which is less than a third of average rainfall, taking a continuing toll on local groundwater supplies and local mountain water supplies.

Water conservation is usually top of mind in the hot summer months. But, what about saving water during the winter months? Here are some helpful tips that can help you save water and money this winter:

Indoors

- Repair leaks
- Take shorter showers
- Install flow restrictors on sink and shower faucets
- Install grey water recycling system

Outdoors

- Repair leaks
- Install covers on pools and spas to reduce evaporation
- Install rain barrels to capture stormwater for gardens, spas and pools
- Turn off automatic sprinkler controls when it rains
- Adjust automatic sprinkler controls to water less frequently
- Remove turf, plant California Native vegetation and install drip irrigation system

See page 15 for a clip-out sheet of water-saving tips!

Wheatland and McBroom Re-pavement Project

By Carlos George, SHPOA Board

We heard you loud and clear for many years about McBroom and Wheatland and after our consistent focus and followups to make sure these streets got attention to get paved, the day finally arrived!

We apologize it took so long but the City tends to work very (See Repavement on p. 10)



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slowly. Also on Wheatland, the streets intersecting them were re-paved first to avoid a land-lock situation, and they were waiting for a City Utilities clearance since the water main on Wheatland was repaired and they could not repave until they had the final clearance from the Department of Water and Power. We are very pleased and happy that McBroom finally got the attention it needed and they were able to include these two projects we submitted together to have it done at the same time. We are pleased at the amount of streets we have submitted and have had success with in the last 5 years.

Although it takes a lot of time and patience to deal with the city to get things done, we at SHPOA, with our volunteers and input from our community at our meetings and on Fodder, follow up consistently to make sure things happen that concern most of our community members. From high speed trains to Neighborhood Watch to fixing white fences to making radar enforcement happen on Sunland to road repairs to equestrian preservation and much more! Wow!

Support SHPOA today! We are all volunteers with no political agenda and focused on helping with our community's best interests, for a mere \$25.00 a year!

Have a great day and enjoy your new paved McBroom and Wheatland streets!

Big Tujunga Wash – One Year After the Fire and It's Pretty Ugly

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

As we are all painfully aware, the Mitigation Bank in the Big Tujunga Wash was devastated in the Creek Fire on December 5, 2017. I'm sure that most of us hoped that it would quickly rejuvenate to a remnant of its former glory, but as of now, very little regrowth has occurred. While some of the bushes have started to regrow, very few of the trees have rebounded. It's pretty clear even to us nonarborists that many of the trees are just plain dead.

The issue arises: Will the government remove these dead trees and other debris to reduce fuel for potential future fires and/or for aesthetic and environmental/ecological reasons?

The answer is, "No."

Crystal Franco, the LA County Department of Public Works' Site Manager for the Mitigation Area informed me in mid-November that they've been in contact with Supervisor Barger's office about restoration of the mitigation area. Unfortunately, due to the fact that it is a highly sensitive mitigation area that involves multiple agencies, it is impossible for just one agency to go in and "get the job done."

In fact, LA County's Department of Public Works cannot enter the area and do anything without permission from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and US Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Chambers Group has replaced ECorp, the prior consulting firm that was hired by LA County. They are currently in the conceptual phase and have noted that some of the burned trees are now showing some signs of life.

They, along with the truly dead trees, remain as habitat for

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bugs, birds, and other wildlife. Because of this, they will not remove any of the dead trees. Instead, they will cut them, leave them on site, and use them for habitat and for defining new trails. Eventually, they will turn to mulch. These dead trees are referred to as "snags" and are considered part of a natural eco system. In terms of physical work, it will be a long process due to the multiple agencies involved and there is no set timeline as to when dead trees will be cut and when new trails will be defined/designed.

Meanwhile, the Hansen Dam area is being partially cleared of dead vegetation and debris through a \$1 million grant. Because it is not in a mitigation area and falls within LA City's jurisdiction, it is an easier area to navigate in terms of paperwork and actual restoration and clean up.

The irony is that the most devastated area in the Big Tujunga Wash is also the most sensitive environmental area, and is receiving the least amount of restoration or remediation.

Editor's Note: SHPOA has reached out to Supervisor Barger's office and requested a meeting with community leaders to create some movement and "out of the box" thinking on the restoration of an area that looks far more like blight than like the pristine open space and environmentally beautiful area we've all come to know and love. SHPOA will update you on action related to restoration of the Big Tujunga Wash. 🔺

Critter Calendar Update

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Wow! Thanks to everyone who submitted critter photos to our premier edition of the "Critters of Shadow Hills 2019" calendar. It was a resounding success in terms of cuteness and orders. We wish that we could have included every single submission but we only had 48 slots available.

If you haven't already picked up your copy(ies) at the Sunland Farmers Market at Tierra del Sol, you can also pick your order up at SHPOA's General Meeting on Tuesday, December 11th. The last day to pick up at the Farmers Market is their last day of operation on Saturday, December 15th. If you are unable to pick up your copy or unsure of how many you ordered, please contact Cindy Bloom via email cbloom571@gmail.com. Payment is due when you receive your order and we accept checks/money orders payable to "SHPOA," or cash. Unfortunately, we cannot accept Paypal.

Due to popular demand, there is a chance that we will have a second printing. If you're interested in additional copies, please contact Cindy Bloom at the above-noted email.

Thanks again to YOU for making this calendar a success!

Patriot:

the person who can holler the loudest without knowing what he is hollering about.

-Mark Twain

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SHPOA's Scary Meeting By Gerri Summe, SHPOA Board

Our October general meeting for SHPOA was competing with an important Dodger game as well as some other community activities, so was not as well-attended as usual. But we had two important guest speakers with a lot of great information, so I thought I would try to summarize some of it here.

In keeping with the spirit of Halloween, we had two very scary guest speakers: Janet Gibson, the Battalion 12 CERT Coordinator, and Jeanie Edwards from The CPR Gals, who frightened the heck out of all of us with their discussion of Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

Janet told us about a program called "Map Your Neighborhood," that originated in Washington state. Our version is called RYLAN – "Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood." They have developed a program of the various steps to take immediately following a disaster.

We all know we are overdue for a large earthquake. The San Gabriel mountains were created by subduction. Earthquake subduction is very violent. The first 60 minutes after a major earthquake is called the Golden Hour, the time when most of the property damage and injury occurs.

The RYLAN program teaches the 9 steps to help you get through the first 90 minutes of an earthquake or other disaster.

Remember "rescuer first." You have to get yourself together before moving forward to help or save others and pets. You should have a bag by your bed with a glow stick, a flashlight, safety glasses, a dust mask, gloves (cuts from glass are a #1 injury), a hardhat to keep drywall from falling on your head, shoes, socks, pants and a shirt. You also need a flatbar, which is like a crowbar but much smaller. In an earthquake door frames can shift even ¼", and you can't get out.

You need a wrench to turn the gas off if there is a leak. The gas shimmers if you shine light towards it, and you can see the dial spinning. A 5.0 earthquake can trigger a gas leak.

Most people have one or two electrical panels, which it's best to turn off. Turn off each of the small switches first, then flip the main off.

Turn your water off immediately at the house. Turn the lever so you trap whatever clean water you have in your house. If there is a break in the water line, sewage could get flushed in. You want the water that is in your water heater to use during the emergency.

Do you have a fire extinguisher? You should have two, outside the kitchen (you don't want to have to run into the fire to get it!), and make sure they are charged. Even if the fire extinguisher gauge is in the green, 10% of them don't work. They use baking soda, and you need to shake it before using. You should practice using a fire extinguisher if you have never used one. You pull the pin, then spray at the base of the fire. One fire extinguisher only lasts for 15 seconds.

Map your neighborhood. You want to know your immediate neighbors, to have a sense for who may need help in an emergency. Scope out an area of about 20 houses around you, and learn the names of everyone, including kids and pets. It's good to have radios for contacting neighbors, as in a real emergency the likelihood of phone service being off is high.

Create teams of people, and have a pre-determined place where people will gather. Then you can work from there to see who needs help.

Jeanie mentioned there are Macgyver First Aid classes held once a month. Knowing how to stop someone from bleeding out is obviously essential. Information about their not boring classes can be found at: https://www.thecprgals.com/ You want to have a whistle by your bed. Disasters are noisy, and many people have been saved from being caught underneath rubble by blowing a whistle, so people can locate where you are.

She also reminded us that everyone should have a fire evacuation bag ready that includes clothing and important documents.

Make sure you put your supplies along an outside wall, so you can get to them if you cannot otherwise walk through the house. These supplies should include food, water, clothing, and cash, preferably in small denominations.

Make sure you have your veterinarian's phone number, as well as one for a 24 hour vet. In your pet carrier, in a Ziploc bag under the mat, put a copy of your pet's info (shots, etc.) as well as pictures of your animals and close-up pictures of their special markings. When so many pets are sheltered in a disaster, it can be difficult to identify pets, and the shot info will be needed to emergency board your pet.

Once a year you should have an insurance checkup, to make sure you are properly covered.

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. They have a 7 week course that is 17.5 hours long, where L.A. City Fire Department comes out to do the training. The next free class close to our area will start on January 9th at Pacifica Hospital in Sun Valley. If interested, you can look at the class description by going to the following link.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ lafd-cert-sun-valley-tickets-51757382725

Many thanks to Janet and Jeanie for their informative sessions. I think the upshot for most of us was the frightening realization of how ill-prepared we are for the time when that next disaster may come.

A few informative websites you can reference are:

http://www.cert-la.com/downloads/education/english/ESP-Neighborhood-AWARE-Plan-2010.pdf

https://www.disasterservicesandsupplies.com/Map-Your-Neighborhood.html

https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/preparedness/map-your-neighborhood

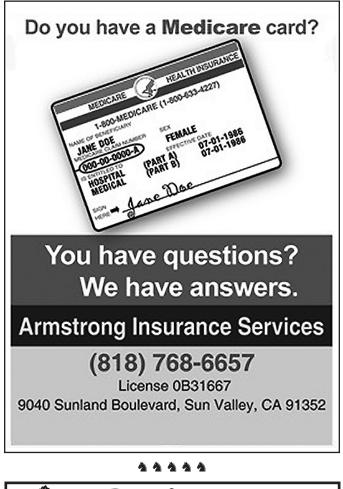
Plastic Utensils – On-Request?

By Elektra Kruger, SHPOA Board

The City of Los Angeles is already considering implementing a "Straws-on-Request" Ordinance requiring restaurants and food-serving businesses to withhold providing straws unless specifically requested for by the customer. This isto reduce their being randomly discarded in our communities subsequently entering stormdrains, bodies of water and eventually the ocean where they are a danger to marine life. To date, technology that strains plastics from our municipal trash for recycling does not pick up straws due to their small size.

A number of Cities have already implemented, or are considering, a Straws-on-Request Ordinance. They are extending that Ordinance to include plastic utensils for much the same reasons. Given that the City of Los Angeles is already in the process of considering creating a Straws-on-Request Ordinance, in early August 2018, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield presented a Motion to City Council to extend that Ordinance to include plastic utensils as well. The Motion has been referred to the City Council's Environmental Justice Committee for their review and recommendation. SHPOA will update you on the status of the Motion in a future issue of the SHPOA Newsletter.







patronage. We are open for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and look forward do hosting your events and gatherings! Keep us in mind for your holiday parties—we can accommodate up to 60 guests

	Lunch	Dinner
Mon-Thurs	11 am – 2	5 pm – 9
	pm	pm
Friday - Sat	riday - Sat 11 am – 10 pm	
Sun	9 am – 9 pm	

Citizen Patrol Being Rolled Out By LAPD Foothill Division

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

A few LAPD divisions have started their own Citizen Patrol, managed by the LAPD's Community Relations Department. The Devonshire Division is the most established, and it has seen a noticeable decrease in crime.

Our own division, Foothill, is also implementing their own Citizen Patrol.

Foothill has 2 BMW electric vehicles with flash bars (they may be getting 1 additional car). These cars will be "staffed" with volunteers, either 1 or 2 volunteers to a car. Each patrol team will go out 1-2 times per month and will work in 4-6 hour shifts. The patrolled areas will be determined by LAPD, probably a detective, in those areas that need additional "eyes and ears." In other words, you cannot request to patrol your own neighborhood if it's not considered to be worthy per LAPD crime stats.

If you're interested, here is the process:

1. Fill out and submit the Volunteer Signup packet.

2. Take the car training (how to operate the electric BMW)takes about 30 minutes

3. Pass the actual driving test (similar to the DMV hands-on driving test)-takes less then 4 hours

4. Get fitted for your uniform and accessories (hat, patch, etc.)

Once on patrol, if you see suspicious activity, you radio it in--you do not try to apprehend the suspect.

So far, Foothill has enough volunteers to get started but certainly could use more.

If you're interested, please contact:

Police Officer II Natalie Mundo, Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Division Community Relations Office, Cell: (424) 364-6356; Office: (818) 485-0630; 41265@lapd. online

"Navigate Los Angeles" Mapping System

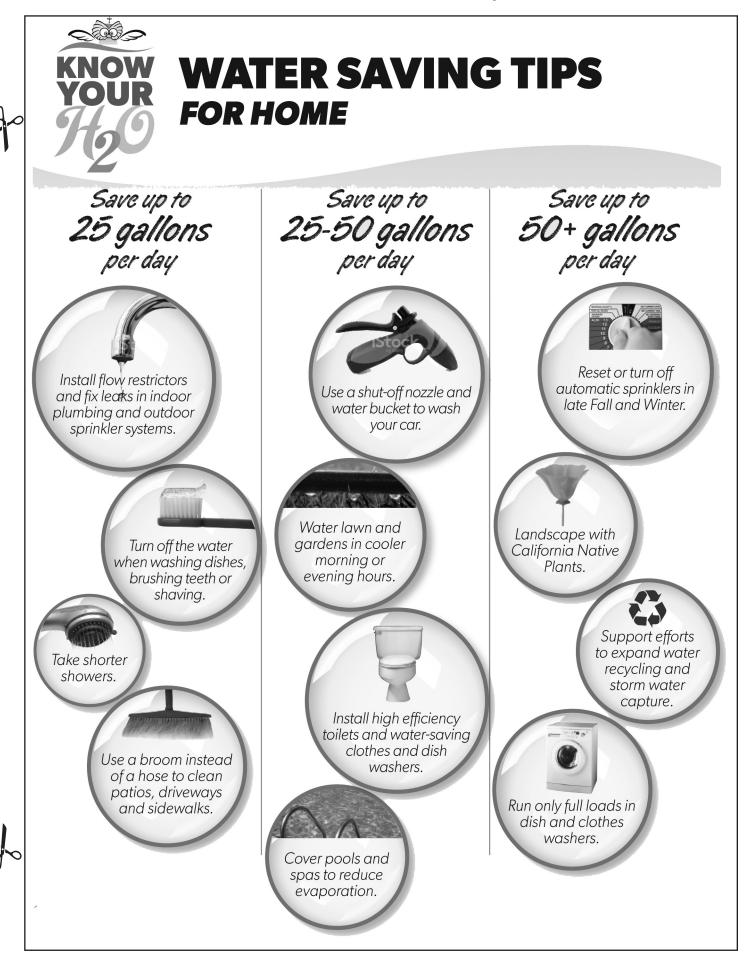
By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

The City of Los Angeles has built a nifty website where you can view various items through a mapping system within the City of Los Angeles. If you have a moment, check it out at *https://navigatela.lacity.org/navigatela/*

It's an application developed by the Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of Public works. You can view or build your own maps, including editing tools, ranging from storm water information to flood zones to neighborhood council boundaries to individual parcels. You can also download data.

While it will take a little while to figure out, it's worth playing around with. A good place to start to see the various components and the breadth/depth of its features is the users manual: http://navigatela.lacity.org/navigatela/help/ documents/NavigateLA_Users_Manual.pdf

While at first glance it seems overwhelming to use, it's useful, a lot of fun, and it is continually being updated. \clubsuit



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General Meeting, Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Tierra del Sol

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Key Community Locations & Contact Information

All Nations Church: 10000 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace

Bolton Hall: 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga (818-352-3420)

Lake View Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd. intersection); Pastor Arlo Tysinger (818-353-2500)

Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)

Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley (818-767-8014)

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 Monica Rodriguez, District 7, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Sunland (818-352-3287)

Community Calendar

Alcoholic Family/Friends Support Group

Every Monday evening, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church 10158 Johanna Ave. @ Sunland Blvd. For Info: (818) 353-2500

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.

Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

LAST Tuesday, Every Month

• 7 p.m.

Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

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

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