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Thank You SHPOA Members, Advertisers and Friends!

By SHPOA Board of Directors

Our community of 2,200+ households reached a new milestone in June. Your SHPOA exceeded 500 paid memberships for the first time, reaching 535 members as of press time. This is more than double the level of memberships only two years ago. Congratulations all around are in order, especially to ALL of you who have recognized the importance of our community sticking and working together. Your support means a lot to our community and to the volunteers who assist our community in so many ways.

We hope you continue to enjoy this newsletter, Daily Fodder, our meetings and guest speakers, equestrian safety campaign, Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Committee projects, and more.

We'd also like to thank our newsletter advertisers, many of whom have supported SHPOA for many years. Finally, we've had an abundance of generous donations – above and beyond membership dues – this past year for which we are very grateful.

For those of you who would like to join our volunteer community improvement association, membership information is included on page 3 or please visit our website www.shpoa.us.



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SHPOA July General Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Tierra del Sol – 9919 Sunland Blvd.

MEETING AGENDA INCLUDES...

- *Speeding Cars on Wentworth Street*
- *Update on Ralph's Grocery Remodel*
- *Mosquito Diseases & Abatement Techniques*
- *Introducing 2 New LAPD Senior Lead Officers*
- *Complementary Food & Beverages*
- *Members & Non-members Welcome!*

Ralphs and Ralphs – Updates

By Dave DePinto

Ralphs on Foothill Blvd. will start its comprehensive, \$3 million store remodel on July 14, and Mike Walker of Ralphs will be at our July 17 meeting to provide more details. The store WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE REMODEL.

Regarding the former Ralphs at the intersection of Sunland and Glenoaks in Sun Valley, both SHPOA and Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council have remained in close touch with the new property owner/developer. We are honoring a confidentiality agreement as lease negotiations are very sensitive and we do not want to jeopardize those negotiations in any way. As of press time, there are no lease agreements but the owner reports some progress and the hope that decisions can be announced in a few more months. The work you see being done relates to common plumbing, electrical, walls, doors, asbestos removal, curbs and planters. Nothing is being built at this time to accommodate any tenant. SHPOA will keep you informed. 🐾



Severe Drought Warning – Save Water Now!

By Tamara Loperfito

It's the worst drought in 15 years. We should...or better get used to this because we live in a desert! The Metropolitan Water District, the region's water wholesaler and distributor to our utility providers, has been managing its allotted water supply. Northern California is not in a comparable position. Some communities are seeing their wells go dry, some are imposing water rationing, many are raising prices (a sure way to "encourage" conservation) and ALL are encouraging water conservation.

In addition to the environmental impacts, we are going to see major economic impacts and soon. Water cost increases will impact every home and business budget. Food costs will continue to increase. Your cost of living is going to increase (inflation).

At press time, the California legislature and governor's office have yet to come to consensus on whether or not to place a "Water Bond" on the ballot, despite having had related legislation pending for several years now. It's time for the Legislature and Governor to take action on this critical public health, economic and environment resource. We need a Water Bond, we need it on the ballot this November and we need the public to support it like they do funding for education, transportation, health care and other public policy issues..

(See *Severe Drought* p.2)

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(Severe Drought, cont'd from p.1)

We live in an arid climate zone and must change our behavior. There are many things you can do; here are just a few:

- The average resident can save as much as 89 gallons per day with upgraded appliances, fixtures and some common sense.
- Consider your landscaping needs. The Residential Turf Removal Program will pay up to \$2 per sq. ft. if you apply.
- L.A. already has a mandatory water conservation ordinance that limits residential watering to certain days of the week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday for odd-numbered addresses; Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday even-numbered addresses.
- Landscape with drought tolerant plants and California natives which use 1/7th the water regular plants utilize. Our local Sun Valley resource, The Theodore Payne Foundation, specializes in this, offering information, workshops, plants and seeds.
- Mow your lawn high and mulch deep. 2-3 inches of mulch can reduce your garden watering bill by 25%.
- Good quality composted mulch enhances the quality of your soil. It promotes soil microorganism activity which lessens soil compaction. It stabilizes soil moisture and moderates temperature extremes. It controls weeds that rob soil moisture. Spread it on and you can turn it under in the fall and add more...It's free! The L.A. Bureau of Sanitation has a Free Mulch Give-Away program available to all L.A. residents. We have close access in Sun Valley, North Hollywood and LVT. Check the websites: www.bewaterwise.com; www.lacitysan.org/srpcd. And if you want to get exotic with your mulch, the Griffith Park Composting Facility specializes in ZooDoo, offering a product called TOPGRO. Call them at 818.485.0703.

So be water wise, feed the earth and enjoy the fruits of your labor. It's all part of a sustainable life style. 🌱



Tree Trimming Bureaucracy

by Elektra Kruger

No wonder our trees either never get trimmed or no one tree trimming effort does a complete job. The Fire Department has its requirements and a crew to meet those requirements; the Department of Water and Power has its requirements and its crew to meet those requirements; the Bureau of Street Services has its requirements and its crew to meet those requirements, the Bureau of Street Lighting has its requirements and its crew to meet those requirements - and, of course, each has to have its own support desk bureaucracy.

Just picture a tree trimming crew coming by and trimming that tree in front of your house on Monday (that one was deployed by the Fire Department), on Tuesday there is another crew trimming that same tree just a little differently (that one was deployed by the Department of Water and Power), on Wednesday another crew comes

by and chops a little more off that same tree (that one was deployed by the Bureau of Street Services), on Thursday another crew comes by again with all that personnel and equipment and chops away at that poor little tree yet again (that one was deployed by the Bureau of Street Lighting) and I can't even recall who sent out that crew on Friday.

Five different crews with all their support equipment working on the same tree for five days (blocking your narrow street all week) - and just guess whose taxes are paying for that inefficiency. Well, at least the City now appears to recognize this inefficiency too. Pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 budget on May 21, 2014 an adopted budget recommendation submitted was to instruct the Bureau of Street Services to report to the City Council's Public Works Committee on the "feasibility of" consolidating the tree trimming efforts of the Fire Department, Department of Water and Power, Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Street Services and Bureau of Street Lighting. The Public Works Committee will review and consider items presented in that report. SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this proposal in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter. 🌱



Golf Carts on Shadow Hills Streets

By Terri Ortiz

Many residents have written to inquire about golf carts on Shadow Hills streets. Golf carts come in two categories: Electric and gas powered, so laws are slightly different for each. I confirmed the following with Officer Joel Flores, Senior Lead Officer for LAPD Valley Traffic:

1. Drivers of ALL golf carts MUST be 16 years or older, no exceptions! They must be observant and aware of the rules of the road.
2. All road signs and laws apply to golf carts just as they do other vehicles (stop means STOP!)
3. Golf cart drivers must drive on the right side of the road - no middle street driving!
4. NO golf carts may be driven on main roads such as Sunland Blvd, Wentworth Street or Foothill Blvd. Golf cart driving is only permitted on residential Shadow Hills streets!
5. Gas golf carts must be driven by a licensed driver. If driver is unlicensed, he may be cited and the cart can be impounded. Section 21716 vc.
6. Electric golf carts may be only be driven by those over the age of 16. IF under 16, teen can be cited and golf cart may be impounded.
7. Golf carts may be driven by under age children ONLY on your own property!

Parents remember: we have too many speeders on our streets in Shadow Hills who are not mindful of the laws of the road. Subjecting your children to these reckless drivers may cost more than a citation! Please keep our beautiful community united and safe by sharing the road with cars, trailers, trucks, runners, cyclists AND horses! 🌱

Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

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- ✓ Liaison to local police and fire departments
- ✓ Assist animal health and care
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- ✓ Community beautification and clean-ups
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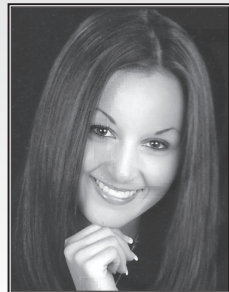
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More "Policing" or More Police?

by Elektra Kruger

Pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget on May 21, 2014 one of the adopted budget recommendations submitted was to instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the City Council's Public Safety Committee with an evaluation of whether sending current law enforcement officers into the field for longer hours or whether hiring more law enforcement officers would most effectively improve public safety. This report should include how many hours current officers are actually on patrol in any given deployment period. SHPOA will inform you of the result of this evaluation in a future issue of the SHPOA Newsletter. 🐾



Tree Killers

By Anton Bosch

While some Shadow Hills residents are trying to save the trees near the tunnel between Wentworth and McBroom, someone else has seriously damaged one of the trees (photo above). The weapon of choice was a four-wheel drive vehicle which was driven straight up the hill off McBroom and right over the tree. This tree, like others in the area, have struggled to survive the drought for the past five years and just when it looked like it would prosper someone destroyed it. We hope all residents can remain vigilant and obtain vehicle make and license plates when they see things like this happen or if they suspect any neighbors or rambunctious kids may be involved. 🐾

Additional 200 Miles Paved?

by Elektra Kruger

The Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget adopted on May 21, 2014 incorporated an additional 200 lane miles in the City's Pavement Preservation Program. Once the budget was adopted, budget recommendations were submitted with one being to instruct the Bureau of Street Services to report to the City Council's Public Works Committee on the nature of the Pavement Preservation Program. The report is to include how they intend to achieve those additional 200 lane lines incorporated in the budget and whether there will be any effort directed toward completion of narrower streets in need of repaving/resurfacing. The Public Works Committee will review and consider the submitted report. SHPOA will keep you updated on the

progress of this budget commitment in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.

Editor's Note: Shadow Hills is increasingly pleased by the more rapid pace of street paving in our community. As we speak, Sunland Boulevard is in the midst of a major repaving and re-striping effort that will improve safety and aesthetics. We wanted all members to know that the SHPOA Board lobbies our council office regularly seeking to have troubled streets paved. We hope to have an update for the long-neglected residents of both Wheatland and McBroom in the upcoming months. We are pushing hard for these streets to get done! 🐾

Reptile Wranglin' in Shadow Hills!

By Dana Stangel

Sometimes people wonder why we need a reptile rescue. One thing we do is take in people's unwanted pets who got too large or became too hard to care for. Often, though, we get a call from a neighbor who wants a snake moved or has some other wildlife question or situation. Last week we got a call from a neighbor about a snake that had gotten caught up in some tomato fencing in her garden. She did not think the snake was going to make it but she wanted to see what we could do.

I was able to make it over there right away. I held the snake, which happened to be a beautiful red racer or "coachwhip"- one of our amazing native snakes (see photo), while my very brave neighbor carefully and gently snipped the fence off and away from the snake. When we were done, we let him go right where we found him and we got rid of the offending mire of fencing. He was happy to go on his way.

The neighbor was happy to know she has such an integral part of the ecosystem spending time in her yard. I was happy to help her protect her ecosystem. Win-Win-Win! If you ever find yourself in a similar situation, please don't hesitate to call us. Dana Stangel * Teranga Ranch * 818-305-4377 * info@terangaranch.org. 🐾



Microchip Applications on Smart Phones?

by Elektra Kruger

Pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget on May 21, 2014, one of the adopted Budget Recommendations submitted was to instruct the Department of Animal Services to report to the City Council's Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee on the potential for adding a microchip application to smart phones. This recommendation was referred to this Committee for their review and consideration. SHPOA will update you on the status of this proposal in future issues of the newsletter. 🐾

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Monitoring Integrity of our Code Inspectors

by Elektra Kruger

This should actually not be limited to the City Code Inspectors because City employees from many departments have been found guilty of “recreating on the job”. However one of the adopted budget recommendations submitted following adoption of the Mayor’s 2014 to 2015 Budget on May 21, 2014 did single out Code Inspectors with the recommendation instructing the Department of Building and Safety to report to the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee on the status of the use of GPS tracking of inspector’s cell phones, the primary intent of which is to ensure the integrity and ethics of code inspectors in the field. SHPOA will update you on the status of this proposal in future issues of the newsletter. 🐾

Johny Carpenter Film Festival Held

By Mike Carpenter

The first in what we hope will be an annual tradition, the “Johny Carpenter” Film Festival, was held Friday June 27th and Saturday June 28th at historic Bolton Hall Museum in Tujunga. Hosted by the Little Landers Historical Society, four vintage films starring or featuring Johny Carpenter were shown. Friday saw a full house in attendance.

The Friday night show had “Son of the Renegade” and “Cattle Queen.” The Saturday matinee had “I Killed Wild Bill Hickok” and “Colorado Serenade.” There was also a Friday pre-show reception which featured the Johny Carpenter “Heaven on Earth Ranch” documentary shown in its entirety. We also had a movie snack bar with items donated by the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC).

There was a display of Johny Carpenter artifacts, with many special items donated to Little Landers for future showings. Ed Novy and the STNC were sponsors. Richard Stewart also helped promote the event.

Our silent auction featured Halper Fine Arts donation of two family portrait sittings, Little Landers donation of two photos of Slim Vaughan, one of the first “characters” of the foothills who participated in many of the old Pioneer Days, and ETI Corral 20’s donation of a nice necklace.

The film festival was sponsored by New “Heaven on Earth” Ranch to benefit NHOER including the “Randy Horton” Riding Program. The festival was created to continue keeping the legacy of Johny Carpenter alive and for all those whom he met and how he changed their lives.

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Installation of “No Smoking” Signs?

by Elektra Kruger

The hillsides and canyons in and around the City of Los Angeles are highly prone to wildfires not only because of our typical annual stretch of high temperatures, low humidity and gusting Santana Winds (and yes they are “Santana Winds” not Santa Ana Winds”), but in the last few years all the more so because of our prolonged drought. Councilmember Paul Koretz is emphasizing the need for the City to undertake far more proactive wildfire preventative measures.

The Los Angeles Municipal Code has already established “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones” in the hillsides and canyon areas of the City. The Municipal Code further:

- Prohibits open burning of any kind in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZs)
- Prohibits smoking in VHFHSZs, whether a cigarette, cigar, pipe, etc
- Requires the Fire Chief to take it upon himself to see to it that “no smoking” signs are posted in VHFHSZs.

Councilmember Koretz believes the posting of “no smoking” signs along canyon roadways, at trailheads, etc. would be a simple way to remind the public of the dangers of smoking in fire-prone areas. To emphasize enforcement of these already existing codes, the Councilmember submitted a Motion to City Council in late May 2014 asking that they instruct the Fire Department in conjunction with the Department of Transportation to review and report to the Council on the current number and location of posted “no smoking” signs. The Motion also seeks to determine if that number of signs in those locations will serve as a sufficient deterrent to illegal smoking in VHFHSZs and for the Fire Department in conjunction with the City Administrative Officer and City Attorney’s Office to review the feasibility of establishing a \$1,000 fine for any person cited for smoking in a VHFHSZ.

The Motion has been referred to the City Council’s Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendations. SHPOA will keep you updated on this item in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter. 🐾

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Volunteers Helping Shadow Hills!

The Story of the Heaver Retrievers

By Anton Bosch
SHPOA Volunteer Coordinator (818-823-8588)

Around ten years ago a group of gals used to meet weekly to do trash pick-up in the wash. This continued for a couple of years and the group consisted of Andrea Gutman, Carol Roper, Chris Arlington, Martha Hankins, Roberta Cole as regulars, and others joined intermittently. After a two hour pick-up session they all met at the convenience store at the corner of Wheatland and Foothill in Lake View Terrace where they had coffee. There was an outside table with an umbrella there. A collection of chairs picked up in the wash were kept there for this purpose.

Then around 2006 they began working Wentworth as a result of Elektra Kruger's version of "road rage". SHPOA was dealing with a land-use issue with someone owning a property on Wentworth. In anger, the owner shouted out who were we to complain about his operation, stating "Shadow Hills is such a trashy community."

Elektra says: "I went ballistic. But then I had to take a step back. Driving through the internal streets of Shadow Hills, for the most part, one saw a pristine semi-rural and clean community. (Maybe a little overgrown with vegetation and maybe some



Volunteers removed brush and litter from the area near the "equestrian/pedestrian" tunnel on McBroom. Lo and behold...you can now "see" the community bulletin board and SHPOA's "Safety is a Two-Way Street" posters. Thanks to: Sheila Emery, Anton Bosch, Dave DePinto's chain saw, and staff from Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (Marcos Sanchez, Sylvester Partida, Jude Hernandez).

to clean-up the wash was a SHPOA effort too. From there workers concentrated on the "Heaver Retriever" items - coffee cups tossed out of passing vehicles and random but scattered paper trash. Initially there were two other members of the team

- Roberta Cole and Martha Hankins. Martha and Roberta worked as a team and Gerry and Elektra Kruger worked as a team so two sections could be worked at the same time.

As time passed only the Krugers remained and they continued on their own for a few years. Recently they have been supported intermittently by other volunteers such as Christian and Susan Leonard. Christian earns credits for his Community Service at school through

his help (See article elsewhere). Later weed abatement was also added to the project. The Krugers work the entire stretch of Wentworth from Foothill to Glenoaks. They struggle to stay ahead in the Spring and Fall when the rains come and the weeds get overgrown really fast. So twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall, the Sun Valley Graffiti Busters come in and spend a couple weekends with a whole team doing a complete trash clean-up and weed abatement.

The Krugers, Gutmans and others are setting a wonderful example of community involvement and long-term commitment. Please consider joining one of the volunteer projects in and around Shadow Hills. Almost every week of the year there is some project going on. Some projects like the Heaver Retriever project require long-term



commitment. Others like the tree watering project, led by the Gutmans, or the random SHPOA projects require a two-hour commitment roughly once a month. But even two hours every three months helps to make a difference.

Those who cannot get involved in these formal projects can collect trash on their own street. If just one in five households in our community kept an area of 50 feet directly in front of their home (both sides of the street) clean (six house fronts), our whole area would be much improved. **To all who contribute towards making Shadow Hills a better place - THANK YOU. 🌱**

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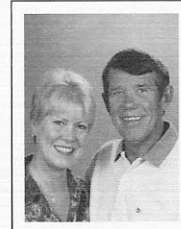
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Jim Jurgensmeier and Debby Mader just finished several hours of watering trees along Wentworth and McBroom. Volunteer Rich Crowther's truck and water tank are in the background.

unkempt properties- but definitely not trashy.) And that was the only Shadow Hills I saw."

I opened my eyes one day driving up and down Wentworth. This was not a residential street of Shadow Hills but a commuter street bordering Shadow Hills. I asked myself that if I were a commuter using Wentworth what would my impression be of Shadow Hills? In those days there were mattresses, boxes of household trash, refrigerators, drywall, kitchen counters, toilets etc. - all just dumped on the side of the road. Yes, what the commuter saw was Shadow Hills as a really trashy community."

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Volunteer Honor Roll

By Anton Bosch
 Volunteer Coordinator (818-823-8588)

We've had two volunteer project dates involving the watering of trees near the McBroom equestrian/pedestrian tunnel adjacent to Wentworth, and the sycamore trees located on Wentworth between Wheatland and Mary Bell.

Thanks to the following volunteers for taking a few hours of their weekend/Saturdays to come out and help us. We also thank Assemblyman Raul Bocanegras staff and interns for assisting us: Marcos Sanchez, Jude Hernandez and Sylvester Partida.

- Lynne Toby
- Ismael Andrade
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Summerfest in Sunland Park

Dana Stangel

I'm very excited to announce that this summer the very first annual Summerfest is coming to Sunland Park!! August 8, 9 and 10 you can look forward to a carnival from Kemsley Shows, live bands each evening, arts and crafts vendors, "Pump and Splash" for the kids, a visit from "Ronald McDonald", family activities at the stage during the day, a petting zoo, the "Wildlife Waystation", "LAAnimal Services", various local animal rescue groups, the DWP and MORE!

Friday and Saturday nights you'll hear some rock and some acoustic music from all kinds of great local bands: The Locke Brothers, Lion's Den, ThunderTap, No Convention, Seth Freeman, Bad Town Boys, Stereo Love, Charley & Jesi, The Brave Ones, Travis Creeps, and Trhinoceros. Sunday night (August 10) is for the blues..... you'll hear from Old Not Dead, Billy's Night Out, The Kergie Band, Toni Dodd, 210 East, and an all-star blues jam at the end of the night.

Why the hooplah? Two reasons. The first is that our community needs a summertime festival! We need an opportunity for our local merchants to show off who they are and what they do, a place for our local artists to display and sell their work, a community stage for local musicians to play, and a park full rides and games for our kids.

There is a second reason. Teranga Ranch is the 501(c)3 organization that is bringing you Summerfest this year. We are hoping to raise funds to build a local nature

center. One of the things we do in this community is wildlife education. We'd love to have a facility where we could house and rehab local wildlife, have educational displays about local flora and fauna, host weekly nature hikes of various skill levels, offer daily fieldtrips to local schools (for free), have a mobile unit that goes out to schools, host monthly guest speakers and more. We strongly believe this is one of the things this community is missing. So we are working to raise the money to build it.

How can you get involved? Maybe you'd like to help sponsor our event? Depending on how much you give, your name might be on the big banner over Foothill Blvd. or on a smaller banner around town.... check out our sponsor application for more details. Or maybe you'd like to have a table at the event? Check out our vendor application... it's FREE to have an informational table if you are not selling anything. Find these applications on the Teranga Ranch Facebook page, on the Summerfest event page on Facebook, on the Summerfest website: summerfest14.com or email info@terangaranch.org and I will email you the application you would like.

I really hope you will find a way to be involved in our first annual event. Especially if what that means for you is coming out, getting some cotton candy, playing some games, riding some rides, and listening to some amazing music. Hanging out in the community is REALLY important to the community!!!



Mandatory Reports by Vets?

by Elektra Kruger

Pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget on May 2014, one of the adopted budget recommendations was to instruct the Department of Animal Services to report to the City Council's Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee on the ramifications of requiring veterinarians to notify the Department whenever he/she has treated an unlicensed dog. The report is to research other locations where this practice is in place and whether this has hindered the health of the general canine population.

Whether spay and neuter exemptions should be taken into consideration from this notification requirement should also be taken into consideration. The Department has additionally been asked to reflect on any other concerns/issues that may be of importance but did not come to mind to those recommending this adopted budget item at the time of its submission. SHPOA will keep you updated as to the progress on this proposal.



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Equine Disaster Preparedness
 by Elektra Kruger

Disaster preparedness is fundamental to horse ownership in southern California, a region fraught with wildfires, floods and earthquakes. Preparedness involves determining evacuation routes, storing emergency feed and supplies, maintaining a list of potential temporary housing locations, properly maintaining auxiliary structures for animal use, and maintaining brush clearance and any other forms of fire prevention.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control have published tips and guidelines relative to equine safety including those for fire preparedness. Councilmember Felipe Fuentes stresses the need to educate the public on points of horse safety and wildfire preparedness as we are entering the fire season. As such he has submitted a Motion to City Council in early June 2014 asking that the Council instruct the Department of Animal Services together with the Fire Department to prepare and present to the Council a report on:

- Equine fire safety efforts being undertaken by City Departments
- Public education and outreach strategies regarding equine fire safety
- Fire preparedness resources available to horse owners
- Equine disaster preparedness training for the Department of Animal Services and Fire Department staff

A copy of the reports is currently being requested by the City Council's Animal Welfare Committee. SHPOA will keep you updated on any progress on this item in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.

City Budget for Equestrian Evacuation?
 by Elektra Kruger

Pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget on May 21, 2014, that same day an adopted budget recommendation to "instruct the Department of Animal Services to report to the City Council's Personnel and Animal Services Committee with an outreach effort for equestrian evacuation" was referred to that Committee for their review and consideration. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this proposal.

Reserve Ranger Program?
 by Elektra Kruger

Pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget on May 21, 2014 one of the adopted budget recommendations submitted included instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks to report to the City Council's Parks Committee on the feasibility of implementing a Reserve Ranger Program similar to the Reserve Officer Program of LAPD.

How wonderful this would be to be able to call upon the services of a Reserve Ranger pool when, for example, Hansen Dam is hosting a huge event which anticipates drawing in 2,000 visitors or more. The Hansen Dam Ranger Station is now open with 2 Rangers on staff.

Currently, very adeptly, Capt. Albert Torres - the City's Chief Park Ranger - can play checkers with the very minimal Ranger staff we have and can move the chips where needed. But wouldn't it be great to have a Reserve Ranger pool to be able to call upon if needed?! SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this proposal. Let us all cross our fingers.

Storm Water Management Guidelines
 by Elektra Kruger

Our streets do not only carry automobiles, but when it rains - or there are large volumes of water - that water also flows on our streets. The water subsequently enters catch basins/storm drains which then divert the water into our local tributaries, rivers and ultimately the ocean carrying street pollution contaminants with it.

Why don't we capitalize on storm water capture and groundwater recharge opportunities to increase our self-sufficiency when it comes to water supplies and reduce our dependency on imported water especially in this time of drought? Our current infrastructure also does not not adequately protect against flooding. There are more than 400 known locations throughout the City with chronic drainage problems resulting in localized flooding in our neighborhoods exposing residents and motorists to potential safety hazards.

Poor drainage and flooding can also damage and undermine street pavement. A number of these concerns could be mitigated by incorporating bioswales, curb cuts and tree wells into our infrastructure which would infiltrate and remove contaminants from our storm waters prior to discharge - or better yet groundwater recharge. This benefit would call for the development of "green" infrastructure projects with the collaboration of the Bureau of Street Services, the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Water and Power.

Councilmember Felipe Fuentes believes that rather than today's "patchwork" approach to dealing with the estimated 2,400 centerline miles of failing roadways, the City should envision the use of multi-benefit projects that would not only improve transportation, but also minimize flooding, reduce watershed pollution and increase storm water capture and local water supplies.

This effort is starting with a Motion submitted to the City Council by Councilmember Fuentes in early June 2014 asking that the Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services, the Bureau of Sanitation, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Water and Power, the City's Chief Legislative Analyst, the City's Administrative Officer and the City Attorney to all work together to develop a functional Draft Ordinance that would require all public street construction/reconstruction projects to incorporate Storm Water Management Guidelines for Public Street Construction and Reconstruction which is to include such components as:

- Flood mitigation
- Stormwater infiltration
- Water quality improvement and regulatory standards

The Motion was referred to the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee for its review and recommendations. SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this effort in future issues of the newsletter.

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Yellow Alert for Hit-and-Run?

by Elektra Kruger

There are numerous hit-and-run incidents in the City of Los Angeles often resulting in serious injuries or even death. These cases can be difficult for law enforcement to solve as there is often limited or no evidence and seemingly no witnesses. Assemblymember Gatto presented a Bill to the California Assembly suggesting that a Statewide system be created similar to the "Amber Alert" system but that would be a system to alert the public to be on the look-out for a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run when severe injuries or fatalities occurred and there is a reliable description of the vehicle involved.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Joe Buscaino submitted a Motion to the Los Angeles City Council to officially support the State Assembly Bill. The Bill is currently being reviewed in the State's Assembly Committee on Public Safety. SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this Bill. 🐾

Certification of the LA River Trail?

by Elektra Kruger

The 1,200 mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail commemorates the 1775-1776 Spanish expedition from New Spain (Mexico) to Alta California (San Francisco). The trail was designated to be part of the National Trails System in 1990 to be administered by the National Park Service. Of those 1,200 miles, 250 miles so far have been "certified" by the National Park Service along the length of the trail. This "Certification" includes maintenance agreements, assuring unlimited access for all visitors and creating opportunities for hiking, biking and equestrian activities.

Within the City of Los Angeles, a seven mile stretch of the trail from Griffith Park to Downtown Los Angeles is known to us as the Los Angeles River Trail. The National Park Service, along with other partners, is in the process of certifying this Los Angeles River Trail section of the Anza Trail to provide a contiguous multi-use recreational area. Certification makes it easier for a trail to seek out grants and funding, making it possible to serve and improve the River physically and historically. Certification will help ground significant historic events into the City's local history.

In early March 2014 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell submitted a Resolution to the City Council to support National Park Certification of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail along the Los Angeles River Trail within the City boundaries to promote shared recreational and educational objectives. The City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommended approval of the Resolution in late June 2014. It now awaits approval by the City Council itself. SHPOA will keep you updated as to the progress of this proposal. 🐾

Tracking Wildlife Corridors?

by Elektra Kruger

Pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2014-2015 Budget on May 21, 2014 one of the adopted budget recommendations was to instruct the Los Angeles City's Planning Department to report to the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee and Budget and Finance Committee to suggest means to better track and connect wildlife corridors. SHPOA will keep you up-dated on any progress on this proposal in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter. 🐾

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.**

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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 promotess autism awareness in the greater Los Angeles area.
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Valley View Vaulters, Inc.
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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