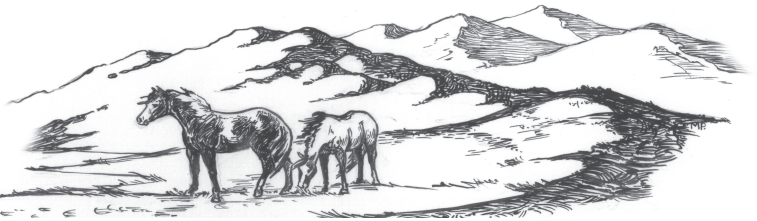


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A Good Time Was Had By All !

By Susan Wong and Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

The SHPOA St. Patrick's Celebration was a rollicking good time, with great food....

Great music by Green Ashes....

Great dancing by the dancers from the Celtic Irish Dance Academy...

Then, we danced....

On March 11, 2023, from 2 - 5 pm the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) held our St. Patrick's Celebration at the beautiful venue, The Stonehurst in Shadow Hills. We had a maximum capacity of 150 guests with many more neighbors who waited until early arrivals left so that they could attend the event as well. It was a joy-filled celebration with community members renewing old friendships, taking tours, enjoying the loaded potatoes bar feast, listening to traditional and current Irish music by Green Ashes and thrilling to the lively Irish Celtic dancers. Many SHPOA volunteers worked hard to make this event happen. The organization took months of planning, and the decorations and food prep took many days. Scrubbing, wrapping and cooking 150 lb. of potatoes, and all the food preparation, was accomplished by SHPOA Volunteers.

A very special thanks must be given to the following volunteers: Michael and Debbi Stein, Susan Wong who worked the check-in table with incredible ease and efficiency; Anna Serridge, who co-ordinated and oversaw all the food prep, along with serving volunteers: Tad Butler, Rosey Payne, Kathy Delson, Paulita Garcia, Thelma Gonzalez, Odila Medina, Jacqy Gamble, Julie McClure, Lynne Toby, Sloan Ashley Foxe, Yvonne Susich, Ann Masterson. Our sincere thanks to our Decorations Committee Chair Jacqy Gamble, along with Kathy Delson, Lynne Toby, Rosey Payne and her sister, Skip Stutson, Michael Stein, Tina Eick and Gerardo Barrientos for providing and then setting up the fabulous St. Patrick's decorations. Thanks as well to greeters and

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SHPOA's Game Night (Meeting)!

Tuesday, May 9th

Tierra Del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.

6:30 -9 pm

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tour guides Gerardo Barrientos, Tad Butler and Tina Eick. And finally, at the end of the day, we want to thank Skip Stutson, Juan Garcia, Kathy and Don Delson, Jacqy and George Gamble, Rosey Payne, Tina and Hattie Eick Faurot for helping to take down and remove everything in 45 minutes from the venue. We also need to acknowledge and thank LocalEvents Rental Supplies (who actually live on Stonehurst Ave) for providing the chairs, round tables and table cloths at no expense.

SHPOA would like to recognize and extend our sincerest thanks to Nancy Kwong, owner and hostess of The Stonehurst. Nancy generously provided the elegant venue at a discount along with hosting the open bar for all the guests. She and her assistant Bria, were there during the event, leading tours and answering questions about The Stonehurst's history. We wholeheartedly thank them for making the community feel so welcome and comfortable.

All in all, it was a wonderful day. Our neighbors thoroughly enjoyed the celebration and we, SHPOA, met our goals of "**building back**" the community. Covid and social media had managed to isolate us for far too long and it's events like this to remind us just how important community is. Please know that we will always be here to fight the noble cause to protect and preserve our unique community but it's also important to just come together to enjoy each other's company. We will continue to do both in the future. As a reminder, in order to do that we

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need you to **keep your membership current**. The membership fees partially cover the SHPOA Newsletter, insurance and community events - like the St. Patrick's Celebration. As an aside, many of our awesome volunteers also covered some of the celebration costs out of their own pockets! We recognize how vitally important it is to Shadow Hills to stay strong, active and involved. And this is one way to do that. So come join us, bring your ideas and activism to a worthy cause.

Below: Photos from the waiting list only SHPOA event held in March



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

Flash Floods should not be a great surprise given the large watershed of the steep San Gabriel Mountains to the north and east. The Hansen Dam located at the north edge of the Stonehurst community crossing the Big Tujunga Watershed was constructed between the years 1938-1940 to help tame the damaging and recurring floods. When constructed, the dam was the largest earth-fill structure in the world. It is over two miles long, 1,139 feet wide at the base and 102 feet tall, made of 14 million cubic yards of rock and other fill material. Holding capacity was originally +/- 16 million gallons. By preventing any subsequent down-stream flooding, it allowed for the development of large areas that once were part of the lower wash which reached the Los Angeles River and was at one time subject to frequent and damaging flash floods. The northwest-southeast trending Verdugo Mountains beginning east of Stonehurst are composed of Upper Miocene marine sandstone. The east-west trending Tujunga Wash is located immediately north of Stonehurst. In fact, Stonehurst was built on the eastern edge of the great Quaternary alluvial fan that has been created by the outflow of flood waters and rock debris from the San Gabriel Mountains which are mostly composed of Mesozoic granite rock. There is an east-west trending Foothill Fault located immediately north of the Tujunga Wash and a larger San Gabriel Fault located about three miles to the north. The San Gabriel Mountains are part of one of the most active geologic areas in the world with earthquakes, some of them quite severe, having been recorded in 1789, 1812, 1857, 1860, 1872, 1875, 1918, 1930, 1971 and 1994. Fault scarps from the severe Sylmar earthquake of February 1971 along the Foothill Fault, can still be seen immediately above and north of Foothill Blvd. about two miles northeast of Stonehurst. It speaks to the designers and builders of the Stonehurst neighborhood that, even after several relatively severe earthquakes, it appears that all of the stone buildings are still habitable today. Gravel pits, some over 200 feet in depth, are found in the old flood plain below Hansen Dam, some of which have already been filled over the last couple decades due to their use as landfills. There were also some gravel pits above the dam to the north of Shadow Hills. Have you seen the stone gateway named Cottonwood Ave off of Wentworth St? This was the entrance to the one time gravel pit operation on the upper side of Hansen Dam.



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- ✓ Assisting families impacted by fires or other natural disasters

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- ✓ 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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The History Of The Tujunga Pond
By Bill Eick, Board

There are two ponds located in the Big Tujunga Wash just west of the #210 Freeway. Many neighbors have asked about their history. They were not naturally created nor were these ponds part of the original mitigation bank owned by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. These ponds were created as a mitigation for the building of the #210 Freeway. The freeway was built over two abandoned gravel pits. To mitigate the loss of the gravel pits that were filled with water, Cal Trans dug two new ponds. The source of the water for the ponds is a pipe which travels under the #210 Freeway. The water source actually is collected groundwater from the golf course side of the freeway. A number of years ago someone ran a device through the pipe in an effort to determine the length of the pipes and the source of the water. They ran out of cable before they reached the end of the pipe. I attempted to obtain the as-built plans for the #210 Freeway to determine the length of that pipe but was not successful. Somebody with the right credentials might be able to find out that information, but I do not qualify.

The water from the ponds, along with water from the Haines Canyon Channel feed the water that travels down the south side of the wash. This provides critical habitat for the Santa Ana Sucker and the Speckled Dace, both protected fish species. In the 1980's The Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) conducted a docent program for school aged children who visited the Ponds. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Agency (MRCA) provided grants to help with the costs of the docent programs which were conducted by Judy Howard and Tina Eick, long time Shadow Hills residents.

The ponds can be seen when driving east on the #210 Freeway but please keep your eyes on the road!



Tujunga Wash Mitigation Bank
By Bill Eick, Board

One day in the late 1990's, I was driving down Wentworth and spotted a huge for-sale sign in the Big Tujunga Wash. Cal Mat, the sand and gravel mining company was placing its property in the Big Tujunga Wash up for sale. In the mid 1950's the California Supreme Court had upheld the City of Los Angeles' ordinance to prohibit mining in the Wash. It was 200+ acres located between the west side of the #210 Freeway and the southwest property in the Wash owned by the Army Corp of Engineers. The County of Los Angeles had been attempting to locate property as a mitigation measure for its other flood control activities. This was at a time before the Angeles Golf Course was contemplated. I had been in contact with the County to see if they could purchase the eventual golf course property

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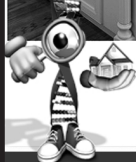


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east of the #210 Freeway. Since the Cal Mat 200+ acre property was for sale and there was a willing seller, the County contacted Cal Mat and acquired the property in 1998 for about \$2,000,000.

The purchase of the property does not count as mitigation until the property is restored. Restoration is much easier when one owns the property. The County removed a massive number of non-native plants and animals such as the Brown Headed Cowbird which eats the eggs of the native and endangered Cactus Wren. The County continues to monitor and restore the 200+ acres. They report every year and have a community cleanup. The County periodically publishes a newsletter called the "Big T Wash Line" to keep the community up to date.

To read more about the mitigation area google dpw. lacounty.gov./BTWMA/index.cfm

In addition to threatened and endangered plants there are also endangered fish such as the Santa Ana Sucker, Santa Ana Speckled Dace and the Arroyo Chub. Recently the endangered bird, the Least Bells Vireo was identified on site. Because of this mitigation bank (among other reasons), the California High-Speed Rail abandoned the train route through the wash and through Shadow Hills. The next time you wonder whether such property is worth protecting, just think about why there is no High-Speed Rail under your house.



The Dangerous Sap of the Fire Sticks Plant By Cristy Bird, Resident

Yes, I just wrote in the last issue about the Mexican feather grass that nearly killed my cat. I guess I'm on a roll because now I want to tell you about another potentially dangerous plant. It's the "fire sticks" plant, Euphorbia tirucalli. Even if you don't know the name, I guarantee you have seen it. It's everywhere in Shadow Hills these days, quite the latest thing. Fire sticks is a succulent that is wonderfully drought-resistant, grows to large size rapidly, and develops a beautiful reddish orange color that lights up a garden. What's not to love?

Well, the sap, actually. As long as you don't touch the plant, you are more or less all right.

Except you also don't want to spend a lot of time near the plant. You see, the sap residue gets into the soil and any water that is within six feet.

If you try to trim the fire sticks plant (because it has grown so very big in a short time), and if a bit of the sap happens to get in your eye, you must rush to the nearest medical center. It will cause blindness if you don't act quickly.

But what got me to write about fire sticks, what really got me to write, is a memory that popped into my head from the years when I used to do cancer research. I remembered Burkitt's Lymphoma.

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What's that? It's a type of cancer. In most parts of the world, including northern Africa, Burkitt's Lymphoma is rare. But in eastern Africa, south of the Sahara, in places like Kenya and Malawi, Burkitt's Lymphoma is common. It kills children.

For many years cancer researchers wondered why children were dying of this cancer so often, but only in that one region of the world. Then, they noticed that there are some other things in the area that might explain it. In particular, there's a plant, the fire sticks plant, *Euphorbia tirucalli*. It grows wild around houses in east Africa. It's used to make traditional medicine, as an ornament in houses, as a living cattle fence, and even to make cheap toys for the kids. It turned out that the sap of the fire sticks plant activates a virus called the Epstein-Barr Virus. Have you heard of it? It infects nearly all children and causes a disease called infectious mononucleosis. Most children recover from the disease quickly, and they become immune. The virus stays in the body forever, latent in cells, but normally doesn't cause any more trouble. Unfortunately, in east Africa, the sap in the fire sticks plant reactivates the virus.

Researchers have long known that some people never quite become immune to infectious mononucleosis, but those people normally are rare. In eastern Africa, however, there's evidence that the fire sticks plant may commonly keep the infection going and relapsing over a long period of time. When that happens, genes are altered in a way that causes Burkitt's Lymphoma.

In plain words, Burkitt's Lymphoma may develop in children when they are exposed to infectious mononucleosis and the fire sticks plant at the same time.

It used to be that only little children in east Africa were commonly exposed to fire sticks and infectious mononucleosis. But now, looking at all the fire sticks plants in gardens all over Southern California, I am starting to get a bit worried.

Of course, we don't know for sure that it will cause cancer here. There hasn't been enough research yet with enough people to be sure of that. Money for research has mostly been for top priorities like COVID, heart disease, and the common cancers. Burkitt's has been a rare cancer in North America up to now. But the evidence that exists is disturbing.

At any rate, if you have the fire sticks plant in your garden and want to remove or just trim it to a smaller size, here's the best way to do that and stay safe:

<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/kill-remove-euphorbia-tirucalli-66580.html>

If you aren't sure what the fire sticks plant looks like, here are some photos:

<https://www.shutterstock.com/search/firestick-plant>

If you want to know about the danger the plant poses to vision:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK574526/>

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And here is one of many articles discussing the research linking the fire sticks plant, the Epstein-Barr Virus, and Burkitt's Lymphoma:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2269718/>

After our recent adventures, the cat and I prefer to stay away from the latest new trendy plants at the nurseries and stick to the tried and true. I know, boring.



Protecting Yourself against Wildlife and Loose Dogs By Susan Wong, SHPOA Board

On January 12th, our City Councilperson, Monica Rodriquez, collaborated with the Department of Recreation and Parks to hold an in-person community awareness training about protecting oneself against wildlife and loose dogs. Animal Control officer Tamralyn Shepherd, our CD7 Shadow Hills Area Representative Ricardo Flores, and LAPD officers were there to help answer questions. The room at the Stonehurst Recreation Center was full.

They started with a video presentation by Shadow Hill's own wildlife specialist, Dana Stangel, about protecting ourselves against coyotes. (You may see this video at <https://www.larchmontbuzz.com/featured-stories-larchmont-village/la-animal-services-wildlife-webinars-coexisting-with-coyotes/>)

But, after that, the discussion became lively and animated as many people attending were most concerned about loose dogs. Four people who had been bitten recently by loose dogs in Stonehurst Park were present and wanted to know:

1. What EXACTLY should one do in the moment when an attack is imminent or happening? and
2. Why has nothing been done about this recurring public safety problem? Several people spoke up and said that they no longer go to Stonehurst Park (especially with children) or hike in the Fond Park due to being charged or injured by loose dogs.

The answers to these questions was illuminating and brought other problems into focus.

Before discussing the meeting, it is important to reiterate that both the City of LA and the County of LA (as well as Burbank and Glendale) have ordinances stating that any dog, while not on the owner's property, must be under the control of a competent person and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length. The exceptions are in designated dog parks. The dog may be unleashed on your property IF you have them contained within a fence or wall. If your dog is loose off your property, you are violating these ordinances.

Here are some notes taken from the meeting.

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1. Pay attention while walking alone, in a group, or with your dog.
2. Do not use retractable leashes that allow the dog to get more than 6 feet away from you. They let the dog get too far away from you to protect them, and can get tangled around your legs easier (and some will cut a person's skin). In addition, of course, this violates City and County ordinances
3. Carry deterrents for both wildlife and loose dogs, such as noise makers (can with coins, sports horn), umbrellas, sticks, a stick with an electric charge, citronella or pepper spray (however, spray can blow back onto you so this is not as safe). Note: Bear Spray, which is highly concentrated pepper spray, is illegal in California.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU, YOUR CHILD, OR YOUR DOG IS BEING CHARGED BY AN OFF-LEASH DOG

1. Use deterrents if you have them: Open and close the umbrella at the dog, wave the stick, make noise, spray the dog, etc. Stand tall and large and yell in a deep voice at the charging dogs. It may work if the dogs have had any training to yell "NO!" or "Leave it" or "Drop it".
2. If there is an owner of the attacking dog, call for them to call off their dog or to come and physically get their dog.
3. Don't run.
4. Don't turn your back on the attacking dogs.
5. Climb up onto something if you can (for example, a car).

WHAT TO DO IF YOU, YOUR CHILD, OR YOUR DOG IS BEING ATTACKED BY AN OFF-LEASH DOG

1. Yell for help loudly and ask anyone nearby to call 911.
2. Do whatever you can to protect yourself and your pet and to stop the attack.
3. If there is an owner of the attacking dog, yell for them to come and physically get their dog. Repeat this loudly if they feebly call their dog, or just wave you off, telling you that their dog is "friendly".
4. You are legally allowed in this situation to harm the attacking dog if need be.
5. Use any of the above tools (sticks, spray, noise) to startle or drive the attacking dog away.
6. If you can, ask witnesses to video the attack.
7. Know that if you get in between two dogs, you may be injured. If there are two people, you may

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be able to each pull a dog by the back legs to separate the dogs, but you still may be injured.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU, YOUR CHILD, OR YOUR DOG HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY AN OFF-LEASH DOG, AND THE OFF-LEASH DOG IS STILL RUNNING AROUND THE AREA

1. Call 911. Tell them of the attack and that the dog is still nearby.
2. Call Animal Control at East Valley at 818-756-9323. This is the best number to use. They MAY come out if there is danger. (This wasn't clear). If you know who the owner is, they will go to their house.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU OR YOUR DOG HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY AN OFF-LEASH DOG, AND THE OFF-LEASH DOG IS CONTAINED OR GONE

1. Assess for injuries, and seek medical attention as soon as is needed.
2. Try to get the name, address, and phone number of the owner. They may be willing to give you that info. If the owner of the attacking dog has fled and there is a group of people around, it may be that an uninjured person may be willing to follow that person in their car to find out the address (YES, this has been done).
3. After the attack is over, LAPD will take reports and assign an incident number (they will give you a card with that number).
4. Once the attack is over and people are no longer in danger, it becomes the responsibility of Animal Control to deal with the situation. Each person who was a victim of the attack should file their own report with Animal Control. A phone call followed by a written report works best, and that written report should include details, photos, videos, the LAPD incident number, medical records, and receipts for any medical care. Animal Control's investigation needs to have a separate report from each injured party. This is quite important: the recent attack of four people at Stonehurst Park resulted in only one complaint. The more separate complaints they receive, the higher up this will go in Animal Control's priority list.
5. If you, your child or your dog has injuries, take photos as soon as possible.
6. If you, your child, or your dog needs medical attention, get that medical attention with a licensed physician, Nurse Practitioner, or veterinarian. They are mandated reporters and know who and where to send the dog-bite report. Get copies of those medical records and keep these records along with copies of the bill and the way you paid those bills (example: copy of cancelled check or credit card receipt).
7. Follow up with Animal Control after you make

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the report. Call them if you have not heard from them after a few weeks.

IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT I LEARNED

1. LAPD and Animal Control can only enforce laws on the books. Pets are considered property so if your dog is injured or even killed by another dog, it is considered a property dispute legally (a civil matter) and not a criminal matter for police. LAPD will still generate an incident report, and that is important for Animal Control to have when filing a complaint with them. This means that if a loose dog kills your dog, it is just a "property dispute", and a civil matter.

2. Owners are breaking City and County Ordinances when they allow their dogs to be off their fenced property and unleashed. If they are actually caught in the act of walking their dogs without a leash there are tickets that can be issued. The first offense will cost \$100, the second will be \$250 and the third will be \$500. One idea is for us in Shadow Hills to organize with Foothill Station for LAPD to go to Stonehurst Park and the surrounding streets, and give out tickets to owners of off-leash dogs. This may result in a safer place for us all, and actually generates revenue for the City.

3. Dogs who have caused injuries to people will result in an investigation by Animal Control. This is an important reason to report every attack so that there will be a history for any investigation to look at. Animal Control will go and speak with them about leash laws and containment laws.

4. If, after speaking with the owners, Animal Control feels that there needs to be a hearing to decide whether the animal should be removed from the owners care, a hearing will be scheduled. This is more likely to happen with multiple reports about the same dog(s). This is an important reason to make a report. This process takes a lot of time, and often the dogs are in a shelter while the whole procedure is being completed...sometimes for months or years.

5. Animal Control does not chase loose dogs. The dog must be contained to have Animal Control come out. However, people who are being charged at or attacked by loose dogs can not easily contain a dog safely for animal control to come pick it up. In fact, it puts the responsibility on the public to "catch" any loose dogs, and is often dangerous.

6. Our City Councilwoman is aware of this problem (she set up this meeting). Council members have the power to make motions and vote on new laws. There was a general consensus in the room that having loose dogs being considered a simple nuisance is not acceptable. Having laws that consider loose dogs, especially ones that have attacked others before, to be a public danger (akin to unsecured weapons) in the eyes of the law would be an improvement for public safety, and would hopefully result in quicker responses to loose dogs. Another consideration is that if your dogs that are injured were to be considered less as just

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"property", and more as "family members" if one is harmed or killed by a loose dog would result in stronger penalties than just a ticket. Writing to our City Council member is an option to consider if you are interested in laws changing.

7. You are encouraged to report ALL dog attacks to Animal Services. Dog owners who have a history of not keeping their dogs contained or on a leash will have reports added to their case, and this may be important later on, especially if the dogs continue to harm others. In addition, when Animal Control visits the home, they will evaluate whether the owners are breaking any OTHER laws, such as dog licensing laws, spay/neuter laws, or containment laws (no fence around the area of the property where dogs are in the yard). So, a loose dog complaint may result in other citations as well.

8. Animal Control is very very understaffed. They currently have several open positions, and each officer is responsible for a very large area. Calling Animal Control can result in being put on hold for a long time, even for hours. Complaints take months for any follow-up. Addressing the issue of adequately funding County Animal Services is something you can write to your City Council person and County Supervisor about.

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Addendum: Beside the public safety issue, there are MANY reasons for responsible pet parents to keep their dogs on a leash or safely contained on their property.

A dog on a leash:

- is less likely to be hit by a car,
- is less likely to run off and get lost or stolen,
- Is less likely to be exposed to Parvo or Distemper (you can control their sniffing other dog's droppings),
- Is less likely to provoke the attention of coyotes protecting their territory, leading to a scary encounter or a bad outcome,
- Is less likely to be bitten by rattlesnakes or scorpions,
- can be prevented from eating something dangerous, disease-producing, or poisonous off the ground.
- can not run into the street and cause an accident when someone swerves to avoid hitting him.
- Is less likely to bite someone, which could lead to the dog being removed from your home or

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- quarantined, and you being sued.
- less likely to fall off some of the steep cliffs in Shadow Hills,
- is less likely to be pepper-sprayed by another dog owner wishing to protect their own dog from your loose dog. Dog owners have a right to protect their dog and do not like to hurt an off-leash dog, but may find it necessary.



Shadow Hills Artists Open Studio
By Danielle Eubank and Marsh Drucker

On Saturday May 13th from 10-4 pm, our gifted artists from Shadow Hills will be sharing their sculptures, paintings, drawings, works on paper, art photography and bas relief with all of you from the

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community. Please mark your calendar and drop by to enjoy the many works of art and meet our local artists.

This will be a super fun community event. Drop by to meet your neighbors. Refreshments will be served and recent works by many artists living in Shadow Hills will be on exhibit.

This exciting event will be hosted by Marsh Drucker and Danielle Eubank. There is some space available for additional artists, so there is still time to join us. If you are a visual or sound artist living in Shadow Hills, contact marsh.drucker@gmail.com to get more information.

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Local artist Danielle Eubank



Personal/Internet Security
How to Protect Your Identity
By Michael Stein, SHPOA Board

There are many stories of people who have had their identity stolen. It is a very painful and time consuming process to untangle the implications. Your excellent Credit History can be ruined, you may have to re-establish your bank accounts, you might have to get a new Drivers License. Fake Credit cards can be obtained in your name, your checks could bounce, hackers can change the passwords to your accounts.

An LA Times writer has had her identity comprised. Someone stole her purse and obtained her Driver's License. She has documented the impact on her life, the processes and struggles she went through to reclaim her good name and credit. I will provide links to her articles below.

What can you do?

- Lock up your Credit History
- Use two-party authentication on ALL your financial accounts
- Change your passwords on financial accounts

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every 3 months and use "strong passwords"

- Enable alerts on your financial accounts
- Subscribe to an Identity Theft Monitoring product. They will monitor your credit, notify you if an account is compromised
- Consider Identify Theft Insurance – they do the work to re-establish your credit if your Identity is compromised
- On Social Security: consider locking you SSN on-line account

Personal Credit History

It was a beautiful afternoon as I was playing golf with a good friend when my cell phone rang. It was a Personal Security Credit protection agency asking if I had opened a new PayPal Account. About a year previous to receiving this call, my health care provider had been "hacked" and over 100,000 patients personal information had been stolen. In compensation, I had been provided with a personal credit monitoring service.

Immediately alarm bells went off in my head because I had not opened the PayPal account and the hacker had used my personal information and Experian Credit History/Credit Score to open the account. Experian is one of the big three credit agencies along with TransUnion and Equifax.

The Credit Agencies maintain your Credit History which includes all your credit card accounts, loans (home, car, etc.) and payment history against these accounts and loans. The Credit Agency then uses your Credit History to calculate your Credit Score that predicts your ability to repay your obligations. This is also know as a "Fair Isaac Score or FICO" and ranges from 300 to 850 with 850 being perfect.

My first step was to contact PayPal and alert them that a fraudulent account had been opened. PayPal was great and they immediately closed the account and identified the account as fraudulent.

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My second step was to change the password on my valid PayPal account.

My Third step was to LOCK my credit account on all three credit agencies. Why lock credit accounts? How does this work?

Locking your Credit Account with the three agencies is FREE and can be done online. When a new credit account (credit card, car loan, etc.) is requested the credit vendor will validate your credit with one or, perhaps, all of the Credit Agencies (Experian, Equifax, TransUnion) to ensure that the loan or credit card balance will be repaid. If your Credit History is locked, then the Credit Agency will deny the credit report request and the requested account will not be opened. Thus, your good Credit History and Score are kept safe from hackers and cannot be stolen by an unauthorized crook. The credit request is also logged by the credit agency.

What if you need to use your Credit History and Credit Score to obtain a car or home loan? You can go to the Credit Agency website, log in to your account, and unlock your credit for a short period of time. The legitimate vendor can check your credit history and FICO score and open your account. In a couple of days your credit history/score will be re-locked.

Credit Agency Links:

Experian Credit Freeze: <https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>

Equifax Security Freeze: <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze>

TransUnion Credit Freeze

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PASSWORD PROTECTION

Two (2) Party Authentication

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adds a second layer of verification before you can access your account.

What is 2-Party Authentication? This process adds an additional step to verify your account before you are allowed to login to your account. As an example; for me to login to my Banking Website,

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John "Beany" Fusano II By Linda Fullerton, Resident

A corner stone of Shadow Hills passed away March 8, 2023. Establishing East Valley Feed and Tack in 1971, he supported and served our community for 52 years. As a member of Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 20, I know firsthand that he was always willing to make donations and offer extreme discounts for our fund-raising events, including our annual ETI Horseshow and Convention held at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Beany was truly a constant supporter in many clubs and organizations in our community. His focus of ensuring East Valley customers receive the best products to fit their budgets and always put first the importance and attention to details for the service they received. Beany's staff, over these many years, were always taught that "customers are everything" and come first. They were to do whatever possible to ensure their needs were met. Beany was a loving family man to his wife, Cherie, for 54 years, his daughter and two sons, who blessed them with eleven Grandchildren. If you were lucky to know Beany, even by short visits, you likely experienced his great sense of humor. The backbone of East Valleys Feed and Tack will continue serving Shadow Hills and our extended community under Beany's son Bobbo Fusano III. His office manager for 31 years, Kathy, will continue to be part of their very successful team, along with the existing crew, which many of you know personally. Any notes or cards that you want to share with Beany's family, can be dropped or mailed to East Valley Feed and Tack.

Submitted by the Family

John Christopher Fusano II (aka Beany), age 72, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family on March 8, 2023, after a valiantly fought battle against numerous ailments. Beany was born November 10, 1950, at San Fernando Hospital in CA. He was married to Cherie Ann Hammer on November 21, 1969. Beany grew up in Sylmar, CA where his grandparents had immigrated to from Bari, Italy. He attended Alemany High School and graduated from Sylmar High. He later worked with his father in the grocery store industry before starting East Valley Feed and Tack in 1971, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 2022.

Beany was an avid fisherman and loved scuba diving, boating, cycling, coaching his children's sports, attending his grandkids soccer and tennis games, hunting, farming, fixing anything and everything, telling good jokes, and taking vacations with his family on a regular basis. He is survived by his wife Cherie Fusano, three children, Cherice (Mike) Spicer, John (Liz) Fusano III, and Matt (Michelle)

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Fusano, eleven grandchildren (Alyssa, Kailey, Mikenna, Angelina, Gianna, Victoria, Porter, Zac, Corbin, Jenna, and Owen), siblings (Crue, Ran, Lem, Annie, Marlene, and Joe), as well as many nieces and nephews. He is proceeded in death by his parents John (Umpa) and Anita Fusano, as well as his brother Vanda Fusano.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 25, 2023



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I must first enter my user name and password. Once my sign-on is verified, my Bank asks me where to send a verification code. I send the code as a text to my cell phone. The Bank website will then ask for the unique 6-digit number texted to me and must be entered within 10 minutes. If the code is incorrect or takes longer than 10 minutes, a new code must be requested.

How do I set 2-Party Authentication? Go to the "Setting" section of your account and look for Security/Password tabs. Then select 2-Party authentication. If you are having problems call their support line and the Financial Institution will walk you through the process.

Change your Password.

Changing your password on your financial accounts every 3 months is good security hygiene. A changed password reduces the chances of someone obtaining a valid password to one of your financial accounts. Typically, the person who steals your Password will sell this information on the "Dark Web". Thus, but the time someone obtains your stolen information and tries to use your password, the password has been changed and is no longer valid.

Passwords

1. Must be "Strong". Many websites now rate your password from "weak" to "Strong". In general Passwords must be at least 8 characters, use UPPER CASE and lower-case letters, should include numbers, and special characters (!#\$%). Many websites have a list of special characters that they support.
2. Use a different password for every account

Social Security Account

The Social Security Administration provides the ability to conduct your business with them online. You may request that your online account be locked by Social Security.

This has the advantage that someone cannot

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access and perhaps obtain access to your account. The downside is that you must walk into a Social Security office to conduct business.

Personally, I have locked my account. Yes, it is a hassle to go to Burbank to conduct business, but you can schedule an appointment. Also, you would need to work with them rarely. Once I got accounts established, I have not walked in the door in years.

Account Alerts

Account Alerts are, to my mind, an early warning system to detect account fraud.

Most Financial Institutions provide the ability to send you a text or email when a transaction on your account hits a specified threshold for a specific transaction type. For example, you can set an Alert to be notified when a check for greater than \$20 is accepted for payment to your account. You will then receive a text that this transaction has taken place. Another Alert Option is to be notified if your Credit Card is used for an on-line payment.

Financial Institutions have many Alert options for your accounts.

Identity Theft Insurance/Credit Monitoring

Credit Monitoring is provided by the credit agencies including the three mentioned earlier. Credit Monitoring allows you to review your credit history, all your credit accounts and your credit (FICO) score. They will also alert you regarding changes to your credit including changes to your Credit Score.

There is also free credit monitoring available on the web. Type in "Credit Monitoring". Be careful, the Free sites will offer you an extended monitoring service for a fee.

There are companies that provide Identity Theft Insurance, such as LifeLock. These companies will monitor your credit and, if your identity is stolen, will provide services to clear your credit and repair your identity.

An individual can take on this task, which is time-consuming and can be quite stressful. These companies have the expertise and experience to resolve the issue in a timely manner.

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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
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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
Monica Rodriguez, District 7, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 209,
Pacoima, CA 91331 (Tujunga location being renovated) same phone
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- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
- www.ftdnc.org

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- 1st Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
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