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Recap of 7-12-22 General Meeting And July 12 Minutes By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) General Meeting was called to order at 7:03, July 12, 2022 by Tina Eick. The meeting was held in-person at Tierra Del Sol in the dining hall. Refreshments were provided by Gerardo Barrientos, Hospitality Chair and new resident to our Shadow Hills community, Dr. Tada Margolis. We are very grateful for all of our volunteers who consistently preserve and protect our community throughout the year. Eick led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and then turned the meeting over to Vice President, Jacqy Gamble. Jacqy introduced the program for the meeting which was a thorough presentation of water conservation issues, landscape options and fire season measures.

The first presenter, Rosalba Santana from the Department of Water and Power (DWP), discussed various ways to conserve water such as using aerators in the bathrooms and kitchens faucets; changing out shower heads and toilets; installing leak detecting devices and ensuring that yard watering systems are at their most efficient. There are rebates available for many of these conservation efforts. The DWP représentative explained the current water conservation ordinance which limits sprinkler use to Monday and Friday for addresses ending in an odd number (ie. 1, 3, 5 ...) and Sunday and Thursday for addresses ending in an even number (ie. 2, 4, 6 ...) Each watering cycle can only be on for no more than 8 minutes per cycle. Watering by hose must occur before 9:00 am or after 4:00 pm. No runoff is allowed on streets, pavements, driveways or parking areas. Leaks must be repaired in a timely fashion. Car washing is only permitted when using a self-closing nozzle. Restaurants can only serve water upon request. Multiple violations can result in fines. Questions from the membership dealt mostly with water needs for animals. The DWP had to be reminded that we are an equestrian community with large properties Join us for our Outdoor In Person Meeting! Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.

September 13th - 7:00 pm All Things Animal

Speakers include:
\*Obedience Trainer
\*Groomer

Learn about animal health care, microchipping and air tags

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which require more water usage and therefore should not be penalized for our animal keeping efforts.

Our next guest speakers were from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) who discussed fire protection methods such as clearing out piles of flammable debris along perimeters and behind structures, cutting back over-growth to keep branches 10' off roof lines, and weed- eating growth on hillsides and easements. LAFD inspectors will be systematically reviewing properties throughout Shadow Hills on a consistent basis. We are in a Mountain Fire District and are vulnerable to wildfires ravaging our hillsides and homes. We were reminded that if we received a yellow Brush Clearance Notice, there will be noted infractions on the property which must be cleared to LAFD standards in order to avoid fees and possible costs related to said clearance. Please visit www.LAFD.org/brush for information on brush clearance requirements. All other questions please contact LAFD BCU at 800-994-444 or by email at lafdbrush@lacity.org

Our last guest speaker was from Simple Turf, a division of Irrigation Express which offers a synthetic grass alternative as a landscaping option for those interested in a green yard. Although the synthetic grass is initially expensive, it lasts for at least 20 years and requires no irrigation system, thereby becoming cost efficient within 3 years. The Simple Turf representative passed out "grass" samples of various qualities to the membership.

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Following the guest speakers for the evening, the Committee reports were as follows:

Michael Stein, Treasurer, reported that as of June 30,2022 The Checking Account has \$29,736.81; the Savings Account has \$10,053.12; Total Cash is \$39,789.93. Less Restricted Funds (Trails) \$10,053.12 and Less SAFE Funds (Held) \$9,131.75. Non restricted Balance \$20,605.06 The report was unanimously approved as read.

Carlos George, Traffic and Community Service reported that we are still waiting on the installation of the 4 Speed signs along Sunland Blvd. Additionally, he also noted that we are waiting for the installation of the metal guard rails and the indemnification agreement between the City of Los Angeles and SHPOA volunteers with respects to Sunland Blvd. Hopefully our new Area Director, Anthony Espinosa will be able to expedite these projects.

With no old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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

Welcome to Shadow Hills to all our new neighbors that just moved into our beautiful hills. We would like you to learn to appreciate all the joys and some of the not-so-joyful things of living in our community in CD7.

For one: you can enjoy the open spaces, the hills, the canyons, the creeks and the waterfalls nearby in the Big Tujunga Canyon.

Not to mention the overwhelming joy of our amazing mornings as the Sun rises above the mountains and the shadows of the hills move on the ground, and capturing the Sunsets with the crimson colored skies above the San Fernando Valley. Thrill at the sight of Condors and Hawks flying in the sky. These are just some of our local joys.

From a horse lover's point-of-view, they enjoy all of these beautiful sights on the back of a horse and for we who enjoy hiking and walking, as a community, want to keep it that way. So don't be surprised if you find some signs of our common goals to protect our lifestyle in the middle of the streets on the way out of your house... you just moved to Horse Country! These are some of the reasons you and more people want to live here and why we are working so hard to keep it that way.

(Please see "New Neighbors" on p. 3)

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On the other hand, the not-so-joyful aspects of living here: SPEEDING on the Boulevard! If you are one of the speeders or live with one or know one, PLEASE reduce your speed and tell others to help us keep our neighborhood safe! The railing along the boulevard is \$\$\$ EXPENSIVE \$\$\$\$ along with police fines AND INCREASES IN YOUR INSURANCE PREMIUMS!

Respect others, as you would like to be respected!

Other things to avoid are coyotes, rattle snakes, scorpions and other creatures that put your pets at risk. You've got to keep an eye on your pets at all times to keep them safe. And one of the most not-so-joyful aspects: FIRES! We live in a high fire Zone in LA County ... so BE ALERT! And be ready for the unexpected.

You can learn more about Shadow Hills by visiting our website at <a href="mailto:shpoa@shpoa.us">shpoa@shpoa.us</a>.

Whatever enticed you to move here, you are here and that's what counts: **Welcome - Barev dzez - Bien Venidos** 

#### 4444

Stay-At-Home-Decree By Marlene Hitt, Resident

That stay- at- home order, decreed by the emperor and his men, began as a release from work, from the world, from The People, their urgent voices and all their needs.

Weeks passed, months then years as the familiar world began to morph into a kind of neither ness. At home loose ends were bundled up, closets and drawers arranged, and all those small spaces put to order. A good feeling, order from chaos, the excesses ready to donate.

We knew the world was still out there. As we would watch the many screens at home and enter the homes of the famous, I felt that I too had become virtual, a spectator in someone else's reality.

It was day 25 when I left the house and drove around in an eerily quiet town, as so few were on the road. It was late spring and I drove beside and through a time of abundant beauty. Alone at home had been strange and too, this quiet new world.

I am old now, I have changed. I was young in January.

Early days of stay-at-home had found me washed, dressed, with makeup on, a thin layer of wrinkle cream that no one saw. Tasks were

(Please see "Stay at Home" on p. 4

### **Shadow Hills Property Owners Association**

# SHROA

# **Membership Form**

Shadow Hills area residents, it's always time to join SHPOA! We are here for you!

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## Benefits and Value of SHPOA Membership

#### Preserve Country Lifestyle

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

# Protect Public Safety, the Environment and Property Values

- √ Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  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
- √ Conduct SHPOA membership drives
- Hold general member meetings with guest speakers, helpful information and entertainment
- √ Bi-monthly newsletter
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Daily email outreach and information
- √ Website information
- √ Special events and signage

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finished by noon. That was a good habit then for myself alone.

By today, over a year of solitude I don't make the bed. Dirty dishes wait piled in the sink.

I have ended being tidy; no one is coming, nobody will know. I ask, does that matter? The laundry, my face, lashes and wrinkle cream? Me, eating from the stovetop pan? No one would know. These days were all alike,

After these up and down times, led along by a tiny virus, have changed our world in so many ways. Now we are stubbornly back in stride for the most part feeling normal, in the ways we have learned to cope. The virus won't give up nor will we who survive.

Remembering Mark Bielski By Bill Eick, SHPOA Board

Mark Bielski, a long-time resident of Shadow Hills, passed away on Sunday, August 7, 2022. It was hard to miss Mark if you were an equestrian. Mark was a cross-country rider who galloped through the wash at lightning speed. He was a remarkable horseman who was highly revered in the horse community. Professionally, he was an architect. Mark's love of architecture manifested itself in many beautiful structures in the Los Angeles area. In later years Mark initiated a project to document all of the statues and art sculptures in and around Los Angeles. Mark was never able to complete that project, but others intend to use the pictures he took and to complete his works.

Mark was married to Katherine, another remarkable person. During WW II she was part of the Polish underground as a 17-yearold teenager. She would deliver messages to other members of the underground in Warsaw. She and her friends undertook this activity at the risk of their own lives. She was part of the uprising in August of 1944. After 63 days they had to surrender and the Polish girls were shipped to an undisclosed "relocation" camp near the Dutch/German border. They were ultimately rescued by Polish soldiers attached to the English army. She ended up in England where she met Mark. They married, had two children and ended up in Shadow Hills in 1959. Katherine predeceased Mark. Katherine's daughter Margaret is working on a book to chronicle the war years of her mother. When available, we will let you know.

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Shadow Hills was so very fortunate to have Mark and Katherine in our community. They will be missed.



AHEAD With Horses Praises Volunteers

We could not run our therapeutic vaulting program for disabled children without the amazing work of our volunteers. They help care for the horses, garden, lead horses in lessons, act as student spotters, help with office tasks, and do special projects.

AWH volunteers logged over 2700 hours during our fiscal year that ended on June 30th. Additionally, our Board Members logged over 2800 volunteer hours. Neither of these includes the numerous hours our amazing Executive Director, Michelle Newman, who works above and beyond her paid hours.

AHEAD With Horses is planning an event on September 18 to honor our supporters and volunteers who have logged 40 hours or more over the prior fiscal year; details and invitations to those eligible will be coming soon.

Learn more about volunteering at AHEAD With Horses and sign up at our website: www. AWHLA.org

Thank you to ALL our volunteers!

See photos on page 5

Want to know what's going on in our area? Sign up for Shadow Hills' FREE digital newsletter "Daily Fodder" at www.shpoa.us





Children enjoy their new-found confidence at AHEAD with Horses

#### 2222

Concerns Over the Well-Being of Griffith Park Pony Ride Equines - Part 3 By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In late 2021, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks received a number of concerns regarding animal welfare of the equines participating in the Griffith Park Pony Ride concession from both the general public and animal rights groups. A third-party veterinarian inspected the facility, observed the working conditions of the animals and reviewed all veterinarian records and charts of the operation. The ponies' working conditions were assessed to be satisfactory with no gross violations with respect to animal care and treatment although issues requiring attention and improvement were identified, most notably that some ponies were in need of veterinary care for saddle sores, farrier care or dental care. Several public posted comments reiterated that according to the independent assessment, the Griffith Park ponies have not met the minimum standards of care for working equines which were noted to be suffering from mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores and lameness yet

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were still being forced to work until the public and legislators intervened.

Many of the ponies are geriatric and should be retired. The commentator claimed that the ponies are overworked even being forced to continue in 90-degree heat for nearly seven hours without water which could lead to painful colic. References were made to safety risks having been posed by the pony ride when, in July 2021, a child was dragged by a pony after her saddle slipped. The commentator claimed that forcing horses to be ridden in circles for hours teaches children to treat them like carnival equipment and that all the animals should be retired to reputable sanctuaries and the pony rides should be replaced by a merry-go-round, go-karts or another form of non-animal entertainment. It was recommended that the contract for the pony rides and petting zoo not be renewed. Another public commentator while not calling for future contracts to be discontinued, did state that averting irresponsible behavior is not an unreasonable expectation. He stated that horses are working animals and are happiest when there is a job to do. They need a job to remain happy and in good condition. Allowing folks to ride them also gives folks who otherwise don't interact with these animals the ability to appreciate and learn ways they otherwise may not get in their regular day-to-day lives.

Horses have had a huge impact on human history and removing them or people's ability to share their lives with these magnificent animals would be a terrible shame. All documents were referred to the City Council's Parks Committee for its review and recommendations in mid-February 2022. To be further up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.

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Empty Homes Penalty? By Elektra Kruger, Resident

While facing both a crisis of homelessness AND a shortage of "affordable housing", Los Angeles still additionally suffers from a state of elevated housing unit vacancies. Various cities around not only the country but around the world are facing a similar housing crisis. They have responded by establishing some form of an "Empty Homes Penalty" or "Vacancy Tax" to address the issue with property owners who deliberately keep habitable units vacant. The Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney prepared a proposed Vacant Property Tax Ordinance

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modeled after that in effect, in the City of Oakland that would be imposed on properties and parcels unoccupied and vacant for 315 days or more per year with the tax rate to be imposed being based on the type of property or parcel that is unoccupied or vacant respectively. Action on this proposed Ordinance has laid dormant since April 2022. If this concept sparks any interest in you, it might serve you to contact Councilmember Monica Rodriguez to ask her to review and revive action on this Ordinance. It is the subject of CF 19-0623.

#### 1111

Theft Of Copper Wiring From City Streets By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In mid-April 2022, the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) prepared and presented a report to the City Council's Public Works Committee on a comprehensive strategy to prevent metal theft occurring from City street lights in the first place as instructed by the City Council in response to a Motion co-presented to the Council in early February by Councilmembers Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield and Mitch O'Farrell – a strategy including such things as re-enforcing public infrastructure by making metal components less accessible, improving strategies for enforcing the law and holding metal thieves accountable by perhaps marking and affixing GPS trackers in often-stolen pieces of City equipment. The BSL's report noted that Field Operation Crews would immediately begin a proactive assessment of the entire city street light network at least once a year to identify unreported items such as instances of lights out, wire theft, pole degradation, illegal attachments/signs, etc. This "Streetlight Census" is to be used to create a database and baseline which the BSL would use to deploy resources more strategically. The census could also be used to identify locations at which additional observation instruments could be attached in the future, instruments such as smart nodes and censors. The data could be used for identifying areas of repeat theft thereby improving coordination of crews and resources across the City. When applied network-wide, these "Smart City Technologies" should have the potential to supply resources more efficiently to outages and issues in realtime well before a service request is submitted. With additional funding, the network could also be set up to support other connected services such as censors and video cameras capable of providing other valuable information. The

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street-lighting network could be poised to become a vital set of "eyes and ears" to both on-the-ground realities such as illegal dumping and City operations as a whole. Capitalizing on this potential, the BSL is currently exploring a "Streetlights-as-a-Service" component of the Smart City Technologies in which streetlights serve as a host to which other departments or entities could subscribe. The Infrastructure Protection Division is exploring the possibility of utilizing GPS trackers and other technologies in often-stolen street light components within the Smart Lighting Network Strategy with the intent of sharing the information with law enforcement to aid with enforcement of instances of theft. To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.

#### 44444

Prevent Speculative Buying Of Affordable Single-family Homes By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In late October 2021, Councilmember Nury Martinez presented a Motion to City Council asking that they instruct the City's Legislative Analyst prepare and present a report with recommendations on strategies the City could use to prevent large tech and private equity firms such as Zillow, Opendoor and Redfin from engaging in speculative practices that involve purchasing as much inventory of predominantly affordable, single-family housing as possible, flipping them and selling them for a profit. Flipping is a strategy of "distressed property investment" in which buyers purchase properties rapidly and sell them in relatively similar condition, perhaps with minor cosmetic incoming residents or other repairs to landlords thereby profiting from a speculative bet on increased property values or from the exploitation of low-information buyers. Home prices increase for a multitude of reasons including a strong economy, high demand for homes and low housing supply. In competitive housing markets like Los Angeles, prospective owner-occupants (people who plan to purchase a home to reside in it) must increasingly compete with real estate and corporate investors or entities that purchase properties primarily for investment. When homes are sold to investors to be converted into rentals or left vacant for speculation, prospective homeowners and "mom and pop" landlords are crowded out of the market and communities suffer. Recent studies suggest that corporate ownership of residential properties is associated with higher

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eviction rates and foreclosures than individual ownership, higher rent increases and the removal of thousands of units a year from the market. Long-term residents who can no longer afford rising rents or housing prices leave their neighborhoods and communities in search of more affordable housing. In Los Angeles County, investors purchased ten percent of homes in 2021. In recent years real estate speculation has been facilitated by "instant buying" (iBuying), a streamlined process that uses data, algorithms and technology to simplify the home selling and buying process with most of the transactions occurring online. iBuying allows sellers to circumvent the conventional process of listing a property with a real estate professional, advertising the property and waiting for a buyer allowing deals to close much quicker. With iBuying, sellers can avoid paying commissions to real estate agents by selling directly to an iBuyer for cash offers. To be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.

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Prohibit Bicycle"Chop-shops" on Public Right-of-ways? By Elektra Kruger, Resident

At its February 8, 2022 Hearing, the Los Angeles City Council adopted the Motion presented to it that the Office of the City Attorney is to prepare and present a Draft Ordinance prohibiting the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale or distribution of bicycles and/or bicycle parts on public property or on any public right-of-way. The Office of the City Attorney presented a Draft Ordinance much to that effect on February 28, 2022. Per the Draft Ordinance, no person shall assemble, disassemble, sell, offer to sell, distribute, offer to distribute or store the following items on Public Property within the City:

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

Prohibitions shall not apply to:

- A person operating under a valid City business license or permit authorizing such activities
- A person in possession of a single bicycle which is being repaired as a result of malfunction or damage that occurred while the person rode the bicycle on public

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property.

 The sole purpose of the repair shall be to restore the bicycle to its operational form and enable the person to resume riding the bicycle.

The Draft Ordinance was referred to the City Council's Public Safety and Public Works Committees for their review and recommendations. The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council crazily opposed the Draft arguing that it adds nothing not already covered in existing laws such as stealing bicycles which is already illegal as well as is selling goods known to be stolen. It would however subject legitimate bicycle vendors and mechanics to harassment and criminalization and would further persecute unhoused Angelenos for the sole crime of being "visible" in public and depend on bicycles for transportation in our City. Approval or opposition as voted upon by the City Council will be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.

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All Nations Church Awards Community Scholarships By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

All Nations Church in Lake View Terrace recently convened a community scholarship committee consisting of members from Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, and La Tuna Canyon. Cindy Bloom and Oma El (Shadow Hills), Eli Wells (Lake View Terrace), and Judi Trujillo (La Tuna Canyon) participated. Also participating in the selection process was Declan Floyd from Senator Portantino's office.

This first level selection process resulted in identifying three deserving candidates along with three backups. (The awardees still need to go through another level of qualifications through All Nations Church so we are not revealing their names just yet.) In addition to being a resident of Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, or La Tuna Canyon, applicants were asked to submit a 300 word essay to address the following questions:

- Why do you need the financial help?
- 2. What is your educational plan?
- 3. How will it benefit your Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills or La Tuna Canyon community?

The amounts awarded ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000, depending on whether the candidate was or is planning to be in a 2 year, 4 year, or graduate program.

All Nations Church is a generous neighbor!

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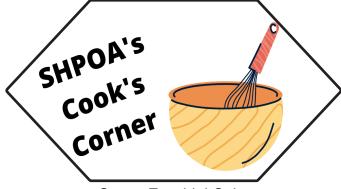




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**SOLD!** 



Cocoa Zucchini Cake By Anna Serridge, Resident

Serves 8-10

2 cups all purpose flour

3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa (not Dutch process)

plus more for dusting

11/2 tsp. Kosher salt

11/4 tsp baking soda

2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature

11/2 cups sugar

2 large eggs

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup water

8 oz grated zucchini (1 medium)

Frosting:

2.5 Tbsp all purpose flour

1 cup whole milk

2 stick unsalted butter at room temperature

1 cup sugar

1/4 tsp kosher salt

1 tsp vanilla

Preheat over to 350 degrees with rack in middle. Butter and flour a 9 inch cake pan.

Whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, salt and baking soda in medium bowl. Beat together butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well, then beat in the vanilla. Add half the flour mixture. Water and remaining flour mixture and finally zucchini, mixing after each addition until just combined.

Pour the batter in to cake pan and smooth the top, then bake until a wooden pick comes out clean 1-1.25 hours. Cool the cake in the pan on a rack for an hour. Run a knife around pan and invert onto serving plate.

Frosting: Whisk flour and milk together in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, whisking, then remove from the heat and let cool to room

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temperature. Cover the surface of the milk with waxed paper to prevent a skin from forming. Beat the butter, sugar and salt together with electric mixer until the mixture is light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the milk mixture and beat until the frosting looks like whipped cream, at least 4 minutes. Beat in vanilla. Spread frosting thickly over cake and dust cocoa powder to finish.

22222

Asian Salmon Salad By Anna Serridge, Resident

#### Serves 4

4 6 oz. wild salmon filets
1/2 red bell pepper, sliced
1/2 orange bell pepper, sliced
2/3 cup slivered purple cabbage
1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves
1-2 small heads leafy green and red lettuces, torn into large bite-size pieces
1/2 cup roasted salted cashews
1 cup wonton strips
1/2 can mandarin orange slices, drained
1 cup sugar snap peas, blanched and chilled
1/4 cup slivered pickled pink ginger, syrup reserved for dressing and marinade
Black and white sesame seeds, for garnish

Marinade for salmon:
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup rice vinegar
1 tablespoon sesame oil
Zest from 1/2 orange
Juice from 1/2 orange
2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger

Dressing:
Soy sauce
Rice vinegar
Picking juice from ginger jar
Orange juice
Freshly grated ginger
Sesame oil
Agave syrup or sugar or honey

Whisk together marinade ingredients and let salmon marinate for 30-60 minutes. Cook salmon in iron skillet until temp is 115 degrees or to wellness taste.

Toss all salad ingredients together and place cooked salmon on top of salad. Garnish with black and white sesame seeds and cilantro leaves.





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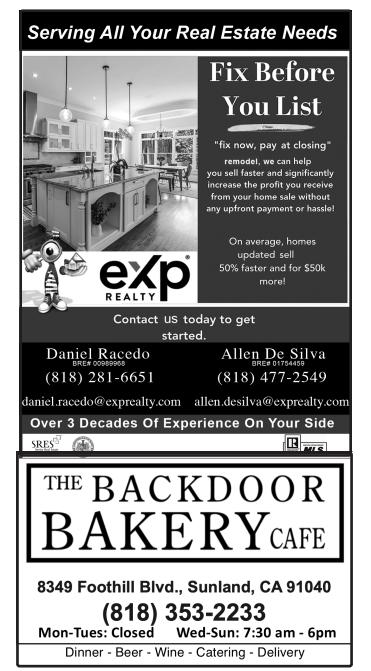
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Tomato And Chili Harvest Recipe Salsa Ranchera By Anna Serridge, Resident

During this time of year, our local home gardens have been rewarding us with an abundance of crops that sometimes can be overwhelming. In order to preserve some of the flavors of summer into the winter months, I can and freeze tomato sauce, tomato jam, tomato paste and salsas. The following recipe for Ranchera Sauce is simple to make and can be portioned into half pint or pint containers and then frozen for up to 3 months. This Ranchera sauce can be used for enchiladas or for a hearty breakfast of Huevos Rancheros. If you like your salsa

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more on the mild side, remove seeds. If you like it a bit spicier, keep the seeds in or add another chili. Fresno or serrano chilis can be substituted for the jalapeños if you prefer a stronger kick, as we do in our household.

3 lbs. vine ripened tomatoes (about 7), cut into quarters

3 fresh jalapeños, stems removed, cut into 4 pieces

2 tablespoons grapeseed or vegetable oil

1/2 large onion, cut into thin slices

3 cloves garlic

1 1/2 tsp cumin seed

1 1/2 tsp black peppercorns

1 1/2 tsp salt or to taste

In a saucepan over high heat, combine the tomatoes and jalapeños with 2 1/2 cups water. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes, until tomatoes and chilis have softened. Set aside to cool slightly.

When the tomato/chili mixture has cooled a bit, place in a blender or food processor and blend with the cooking liquid until smooth. Set aside.

In a mortar and pestle or spice grinder, combine garlic cloves, cumin seed, black peppercorns and salt and grind down to a thick paste. Set aside.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onion and cook for 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add in the spice paste and cook until garlic is soft but not browned. Add onion mixture to tomatoes in blender and puree just slightly, so there are still some onion chunks in sauce. Return mixture to skillet and simmer for 8-10 minutes. Let the salsa set aside in the pan for at least ten minutes for flavors to meld together. Reheat sauce gently if needed and use on huevos rancheros, enchiladas, chilaquiles or as a smooth salsa with chips. Great on scrambled eggs, too.

The sauce can be refrigerated for up to a week or frozen for up to 3 months.

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Easy Frozen Summer Fruit Pie By Jacqy Gamble, SHPOA Board

This is a super easy, delicious pie that will help use up aging fruit in your fridge.

Take one small carton of fruit yogurt and mix with an equal portion of Cool Whip. Cool Whip

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actually works better than real whipping cream.

Collect 2 cups of any kind of fruit you have laying around. If you're a "purist type", peaches or strawberries work well. I like to make more of a fruit salad pie. Imagine lemon yogurt with nectarines, bananas, apricots, grapes and pineapple. Yum!

I throw in a handful of diced walnuts or pecans.

Mix fruit in with yogurt and Cool Whip and dump into a pre-made graham cracker crust.

Put your pie in the freezer for one to two hours before serving.

Leftovers can get kind of soggy in the fridge, so eat up - and enjoy!

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High Speed Train Update - And It's Huge! By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

The long anticipated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section will be released on Friday, September 2, 2022. www.hsr.ca.gov or visit local libraries.

#### ONLINE AND TELEPHONE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:00 - 7:30 pm

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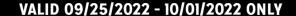
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## Grandpa Ed In The Morning By Marlene Hitt, Resident

There was something magical about the single match touched to yesterday's trash in the old stone incinerator. Each day Grandpa and I would take the boxes full of papers and discarded things out to the alley to be burned. Everyone had an incinerator of their own in the decade of the forties. And by the time we would light our fire, there would be many little streams of smoke meandering through the blueness of the morning.

First, Grandpa and I would arrange the papers "just so" inside the black cavern, close the door until only two inches of the inside were visible, and slowly, deliberately, light the match. He would hold it between the loose front papers until the match burned right down to his thumb and first finger. Then he would jump, say "Ouch!" and toss the match inside, as thought it was all the match's fault that he got burned. The burning ritual took place every morning some time after nine and before eleven in the morning.

Then, Grandpa's chores done, he would climb into his black Ford sedan and head home for an early lunch, or more accurately, head home for a snack before lunch. He would then be ready to eat with the family.

Every time he got into the car it was the same. He would climb into the driver's seat ponderously, arrange his coat, adjust the seat and the side mirror, sit up straight and tall, start the engine, put the car in gear ever so deliberately, look straight ahead, let off the brake, and simultaneously push the gas pedal clear to the floor!

The backing car would go like a charging beast, motor roaring at top speed until he stopped just in time before hitting the back of the building. There were times when he stopped only when he heard a sound that told him he was too late with his brake. One time my father ran out the back door of the store, swearing as loud as his voice would carry (right in front of the back door of the Baptist Church) because Grandpa had gone too far this time. He had put a hole in the side of the building.

Dad had thick iron bars put up after that to protect the walls. No one could understand why Grandpa never looked back to see where he was going. Being told by everyone never changed his driving skills a bit. He figured that looking ahead while driving was all that mattered.

There was magic in everything in those days.

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The match, the smoke, the burning fire, my Dad's cussing and swearing and the magic of ritual. Sometime I'll tell you about the time we hid all the matches.

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Recycled Water Fill Stations for DWP Customers (reprint from LADWP)

Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced the reopening of two free recycled water fill stations, where Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) customers can now fill empty water containers with up to 300 gallons of recycled water for irrigation.

"As we approach the hottest days of the year, we need to help Angelenos build on recent reductions to conserve even more — and that means providing real solutions, alternatives, and incentives to cut back on their water use," said Mayor Garcetti. "These recycled water stations will help lift the burden of recent restrictions and provide our customers with a sustainable way to keep up on outdoor watering."

The two refill stations, which are a collaboration between LADWP and the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, will be located at the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant and the LA Zoo parking lot. To be eligible for the program, Angelenos must be an active LADWP customer, complete and sign an application form, and complete a brief training class available onsite. With outdoor watering restricted from three days a week to two, LADWP customers will be able to utilize the recycled refill stations for watering on restricted days.

With the hottest month of the year still to come, the recycled water stations are part of the City's effort to help Angelenos continue conservation efforts that helped Los Angeles achieve an all-time low in water use for June. All watering continues to be limited to Mondays and Fridays for LADWP customers with street addresses ending in odd numbers, and Thursdays and Sundays for all customers with addresses ending in even numbers.

Customers must bring their own water containers when picking up the recycled water. The Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant will be open for pick up every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and the LA Zoo parking lot locations will be open every Monday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting August 1. Fill stations will be closed on rainy days and City holidays. ladwp.com/rwfs.





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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, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 209, Pacoima, CA 91331 (Tujunga location being renovated) same phone number: (818-352-3287)

# Community Calendar

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC)

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

**FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting** 

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

**FTDNC Equestrian Committee meeting** 

- 2nd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

FTDNC Public Safety Committee meeting

- 2nd Wednesday, Every Month 6 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

**LAPD Community Coffee Time** 

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

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