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“Spirit Awards” on the Horizon

The 7th Annual “Spirit of Johny Carpenter” Awards & Thanksgiving Dinner/Korean BBQ is getting a little closer on the horizon. The event which has become a staple of the Foothills community is scheduled for Friday, November 20th, 2009 – 6 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. awards; 8 p.m. concert. There will also be a silent auction to benefit the “New Heaven on Earth” Ranch. All Nations Church has some of their world class musicians performing at the concert. Admission is free.

This event is hosted by All Nations Church, 10000 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace and dedicated to the memory of the late Johny Carpenter - Actor, Stuntman and Cowboy, whose original “Heaven on Earth Ranch” once resided on what is now church land, for almost 25 years from 1970-1994.

Johny created an authentic western town and taught physically and mentally challenged children and young adults how to ride horses. Every Thanksgiving, Johny invited all the children and treated them to a traditional thanksgiving dinner with a Wild West show. The “Spirit” Awards were created to honor those in our community whose acts best exemplify what Johny did at the ranch. 2008 honorees were Foothill Division LAPD, Station 24 LAFD & ETI Corral 210.

The church will be seeking nominees for the 2009 awards. If you have anyone or a group you want considered, would like to attend the event, or participate in it with a silent auction donation, please call 818 470-5235 or email: lamikec@yahoo.com.

Medicine?!

by Marlene Hitt,
Sunland Archivist and Co-Director Bolton Museum

In a memoir created by early settler, Gladys Maygrove, is a story about the town “Doc” who lived in Tujunga in the early days. In a community of about 200 people there wouldn’t be much in the way of a medical clinic. But there was “Old Doc Carney”.

The Doc was a kind man, Gladys writes, with many professions. First and foremost he was the shoe repair man on Commerce Avenue. He was also the part-time minister, one of the trustees on the school board, and in a pinch his shoe shop was an emergency first aid center.

Gladys Maygrove Davis writes, “This brings vividly to my mind the time I was pushing my little sister Bing in a wheel barrow. The roads were rough and bumpy...as I was trying to run with my “passenger” she fell out of

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Harvest Moon Is Right Around The Corner!

**Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 6 p.m. ‘til midnite
Peacock Hill Ranch, 10330 McBroom in Shadow Hills**

ETI Corral 20 members are busy gathering goodies to make auction bidding irresistible and raffle prizes outstanding. Also busy with the menu to make the evening a cowboy delight and choosing a woo hoo band!! Best of all!!! This year ETI CORRAL 20 WILL DONATE ALL PROCEEDS OVER COST TO VALLEY VIEW VAULTERS AND AHEAD WITH HORSES.

Every year the ETI C20 Roughriders take in enough money from happy harvesters to maintain, fight for and clean our horse trails all year round. What a fine event when everyone has a grand time and the money is well spent right back in the community.

Amazingly, the C20 treasury will be able to cover 2009/2010 trails needs. This economy, however, has taken a toll on organizations that provide outrageously helpful service in the community using our equine friends, but have to survive on donations. So please plan to spend more than you should to keep on helping kids in need where we live.

Tickets are \$30 each until September 5; after that date the price increases to \$40. Dinner is better and more plentiful if the correct amount of food is ordered in advance. Therefore, getting tickets from any ETI C20 member ahead of time would be a swell idea! Since the event is held at Peacock Hill, there are always tickets available there. Call Royan at (818) 353-3467 or send an e-mail to royan@peacockhill.com.



Is LA Going Purple?

by Elektra Kruger

The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is seriously considering cutting water deliveries to its customers. In 2007 and 2008, Los Angeles depended on the MWD for 2/3 of its water. An estimated 30% of our water is used for landscaping - much of which is actually wasted due to over-irrigation, excess run-off and poor landscape design. Currently, the greater portion of outside irrigation water is still potable water.

Many other Water Districts have begun utilizing greater amounts of recycled (non-potable) water where feasible with a dual pipeline (purple-pipe infrastructure) system for irrigation purposes. In the Irvine Ranch Water District, all

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Shadow Hills Native Plant Report

by Ginny Ford

Last August, my husband and I moved onto a hillside property in Shadow Hills. During one of our hiking excursions, I was pleased to glimpse the leafy lobes of a wild California currant. As winter and rain arrived, I was even more thrilled to find wild currant plants popping up all over our property. In March, they started blooming with small yellow flowers. By April, they were setting small green clusters of fruit. Preceding our first annual April brush clearing, I hiked over the property and marked currant plants with brightly colored tape, then carefully pointed out plants to our clearing crew. They hadn't ever heard of wild currants, but carefully left the plants growing and even found some that I hadn't seen and trimmed carefully around them. Very few plants bore much fruit and many of the young plants dropped most of their berries before ripening. A few older plants did bear nicely. By the end of May, the fruit on these plants looked orange and ripe but tasted dry, bland and uninteresting. My grandson and I clambered around picking a few but were not very motivated to pick, clean and eat much. But, in the way of grandsons, when he visited us at the end of June, he wanted to know how the plants were doing. So we hiked out to see. To our delight, rather than finding empty stalks, one of the plants was loaded with lovely, juicy sweet-tart bright orange fruit. What a gift from Mother Earth!

Currants like shady spots and are known to grow around the drip line of large live oaks. On our property, they are found mostly on north-facing slopes with no shade. A few are around the drip line of a small cluster of scrub oaks. The best producing plant is on a north facing slope with a scrub oak about 15 - 20 feet to its west. Those on my property get no water except what falls from the sky. There are dozens of varieties of native California currants and gooseberries. I don't know which variety is on my property – possibly *Ribes aureum gracillimum* (golden currant) since it has yellow flowers and orange berries. There are a few other varieties with yellow flowers that are supposed to have dark blackish red berries. None of the on-line pictures look just like mine so I am not sure. Our plants were attractive leafy green all through June. I am keeping an eye on them to see how they develop through the year. It will be fun to see how they handle the hot July and August weather, if the berries change color, or if any of the wild animals devour all the remaining berries at some point.



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SHPOA General Meeting
September 8
7 pm • Tierra Del Sol

Ride for a Cure

Get your white hat and ride with the good guys!

"Ride for a Cure" is back for its third outstanding year at Gibson Ranch in Sunland. Knowing first-hand the impact of cancer, the members of Ride for a Cure voted this year to put its full support behind City of Hope in Duarte, California.

City of Hope is a biomedical research institute committed to research and treatment of cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. City of Hope is one of only 40 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the entire nation and their research is consistently breaking ground in the fight against these debilitating diseases. For more information, visit cityofhope.org.

The fun starts on Saturday, September 19 with a team roping competition. This year, "Ride for a Cure" is adding a gymkhana on Saturday, September 26 with buckles for champions in each division as well as bringing back last year's successful poker ride, to be held on Sunday, September 27. The event concludes on October 3 with the family-friendly western-themed Grande Finale event that has become a neighborhood favorite.

For more information about the 2009 Ride for a Cure event, visit www.rideforacure.net or call:

Dale re: team roping at 818-951-4335

Jil re: gymkhana at 818-518-5133

Elizabeth re: poker ride at 818-468-3740

Lane re: grand finale at 310-463-4136



Trail Trials

by Lynda Fenneman

One of our local ETI (Equestrian Trails Inc.) Corrals, Corral 20 Roughriders, hosts several "Trail Trials" throughout the year. They offer many other equestrian events for all ages and experience. You might try stopping by and checking them out.

Trail trials is an event that consists of an organized trail ride, usually averaging between two and three hours, with judges stationed at various trail obstacles encountered along the mapped out course of the trail. A judge could be stationed at the base of a hill, observing as you prepare your horse to climb, noting if you check your cinch and do what is necessary for you and your horse to safely fulfill the requirements of the task.

You and your horse learn about and practice, correctly climbing hills, dealing with people standing behind bushes, going through water, getting on and off, reading a map and knowing where you are and how to get home again, backing up your horse, standing still, correctly tying up to a tree, opening a gate, walking over a bridge, stepping over a log, being calm and not fearful and taking care of details...in a "safe" situation. Horse back riding is the 10th most dangerous sport, one could take responsibility for that and take the necessary precautions...like wearing a helmet.

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SHPOA Membership Form

Residents in the Shadow Hills area
Join SHPOA for the 2009 calendar year!
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Do unto others...

by Elektra Kruger

Here are some basic City rules and regulations that make our neighborhoods a pleasure for all to live in. Just follow these rules as, I am sure, you would wish you neighbors to follow in consideration of your pride and pleasure of living in your neighborhood.

1. Illegal signs: Posting signs of any kind on utility poles or trees is not permitted. Displayed yard sale signs must be removed the day after the sale - all the signs, wherever they were displayed. This may not be legal, but I think we all might be a little more lenient when it comes to lost/found pet signs. But even here if the pet has not been found in a week, it generally never will be. Please be considerate and remove all displayed signs - and I mean ALL displayed signs - either as soon as the pet is found or after one week. We have received notice the City will be enforcing the no signs on telephone poles and fining the perpetrator.
2. Yard Sales: Only used items may be sold. Your yard is not permitted or licensed to be a retail store for the sale of new items. Each residence is limited to five 2-day events per year to run only from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. Debris on the Sidewalk: Property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalk and parkway adjacent to their property free of trash and debris - even if someone else dumped it there.
4. Dumping: Dumping old furniture and appliances is not only illegal but totally unnecessary! Call 311 and request a FREE "Bulky Item Pick-Up" which the Bureau of Sanitation will schedule from your home address curbside. Yes, you do still have to drag that "bulky" thing out in front of the house perhaps the day prior to the scheduled pick-up - they will not enter your house to remove it. If you see a pile of junk dumped along a roadside e.g. along Wentworth St. where there are no homes, call 311 and request them to transfer your call to the Bureau of Street Services. Report the site of the dumping as detailed as possible (e.g. north side of Wentworth, 1/4 mi west of Wheatland).



Letter to the Editor



Hey Everyone:

My six-month old puppy just devoured a bottle of amoxicillin which is a medicine intended for humans. We think there were about 15 capsules. I found the pills half eaten on the grass and traces of powder all around. The vet said that it is not toxic to my dog, but that he might develop an upset stomach. She gave me the phone number for an animal toxicologist and I thought this information might be useful if you experience an animal situation that might require information from a toxicologist: (888)426-4435.

I believe that they require \$60.00 payable by credit card. Has anyone else experienced this situation or have any information?

If so, please contact "The Go To Girl" at 818-378-5077.

Fall Festival in Shadow Hills

Mark your calendars for Tierra del Sol Foundation's Seventh Annual FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
9919 Sunland Blvd. in Sunland.

Admission and parking are free. This community-wide celebration is one of Tierra's main fundraising events of the year, supporting Tierra del Sol's mission to serve our community by empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to realize their greatest human potential, to become as independent as possible within their families, and to become productive and valued citizens.

The Fall Festival is a fun family event that features:

- a pumpkin patch with beautiful pumpkins for sale
- a delicious barbecue lunch
- live music and entertainment for all ages
- a marketplace with local vendors
- art and ceramics created by talented Tierra artists
- raffle prize drawings – first prize is a \$300 gasoline gift card!
- free admission and free parking

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested, or know businesses or individuals who would be interested, please call 818/352-1419, x258.

We look forward to seeing you on October 17th!

Trail Maintenance

by Carol Roper

To the equestrians who ride over our rocky trails, perhaps you may have noticed the trails have been kept reasonably clear this year. These trails have been maintained by Corral 20 and a few trash pickers. They can always use help, either by yourself (you can always dismount and clear a small portion of the trail) or meeting up with them on their work days. Thank you Corral 20, it sure makes for a nicer ride for me and my horse.



Horse Manure Collection

Residential Horse Owners may order 60 gallon brown horse manure containers. The containers cost \$10.00 per month per 60 gallons. There is a six month obligation when you order the horse manure container. For first time orders, a field check will be performed prior to the delivery of your container. To order the brown horse manure container, please call the Sanitation Call Center at 1-800-773-2489, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. You could also send us your request by clicking on the Service Website Site indicated below. Fill Out and Submit the Service Request form.

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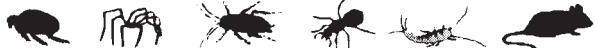
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LA Going Purple?

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parks, golf courses, schools and even some residential properties are currently being irrigated with recycled water. A Purple Pipeline infrastructure has been in place since the 1960's making it possible to reuse 100% of all water. All new developments were required to install a dual-pipe system to allow for full reuse of water.

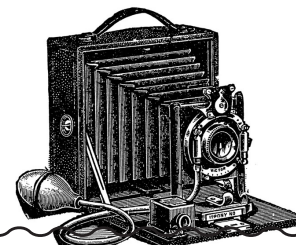
Only about 1% of Los Angeles' water demand is met with use of recycled water. Councilmembers Janice Hahn and Tom LaBonge felt that Los Angeles needs to promote the installation of purple-pipes in the City where feasible to more productively use all of our recycled water to augment and better ensure a more reliable supply of water for the City. When the City builds out the needed infrastructure, this would allow for requiring new developments and buildings being remodeled to install purple-pipes for irrigation/outdoor uses and perhaps even acceptable indoor uses.

Acting on these beliefs, Councilmembers Hahn and LaBonge co-presented a Motion to City Council requesting that the Department of Building and Safety, the Department of Water and Power, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of City Planning work together to outline a list of requirements for such a dual (purple-pipe) system for all future developments and significant remodels of multifamily properties and to further develop and maximize the use of recycled water throughout the City.

Idealistically, this is a great idea. Realistically, I get nervous. The City historically has accepted no responsibility in keeping up its existing deteriorating infrastructure. Should a recycling process fail - should a non-potable purple water line fail - how serious a threat of exposure to contaminated water will the public face? The Motion was referred to the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee in mid-January 2008 and has gathered dust there ever since. If this Motion should ever come to the table, SHPOA will report on its progress.

OLD PHOTOS WANTED

We are seeking any old photos of the neighborhood you can contribute to a Shadow Hills history album for display at SHPOA meetings. Also, any suggestions on people, places, events or personal knowledge, memories, stories or contacts for future articles are appreciated. Please call Carol at 353-5534.



Trail Trials

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Being safe on the trail is the goal of the game...good decisions and good performances are rewarded by not giving points. Like in golf, the lowest score wins... having made the least errors. Points are added for fidgety behavior, shying at strangers, not checking the cinch before going up or down hill, tying up with too long a rope, getting lost, rolling in the water, refusing an obstacle, kicking or cursing the judge, etc.

The goal is for the rider to become more aware and keep the horse and rider safe. The rider is supposed to be the brains of the outfit, the horse is the brawn... if the brawn is running the show...it isn't a pretty picture...and the show might be over too soon.

The idea is to be able to enjoy many different kinds of situations safely, and to gain confidence to handle unknowns. Horses have to learn, not to flee some of the situations we ask them to endure, that are alien to their natural world. Horses are herd animals and flee from danger that is their natural survival instinct. We ask them to go against their instincts and trust us. We should be trustworthy; if we are going to expect trust in return...and know how to set up situations for success...and build the horses' trust.

We have to teach horses not to be afraid of balloons flapping in bushes...they aren't born knowing that. Trail Trials is a process of teaching and learning how to experience more and more pleasurable trail rides...and not get dumped because the saddle slid off backwards going up a steep hill and you didn't have a helmet on and now you are lost and your horse ran off and broke his reins and its 110 degrees and the water is in the saddle bag and you couldn't get back on if you caught him, because you never practiced...thinking ahead.

Trail trials is a fun game...that challenges basic horsemanship skills...and you don't need to wear a fancy outfit or have a hundred-thousand-dollar horse. And it's a chance to put your money where your mouth is. And/or show you something you didn't know you needed to know, that might save your life one day.

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by Elektra Kruger

Bulky Item Pick-Up

Mattresses, furniture, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers? The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) provides free collection of these items - but you HAVE TO schedule this special pick-up with them. The item will not be picked-up if you don't. You still have to drag them out to your curb on your regularly scheduled trash collection day. To schedule a bulky item pick-up just call the City's "One-Call-to-City Hall" 311 number at least 2 days prior to your regularly scheduled trash collection day & ask the operator to transfer you to the BOS to make the arrangements. Pick-ups for TVs or computer monitors can also be done this way.

Dead Animal Pick-Up

Call the City's 311 number and ask the operator to transfer you to the Bureau of Sanitation. The Bureau provides a dead animal pick-up service.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and the stand. Then either cut the tree in half and place it in your green container or take it to a drop-off location set up throughout the City. Again, you can call the magic 311 number to find the drop-off location nearest to you. One such location is the parking lot of Sunland Park.

Used Tire Disposal

The LA BOS accepts 4 non-commercial tires w/out rims per yr at their local district yards. Call the City's 311 number and ask the operator to transfer you to the BOS to find the nearest yard. You will need to bring a current DWP billing statement & driver's license to verify your Los Angeles residency.

Extra Bags of Brush

Useful at brush clearance time - but not restricted to clearance time - is one free collection/year. Residents living in areas where the Fire Depart. requires more than one brush clearance/year may request more than 1 excess brush pick-up. All year, LA residents may drop off brush & yard trimmings at 11201 Randall St. in Sun Valley every Sat. or Sun. betw. 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Again, you must bring a copy of a current DWP bill & driver's license to verify Los Angeles residency.

Really Get To Know Your Pet!

by Denise Fleck

Your dog or cat can't tell you what hurts, so it is important to know what is normal for him so you can more quickly notice when something is not right. A weekly Head-to-Tail Check-up is one of the best ways to find and treat a problem before it becomes a nightmare!



1. Gently clean ears of dirt and waxy debris with ear wash or a soft cloth -- never a cotton swab. If you discover redness, parasites or a foul odor, have your Veterinarian assist. What may look like coffee grounds, could be ear mites!
2. If Eyes tear excessively, flush with saline solution. Compare one eye to the other for any differences making sure both pupils are the same size. If not equally dilated, your pet could have a concussion or tumor and should see his Vet immediately!
3. Feel the muzzle for bumps and tenderness. Due to bone and cartilage, it may be impossible to feel a tumor, so if the area appears sore or there is an unusual discharge from the nostrils, get to your Veterinarian for a thorough exam.
4. Carefully look in the mouth. Gums should be a healthy pink (unless your pet has black gums like Chows, Black Labs and many cats) with no bad odor. Do you brush your pet's teeth? It only takes 48 hours for plaque to turn to tartar leading to gum disease.
5. The rest of your Head-to-Tail Check-up should be a gentle massage looking and feeling for things that don't belong -- abrasions, bumps, tenderness and sores; even parasites, burrs and foxtails that may have found their way onto your friend's furry coat. When you reach his chest, you should be able to feel, but not see, the ribs. His breathing should be steady, but learn to check respiration and all of your dog's vitals in a Pet First-Aid class so you know you're doing your best for the health of your companion.
6. Inspect legs and paws making sure claws and pads are not cracked and keep nails trimmed. Be gentle and go the speed that is comfortable for your pet. Many animals get uneasy when touched, but examine a little at a time, and they'll come to enjoy this bonding experience.
7. With your fingertips, stroke the abdomen making sure there are no hard spots or sensitive areas. Check mammary glands, genitals and "under the tail" which should all be clean with no colored discharge. If your pet is older or arthritic and can't perform his own hygiene, help keep him clean with a warm wet cloth. If you notice scooting or impacted anal glands, ask your Veterinarian or Groomer for help.
8. Take your pet's pulse by feeling the Femoral Artery inside the thigh. Medium to large dogs should have a pulse of 70-160 while small dogs range between

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Know Your Pet!

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110-220 beats per minute. Then long or short, fluffy or hairless, your pet's tail too should be examined for bumps and sores remembering that the area right above often harbors parasites.

9. Throughout your assessment, notice your pet's skin and coat for flaking or excessive shedding. The right brush can feel like a massage and help stimulate oil glands. If you notice anything that is **NOT QUITE RIGHT**, call your Veterinarian for his professional opinion.
10. Conclude your Head-to-Tail Check-up with a belly rub, game of ball or healthy treat and know you have done a good thing for your four-legged best friend! And in these **HOT Summer Months**, make sure pets always have plenty of shade and water and keep them away from rattlesnakes!

Denise Fleck is a free-lance writer and animal care instructor specializing in Pet First-Aid & Senior Pet Care. She resides in Shadow Hills with her husband and canine pack. Visit www.sunnydogink.com for a list of her classes.



Medicine!

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the wheel barrow, almost biting off the tip of her tongue!" The girls' mother heard the scream and came running. Bing's mouth was full of blood and tears. "My poor mother gathered up the injured party and half running and walking took off for Doc Carney!!

We had no phones in those days and we lived at the end of San Ysidro (Samoa) Street."

"With a bath towel draped across my sister's mouth we reached the shoe repair shop. Doc Carney was repairing a pair of boots. He gave one look at my sister, wiped his dirty hands on his leather apron and proceeded to take over. He stuffed what looked like the insides of her tongue back in place, put a clamp or some such thing over the ripped tongue and told her in quite a matter-of-fact way, 'keep your mouth shut'. No antiseptics, no washing of the hands, he just got busy...and it didn't cost a cent!"

For Gladys Maygrove, one incident stood out. The Maygrove family played music for the dances at Bolton Hall, Gladys on trumpet. "We were playing for the Saturday night dance. I felt a headache coming on, possibly from reading too much music. Mr. Hartranft was there. He came over to me and said he could help my headache. With his forefinger and thumb he pinched gently in the corners of my eyes and held for a few seconds, then repeated the same...my headache was relieved".

"We didn't carry such a thing as a headache pill in our purse in those days, and my mother didn't have her "smelling salts" with her for me to use." Gladys mused, "I wonder how many remember the old smelling salts bottle...usually a small green bottle and was so strong one's eye would water after taking a sniff." Another old-fashioned remedy she mentioned was the use of a slab of hot bacon rind placed on the chest for a cold. And in the summer time, always a big pitcher of cream of tartar to "clear the blood". In the old days you had to be tough, self-sufficient, and if you lived you lived! People were healed by the tender touch as well as by medicine.

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Demands of an Urban Forest - Part 2

by Elektra Kruger

The Bureau of Street Services submitted a report to the Department of Public Works based on the request of Councilmember Jan Perry that the City revisit its Street Tree Policy to help meet the changing needs and challenges of dealing with an increased Urban Forest population - one in which, as of 2007, the City was responsible for the trimming maintenance of some 700,000 street trees, 850,000 City Park trees and 40,000 trees on various City-Owned facilities such as libraries and police/fire stations. The City of Los Angeles has one of the largest Urban Forests in the world. And this was all prior to the Million Tree Initiative which certainly has pumped that number much higher.

Responsibility for maintenance of these trees is shared by several City agencies. City street trees, trees located in median islands and private trees impacting the public right-of-way are managed by the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division. City Park trees and those located on City owned facilities fall under the management of the Department of Recreation and Parks. Unfortunately, the Department of Recreation and Parks lacks the funds to service trees located on City owned facilities at the ideal maintenance cycle of 3 to 7 years or even the funding cycle for street trees that has improved from a 12 year cycle prior to 2003 to a 9 year cycle in 2005. Trees on City owned facilities are now serviced on an emergency basis only and deferred maintenance is prevalent.

LAX and the Port of Los Angeles are responsible for maintaining trees on their respective properties and the DWP takes responsibility for keeping both public and privately owned tree branches clear of electrical distribution lines. In 1993, City Council adopted a "Street Tree Policy" focusing on the Urban Forest as a vital ecosystem infrastructure element. Most policy goals have been met with the exception of an adequate level of ongoing maintenance.

Professional standards recommend a pruning frequency of an approximate 5 year cycle. The City's pruning frequency has run the gambit of anywhere from a five-and-a-half year cycle to a 32 year cycle - averaging about 11 years. This has greatly impacted both the health and the safety of the Urban Forest. This has led to a service request backlog that may never be met because the average time and cost related to a tree with long deferred maintenance stresses available funds and available manpower as well as the need to expend a large amount of funding and manpower to deal with limb and tree failure emergencies - again the result mainly of long-deferred maintenance.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings

September 13 and October 20

7 p.m.

East Valley Municipal Bldg.

3rd Tuesday, Every month

Understanding the Public Right-of-Way

by Elektra Kruger

Part of every owners' land usually becomes dedicated to the City as part of a public right-of-way system. For most of us, this is a strip of land fronting our properties – the strip where the City provides public sidewalks, trail, storm drain facilities, public street benches, etc. While this “public easement” area still technically belongs to the property owner, the City of Los Angeles has the right to determine what is placed there – e.g. a sidewalk. It is very important to understand that the public easement be reserved for public use and that installation of large scale private improvements such as fences and walls are not permitted. It is equally important, however, to understand that it remains the responsibility of the private owner to aesthetically maintain the easement strip.

A private owner may even install sidewalks or may select from a list of City approved trees for planting – but even these improvements do require permits that are issued by the Bureau of Engineering just as permits would be required for construction projects on one's own private property. Something else to keep in mind – many improvements that one often looks upon as an undesirable weekend chore involving any public right-of-way improvements such as tree pruning, tree removals, tree planting, construction of tree wells and curb painting also require a permit before proceeding. The permitting process is not difficult and can even be applied for over the Internet at <http://www.lacity.org/BOSS>. On the right side of the screen under “on-line Services” click on “Automated Permit Applications”. The application is simple and easy to fill out.

If anyone still has any questions call 213-485-5666 or 213-485-3711 for further information.

Keep Your Home Fire Safe

by Elektra Kruger

Roof

- Use fire-resistant roofing materials
- Cover chimney outlets and stovepipes with non-flammable maximum 1/2” mesh screen
- Remove all branches within 10’ of your chimney
- Remove all branches overhanging your roof
- Remove all dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters

Access

- Clear flammable vegetation at least 10’ from roads and 5’ from driveways
- Cut back tree branches overhanging roads
- Be sure your street name is clearly posted at each street intersection
- Be sure your address is clearly visible from the street
- Design access roads/driveways with width to allow access for large emergency vehicles and two-way traffic.

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The One Envelope to Rebuild Your Life

by Elektra Kruger

The flames are coming. Of course the main thing is to get your family and the animals out of harms way. Then, given the worst case scenario: you are one of the unfortunate ones that end up sifting through the ashes to reconstruct your shattered lives. Identity theft? Not this time. This time you are facing identity recognition - how do you prove you are who you are? Along with your family and animals - grab the one magic envelope that will help you begin the rebuilding process. That envelope, which you should create in case of an emergency, disaster, evacuation or other crisis should contain:

A copy of the following for every member of your family:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Driver's License
- Passport

A sheet listing all updated financial information including:

- Name of the Institution
- Account Numbers
- Passwords
- Checking account numbers
- Savings account numbers
- Money Market account numbers
- Retirement Fund account numbers
- Stock certificates
- Bonds
- Copy of all Credit Cards (Front and Back)
- Safety Deposit Box Information along with a copy of the Key
- Copy of Tax Documents, State and Federal, for the last two 2 years
- Copy of the most recent Property Tax Bill
- Title Documents for your Home and Cars
- Legal Documents:
 - Wills
 - Trusts
 - Durable Power of Attorney
 - Medical Directives
- Copies of All Insurance Policies: Life, Health, Home, and Car

To be ultra safe, make three copies of each of these documents:

- One for yourself in your home
- One for a Bank Safe Deposit Box
- One for a trusted relative or friend

In the Home envelope, include enough cash to meet your family's most basic needs for 96 hours - no bills larger than a \$20, and keep a short list (10 max) of emergency phone numbers of relatives or other critical personnel.

Keep Your Home Fire Safe *Continued from page 11*

Kitchen

- Keep a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen
- Maintain stoves in good operating condition
- Keep baking soda in close reach to extinguish grease fires.
- Keep curtains and towels away from stove burners
- Store matches and lighters out of reach of children
- Do not overload electrical outlets

Living Room

- Install a screen in front of fireplace or wood stoves
- Clean fireplace chimneys and flues at least once a year
- Store fireplace and barbecue ashes in a metal container
- Be sure ashes are cold prior to disposing them

Garage

- Store a working fire extinguisher in the garage
- Disconnect electrical tools when not in use
- Allow hot tools to cool prior to storing
- Store flammable liquids in approved containers and away from ignition sources eg pilot lights.
- Dispose of oily rags in metal containers

Landscape

- Maintain all plants with regular watering, removal of dead branches and clearing of leaves and needles
- For trees taller than 18', remove lower branches 6' above ground level
- Space native trees and shrubs at least 10' apart

Hallway

- Install hallway smoke detectors between living and sleeping areas
- Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries twice a year
- Replace frayed or loosely connected electrical cords

Bedroom

- The biggie: Do not smoke in bed.
- Have a quick-release mechanism if you have security bars on your windows.

Bathroom

- Disconnect appliances such as hair dryers when not in use
- Keep towels away from floor and wall heaters

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Dumb Shopping Questions

Author Unknown

When someone asks you a dumb question, wouldn't you like to respond like this? "Yesterday I was buying a large bag of dog chow for my wonder dog and was about to check out. A woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant? So, since I'm retired, with little to do, on impulse, I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, that I was starting the dog food diet again, although I probably shouldn't, because I'd ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way it works is to load your pants pockets with the nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry and that the food is nutritionally complete so I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was by now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no; I stepped off a curb to sniff a dog's rear end and a car hit us both! I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard! Obviously I am no longer allowed in that store.

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Disaster Preparedness

by Elektra Kruger

Preparedness

1. Maintain a minimum of a three-day supply of drinking water
2. Maintain a minimum three-day supply of food not requiring refrigeration or cooking
3. Keep a list of valuables and copies of important documents in a single, easily accessible location
4. Maintain a first-aid kit with supplies to treat injuries until professional help arrives
5. Establish a third-party contact through which separated family members can communicate
6. Designate a family meeting place outside the home in the event of an emergency
7. Learn and remember the STOP, DROP and ROLL

Avoidance

1. Never use outdoor cooking appliances eg barbecues indoors for heating
2. Securely attach all water heaters and tall furniture items eg bookshelves to walls

Update on Alternative to Landfilling

by Elektra Kruger

In mid-March 2009, the Ad-Hoc Committee on Recovering Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste for LA (better known as RENEW LA) considered a Motion presented by Councilmember Greig Smith to the City Council in mid-February relative to instructing the Bureau of Sanitation to report on the feasibility of a) expediting the release of a Request for Proposals for future waste disposal options, and b) to identify viable disposal facilities the City may use in an emergency situation.

Can this make the tonnage limits we have worked so hard to implement into our local waste facilities mute? Can it open the door for the City to ignore CUP limits and begin disposing of City waste at will in locations of its choice claiming an emergency status that may never go away?

RENEW LA recommended approval of the Motion and the Motion was transferred to the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee for their consideration as well. The Environment Committee waived consideration of this item and the Motion was forwarded to the full City Council for a final vote scheduled in late March 2009.

Update: City Council adopted the requested action for the Bureau of Sanitation to report on the feasibility of expediting the release of its Request for Proposals for future waste disposal options and to identify viable disposal facilities the City may utilize in an emergency situation at its March 31, 2009 Hearing. SHPOA will do its best to keep alert as to what proposals may arise so that neighboring Sun Valley will not bear the brunt of these "alternative landfill locations".



Useful Phone Numbers

by Elektra Kruger

Abandoned Vehicles: 1-800-ABANDON (Any vehicle that has not been moved for 72 hours may be classified as "abandoned". A "move" is one mile.

1. Shopping cart pick-up: 1-800-252-4613 (or 311)
2. Pot Hole Repair: 1-800-996-CITY (or 311)
3. Bulky Item Pick-Up: 1-800-773-CITY (or 311 - ask for Bureau of Sanitation)
4. Illegal Dumping: 1-800-974-9794 (or 311 - ask for Bureau of Street Services)
5. Graffiti Removal: 1-800-611-CITY (or 311)
6. Property Violation reports: 311 (ask to be transferred to Building and Safety for matters related to trash, debris, overgrown vegetation, structural disrepair, inoperative vehicles)
7. Dead Animal Pick-Up: 1-800-773-CITY (or 311)
8. Damaged Stop Signs: 311
9. Damaged Traffic Signals: 311
10. Street lights non-functional: 1-800-303-5267 (or 311)

Trailer Parking on Local Streets

by Elektra Kruger

Currently, City law prohibits parking of trailers and semi-trailers on major highways, secondary highways and collector streets. There is nothing on the books to prohibit semi-trailer parking on our local streets. In response to this, in mid-December 2008, Councilmember Tom LaBonge presented a Motion to City Council asking that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to prohibit the parking of trailers and semi-trailers on our local streets as well. The Motion was referred to the City Council's Transportation Committee for review and recommendations.

The Item was heard in Committee in mid-February 2009 at which time the Committee approved the Motion's requests as well as instructed the City's Chief Legislative Analyst to pursue further legislation for greater local control on regulating the parking of trailers on City streets. The Motion came before City Council in late February 2009.

Updates: At its February 25, 2009 session, City Council passed the Motion to request the City Attorney to prepare and present the Ordinance for approval with the amendment that "tractors and/or trailers" be added to the parking prohibition. SHPOA now strongly recommends that you contact Councilmember Tom LaBonge (councilmember.LaBonge@lacity.org) who first presented the Motion to see that this Ordinance comes to fruition. As of July 24, 2009, no draft Ordinance has seen the light of day. SHPOA once again urges you to contact Councilmember Tom LaBonge to remind him that he presented this Motion to the City Council, that the City Council approved the Motion, and that the City Attorney prepare and present a draft copy of an Ordinance prohibiting tractor, trailer and semi-trailer parking on local streets and that said Ordinance has NOT yet been presented to City Council for their review and consideration. When referring to this Motion in your correspondence with Councilmember LaBonge, refer to CFI 08-3353. That way he can find and research the history of this Motion.

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Community Calendar

- Tuesday, September 8**
- SHPOA General Meeting
 - 7 p.m.; Tierra del Sol
- Saturday, September 12**
- Harvest Moon Dinner/dance (see article)
 - Becky 818-352-3634
- Saturday, September 19**
- Ride 4 a Cure (see article)
- Thursday, September 24**
- SHPOA deadline for articles and ads
- Saturday, September 26**
- Ride 4 a Cure continues (gymkana, games on horseback)
- Saturday, September 26**
- Tujunga Cyn Clean Up (Pg.7)
- Sunday, September 27**
- Ride 4 a Cure, Poker Ride
- Saturday, October 3**
- Ride 4 a Cure, Grand Finale
- Saturday, October 17**
- Tierra del Sol Annual Fall Festival (see article)
 - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Friday, November 20**
- "Spirit of Johnny Carpenter Awards
 - Thanksgiving dinner; free admission
- 1st Tuesday, Every month; 7 p.m.**
 FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting
- 9747 Wheatland
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