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LA DWP Ratepayer Advocate Office Presentation By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

At our last General Meeting co-hosted by Lake View Terrace Improvement Association, Rancho Verdugo Estates, and La Tuna Canyon Community Association on July 10th, Fred Pickel, Ratepayer Advocate Executive Director and his Deputy Director, Camden Collins, gave us an overview of what their office does, including a plethora of DWP statistics. Their department operates under the Office of Public Accountability and is responsible for statistical analyses of DWP's operations which are designed to mitigate rate increases to customers. While they also provide complaint resolution, it is reserved for unusual instances for which the normal customer service department cannot solve, for example extreme variation in meter reads with no obvious explanation.

The attendees were not happy to learn that water rates will be increasing 7% annually for the next five years. Compounded, this equates to 40%. This seems counter-intuitive since water reserves are at near all-time highs. The cost of imported water is the driver of this increase as only 15% of Los Angeles' water is derived from local sources.

Years ago, there was a special water rate for equestrian properties (agriculture rate) but that was phased out about 12 years ago. The rationale for discontinuing the discounted rate for horse properties was based on a study that concluded water consumption by horse properties was actually less than a "normal" landscaped yard. Water usage also is used to calculate sewer rates (outside of DWP's jurisdiction and is through LA's Department of Sanitation). This is calculated once a year during the rainy season to attempt to separate indoor usage (which goes into the sewer) versus outdoor usage (which does not). In order to ascertain an accurate sewer charge which is tied to overall property water usage, an increasing number of homeowners are installing two meters: one for outside usage and one for indoor usage. DWP does not provide installation services so one would have to use a private contractor.

While your water bill is broken down into 4 tiers, per hundred cubic feet (HCF) for tiers 3 and 4 are the same so if you hit tier 4, you're still paying the same rate as tier 3.

Ironically, another component of rising rates is due to Angelenos' amazing conservation of both water and electricity. The bulk of DWP's costs is fixed, therefore, as usage/volume declines, the fixed costs still need to be covered so that results in an increase the per unit rate.

Electricity is billed on (1) power access charge (based on highest tier hit) and usage based on 3 progressive tiers; then, a utility users tax of 10% and state energy surcharges are applied. While the price per tier is the same, the amount of kWh allowed per tier varies on zone: 1 or 2. Shadow Hills is in

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Fred Pickel talks about DWP

Save the Date! SHPOA Meeting, Tuesday, September 10th Keynote speakers:

Don Ray and Mike Callahan, Historians and
Intriguing Storytellers: "Secrets of Shadow Hills" and
The Barton Property

Graciela Ciurluini, LA Regional Census Center, US
Census Bureau

Place: Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd., 7:00 pm



LAPD/Shadow Hills Equestrian Task Force Deemed a Success By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

THANK YOU TO EQUESTRIANS AND LAPD!

On Wednesday, July 24th, SHPOA and several of our spirited equestrians partnered with LAPD in a task force with the goal of writing citations for motorists who failed to follow traffic laws, with a special emphasis on those failing to yield to horses and their riders. This task force of 5 LAPD police officers was the brainchild of and led by our own traffic lead Officer Joel Flores. He came up with this idea after the tragic death of Dakota, a much-loved horse. Dakota's rider, a seasoned equestrian, sustained serious injuries due to a reckless Shadow Hills driver a couple of months ago.

We met at 7:30 am and equestrians rode a couple of routes known for speeders.

In 2 hours, 30 citations were written: 18 speeding; 4 stop sign; 3 warnings; 5 crosswalk.

Officer Flores confirmed that this task force will now become a regular part of our traffic enforcement, and other communities

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zone 2 (hot) which allows a bit more usage before the next tier kicks in.

Water has 4 tiers and is billed strictly upon usage and "temp zone." Again, Shadow Hills is considered a High Temp zone which allows us a bit more usage before the next tier kicks in.

There are some variations in billing rates for "time of use" customers, those who have electric vehicle chargers, etc. One item of note was that the peak period is late afternoon when customers with solar panels lose their solar power and rely on the main power grid for power after the sun goes down.

Not covered at the meeting were DWP rebates but there are several worth checking out. Go to: www.ladwp.com and under "Residential Customers" click on rebates.



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have expressed interest in having their own LAPD Equestrian Task Force.

So reckless drivers, beware! LAPD and Shadow Hills will not tolerate reckless driving in our neighborhood. While LAPD is frequently patrolling, you will not know when our task force will be out and about—ticket book in hand!

Thanks again to our lovely equestrians and to LAPD.



SHPOA Really Cleaned Up By Cynthia Urias, SHPOA Board

On June 29th, the SHPOA Volunteer Committee completed another community clean-up that spanned nearly four miles along Sunland Boulevard, from the 210 Freeway to Stonehurst Drive. Trash was picked up, weeds were pulled, and trees and brush blocking the horse trails, sidewalks and signage were trimmed; to reveal an even-more-beautiful Sunland Boulevard! An entire industrial size dumpster was filled up!

HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came out and braved the dirt, grime and speeding cars and trucks for almost 4 hours to beautify our neighborhood, as well as for the donation of their time, labor, supplies and vehicles. Everyone had a great time and was grateful to make our community even more beautiful and safe.

Volunteers: Cynthia Urias, Cindy Bloom, Steve & Lynne Toby, Susan Wong, Andrea & James Gutman, Rob & Barbara Cordova, Jim Jurgensmeier, Michael Stein, Rosey Payne, Suzanna Wood, Carlos George, Gerardo Barrientos, Guillermo Quiroz, Kameron Hines

Thanks to:

- **Councilwoman Rodriguez's office** for donating the dumpster, several hand tools, trash bags, gloves and masks.
- **Backdoor Bakery** for donating coffee and a variety breakfast croissants, giving everyone an extra boost to keep on going.
- **Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church** for providing a shaded "Command Center" and parking for all volunteers.
(Please see **"Clean Up"** on p.3)

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." - Abraham Lincoln

I Got My SHPOA Newsletter So I Must Be a Paid Member, Right? Eh, No

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Howdy, Shadow Hills Neighbor! You may think because you received this newsletter, that you're a paid SHPOA Member. Not so, and before I joined the board, I thought the same thing! Everyone in Shadow Hills and the Stonehurst area gets a newsletter regardless of paid status. Advertising only covers 80% of the cost (which has gone up substantially over the past few years and while we've slightly increased our ad rates, we haven't increased our membership dues), so we rely on your generous support to help our volunteer-staffed community service organization cover the recurring costs associated with our website, Daily Fodder, Neighborhood Watch/emergency notifications, cleanup projects, trail maintenance, newsletter, community meetings and events, insurance, and other expenses.

SHPOA was formed in the mid-1960s and remains committed to preserving our rural community. We continually work with other community leaders throughout the northeast San Fernando Valley, meet with elected officials, attend and testify at government meetings/hearings, write letters, monitor legislation and ordinances, and keep you informed about important issues affecting Shadow Hills. Besides knowing that you're helping your community with your membership payment, you also get voting rights for electing your board (1 vote per paid person in your household) and if you provide us your email address, a membership card. Don't forget to sign up for Daily Fodder by texting 22828 or going to the SHPOA website and signing up in the green box under "Resources."

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW TODAY. It's only \$25 (7 cents a day). See membership form



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Also special thanks to the following for their donation of money or supplies: **Melanie and George Swift, Bill Eick, Mercedes Del Castillo.**



Each of the volunteers was entered into a raffle to win Gift Cards to Backdoor Bakery, T-Shirts and Arbonne Goody Bag. The lucky winners were Suzanna Wood, Kameron Hines, Michael, Stein, Barbara Cordova, Rosey Payne.

While these clean-ups are work, they are also a lot of fun. We need more volunteers in order to execute even

larger improvement projects and on a more frequent basis as there is a lot of ground to cover (and those pesky weeds keep coming back). Please consider volunteering today—you'll see old friends and meet new ones.

Our next Clean-Up Event will occur within the next couple months. Details will be communicated soon. For more information and to get involved, please contact Cynthia Urias at cynthia.envp@gmail.com.



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Membership Form

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

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- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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
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More Airplane Noise? It's Not Your Imagination By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

If you think you're hearing more noise than usual from flights approaching Burbank Airport over Shadow Hills, you're not imagining it. More flights ARE coming through airspace over Kagel Canyon, then Shadow Hills, and then on to Burbank Airport. Not only are they more frequent, but also are at a lower altitude exasperating the noise.

While communities south of Burbank Airport long have been subject to the noise of takeoffs, we here in our area are now experiencing the noise of landings.

It's not unusual for airlines to deviate at the last minute from their original paths due to weather conditions. In fact, back in March, my Southwest flight from Dallas was approaching Burbank Airport and then abruptly took a turn. Unbeknownst to me, the man sitting next to me was an off-duty Southwest pilot. He brought out his ipad, logged in, and showed me the flight paths and said the last minute deviation was due to a strong ground wind which made it necessary for our flight to change to the other landing strip which ran perpendicular to the planned one.

This increase in flights over our area is a result of the Federal Aviation Administration's system called NextGen. On the FAA's website, it is described: "NextGen is the FAA-led modernization of our nation's air transportation system. Its goal is to increase

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the safety, efficiency, capacity, predictability, and resiliency of American aviation. This overhaul brings together innovative technologies, capabilities, and procedures that improve how we fly from departure to arrival. Airlines general aviation operators, pilots, and air traffic controllers gain better information and tools that help passengers and cargo arrive at their destinations more quickly, while aircraft consume less fuel and produce fewer emissions. This transformation is being achieved through an ongoing rollout of improvements which began in 2007. NextGen remains on target to have all major components in place by 2025. The modernization of the National Airspace System is one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects in U.S. history."

I spoke with Teresa Lamb of Congressman Schiff's office to voice our concerns. She advised that they are working on it, and there will be several community/public meetings. We will keep you apprised of the meeting info as it becomes available.

Obviously, we are all concerned about airplanes consuming less fuel and producing less emissions. We also realize that living within a few miles of an airport may subject us to airplane noise. However, we need to come up with a solution in sharing the burden that is equitable to all our local communities. Ironically, the City of Burbank makes millions annually from Burbank Airport derived from transient parking taxes, transient occupancy taxes (especially for hotels near the airport), and sales taxes derived from the sale of jet fuel--yet most of the ill effects of the airport are borne by neighboring LA City residents.



Amazing Horse Rescue in Riverwood Ranch By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

On the morning of August 9th, we woke up to the sound of several helicopters. My husband checked, and apparently, a horse over in Riverwood Ranch had broken through a fence and fallen down a hill. Channel 7 was running a live feed which proved on a minute-by-minute basis how lucky we are to have professional safety personnel who truly know how to get the job done with compassion and care.

Sunny, a 30-year old horse, stumbled down a 45 degree hill. LA firefighters and Animal Services Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team attempted to get him back on his feet but were unsuccessful. So, quick thinking rescuers called in



a fire helicopter which removed its water tank to hoist Sunny to the safety of his corral. After being sedated by an animal control vet, LAFD successfully completed the operation. While it looked "easy" because the responders knew exactly what they were doing--the

pilot had to navigate carefully to avoid power lines, and the drop cable was swinging wildly due to the wind generated from the blades. They also wetted down the dirt to avoid dirt blowing everywhere.

The latest is that Sunny is safe at home and doing well..



HIGH SPEED TRAIN UPDATE By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

These are developments since the July-August newsletter. If you'd like to see the previous timeline, please go to www.shpoa.us and click on the newsletters tab. You may also visit the www.us

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The Kona and Onyx Story

By Eva Lund, Special Spirit Equine Therapy Center

In late May of 2018, we saw an ad on Craigslist for a pony. The photos showed a cute little pony with some small kids on him. We called and were told he was sound, broke, and not spooky. He had apparently been used by the local therapeutic riding program as well as being used as a pony in the current owners pony ride business. It sounded too good to be true, and it was.

When we arrived to see the pony, he was skin and bones and had feet that were beginning to turn into slippers. He flinched at every movement and they had to whip him to get him to even walk, although he was miraculously sound. I think we all knew the moment we saw him we would be taking him home to rehab him regardless of what use for us he would be, but what none of us knew was we would be going home with 2 ponies.



Abi riding Kona in a lesson with Cassie

The owners then brought out another emaciated pony, this one a small black mare who was covered in sores. Her feet were terrible as well. One knee was covered in scabs and swollen. We paid and loaded up our new additions, unaware of how important these little creatures would become to our farm.

With a generous grant from EQUUS Foundation, we were able to take care of some of their medical needs and get their teeth done, their feet trimmed, their guts wormed, and good nutritious food in their bellies. They were given new names; Kona for the gelding and Onyx for the mare, and they began to understand their new life. We did not know if we would ever be able to use them for lessons, but we knew that having them safe was the most important thing.

Months passed and the ponies began to blossom. They were curious of lesson participants. They wanted to get scratches and pets from volunteers. They began nickering for their food and treats. We started letting participants groom them, then decided to have a small volunteer sit on them. Lo and behold, they were perfect little angels.

Fast forward to now, over a year later, and the sad little ponies that first came here are now unrecognizable. Kona has found his love in a little girl name Abi who has physical disabilities and is using a gait trainer. When she first started riding Kona, she was barely able to walk and needed assistance to sit on the horse. She would speak very few words. Within a month of working with Kona she began saying his name and squealing with joy

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when she would see him. She uses her gait trainer to get right up next to Kona to groom him, sometimes accidentally bumping his hoof in excitement. Kona never moves a muscle; he just lowers his head and allows his girl to brush him. She is making leaps of improvements with every passing week. In fact, Abi is now running with the aid of her gait trainer and walking while just holding a single hand of a helping adult.



Camper riding Onyx with Aidan

Onyx found her passion with a little boy named Alexander who has physical and mental disabilities. When he first started riding, he only spoke few words and needed assistance with sitting on the horse. Now, after several months working with his Onyx, he proudly speaks and gets on and off the horse with little to no assistance. He sees Onyx standing in the crossties and will happily babble about "pony," "Onyx," and "little horse"--all of the names he likes to call her. He is speaking in longer and longer sentences and his core strength is becoming stronger. I think a lot of his progress has to do with the special bond he developed with Onyx. I swear, you can see gratefulness, happiness, and love in their eyes.

Both ponies still require special diets and Onyx requires special bath supplies and skin ointments. The costs keep piling up but we always find a way to make it happen. For us, being able to take two little neglected ponies and show them that the world can be a better place by uniting them with children who need them is the ultimate gift.



The "Movies" Come to Tujunga By Marlene Hitt, Resident

One old timer recently contacted another old timer to speak fondly of their high school days. The information here comes from Marie Connolly Valpey, Pinewood Elementary School, 1933 who tells about the beginning of the Tujunga Theater and her part in it. With Marie's words she shares with us a picture of her childhood.

When asked, she answered the question about what children did for fun and entertainment. Well, they had a large radio, and she remembers her mother listening to the news and other favorite programs. "We never even gave a thought to a movie theater in those days. Hollywood could have been a thousand miles away, but I did go the Montrose Theater once with neighbors when I was nine and there we saw Shirley Temple."

In about 1935, some of the businessmen in Tujunga got together and decided to have some summer entertainment in the community. Marie's dad, Jerry, owner of "Jerry's Place" was one of the group. They provided a large screen in a vacant lot where the films shown were silent comedies like Charlie Chaplin and wild west stories. The audience would bring a box to sit on. These movies were looked forward to with great anticipation.

"The biggest thing in our lives was the opening of the Tujunga Theater on Foothill Blvd. In 1938, built by Edwards theaters. It was a beautiful place. The opening was a grand one with huge spotlights lighting up the sky to tell the world that we had a theater."

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The box office was a small cubicle in the front of the theater where the cashier sold the tickets. The doorman would wear a sharp looking uniform, taking your ticket as you entered the lobby. The lobby was elegant, with the beautiful carpeting, the lighting, mirrors, and the candy and ice cream counter. I can still remember the "new smell." The ladies' room was also elegant with plush carpets and sofas. The "crying room" for mothers and babies was located upstairs with a big sofa and a large glass window where mothers could view the movie from a sound-proofed room.

"The usherettes were in each aisle, ready with their flashlights to take you to your seat. They were dressed in matching outfits: blue pants, white blouse and a red cummerbund. On a night out, there would be two features to enjoy, plus a cartoon and, many times, the current news announcement of something new - an auto car park.

On Saturday, a matinee, a film and a special was presented which was always a western and would leave us cliff hanging so we would be sure to be there next Saturday to see the next episode.

News reports boasted that the theater was the first of its kind in Southern California, using art deco design - oh so modern - which seated 850 people. The boasting contained the announcement of something new--a parking lot.



**New "Airbnb" Ordinance in Los Angeles
by Gina Cruz, FTDNC Land Use Chair**

Do you have a Short Term Rental, known commonly as an Airbnb, or are you thinking about renting out your home or ADU on a short-term basis for extra income? There's a new city ordinance you need to know about.

In December of 2018 the LA City Council approved the Home Sharing Ordinance and it became effective July 1, 2019. Here are some of the key provisions of the ordinance:

- Hosts must register with the city by Nov. 1, 2019.
- The host must post a valid home-sharing registration number on all listings
- An individual may not operate more than one home-sharing unit in the City of Los Angeles.
- The property to be rented must be the host's primary residence (they lived in more than 6 months out of the year).
- The property can be rented for a maximum of 120 days in a calendar year.
- A renter must have written approval by the owner to participate in home-sharing.
- The property must not be a rent stabilized unit.
- Accessory Dwelling Units permitted after January 1, 2017 may not be used for home-sharing.
- Fines: A daily fine of \$500, or two times the nightly rate charged, whichever is greater, for advertising an unregistered unit. A daily fine of \$2,000, or two times the night rent, whichever is greater, for each day of home-sharing activity beyond the 120 day limit.

This ordinance is part of the city's effort to address the housing shortage in Los Angeles. When housing units are rented on a short-term basis, the units are removed from the long-term rental market, contributing to a housing shortage.

The fines for violating the rules are significant. If you are engaged in home-sharing it is important to review the ordinance closely to make sure you are in compliance.

The full text of the ordinance can be found at the following link:
<https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/adopted/Final%20Ordinance.pdf>

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Active Shooter Information By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

NOTE: Due to the tragic recent mass shooter incidents, we thought it would be appropriate to rerun a portion of an article from the Mar-April 2019 SHPOA newsletter about this subject based on a presentation given by Jim Potts (Potts & Associates).

The most dangerous mass shooters are known as "lone wolves," which are usually just 1 or 2 individuals.

Imagine you're in an office and you hear gunfire. Turn off the light, close the blinds and the door, and get behind your desk. Those little rubber doorstoppers which are typically used to keep doors open are also extremely effective at keeping doors closed. Keep one in your office or even when you're traveling for your hotel room. With any luck, the shooter will think the office is vacant. Now, let's say you're in a shopping mall and gunfire erupts. Do not run with the pack and leave your belongings behind! The shooter will aim for the middle of the group where he can kill or injure the maximum number of people. Quickly, run into a store as they have exits in the back. Some stores have an emergency procedure to start dropping their gates so try to duck in as soon as possible. If that's not doable, run on the outside of the crowd. In an open space situation, such as a concert, always identify barriers. They can be the side of a car (hide near the dense parts such as the wheels or the engine compartment, a wall, etc. At a restaurant, pick a location near the kitchen (which have exits) and face towards the entryway for a clear line of sight.

According to FEMA and Dept. of Homeland Security: (1) If you see suspicious activity, let an authority know immediately; (2) when you visit a building, identify 2 nearby exits; (3) run—leave your belongings behind; (4) call 911 when you are safe (do NOT call 911 if it will tip off a shooter to your position); (5) Hide: get out of view, stay quiet, silence your phone, lock/block doors, close blinds, turn off lights. (6) Fight: This is a last resort—throw makeshift weapons such as fire extinguishers, scissors, books. (7) When law enforcement arrives: Keep your hands visible and empty. Avoid pointing, yelling, or screaming. Realize their first task is to end the incident and they may have to pass injured persons in the meantime; follow their instructions. Most importantly: DO NOT PANIC! For more info, go to ready.gov and search for "active shooter."



LA City Council Reinstates Limits on Sleeping in Vehicles in Residential Neighborhoods by Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

From the LA Times: "Sleeping overnight in cars, vans and RVs will be prohibited again in many parts of Los Angeles, after the City Council voted Tuesday, July 31, 2019, to reinstate rules that limit where people can live in their vehicles."

The decision extends the L.A. regulations, which had expired at the beginning of July, until January. Under the rules, people cannot spend the night in their cars on residential streets, or live in their vehicles at any time within a block of a park, school, preschool or day care facility." For more information, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-07-30/homeless-cars-la-law>



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Thank You Shadow Hills Drivers!
By Cindy Wilson, Shadow Hills Resident

I've noticed a significant improvement in courteous drivers approaching riders horseback in Shadow Hills. It seems we are waving to each other more often and not needing to use the "slow down" motion as much. Before everyone disagrees with this -- it's not perfect, but it's better. Progress is a good thing!

Unfortunately, it took the death of a horse (rest peaceful Dakota) and an injured rider to get the attention this issue needed, but what this shows us is that there is a lack of information out there. We won't ever be able to get through to everyone, but the vast majority of our neighbors are willing to do the right thing, if they just know what that is.

Many people don't know how quickly a horse can spook and spin - and end up through a windshield - it's dangerous for all of us if we are passing each other too close and/or too quickly.

Drivers, if you see riders taking a wide path, it's probably for a reason. We have some new dogs in the neighborhood, that come charging downhill (but still above the bridlepath) to a fence, and it can be very alarming to a horse. At these homes, riders will often take the opposite side of the road to give the horse a look. It's not really fair to put a horse in a situation where they would normally be killed by a predator - like a puma jumping down on their neck/jugular from a hillside. There are also some dangerous street drainage areas, and horses have slipped into these - so again, if you see a rider take the middle of the street, it's probably for a reason- and thank you for understanding. As riders, we should stay on the bridlepath, whenever possible (if there is one).

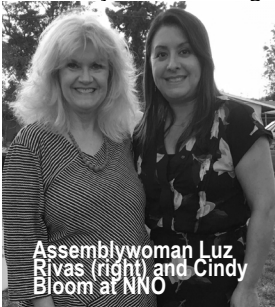
My ask: For those on horseback to follow the rules whenever possible and for vehicles to do the same. The rules for drivers and equestrians have been posted repeatedly. Please print out the rules and provide to your contractors, or when you have a plumber, for example, coming over, please let them know it's an equestrian neighborhood and to slow down for horses.

We are all just trying to enjoy our lifetimes on this earth and it certainly has been safer and more enjoyable out on our roads in Shadow Hills - so, neighbors, thank you for that!



National Night Out and Emergency Preparedness
By Thom Despres, SHPOA Board

For those who were fortunate enough to attend one of the annual "National Night Out" events in the Greater Los Angeles, it was gratifying to have an opportunity to celebrate the great ongoing work and effort being done by LAPD. We, in the Sunland/Shadow Hills and surrounding communities, would like to thank the Foothill Division for their pro-activity and are reminded that because of their efforts and dedication--and despite many challenges, we continue to see improvements in our quality of life. As long as our residents continue to follow the "See Something-Say Something" rule, we can rest assured that every effort is being made to respond to our concerns.



Assemblywoman Luz Rivas (right) and Cindy Bloom at NNO

Another example of positive community activity was an extremely informative CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) meeting held in Pacoima on August 8th. It was well attended by members of LAPD and LAFD as well as City Hall and City Council representatives, including our own Eve Sinclair of CD7. A shout-out and thanks to them as well. Topics ranged from Emergency Preparedness and Disaster

Recovery, to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certification efforts as well as updates by LAPD Foothill Division on crime mitigation. Janet Gibson, Battalion 12 CERT Coordinator, educated and informed us on everything

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from basic disaster response skills to how to prepare for an earthquake.

For those not familiar with the CERT program here is a brief synopsis taken from the LAFD: "The LAFD CERT program will train you in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue and disaster medical operation."

For those interested in further participation please visit their website <https://www.CERT-LA.com>.

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**Only One Letter Separates "Homeless"
from "Hopeless"**

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board and FTDNC Homeless Liaison

On June 4, 2019, the official annual homeless count was released and to say the results were dismal is an understatement. Homelessness increased in LA County by 12% to 58,936 and in LA City by 16%, bringing the total number to 36,165. A whopping 61% of LA County's entire homeless are in the City of Los Angeles!

While 21,631 were housed in 2018, due to economic factors, it simply was not enough. Other counties' counts were up, too: Riverside: +22%; San Bernardino: +23%; Orange: +43%; Ventura: +28%; Kern: +50%.

For LA City, the largest population is adult African American males over 24 years old. CD 7 fares pretty well—we had the largest decrease of 26% with third smallest population of 931. When asked how our district accomplished this, Eve Sinclair of Monica Rodriguez's office explained that they have been very diligent in getting people into housing.

The following chart is a general overview. CD 14 is downtown/Boyle Heights and CD 12 is Chatsworth/North Hills (John Lee was elected on August 13th in a special election for the seat vacated by Mitch Englander).

Area	Total	% of LA City Homeless	% Change 2018 to 2019
LA County	58,936		+12%
City of Los Angeles	36,165		+16%
CD 7 – us!	931	3%	-26%
Largest: CD 14 (Huizar)	7,872	22%	+11%
Smallest: CD 12 (Lee)	660	2%	+2%

I attended an LA City Homeless Liaison Meeting at City Hall on July 30 and watched several presentations by the Mayor's Office and other organizations. At best, the process is slow and costly. Photos of two recently completed permanent housing projects were shown and they are stunning. While it's nice to build attractive amenity-laden housing for homeless folks, is it fair to the many residents who are struggling to pay rent in not-so-nice buildings--especially when it's funded by taxpayer money, including those who struggle every month to pay their rent?

Measure HHH (\$1.2 Billion Bond) Funded Projects:

	Projects	Units*	Cost	Cost/Unit	Sched. Open.
CD 7	3	150	\$32 mil.	\$223k	20-21
Citywide	79	5,300	\$807 mil.	\$152.3k	20-22

Non-HHH Funded Projects (most are already inhabited)

	Projects	Units*	Cost	Cost/Unit	Opened
CD 7	1	100	\$6 mil.	No data	2017
Citywide	31	2,045	\$116 mil	No data	2015-19

*excludes manager unit(s)

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So, even if ALL these units were constructed, LA is still short by 28,800. Here's some more math: \$1.2 billion - \$807 million = \$393 million. At an average cost of, let's say, \$200k per unit, that would mean that there is only enough money left (assuming no inflation) for 1,965 units for a total of 7,265 units—far shy of the 8,000-10,000 units that the bond issue was supposed to cover by 2026. Bridge housing is not addressed in this article as it's a totally different matter.

I also attended a homeless event held at the Mayor's House recently. There were about 30 vendors, ranging from architects to builders to non-profit service agencies. The homeless industry is in full swing and there is no shortage of companies wanting a piece of the pie. The panel facilitated by Mayor Garcetti didn't offer any new ideas although one panelist suggested that the housing should be something that "we would want to live in..."

I really tried not to infuse my opinion in this piece but with this crisis causing disease, vermin infestations, and fires (two fire captains who wish to remain anonymous told me that 90% of the brush fires ARE caused by the homeless), we need to get these people off the streets ASAP. Because of their success in reducing the homeless population in CD7 by a whopping 26%, Councilwoman Rodriguez's office offered their formula: Outreach, outreach, outreach! This is key. If you see someone experiencing homelessness who needs help, LA-HOP is designed to assist with outreach services. www.la-hop.org. If you feel shy about contacting LA-HOP, contact Councilwoman Rodriguez's office directly: 818-352-3287, 213-473-7007, 818-485-0600, 818-756-8409. They are happy to help.



California High Speed Train Authority Scrubs Thousands of Pages of Documents from Their Website By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

As of July 1st, without any notice, the CHSRA removed hundreds of documents essential for public scrutiny from their website while simultaneously touting that they are a "transparent" agency. SHPOA wrote the following letter to our state reps which is self-explanatory:

July 31, 2019

Senator Portantino
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Assemblymember Rivas
assemblymember.rivas@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Senator Portantino and Assemblymember Rivas:

I am writing on behalf of Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA). SHPOA is a member of the SAFE (Save Angeles Forest for Everyone) Coalition which includes Kagel Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Lake View Terrace, and Sun Valley. SAFE was formed in late 2014 to halt the high speed train managed by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) from coming through our communities in the N.E. San Fernando Valley.

Prior to SAFE's inception and up to last month, CHSRA stored thousands of pages of important documents on their website (www.hsr.ca.gov) for easy public access. These ranged from maps to Business Plans to Supplemental Alternative Analyses and are essential for the public to review. Additionally, over the years, thousands of comments were maintained on the website so that anyone could search, read, and review others' comments on the largest infrastructure project in the history of our country.

These documents were abruptly removed from their website and now require an interested party to submit a formal public records request (which may or may not be accepted)! For someone requesting to read, for example, the 2012 Business Plan, this is a waste of their time. For the CHSRA to fulfill the PRR, this new policy will cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in CHSRA staff time to search, compile, prepare, photocopy, and mail the documents to requestors. The postage cost alone will easily be in the tens of thousands of dollars. Not only is it wasteful in terms of time and postage, but also the amount of paper required for photocopying

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is counter to California's overall "paperless" conservation philosophy.

Apparently, the CHSRA has cited ADA requirements for their website scrubbing. This is clearly a bogus excuse as the few remaining documents on their website are just as compliant (or non-compliant, depending which way you look at it) as the documents that were removed. Further, the ADA compliance date was July 1, 2017—**two years ago!** We find it suspicious and troubling that CHSRA now, after scathing audits and pushback from the federal government resulting in nearly \$1 billion in lost grant funding, decided to remove thousands of pages of documents from their website.

We urge you to compel the CHSRA to restore all deleted documents to their website immediately. These formerly publicly-available documents were prepared with taxpayer dollars and taxpayers deserve to be able to access them from the website. Their removal was a hostile act of an agency that claims they are "transparent."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; Councilmember
Monica Rodriguez; Assemblyman Jim Patterson



Pet-Friendly Affordable Housing? – Part 2

By Elektra Kruger, Shadow Hills

The homeless problem will never be solved even among many of those seeking to get on their feet because they have bonded so strongly with their pets that they would never desert them even for a place to live. In late April 2018, Councilmember Paul Koretz presented a Motion to City Council asking that they instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department to promulgate regulations applicable to all of its affordable housing finance programs including the Affordable Housing Trust, Proposition HHH, all state and federal housing finance programs including tax credits and any others to require developers and managers of any buildings built with any public financing to permit residents to own pets. AB 1137 passed in 2017 required all housing financed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development after January 1, 2018 to be pet-friendly. An animal welfare non-profit based in Venice called Voice for the Animals receive frequent calls to their hotline requesting assistance from people to help them keep their pets when being forced to move. Many of these people were in the heartbreaking position of having to choose between housing and their beloved pets. On August 1, 2018, there was a hearing before the City Council's Animal Welfare Committee. Per the Development Manager for the Community Investment Department, current regulations were silent on this issue. When the matter comes before the Housing Committee, word has been put out to the non-profit community and we are awaiting their feedback, etc. as to ways we can implement this policy and follow State guidelines. Many of our borrowers get monies from the State Department of Housing and Community Development and by extension would have to follow State guidelines anyway. We have not yet gotten much feedback. Anecdotally, occupancy monitoring people are saying that most of the affordable housing owners do not allow pets, so this would be a significant change. We expect a lot of feedback when this comes before the Housing Committee. The General Manager of Animal Services spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance. If it is housing funded by tax money it should allow people to have their companion animals. While I usually do not get my information from Facebook, the overwhelming response was very positive from people all over the City. There were some little debates about carpeting, but someone pointed out that most renters don't even want to

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live in places with carpeting anymore so that is something pet owners would not even want. One of the things we do know is that people will stay on the streets rather than give up their companion animals.

Up-Date: On July 3, 2019, the following Ordinance was passed by the City Council, approved by Mayor Eric Garcetti on July 12, 2019 to be effective as of August 25, 2019:

- An applicant for, or tenant of, a rental unit in a housing development publicly financed by or through the City on or after the effective date (8-25-2019) of this article shall not be rejected on the basis of pet ownership nor be denied the ability to own or otherwise possess and maintain at least one pet per rental unit.
- Each pet maintained pursuant to this article shall be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, implanted with an electronic animal identification device (microchip) and, if required, licensed. The pet shall be maintained consistent with all state and local laws and regulations and not constitute a nuisance to the housing development and/or to the other tenants.
- Any pet deposit charged to the tenant shall be reasonable and refundable.



San Gabriel National Monument Management Plan is Final By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

After nearly five years, the San Gabriel Monument Management Plan has been finalized (unless it is challenged in court). The U.S. Forest Service established three additional critical habitat zones within the San Gabriel Mountains, outlawed all mining activity and laid the groundwork for a first-ever public transportation system leading in and out of the Angeles National Forest, according to a new management plan released Thursday.

Background: Four and a half years ago, when President Barack Obama declared 342,175 acres as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, our communities thought, erroneously, that this would surely prevent the California High Speed Rail Authority from building through or under the Angeles National Forest. When the CHSRA applied for permits to perform geotechnical studies, SAFE (Save Angeles Forest for Everyone) met with U.S. Forest Service Supervisor Jeffrey Vail and some staff members to review items of concern which were also documented in writing. The US Forest Service granted the permits for the studies and a few SAFE members toured some of the testing sites in 2016 and found them to be clean and non-intrusive. The findings from the studies were part of the criteria that CHSRA used in designating Refined SR14 as their "preferred alternative" in the fall of 2018.

The forest and the monument provide recreation to 3.4 million visitors per year. At one point, a van service from Arcadia provided transportation to/from the forest, but it was discontinued. One of the provisions was to provide bus or van service up Highway 39 so that people without cars could enjoy the monument. Currently, there are 276 miles of roads for vehicles but there are no options currently for public transportation to and within the monument. Some are hoping that Metro will be able to re-establish the van service.

Other plans include:

- Better maintenance of 400 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail running through the monument and four national forests in Southern California.
- Requiring utilities to install high-visibility or avoidance devices on poles used as perches by large birds in order to protect the California condor from tangling in overhead transmission lines.
- All oil and gas exploration is considered "not suitable"
- Requiring USFS personnel to consider all information relating to climate change and its impacts on habitat and biodiversity in any decision-making.



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AB 516 Landed in Suspense File By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

On August 12, AB 516, the bill that would severely limit law enforcement's ability to have vehicles towed due to unpaid parking citations, remaining in place for more than 72 hours, or unpaid registration, was put into the "suspense file" by the Senate Appropriations Committee. This is routine for bills with a \$50k General Fund cost threshold. On August 30th, 350-400 bills will be read off, by Author, and will be subject to 3 basic outcomes: (1) the bill may move to the floor for a vote; (2) the bill may be turned into a 2-year bill and its final fate delayed; or (3) if the bill is not called on August 30th, it dies (let's hope that's AB 516's fate). It's sort of like your last day of being available for jury duty: If you're not called, you're off the hook. If you are called, then you're empaneled and go to the next step. Back on June 11, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez gave a passionate speech prior to the Council voting 12-1-2 to oppose AB 516 and we applaud her. Shortly after this newsletter is printed, we should know the outcome and we are hopeful it is in our favor.



Toyon and Mexican Elderberry to be "Protected"? By Elektra Kruger

In 1980, Los Angeles first adopted regulations to protect indigenous trees, then providing protections for native Oak trees. In 2006, those regulations were extended to three other indigenous trees. These four trees now include the Oak inclusive of the Valley Oak, California Live Oak or any other oak genus indigenous to California exclusive of the scrub oak, the Southern California Black Walnut, the Western Sycamore and the California Bay. In October 2013, City Council adopted a Motion directing the Department of City Planning and Bureau of Public Works to add the Mexican Elderberry and the Toyon shrubs to the List of Protected Trees. To accommodate the addition of the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon, both being shrubs rather than actual trees, the proposed draft Ordinance has renamed the "List of Protected Trees" to the "List of Protected Trees and Shrubs"

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dontrailroad.us website for a complete library of information.

June 1, 2019: Kings County is ready to settle lawsuit.

June 4, 2019: CHSRA's top bullet train consultant is suspended amid a state ethics probe.

June 10, 2019: Millions are still owed to farmers for their land.

June 14, 2019: SAFE writes letter to Attorney General William Barr urging them to empanel a grand jury for criminal wrongdoing. This was predicated on what occurred in Hawaii for their mismanagement of their high speed rail program.

July 22, 2019: Assemblyman Jim Patterson demands that CHSRA return thousands of pages of documents scrubbed from their website.

July 25, 2019: CHSRA wins federal approval for environmental review.

July 26, 2019: High speed rail management shake-up.

July 30, 2019: Politicians are attempting to shift money from the high speed train project to Northern and Southern California transportation projects. Legal challenges will likely ensue.



FTDNC Equestrian Notes 7/11/19 & Hansen Dam Advisory Board Notes 8/8/19 By Rosey Payne, SHPOA Board

FTDNC Equestrian Committee Notes 7/11/19

- Discussed having free horse license/chipping events at various locations in the community.
- Evac-U-Pet is excited to announce their app is up and running and now available in LA county. It is a free GPS based app to coordinate and facilitate the evacuation of horses and other pets in an emergency. Evac-U-Pet streamlines communication with pet owners and the volunteer efforts. Check it out! <http://www.evacu.pet>
- Seeking a solution regarding safety at Orcas Park. Car clubs are using it Sunday afternoons, drinking and driving erratically (doing donuts, burning rubber, etc.) which is dangerous to equestrians and families using the park. Fencing is being damaged and pot holes created causing dangerous conditions and blight. Will ask for more patrolling.
- Agreed to draft a letter to LA City Council in opposition to the recommendation of Animal Services Commission to ban all rodeos in Los Angeles. The feeling is that Animal Services should deal with any individual issue they may be concerned about before considering banning all rodeos. It has the potential to be a huge blow to horse keeping rights, Jr rodeo, 4H etc. We must nip this in the bud.
- The application is in for a new stop light on Foothill at the entrance to All Nations Church.

Hansen Dam Advisory Board Notes 8/8/19

- Hansen Dam Park has placed "No Bike" signs around the park, near concrete slabs, etc.
- The American Heroes Airshow will be back this year: Hansen Dam Rec Area, Saturday, 11/9/19 9:00am - 4:00 pm. Heads up equestrians!
- Recurring theme of what a mess Orcas Park has become. Representatives from the park will look into what they can do. Discussed the possibility of speed bumps and closing the gate certain hours. Will contact CD7 representative for help.
- Will inquire with the Army Corps of Engineers about their dumping of debris and tree/plant matter in the ravine (up the trail from the McBroom tunnel).



Survey Says...

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

In the next few weeks, SHPOA will be emailing out a SHORT survey to get your input on a few issues. If you receive Daily Fodder, you'll receive the survey. If you'd like to receive Daily Fodder, there are two ways to subscribe: (1) www.shpoa.us, scroll down to Resources. Click on the green box or (2) send a text to 22828. We hope you participate and promise not to saddle (a little horse humor) you with one of those "endless" surveys.



Cook's Corner
By Bob Renna, SHPOA Board
Grandma Millie's Cream Puffs

Cream filling: (yield enough for 24 puffs)

2 Cups whole milk
 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract
 3/4 Cups of granulated sugar
 1/3 Cups flour
 Pinch of salt
 6 Egg yolks

Scald milk with vanilla in the microwave. In a heavy saucepan, combine sugar, flour, salt, and egg yolks. Mix until blended. Gradually pour in hot milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, being careful to scrape bottom of pan. Bring to a boil and continue to boil for 3 minutes.

Pour cream in a heat resistant bowl and let cool. When cool, place in refrigerator, cover with wax paper to avoid a "skin" forming on cream. The cream can be made the day before puffs.

Puffs: (yield @ 24)

1 Cup water
 1/2 Cup mazzola corn oil
 1/2 Teaspoon salt
 1 Teaspoon granulated sugar
 1 Cup flour
 5 Whole eggs

In a heavy saucepan, mix together water, oil, salt, and sugar. Bring to a boil. Remove pan from heat and add flour all at once. Stir with a wooden spoon until dough is smooth. Return pan to heat and cook flour mixture, stirring constantly, until dough leaves the sides of pan and forms a ball. Cool. Remove pan from fire and add eggs, one at a time, mixing after each one has been added. Mixture will be very thick. Spoon a table spoon of dough onto a greased baking sheet and bake in pre-heated oven at 375° for 45 minutes, or until puffs are dry and golden brown. Cool puffs. Split puffs horizontally and fill with a table spoon of the cream mixture. Dust with powdered sugar and serve on a silver tray with a doily. That's how grandma Millie did it. Enjoy!



("Toyon" cont'd from p.14)

categorizing "trees" and "shrubs" separately. Protected indigenous tree species generally grow taller than the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon shrubs thereby housing different animals and providing different levels of shade and differing native habitats. When protected trees/shrubs must be removed to accommodate needed construction siting, they must be replaced elsewhere on-site or must be purchased and turned over to the City's nursery to be planted elsewhere on City property. Due to the difference between the environmental features of trees versus shrubs the proposed Ordinance does stipulate that trees may only be replaced with trees and shrubs may only be replaced with shrubs with the intent to restore the environment as close to the previous condition before removal occurred and keep the ecosystem intact and balanced. The Mexican Elderberry and Toyon are bushy California native multi-stemmed shrubs capable of growing very large, requiring little water and being highly fire resilient. Fire "resilience" means that their underground root systems usually survive and remain healthy during fires even when above-ground portions of the shrubs burn – a feature that renders them very useful for controlling hillside erosion when fires are over. Both shrubs produce berries, attracting butterflies, birds, other wildlife and provides cover for small nesting birds. Historically the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon berry was a source of food and was used for medicinal purposes by the native American tribes of the Chumash, Tongva and Tataviarn. In 2012, the Toyon was named the official Native Plant of the City of Los Angeles. The City of Pasadena already has included both shrubs in their protected tree list. Malibu and Thousand Oaks have included the Toyon in their Native Tree Protection Ordinance. *To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.*



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Bolton Hall: 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga (818-352-3420)
Lake View Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd.,
Lake View Terrace
Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd.
intersection); Pastor Arlo Tysinger (818-353-2500)
Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)
Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley
(818-767-8014)
Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills (818-352-1419)
Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley (818-767-8282)
City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office: Council Member
Monica Rodriguez, District 7, 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

Neighborhood Watch

- 3rd Tuesday, Every Month 6:30 p.m.
- location TBD (East Valley City Hall under renovation for 1 year)

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- LAST Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
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