

# SHPOA

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## President's Message for 2020 By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are ready for a fruitful 2020. Thanks to our SHPOA board and you, our community members for rolling up your sleeves, pitching in, and getting a decent amount of work done based on our 2019 Priority List and additional items as they arose.

At our November meeting, we reviewed our 2019 priorities and then set goals for 2020.

Due to space constraints, we'll publish the "In Progress" and "Not Started" categories in future issues. But in the meantime, here are the results of our goals/priorities for 2019 that were set by community members at our December 2018 meeting, augmented later by board member suggestions. We have the complete assessment on our website at [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us).

2019 SHPOA Goals/Priorities a/o December 2019		
Status	No.	%
Completed	20	49%
In progress	13	32%
Not Started	5	12%
<u>Stopped</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>

Detail of "Completed" items:

COMPLETED! 😊
Address Wentworth speeding issue and ignoring equestrian crossing lights/paths – "road diet," traffic lights, etc.
Recruit for Neighborhood Watch coordinator and increase articles in newsletter and Fodder by NW coordinator and reps
Ensure that the Verizon "box" near Taco Ranch/7-11 is secure.
Membership Committee: increase outreach to existing members, past/non-renewed members and new residents
Commit to quarterly volunteer events
Update the SHPOA website
Continue bi-monthly newsletter and meetings, and do both on a regular basis with dates announced well in advance
Continue Daily Fodder on a daily basis; post on Next Door and Facebook periodically on important issues
Provide updates to residents and members and input to City re: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
Provide leadership to restore and beautify trails, streams, etc. in blighted Big Tujunga Wash which was damaged by Creek Fire
Maintain communication with neighbor/developer Patrick Wizmann re: development on Wheatland. He has met with the Board and interested neighbors and should provide an update at a general SHPOA meeting.

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## Save the Date! Tuesday, January 14th

### Vulcan Materials & LA County Update on Wentworth Traffic Dana Stangel-Terenga Ranch: Local Wildlife

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

### Coffee with a Cop (Officer Rich Wall) Update By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

One of Shadow Hills' Senior Lead Officers, Officer Rich Wall, hosts "Coffee With a Cop" at Rise N Shine (Wheatland and Sunland) at 8:00 am the first Thursday of each month. I'm embarrassed to admit that December 5<sup>th</sup> was my first time to attend. I definitely will attend each month going forward as it's really great to have meaningful conversations with Officer Wall (Officer Joel Flores also was present this particular day) and the other community members. I left with a wealth of information about what's going on in our area.

Officer Wall brought us up to speed on various crimes in the area but because there are on-going investigations, details will not be disclosed in this article.

Some items of discussion were:

1. A recent open house advertisement promoted a 1000 sq. ft. "grow room" as part of the amenities. This is illegal for two reasons: First, the room was illegally modified. Second, it is legal to grow only 6 plants per person on one's property—and this grow room was set up to grow hundreds of plants as evidenced by the faint outline of pot pots.

2. Mail theft is still a thing. Perpetrators will also rummage through recycle and garbage cans looking mostly for credit card or bank statements for ID theft crimes. The more sophisticated criminals utilize computers and hardware to create fake credit cards from information contained on statements. Solutions are to get a locking mailbox, sign up for emailed statements, and shred sensitive papers. While LAPD is interested in knowing about mail theft, it falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Postal Service, therefore, one should report it to them.

3. With the holiday season here, package theft is on the rise. Thieves follow delivery service trucks and then steal the packages only minutes after they are delivered. Solutions are to have neighbors look out for your packages and secure them, utilize delivery lockers, have a secure place (inside a gate, fence, etc.) where pack-

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Obtain information about an undefined project on "Ormond"
Generally, keep information flowing to residents and elected officials such as news articles, legislation, reports from other parts of the State, etc.
Continue to provide administrative services to SAFE Coalition and maintain custody of SAFE Funds in designated account. Assess feasibility of continued SHPOA assistance to SAFE Coalition as high speed train plans become clearer.
Participate in SAFE Coalition meetings and strategies
After each newsletter printing, make sure non-mailed/extra copies are consistently distributed around town—car wash, Backdoor Bakery, Councilmember Rodriguez's office, etc.
Offer Shadow Hills merchandise for sale (t-shirts, mugs, etc.) — remember the license plate frames? (we did t-shirts \$12)
Restore pancake breakfast and other once or twice a year events through the Special Projects Committee
Christmas Caroling Event on horseback and riding in trucks
Campaign to remind people to change batteries in their smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors and offer help to neighbors who are unable physically to do this
<b>STOPPED (no longer relevant or applicable)</b>
Assess all public comment and action by Governor-Elect Newsom; encourage SHPOA/SAFE member to contact transition team and seek meeting, phone call or direct input to staff most involved with the high speed train project due to her direct contact with him
For people who "just joined Shadow Hills" on NextDoor, have our membership committee reach out to them for joining SHPOA
Report cars with dealer or no license plates after Jan 1st?

Some of our 2019 successes outside of our priorities/goals were:

1. SHPOA's Pancake Breakfast made a comeback in April.
2. In May, SHPOA co-hosted a Town Hall event with Senator Anthony Portantino and County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.
3. In July, SHPOA partnered with LAPD in an Equestrian Task Force which resulted in LAPD writing 30 citations in 2 hours. Its success resulted in other communities doing the same.
4. Our Community Cleanup event took place on June 29th and resulted in nearly filling up a large dumpster (Councilwoman Rodriguez's office provided the dumpster and tools.) Also, several volunteers continue working on weekends cleaning up weeds and trimming trees.
5. In December, Corral 20 and SHPOA co-sponsored their annual Ho! Ho! Ride which was a lot of fun.
6. We formally weighed in with successful results on various pieces of proposed city and state legislation, including SB50, AB516, city restrictions on where the homeless can sleep, and the requested zone change for the proposed housing development on the site of the former Verdugo Hills Golf course (see separate article in this issue).
7. We continue to attend various meetings of other community groups, i.e., SAFE (re: high speed train), Hansen Dam Advisory Board, FTDNC Equestrian Committee, Hillside Federation, Burbank Airport Noise Task Force, Neighborhood Watch groups, etc. to keep Shadow Hills apprised of the latest developments.

We'll still work on the incomplete items from 2019 while adding the following priorities for 2020:

- Spaghetti Dinner/Rummage Sale

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- Comprehensive community calendar
- Turn Sunland/Wheatland into a "square"
- Enforce "no camping" at any time (in fire zones)
- Enforce illegal fireworks
- Reflector/light campaign for equestrians/pedestrians
- Set up a "borrow a reflector" kiosk
- Portable radar speed indicator for Sunland & Wentworth
- Promote askLAPD.org

Thanks again for your dedication in keeping Shadow Hills "A neighborhood where families can grow."



### It's Membership Renewal Time—Please Renew Today! By Jo Rich, SHPOA Board

As the new SHPOA Membership Chair, I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful 2020. You are what make our community special but we need your support, both in terms of paying your annual membership dues and attending meetings. Last year we had some terrific speakers on various subjects such as disaster preparedness training, Big Tujunga Wash mitigation post-fire restoration efforts, active shooter awareness, Town Hall with Senator Portantino and Supervisor Kathryn Barger, learning the colorful history of Shadow Hills, learning about the DWP Ratepayer Advocate's office, and the Audobon Society. We are all volunteers, and dues are needed to pay for insurance, newsletter expenses, website, email, and other overhead. You'll find a self-addressed envelope in this issue so please take a moment of your time to send in your check for \$25 today, or renew online via Paypal at [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us) and click on the "Online Member Payment" button. Thank you!



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ages can be left, and sign up for delivery notifications. Amazon will even take a photo of your package after it's delivered. What is really unfair is that if someone steals your package and you actually see it in their vehicle, you can't just reach in and retrieve it. Also, they likely won't be prosecuted if the value is less than \$950.

4. 90% of his time is spent dealing with homeless issues including clearing out parks, and arranging for having RVs towed (takes about 2 weeks for the entire process). The people return shortly after they are removed. Regarding clearing out homeless encampments in high fire areas, although encampments are illegal in high fire areas, a committee decides on which days to move them out, putting priority on red flag days.

5. Officer Joel Flores provided us with some traffic stats. Shadow Hills showed a 3% decline in traffic collisions while the Foothill Division overall saw a 47% increase.

These are entire Foothill Division traffic stats compared to this time last year through week ending 11/23/19: Overall, there was a 3% decline over this time last year. DUI: 12% increase; hit and run: 20% decline; vehicle versus pedestrian: 11% increase (here was a pedestrian fatality on October 19<sup>th</sup> when a homeless person attempted to cross Sunland Blvd. near the 210 freeway); bicycle accidents: 40% decrease. The intersections with the highest rate of accidents are: Glenoaks & Van Nuys (33); Laurel Canyon & Roscoe (22); Laurel Canyon & Van Nuys (14); Glenoaks & Osborne (20); San Fernando Road & Sheldon (17). Most intersection accidents are caused by motorists going straight hitting motorists making left turns. Also, it is illegal to use the center median lane as a passing lane or as a parking area. Delivery trucks and big rigs are notorious for this. Also, using the median lane for any

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## Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

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## Membership Form

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## Benefits and Value of SHPOA Membership

### Preserve Country Lifestyle

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

### Protect Public Safety, the Environment and Property Values

- ✓ Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- ✓ Liaison to local police and fire departments
- ✓ Assist animal health and care
- ✓ Reduce speeding, unsafe driving and trash truck traffic
- ✓ Community beautification and clean-ups
- ✓ Partner with real estate community
- ✓ Leading the fight to defeat the high speed train proposals

### Promote Shadow Hills

- ✓ Market unique lifestyle and real estate properties
- ✓ Conduct SHPOA membership drives
- ✓ Hold general member meetings with guest speakers, helpful information and entertainment
- ✓ Bi-monthly newsletter
- ✓ Daily email outreach and information
- ✓ Website information
- ✓ Special events and signage

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reason beyond 200 feet is a violation so be mindful when entering it too soon to make that left turn.

On November 21, LAPD in conjunction with Councilwoman Rodriguez's office performed its second Equestrian Task Force at Foothill and Christie in Lake View Terrace, resulting in 30 citations.

LAPD is still being aggressive in apprehending illegal street racers. This year they have stopped 17 intersection takeovers (doing "doughnuts" at high speeds), made 2 felony arrests and 66 misdemeanor arrests, conducted 534 traffic stops and written 459 traffic citations. Additionally, 161 B.A.R. (illegal vehicle modifications) citations were issued. Not surprisingly, the most popular areas to street race in Shadow Hills are Sunland Blvd. and Wentworth Street.

I strongly urge residents to attend these informative and informal meetings. You'll be glad you did. And the coffee ain't bad either!



### **Trash, Trash, Everywhere – Part 4 By Elektra Kruger, Resident**

In late September 2017, Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Bob Blumenfield co-presented a Motion to City Council asking that it instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) along with the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Community Beautification to prepare a report with recommendations for a framework of a pilot program that would employ homeless "transitional" individuals to proactively clean litter from public right-of-ways on a regular on-going basis. Representatives of these agencies along with representatives of the non-profit organization known as Chrysalis which is dedicated to creating a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to find and retain employment. The scope of work for the proposed pilot program as recommended by Chrysalis would include removing loose litter, providing weed abatement, removing graffiti, emptying and relining trash receptacles, removing furniture illegally dumped along public right-of-ways, cleaning tree wells and washing seating areas. Crews will not be cleaning homeless encampments and would not be subject to the City's protocols for removal and storage of personal property within the public right-of-way. Creation of these clean-up crews should free up additional time for the Bureau's CleanStatLA (CSLA) teams to focus on addressing the increasing backlog of homeless encampment cleanup requests. Chrysalis jobs are intended to be "transitional" with the expectation that participants transition into other jobs thereby freeing up a slot for another individual seeking employment within the Chrysalis system. The transitional slots with the City under the direction of Chrysalis would employ around 36 individuals at any one point in time. Chrysalis estimates that this pro-

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gram would serve between 250-300 individuals per year. The City Council's Public Works Committee expressed an interest in transitioning these individuals into full-time City employment through the Targeted Local Hire (TLH) Program in which individuals from under-served and under-employed communities are considered for hire into City departments in entry-level classification positions such as Maintenance Laborers and Administrative Clerks. Individuals would be hired as Vocational Workers and Office Trainees serving a six-month job training period and an additional six month probationary period before becoming full-time Civil Service employees. "Under-served communities" may include homeless individuals, formerly incarcerated individuals, former gang members, disconnected youths, foster youth, veterans, residents with limited English proficiency, transgender individuals, individuals with disabilities and older workers protected under the Age Discrimination Act of 1967. To be continued in a future issue.



### **Special Spirit Knows the Importance of Volunteers By Eva Lund, Special Spirit Director**

As with any nonprofit organization, our volunteers are the backbone Special Spirit, without them we cannot exist. Gabe and Rachel, our two fabulous volunteers, have the following to say about volunteering. Maybe it can inspire another young person to become a volunteer in his or her community.

**Gabe:** *It means a lot to me because I am doing community service for this small community at this barn. I put in a lot of my free hours helping kids that are different than other kids that have special needs and can feel like they won't be made fun of like at school or in a public setting.*

*It makes me feel good when I am leading a horse and the kid is smiling and laughing but most of all having a fun time.*

*I have been volunteering here for almost three years and I would never stop giving my time to this program that helps kids with special needs learn how to ride horses. There is also a group of animals owned by Danny's Farm. In his farm, there are 5 goats, 2 pigs, 2 baby sheep, 1 donkey, and 3 bunnies. It is a kind of therapy but with farm animals that are super cute. I think I said all I needed to say this is all the information you need to know about how this place works.*



Gabe on trail in Hansen Dam

*I have been volunteering here to almost three years and I love what I am doing. It is a great thing to do for community service.*

**Rachel:** *I have been a volunteer at Special Spirit for about 3 years now and I absolutely love it. I get to go to the barn 2 times a week and it is always the highlight of my week. I love it so much because I get to spend time with amazing animals, and I get to help kids who are unique in their own way. This brings so much joy to me because I know that I am making an impact on their life and I know how much they love to be at the barn as much as I do.*

*I also have made some great friends while volunteering at Special Spirit, including my animal friends. I have gotten to know so many great people at SS and it's good to know that we all love horses and volunteering there and just being at the barn. I have also formed a strong*

*bond with a horse at the barn who has been with me since day 1. His name is London. I remember when I used to ride him all the time and it was so much fun. I love him so much and if I didn't ever volunteer at SS, I would have never even met London.*



### **An Out-of-State Lawsuit Really Messed Up Local Police Powers on Homelessness! By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board**

You may have wondered why LAPD can't just round up the homeless who are sleeping on the sidewalk and make them leave. It's not because of any failure of the City of Los Angeles, or even California. It's because of *City of Boise v. Martin*, a landmark case on homelessness.

I see social media posts on a daily basis lambasting our electeds and law enforcement alleging "they're not doing anything about getting rid of the homeless encampments." First, our electeds' and LAPD's hands are tied due to the Boise decision. Second, complaining on social media will not change the court decision. LAPD may, however, remove homeless encampments from high fire hazard areas.

The decision prevented cities and counties from sending law enforcement to enforce local ordinances to force homeless people to clear their encampments and prohibit them from returning. The case ruled that Los Angeles and other cities cannot prevent people from sleeping outdoors on public property when there are not enough shelter beds available.

Cities and counties had hoped that this ruling, which was supposed to be a stopgap measure, would be modified or overturned through an appeal to the Supreme Court. This hope was popped when on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case. This dealt a setback to cities and counties trying to regulate encampments on sidewalks.

It has left cities and counties with few options except for building more shelters and housing, all of course, at taxpayers' expense.

In the meantime, LA City File 19-0602-S1 which would have prohibited homeless from sleeping within 500 feet of parks, daycare centers and schools, and from blocking paths was shuttled back to committee after a raucous group of homeless advocates convinced the City Council to remand it back to committee where it's still sitting.



### **A Look Back at a Shadow Hills Pioneer: Bon Ronka By Bill Eick, Resident**

Over the years, Shadow Hills has had several City Council representatives. One of them in the 1970s was Bob Ronka, who served from 1977 to 1981, and he was instrumental in preserving the rural lifestyle of Shadow Hills.

Bob attended North Hollywood High School about the same time as my wife, Tina Eick. Tina's mother, Anne von Helf, was one of Bob's teachers. When he was campaigning door to door handing out magnetic oven mitts, he wandered into our yard and was flabbergasted to find his recently retired teacher gardening. They struck up a renewed acquaintance. Bob won the election and went to work. One of the early issues was horsekeeping, and then the land use issues which surrounded it. We worked closely with the council office and were able to pass legislation which provided special protections in predominately horsekeeping areas of the city. Bob had hired a local resident as a council aid to help in this process and the person he hired was Kay Franklin. Although probably not true, we always chided Kay that

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she named the zoning overlay district after herself—thus, the term "K district."

Bob was the council member during the 1978 flood which rolled through the Big Tujunga Wash. For you history buffs, this was the flood that moved boulders the size of small cars through the area where the Angeles National Golf Club is currently located and washed out roads. One of the more morbid consequences of that flood was that it damaged portions of the Verdugo Cemetery which resulted in bodies or parts of bodies rushing downstream.



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## SHPOA Loses a Gem

### By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

It is with intense sadness that SHPOA learned that our beloved friend and neighbor, Andrea Gutman, passed away shortly before Thanksgiving. She had been in the hospital and started to rally, however, she took a turn for the worse.

Those of you who were lucky enough to personally know Andrea understood that she was an amazing friend and a little dynamo. Those of you who didn't personally know Andrea have seen her handiwork for decades around Shadow Hills. She and her husband James worked tirelessly to keep our trail fences fixed and chasing down insurance payments. She personally took on obtaining the grant funding and making the beautiful bridle paths a reality along Stonehurst nearly two decades ago. She and James have been on the SHPOA board for as long as we can remember and started their Shadow Hills community service in the late 1960's. They were dedicated to making our community better for everyone. Her passing is an immeasurable loss to Shadow Hills and information on any celebration of life services will be shared via Daily Fodder (don't subscribe? [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us) and click on the green button near the bottom) and on our Facebook page.



Andrea Gutman (left) with Jacqy Gamble



## Why Dump Illegally? Bulky Item Pickup is So Easy!

### By Carlos George, SHPOA Board

Illegal dumping is a serious quality of life issue for our neighborhoods, case in point just go to Peoria street where the old Bradley dumpsite and you can see how blatantly people are just illegally dumping things on that street. In the City of Los Angeles, it is against the law to discard old sofas, refrigerators, mattresses and other large household items on the curb outside of homes and apartment buildings. It is also frustrating and unsightly for everyone in the community.

Fortunately, the city has a solution: Call 311. If you want to get rid of bulky items, call 311 at least one day before your regular trash collection day and the Bureau of Sanitation will remove the items for free. Call any day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. with a list of items you want picked up. You can also download the My311 smart phone app or submit a service request online: [lacity.org/MyLA311](http://lacity.org/MyLA311).

To be a good neighbor, make sure to contact the city before you put bulky items out on the street or in your yard.

You should also call 311 to report illegally dumped items whenever you see them. Once you do, the Bureau of Sanitation will come out to remove the items. This is a very helpful service provided by the city.

Help keep our neighborhoods safe and clean by encouraging them to call 311.



## Finally! Snowbird Development's Zone Change Request at Former Verdugo Golf Course Denied by City Council By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Snowball West Investments lost its zoning change request put before the City Council in a unanimous vote 14-0 on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. This change would have allowed it to build 215 homes (current zoning would allow approximately 20 homes) on the 57-acre site. There would be only two points in ingress/egress creating even more congestion in a high wind and high fire hazard area which is also located on an earthquake fault. What could possibly go wrong? Besides destroying what is currently a park-like environment, it would add more stress to our aging infrastructure, landfills, and understaffed safety personnel.

Public outcry and community members who testified in person and who submitted public comments should be commended for their tireless efforts in fighting this ill-conceived, long-drawn out proposed project.

In addition to concerned stakeholders, our Councilwoman Rodriguez supported her constituents. She submitted a very powerful letter at the Planning and Land Use Management Committee the day before the Council vote. In part, it states:

*"Within the last two years, the foothill communities of my district were center stage to what were respectively the two largest wildfires in the City's recent history--the Creek and La Tuna Fires. Since this item was heard at the City Planning Commission in May, the Seventh District saw yet another fire erupt within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone--the Saddle Ridge Fire...88 structures were damaged, 19 were destroyed, one person died of a heart attack, and many schools were closed due to poor air quality that lingered for weeks...more than 100,000 people were under mandatory evacuation... [these] Fires are examples of the new reality we face in my district and across California. What we've learned from these fires statewide should inform our decision-making to uphold public health and safety. The tragic loss of life and property of the Camp Fire in Northern California, in which firefighters experienced many difficulties, including limited water and road access, should guide our decision. Our hillside communities are in great danger, and that danger will only grow."*

During the Council meeting, Councilwoman Rodriguez furthered her opposition to the zoning change in a compelling speech.

The developer still has other avenues to pursue the project but at least we know that our Councilwoman and our Council did the right thing for our communities.



### Toyon And Mexican Elderberry To Be "Protected"? – Part 3 By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In early May, 2018, a Draft Ordinance was submitted to the City for its review and approval amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to modify provisions pertaining to the City's "Protected Trees" to include the Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus Mexicana*) and the Toyon (*Heteromeles Arbutifolia*), shrubs known to provide habitat for songbirds, bees and other pollinators which are attracted to the clusters of many small cream-colored flowers in Spring and Summer. Song-  
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## City of Los Angeles Sues FAA Over Burbank Airport Flight Paths By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

In the Nov-Dec 2019 newsletter issue, we reported on what took place at the first two (of six) noise task force meetings held at the Marriott in Burbank. The task force is comprised of various local, state and federal electeds or their staff, reps from the FAA, LAX, Burbank and Van Nuys airports and facilitated by a consultant. Since then, two more meetings were held. The final two are currently scheduled for January 15th and February 19th. <http://hollywoodburbankairport.com/noise-environment/noise-task-force/>

Here is a brief history: About 2 years ago, the FAA introduced a satellite-based tracking system, NextGen, which utilizes GPS coordinates to manage flights and has led to severely altered flight paths over the City of Los Angeles. For the last two years, communities south of the airport have been inundated with departing flights every 3 minutes. Now, Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, La Tuna Canyon, Sun Valley, and Shadow Hills are being affected by both outbound and inbound flights and you may have noticed lower and louder planes over the last several months. Those are a result of this same flight path change.

After several excellent presentations by community groups, public comment, and the task force's diligence, on Thursday, December 12, the City Attorney Mike Feuer, Councilmen Koretz (Encino/Bel Air) and Krekorian (Studio City), announced the City's lawsuit against the FAA for flight changes at Burbank Airport. Councilman Ryu (Sherman Oaks) was not in attendance.

The rest of this article is mostly from a communication by the community group Quiet Skies-Sherman Oaks and Encino.

The City also filed another concurrent lawsuit for the FAA to respond to a series of Freedom of Information Act requests. Key points that were made included:

- There was a sudden and dramatic change to flight paths at Burbank Airport that happened in 2017 impacting 250,000 residents in neighborhoods that have never had noise. The impact is doubled in the hillsides because planes are closer to homes. People on the ground are being victimized.
- The FAA has finally admitted that there was a one-third mile southward shift but the City's own experts say it's more than a mile. The FAA continues to deny, however, that they know how that happened. The FAA has said very little to justify their actions.
- The lawsuit was filed because of the FAA's "stunning lack of accountability." It demands the FAA return to historical paths and then determine a dispersed path.
- Feuer said if he felt the Task Force was making progress he might have held the lawsuit but thinks progress isn't being made. He said that the lawsuit wouldn't stop Task Force collaboration - litigation or no litigation. Koretz noted that the Task Force (of which he is a voting member) has asked great questions but the FAA hasn't answered them. Krekorian also said the FAA is not being transparent or cooperative.

SHPOA will continue to keep you updated on this issue.



### Beloved Pets Funeral and Viewing Options By Carlos George, SHPOA Board

As residents of Shadow Hills, we all love animals and our closest sometimes family members are our pets. Our love and care for our beloved pets family has changed the way we grieve. When a pet dies usually the veterinarian arranges for a non-witness cremation, therefore families may not be given the opportunity to pay the proper respect to their family pet. The new trend of funeral services, such as casketed private viewing, funeral services at church, memorial services at the desert, beach, home or other has become the new way to provide the proper cremation or burial with dignity and respect to our pet family. The following are some common questions that are usually asked and in most cases, the answer is "Yes."

1. Can the pet be placed in a casket for viewing at home?
2. Would the pet be refrigerated?
3. I'm of Christian faith, can a Pastor provide a blessing over my pet?
4. May I witness the cremation or burial?
5. Is scattering at sea an available option?

There are a few pet cremation companies in our area, including horse cremations, so don't be shy about asking questions about the various services available.



### SHPOA Election Results for 2020 By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

For the first time in several years, SHPOA conducted its election during the month of November as pursuant to the Bylaws. In some ways, it was more fun to hold them in December so that we could combine it with a holiday party. We had a good meeting as we reviewed the recent Shadow Hills/Stonehurst survey results, reviewed our goals from 2019 and then set our community 2020 priorities (see article about that on p. 1). We managed to do this while munching on pizza and other goodies.

Not surprisingly, all positions ran unopposed. Here are the results:

President: Cindy Bloom (will term out this year)

Vice President: Jacqy Gamble

Treasurer: Lynne Toby

Membership Chair: Jo Rich

Executive Secretary and Recording Secretary positions are vacant

The SHPOA board is broken down into (1) Elected and (2) Appointed. Both categories are equally important. The SHPOA Board will be appointing/re-appointing those positions at the January board meeting. Please refer to the masthead on page 2 of the newsletter to see the positions.

We urge all community members to volunteer—you can fill an appointed position, a vacant elected position, be on a

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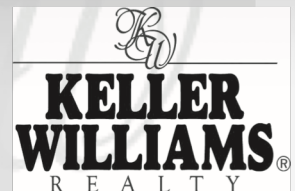
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## About Money By Marlene Hitt, Resident

These last two months have us sweating to cover the expenses: property tax, insurances, and gifting. We use cash, checks, automatic payments, bits and barter.

From earliest times, people have used any kind of hard-to-find goods which were highly desired for means of exchange. Exchange goods could have been salt or obsidian, nails or shells or gemstones. Giraffe tails were once used as money in a part of Africa and whale teeth once were used in Fiji.

In the days of early California, there was a material for exchange that some of us haven't been aware of. 'The wondrous long-horned cattle from Mexico were driven along to be destined for food and nourishment by the colonists of California under the Standard of Spain, soon multiplied in great numbers in this spacious and fruitful country.' Meat, hides and tallow were plentiful.

About this time, a sea merchant traveling along the coast of California, whose craft had sprung a leak, had to get rid of his cargo to make it possible for the ship to be mended, a cargo of perishable goods--lump sugar and chocolate.

Anchoring off El Puerto de San Pedro, he was rowed to land to investigate the possibilities of a trade. Wandering about, he found the Rancho San Pedro of the Dominquez, Rancho Los Palos Verdes of the Sepulvedas and the Ranchos Los Alamitos and Los Cerritos of the Nietos and discovered great quantities of dry, stiff hides and tons of tallow in surones (leather bags)--a find."

Sure that these articles could be disposed of somewhere, and that they would not be harmed by the elements of the sea, he traded his sugar and chocolate for the hides and bags of tallow, and headed to Santa Catalina Island for repairs.

Apparently, he chose acceptable trade goods, because the leather and tallow became a medium of exchange. That is the way the term "Leather Dollars of California" originated, the commodity which in trade could buy any item, from a needle to an elaborate handembroidered Spanish shawl.

In his book, *Two Years Before the Mast*, Richard Henry Dana, Jr. describes a trade vessel. "The trade-room was fitted up in steerage, and furnished out with the lighter goods, and with specimens of the rest of the cargo," he wrote. "Melius was taken out of the forecabin and made supercargo's clerk...For a week or ten days all was life on board. The people came off to look and to buy and we were continually going in the boats, carrying goods and passengers."

The cargo was an assorted one, spirits of all kinds sold by the cask, teas, coffees, sugars, spices, raisins, molasses, hardware, crockery-ware, tin-ware, cutlery, clothing, boots and shoes, calicos and cotton, silks, shawls, necklaces, combs, fireworks and English cartwheels.

Dana speaks about the economy of that California. "One thing that surprised me was the quantity of silver in circulation. I never, in my life, saw so much silver at one time. The truth is, they have no credit system, no banks, and no way of investing money but in cattle. Besides silver, they have no circulating medium but hides, which the sailors call 'California Bank Notes.' Everything that they buy must be paid for by one or the other of these means. The hides they bring down dried and doubled, in clumsy ox-carts, or upon mules backs, and the money they carry tied up in a handkerchief."

Trade became more sophisticated as time went on. During the years about 1800 and on, the the merchant ships wound their way from the East Coast around the

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horn and up and down the coast of California. Goods were brought in, hides and tallow were loaded on by hand onto the vessels and carried back to the place of origin.

Not too much later, Francisco Lopez, part owner of the Rancho Tujunga found the first gold in California (1842). The first minted gold coin in circulation in California was from that gold.

Shells, tails, gems, teeth, hides, silver, gold, copper coin, paper and coded numbers on the internet, it is all the same. I need this, you need that and we exchange. My choice: plastic.



### Infractions, Crimes, Perceptions and Solutions By Thom Despres, SHPOA Board

This morning, I had the opportunity to participate in another Sunland/Tujunga crime awareness meeting which was very well attended. There were almost 40 attendees. The LAPD was represented as well as members of the City Council. A number of neighborhood watch members were also in attendance. I am always gratified by the amount of knowledge that is brought forward during these events. In the past few years, as I have become more involved in participating in Neighborhood Watch efforts, certain constants have emerged. I would like to take this opportunity to offer some of my perspectives.

The most glaring deficit that I have observed is the lack of understanding on the part of many members of our community as to the correct follow-up to any given problem. For instance, if someone were to illegally dump a couch on the sidewalk, let us say, somewhere on Sunland Blvd., how many of our residents would know how to have it removed? If your neighbor witnessed an unknown person rifling through your vehicle at midnight what should they do? If someone has a car radio on full blast at three in the morning, what is your recourse? If you believe there to be drug activity going on at a particular residence what is the remedy? If there is a group of noisy folks drinking in your neighborhood park what would you do? If your neighbor has someone on their property living in a camper, is that OK? If someone is flashing a shotgun at someone on your street, how do you react? These issues are just a small sampling of some of the possibilities, all of which make a negative impact on your day to day life.

To many of our neighbors the solution is "CALL THE COPS." Unfortunately, it is definitely not that simple. The multitude of potential issues that we experience as a society requires a multitude of solutions. I have heard, first-hand of neighborhood problems that have required the involvement of multiple government agencies including City Council, LAPD, Department of Land Use, Department of Water and Power, etc. Some of the remedies to these issues can take YEARS!

It would be the greatest gift to our communities if there were no longer a single resident who thought the cliché, "I don't call the police because they never do anything anyway." That mythology is a direct result of the lack of knowledge as to the proper follow-up to any given problem. One of the most effective means by which to curtail crime, or infractions not necessarily considered crime is to CREATE DATA and a PAPER TRAIL. Another is directing the issue to the appropriate department or agency.

In closing, I would like to begin with this confession: "I do not personally know the best way to solve all of these problems." I also know that I am not alone in that confession. That said, I would like to request the following potential solution: The development of a written, point by point follow-up to problems that have already been solved. 1. What was the problem. 2. Who was notified. 3. How was the problem rectified. 4. How long did it take. 5. What departments were involved. If we could develop a database that listed every known solution that has been applied to every problem that has already occurred in the fight against neighborhood

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problems and crime, we would have a "How To" manual for the future.

Here's an example: Someone dumped a mattress on my street. I called 311 and reported the illegal dumping. The item was picked-up within 2 days. This is a simple example but I hope that you get the gist.

Note: The LAPD Foothill Division always has their hands full. Crime is actually down significantly in our greater vicinity but sometimes, perception is everything.



### Cook's Corner

**South Georgia Bourbon Pecan Balls**  
By Bob Renna, SHPOA Board

Here is a recipe from a long time friend who lived in a small south Georgia town called Moultrie. When I attended college at UGA (go Dawgs) he would often invite me to visit his family during holidays when I could not get back to New York. These pecan balls were very popular in the South at the time of my visits.

2 Sticks of butter  
4 tablespoons of sugar  
2 cups of chopped pecans  
2 cups of flour  
2 teaspoons vanilla

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## High Speed Train Update By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

The following are developments since the Nov-Dec 2019 newsletter. For history, please go to [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us) and click on the newsletters tab. You may also visit the [www.dontrailroad.us](http://www.dontrailroad.us) for a complete library of information.

**12-15-19:** Defying the federal government, CHSRA solicits bids for the largest contract to-date--a 30-year contract for bulk of system

**12-3-19:** Burbank airport sits in the path of California's bullet train, so a tunnel is in the works (*Editor's note: this should be no surprise since the terminal was always planned to be underground*)

**11-15-19:** State leaders are divided as they clamor for money for local projects.

**11-13-19:** Fresno Bee: Despite Newsom's high-speed rail plan, some on project's board have other spending ideas (*Editor's note: Prop 1A would prohibit repurposing*)

**11-10-19:** Fresno Bee Op-Ed states Newsom is right in saying he will oppose any raid by Northern or Southern California on high-speed-rail funding as it would breach the Federal Railroad Administration's grant which would require repaying \$2.9 billion

**11-5-19:** CHSRA purchases a homeless center in the Bakersfield area for \$6 million in a leaseback deal.

**10-23-19:** (1) Trump administration sues California over cap-and-trade agreement with Canada (2) Palmdale to Burbank draft Environmental Impact Report which was to be released in December 2019 is indefinitely delayed.



## We are Very Fond of the Fond Land Preservation Foundation By Bill Eick, Director, FLFP

You've probably seen the large "Fond Family Open Space" sign at the Sunland onramp to the 210 Freeway hundreds of times. We are happy to report that another sign was recently installed at the end of Teazole Canyon Road. We are even happier to report that the Fond Family Open Space is now in the process of installing two more new signs: One at the end of Rotta (the street just east of Wheatland) and one at the end of Del Arroyo off of La Tuna Canyon.

Also, the Foundation has just completed the acquisition of a parcel of land off of Rotta which was in the middle of the open space. The owner was Tarek Hilo who, along with his father, own and operate the Mobil Gas station on Sunland Blvd. near the 5 freeway. We all wish to thank Tarek for his willingness to sell the Foundation the property which was a developable lot. So, the next time you're at that Mobil station filling up your tank, please say "thank you."

Another exciting development is that the Foundation is starting a docent program and currently is in the process of organizing it. We will provide more details when they are available. We are also in the process of updating our website and will let everyone know when it is up and running. Finally, we are continuing brush clearance on a regular basis. Our budget for brush clearance is about \$30,000 per year. Because no amount of brush clearance can stop the Santa Ana winds which blow embers for miles, please be sure to make your own houses as resistant to fires as possible by trimming the trees so that they are not dragging on the ground and to do some "ember-proofing" (see the Nov-Dec 2019 SHPOA newsletter, p. 9 for tips). The fire department has a list of things each of us can do to reduce the danger of fires and it's crucial that we all comply.

In the meantime, please enjoy the open space brought to you by the Fond Land Preservation Foundation.



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2 tablespoons of Bourbon  
 Powered sugar for rolling  
 Pre-heat oven to 350° In a bowl, mix all of the ingredients using your hands and roll into balls about the size of a ping-pong ball.  
 Bake for 25 to 30 minutes.  
 When lightly browned, roll in the powdered sugar while still hot, and again when cooled. Yield 24

These tasty treats always remind me of the Hodges family's true Southern Hospitality toward me during those lonely holidays. Y'all enjoy 'em, ya hear !?!



**A Lot of Horsing Around During the  
 Corral 20 / SHPOA Ho! Ho! Ride  
 By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board**

On Saturday, 12/14/19, Corral 20 (this year co-hosted with SHPOA) put on their annual Ho! Ho! ride throughout Stonehurst/Shadow Hills. Equestrians with their horses all decked out in Christmas gear (no horses were harmed during the making of this parade), pedestrians with their dogs, and non-equestrians on the hay trailer all had a great time. Becky Borquez led us in singing Christmas carols and happily, we didn't get pelted by rotten tomatoes. In fact, folks and a couple of pot bellied pigs seemed to enjoy the spectacle. Big thanks to Corral 20 for again putting on this event!



Having fun during the Annual Ho! Ho! Ride

**LA City Council Motions in Motion  
 By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board**

In response to a horrific accident that resulted in the death of two horses and critically injured riders on Foothill Blvd. in Lake View Terrace, Councilwoman Rodriguez introduced a motion, File 19-1471, that requests the LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

1. Work on a design that maximizes shoulder room and explores other safety enhancements for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.
2. Repair existing, upgrade and add lighting.
3. Create a contiguous bridle path along Foothill from Wentworth to the 210 Freeway
4. To address obstacles impeding access along the trail.

Contrary to some social media posts, this motion does not threaten to remove any lanes, or to add bollards, and the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council supports this motion. As with the La Tuna Canyon Blvd. redesign, community input will be incorporated prior to any implementation concerning street redesign.

Another motion introduced by Councilwoman Rodriguez, File 19-1464, requests that LAPD in coordination with

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LADOT and the state establish a separate category of accidents that involved equestrians to provide meaningful information. Currently, this type of accidents is lumped into "other."



### Coyotes are Killing Our Family Members – Our Pets By Carlos George, SHPOA Board

In California, coyotes have the same legal status as pigeons and rats. They're considered "non-game animals," which means anyone can kill as many of them as they want, at any time of year. There are some restrictions: It's illegal to poison them or capture them with a leg-hold trap. Any coyote that enters your property

is trespassing on your private property and poses a threat to your family and your pets. When this happens you have all the right to take the necessary precautions to protect your family and pets without harming other humans in the process.

In an interview with KPCC last April, Niamh Quinn, who studies coyote-human interaction at the University of California Cooperative Extension in Orange County, said killing coyotes does not reduce their overall number, because it creates a vacuum that other coyotes move in to fill. Rather, she said, the aim is to eliminate problem coyotes, and hope that whatever coyotes move in to an area next won't be as aggressive. "It does look like lethal control is a good short-term option. But it's not the long-term solution," she said. "The long-term solution is making citizens aware of how to act in areas where coyotes are, because coyotes are not going away. They're here to stay. Coyotes are not coming from the hills anymore. We have urban coyotes." Lisa Lange, senior vice president for communications at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), said the long-term solution is to prevent conflicts in the first place. She said people can eliminate the reasons why coyotes are hanging around populated areas in the first place: open garbage cans, food that is left out or even intentional feeding. "We need to start ticketing people when they leave food out for wildlife. We need to fine people when they have a picnic and leave their trash out," she told KPCC last May. It's hard to tell whether human coyote conflicts are getting worse. Many people feel that they are, thanks to posts on NextDoor or Facebook, but data is lacking because there's no single agency that tracks coyote attacks. California Department of Fish and Wildlife only keeps track of when the agency is called in to kill aggressive animals. And Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has a database of the number of county residents who received rabies shots for coyote bites.

In 2012, three people got shots. That number jumped to 16 in 2016 but fell to 5 in 2017. But anecdotally, public health experts say coyotes appear to be getting more aggressive. "The way they're interacting with people is just not the way we used to see things occurring," Karen Ehnert, the chief veterinarian for county public health, told KPCC in May 2016. She said before, it seemed like coyote attacks on people happened when a coyote was going after a pet, and the person intervened to try to save the pet. Now we have people being attacked, and there's no pet around. There's no food. There's really no reason for the coyote to attack the human. So, it's disturbing."

So, what to do if you are stalked by a coyote, or one is eyeing your dog on a walk? Experts say to try to frighten it away: get big, make a lot of noise, and throw rocks at it. Do this even if it isn't stalking you, because this helps reinstall a fear of humans in coyotes that may have lost it. If it attacks you – which is very rare – don't be afraid to fight back.

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Editor's Note: Please attend our Jan. 14th meeting where wildlife expert Dana Stangel will talk about wildlife, including coyotes.



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birds feast on the Elderberry fruit in the Fall and Toyon berries in Winter. The shrubs are deep-rooted, drought adapted providing slope stabilization, water infiltration and other environmental benefits. It is believed that Hollywood was named after the Toyon with its holly-like leaves and bright clusters of red berries in winter. Given

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committee, or volunteer on an as needed basis.

In SHPOA-world, there is no such thing as "Too many cooks spoil the broth"! (Speaking of cooking, please see our monthly "Cook's Corner" for this month's fabulous recipe.)

**Let's make 2020 a great year for Shadow Hills!**



### SHPOA Survey Results By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Thanks to all of you who participated in SHPOA's online survey that went out in October 2019. We received 163 responses and reviewed the results at our November 2019 meeting but for those of you who missed it, here are the highlights. The entire survey is available for viewing on our website: [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us).

#### Notable items:

1. The majority of respondents (79%) have lived here for more than 10 years.
2. The majority of respondents (60%) do not own horses.
3. The majority of respondents (58%) see SHPOA's mission as promoting community activism.
4. The top 3 issues are loss of horsekeeping properties, fire danger, and development, respectively.
5. Neighborhood cleanup is the most preferred activity.
6. Most horse owners maintain their horses on their own property.
7. Mailing is the preferred method for delivery of our humble SHPOA newsletter



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that the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon are actually shrubs as opposed to "trees," the wording of the Ordinance has been changed from "protected tree preservation" to "protected tree and shrub preservation." Protected indigenous trees generally grow taller than the Mexican Elderberry and Toyon shrubs housing different animals and providing different levels of shade and differing native habitats. Thus while the Draft Ordinance still requires that a "protected tree" or "protected shrub" must be replaced on a 4:1 basis if a protected tree or shrub is removed by reason of said protected tree or protected shrub needing to be relocated due to planned construction sites, removed protected trees must be replaced with trees and protected shrubs must be replaced with protected shrubs so as to retain the environment as close to the initial environment as possible keeping the ecosystem intact and balanced. The Draft Ordinance was forwarded to the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management and Public Works Committees for their review and recommendation. During sessions of public testimony, there was a lot of controversy as to the minimum size of shrubs to be classified "protected". The Draft Ordinance stated that there must be at least one stem 4 inches or more in diameter 4.5 feet above ground. Given that the Elderberry and Toyon are shrubs, it is unlikely that they have stems 4 inches in diameter 4.5 feet above ground so an Amended Draft Ordinance now states that there must be one stem at least two inches in diameter though still being measured at the 4.5 foot height above ground which is the industry standard and the height recommended by the Planning Commission. However, a letter to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee from the Community Forest Advisory Committee recommended instead that the height at which the diameter measurement be taken should be 2.5 feet above ground. To be continued in a future issue.



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**Next SHPOA General Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 14th, 7pm, Tierra del Sol**

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**All Nations Church:** 10000 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace  
**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](http://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 6:00 p.m.
- Sunland-Tujunga Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd

#### LAPD Community Coffee Time

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

#### Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

- LAST Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

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