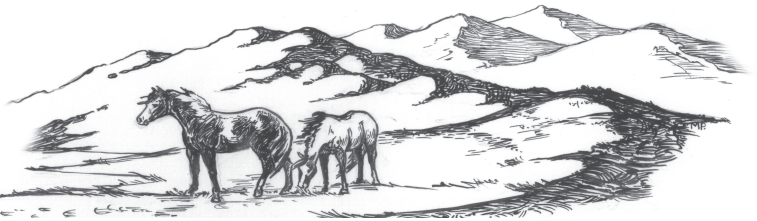


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## RECAP & MINUTES SHPOA GENERAL MEETING Jan. 9, 2024, 7:00 PM

By Susan Wong and Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

The SHPOA General meeting was called to order by President Tina Eick, at 7:05 pm on January 9, 2024. The meeting was held at Tierra Del Sol. Eick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a brief welcome. As the SHPOA General meeting was on the same day as the City Planning hearing to receive input from the public regarding the request for live studio audiences at the film studio on Peoria Street, our meeting prioritized a recap and discussion of that public hearing.

Tina Eick reviewed the points raised during the hearing, and apologized for not speaking herself because she could not get the "Raise Hand" button on her computer to work. She stated that many, many emails had been written from residents of Shadow Hills, which will work in our favor.

Ricardo Flores, CD7 Rep, was in attendance, and was able to answer several questions that were brought up by attendees regarding the Soundstages:

- He felt we would get a decision from City Planning within 4-6 weeks.
- They (CD7 and CD6) are working on the traffic signs to be installed on the various streets affected by the film studio. Several work orders have been written already for replacement signs and for signs that are "City signs" (example: a Dead End sign or signs about heavy trucks, etc.).
- However, something not addressed to City Planning, is the fact that the small faded "No right turn" signs across from the businesses on Peoria Street are NOT City signs, and have to be erected by the businesses. Subsequent letters to Dang Nguyen in City Planning may help include this in their conditions ... if Live Studio Audiences are approved.
- Any NEW City signage needs to have a motion passed by LA City Council, and then a code has to be created in order to allow enforcement of said signs. And "No right turn" signs across from a business driveway is not something that the City can install, nor enforce.

The discussion then turned to enforcement of anything previously discussed. Any signs the City puts up is enforced by LAPD; any signs the film studio puts up are enforced by the film studio security.

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## General Meeting Tuesday, March 12th at 7pm Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.

- \* Mike Linton, Vice President of Properties & Land Development at Vulcan Materials Company-Western Division will update us on current activities and possible plans for all 4 of the Vulcan properties in our local area.
- \* Update on the film studio application for live studio audiences

*(Continued)*

Chris Pearson said he agreed with Councilwoman's letter, which would require an additional security guard to patrol the off-site parking locations (for a total of three security guards at a minimum, for the project on and off site combined). The SHPOA and the SVANC letters to City Planning both asked for video cameras to be installed by the film studio on Peoria Street to monitor traffic.

The discussion turned to the physical condition of Peoria St., from the film studio going west on Peoria Street. Currently Peoria Street is one of the most neglected streets in Los Angeles. It has been well over 50 years since it was last paved. The street is riddled with potholes, cracks and lifted concrete. In its present condition, film studio employees, executives and visitors will most likely use the Glenoaks point of ingress/egress only ONE TIME. Then, in order to protect their cars, they will seek out other routes to the film studio which will cause less wear and tear on their vehicles. Clearly they will decide on using the Sunland Blvd. to Stonehurst Ave. to Peoria as the preferred route.

The City has cited the high costs as the reason for delaying the repavement of Peoria Street. The attendees at the meeting generally agreed that a fair compromise would be to require the paving of Peoria Street, west of the project, to Glenoaks, as a Condition for the CUP, with the City and Hudson Pacific splitting the costs. This Condition would benefit the soundstage project along with the community by ensuring/encouraging that the ingress/egress is from Glenoaks and not through the equestrian single-family neighborhood of Shadow Hills. Tina Eick wrote an email to Dang Nguyen about this issue after the meeting.

Following the lengthy discussion on the film studio's

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request for live studio audiences, Ricardo Flores, from Councilwoman Rodriguez's office, mentioned that the city has identified Sunland Blvd. through Shadow Hills as a site for traffic cameras which are now allowed by the new law [AB 645](#) authorizing some cities (L.A. is one) to set up surveillance in certain areas under a new pilot program. Hopefully these cameras will help to deter the chronic speeding problems and subsequent accidents on Sunland Blvd.

Before adjourning the meeting, SHPOA treasurer and Webmaster Michael Stein gave the Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2024 as follows:

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



**CITY PLANNING HEARING**  
**JAN. 9, 2024 9:30 AM, VIA ZOOM**  
 By Susan Wong, SHPOA Board

The City Planning staff person running the zoom hearing, Dang Nguyen, held a virtual public hearing by Zoom on January 9, 2024 to allow public input regarding the request to allow live studio audiences at the newly constructed film studio on Peoria street. Mr Nguyen noted that he had visited the soundstages and our neighborhood "very recently", so it was good that he had at least seen the streets around the soundstages and the homes nearby. He asked pointed follow-up questions of the Soundstage reps after all the public comments were completed.

Many neighbors spoke, most of them addressing concerns about the traffic on Stonehurst Ave. and Peoria St. (and Elinda Place). Several urged City Planning to appreciate the hardships the neighbors have had to deal with and to please listen to them this time. Having this many people show up to speak, as well as having received a larger-than-usual number of written testimonies from the community was very good for Shadow Hills. Monica Rodriguez wrote a letter which was read at the meeting.

Chris Pearson, Senior Vice President, Development Planning & Government Affairs for Hudson Pacific (the person we have been dealing with) was on the zoom call and gave an opening statement. He

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also answered questions at the end. Mr Pearson reiterated that:

- They hope to have a Certificate of Occupancy and start operations in March, 2024.
- He stated that once the soundstages are in operation and they have leased the various studios, they will have more control over many aspects of daily issues than they did during construction, when they had contractors, sub contractors, and sub-sub contractors, which made it harder to solve problems.
- He agreed that they could have all studio audiences park at some of their remote lots west of the studios. He said they have ample room to create several hundred parking spaces for live studio audiences off site, which would accommodate studio audience traffic.
- He agreed to all the points in Monica Rodriguez's letter (see above).
- He also suggested that the building manager and SHPOA have quarterly meetings in the future to "make sure that things are OK and to iron out any problems that arise".

As of the writing of this article, City Planning has not rendered its opinion on the request for live studio audiences. as soon as we hear, we will put a notice in the SHPOA Daily Fodder.



### TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF BREEDING PERMITS?

By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (DAS) is facing a dire and inhumane crisis in our shelters, most notably that of overcrowding. A myriad of factors have gotten us to where we are today, factors such a dearth of pet-friendly rental units, failure to spay/neuter our pets and the issuance of breeding permits which is the one factor within the City's immediate control. In 2023 the DAS issued close to 2,300 annual breeding permits. A communication from the public relative to the City Council's consideration of placing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of breeding permits states that this restriction would be placing limits on the wrong people, that AKC members and exhibitors are, by nature, responsible breeders who breed only healthy animals and a permit moratorium would not solve the problem of shelter overcrowding. It is backyard breeders who fail to register their dogs for any license and sell tons of puppies on places like Craigslist. Responsible breeders might have a litter every other year and agree to take back any dog originating from their own kennels if for any reason the sale goes awry. The Comment further addresses the fact that current shelter overcrowding is a result of the "Covid Pet Rush". During the height of the

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pandemic many people were acquiring pets. Now they don't need new pets and the puppy market has collapsed worldwide and shelters nationwide are now serving an overabundance of the pet population as well. This is a temporary problem not best solved by legislation. Puppies produced by responsible breeders almost never enter the shelter system. Responsible breeders always take back what they have bred so they can re-home them with a more appropriate new owner. Responsible breeders ensure that their puppies are microchipped so that they are notified if a dog slips through the cracks and arrives at a shelter so they can get them out of the shelter system immediately. The commentator asked that dedicated breeders not be punished for a problem not of their making. I have to say that given the argument that shelter overcrowding is a temporary problem as an aftermath of the Covid Pet Rush, a TEMPORARY moratorium on the issuance of breeding permits might be a reasonable approach to dealing with the problem. To be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



**DRAGON YEAR INSPIRES US FOR GROWTH**

By Eva Lund, Resident

Lunar Year 2024 occurred on February 10, bringing the lucky Year of the Wood Dragon. In the Chinese zodiac, dragons are notorious for their strong leadership qualities and determination to succeed, which inspire us to chase our dreams. While Dragons can be quick-tempered, they prefer to be straightforward and surround themselves with individuals who challenge their beliefs, leading to personal growth and fresh starts in relationships. The Wood element will play a significant role this year, as it encourages us to put forth effort to make positive changes and to grow as tall as the trees in the forest. Additionally, 2024 is also known as the year of the Green Dragon symbolizing expansion and strength that will motivate us to reach new heights and attain personal power.

'Practice Makes Permanent' is something you will often hear instructors telling students here at Special Spirit. Nobody is ever perfect, and we embrace our differences here. We also recognize the effort it takes to learn how to ride horses and the new skills that come with it. At Special Spirit we strive to empower our students by encouraging them to 'practice' their way to developing a 'permanent' new skill. One of the best examples of this is learning the posting trot, the art of moving your body up and down with the rhythm of the horse. Learning how to post the trot can look different for every student. There is no time frame set for learning this skill, it

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takes as long as it takes. A student will continue to practice posting until, one magical day, it all finally comes together. Just this year alone we have seen several students, both long time riders and some brand new to horses, learn how to post on a horse for the first time. The joy riders have of finally having learned that skill they have spent time practicing is immense. Riders will continue to practice posting the trot throughout their entire riding journey, because practice makes permanent. We celebrate the victories of every student here at Special Spirit and want to remind everyone to celebrate all the small victories they have in their own lives.

Jack, a new student at the ranch with ASD, had an incredible experience riding a horse for the first time this week. His mom Suzanne told us that he

is "nonverbal", but just a few minutes on one of our Equine partners, Jack clearly said "go", "walk" and then "whoa". It was truly magical to watch the interaction between Jack and the horse, Kai. Jack pet Kai on his mane and neck and showed his gratitude. When we said, "Say thank you to Kai" Jack's joyful



face smiled from ear to ear which said it all!! His mom told us that she feels "New Hope after this experience on the horse at Special Spirit Ranch" and is looking forward to bringing Jack to the Ranch weekly for horseback riding. Jack was reluctant at first, a little excited, a little fearful when getting on the horse for the first time. But after a few minutes, it was evident that his body relaxed. He was smiling, looking around at nature, at birds, at plants, at the dogs and the cat and the other horses at the ranch. When his session was almost concluded, he did the sign language for "more". He did not want his time on the horse to end. We are so grateful for these parent testimonials and these tangible interactions with students that confirm and validate what we do at the Special Spirit Ranch every week.

The beginning of the new year 2024 brought the grand reopening of Special Spirit Ranch Trading Post! The Trading Post is a unique space to shop for new and gently used Saddles, blankets and saddle pads, various assorted tack, boots, apparel and Equine related books. This will support

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Christine, one of our instructors in training, says that "My life has been profoundly impacted by being at Special Spirit over the last couple of months. It has led me down a new path. I have found a new purpose in life". Hanging out at the ranch, immersing herself in lessons and forming deep bonds with the horses at the ranch, has made a profound shift in her direction and outlook. Witnessing the unparalleled love, affection, and care given to the horses at Special Spirit Inc. illuminated a new path for her. She made the decision to leave her freelance job, prioritizing her time to devote herself to this extraordinary place and the magnificent cause and horses at Special Spirit. Each day at the ranch is infused with a touch of magic, whether she is tending to the horses, assisting with lessons, or engaging in conversations with the trainers about future plans and activities of Special Spirit.



### PUBLIC SAFETY AND STREET RACING By Gerardo Barrientos, SHPOA Board

I had the opportunity of attending the Public Safety Committee meeting which was addressing Street Racing in the San Fernando Valley. This issue was brought to Van Nuys City Hall by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. It was the first meeting since the Pandemic and the first opportunity to voice the concerns of our community about the speeding on Sunland Blvd. in Shadow Hills and Foothill Blvd. in Sunland Tujunga.

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We all know about the speeding on Sunland Boulevard and wish there would be an officer at all the times to enforce the speed limit. But this is not possible. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) needs the help of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and city officials to come up with a solution to this problem - not unique to our community - but all across LA.

I was surprised to see most of the attendees were police officers and personnel of the Department of Transportation coming to voice the same issues and concerns. One concern in particular, was there are not enough officers on the force to enforce speed limits and "take-over streets" at intersections across the city.

Regardless of raising salaries, the Police Department doesn't have enough personnel to meet the city's need required to patrol and protect the city.

With the help of City Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, the Police Department may be able to enforce accountability on the people they arrest and make some changes on street design to prevent accidents and further loss of lives.

As for Sunland Blvd., the City is going to install a light at the intersection of Johanna Ave. and Sunland Blvd. I suggested to the DOT officials to follow the example of the City of Glendale to install speed bumps that fit fire trucks but not regular automobiles. They had been considering this as a solution and are working with the Fire Department as well.

At the conclusion of the meeting I had a better understanding of the time that it will take to realize all these suggestions and solutions to be enacted. So be patient, it will take time. It will not happen overnight. The best we can do right now is to ask our friends and neighbors to slow down and be safe.



## LOCKING THE BARN DOOR AFTER THE HORSE GETS OUT

*The case for locking mailboxes in Shadow Hills--an ask to upgrade your mailbox if it does not lock.*

By Terri Mando, Resident

Upgrading your mailbox to a locking one after your mail as been stolen is not uncommon. But that is a lot like "Locking the Barn Door After the Horse Gets Out".

Although a locking mailbox does not guarantee your mailbox won't be destroyed by a thief getting access to mailbox contents... IF everyone in SH had a locking mailbox, you are not only protecting your own mail, but your neighbors. The thieves won't be cruising for opportunity, IF everyone on your street had a locked mailbox. Locked mailboxes take a thief more time to get into the contents--thieves are usually opportunists, they will likely move onto another area where the pickings are easier. Please,

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no hateful responses. We are all a part of our unique SH community--our mailboxes are right at the street--so easy for thieves to drive up and take their contents. Let's look out for one another by making mailboxes more difficult to open--an invitation to thieves to look elsewhere.



## CAN A CARABINER SAVE A LIFE?

By Susan Wong, SHPOA Board

Why, yes, it can.

How many of us have found a gate on our own property that looked closed but was not quite closed enough to latch? And would open with just a small nudge...

How many of us have walked down the streets of Shadow Hills as dogs rushed at their gates to bark to protect their families from certain death (as dogs do)...and we counted on that gate to protect us?

I experienced the worst of these scenarios a few weeks ago when I was walking my two smaller dogs by a property I walk by often. A large dog came to the gate barking, and then poked the gate with his nose...and it opened. He was on top of my smallest dog in seconds and shook her like he would a rabbit. The owner got his dog off but my dog was flayed open along one side.

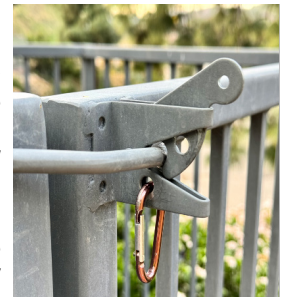
The emergency vet did surgery that same day. She has needed dressing changes daily and now every other day for more than two weeks... and the wound itself is still not completely closed. They estimate another two weeks of these procedures. Luckily, the punctures from the bite wounds did not perforate any vital organs, and she will survive. But there are dressings, cones, bloody seepage, pain meds and nausea meds and antibiotics that had to be changed because the bacteria culture showed resistance to the first two antibiotics they used...etc. etc. etc.

And the pain and suffering on her part, and well as my own distress over seeing and caring for her agony, was all because a gate wasn't completely latched.

There are other cases of dog attacks in Shadow Hills, such as people who walk their dogs off-leash, or property owners who do not have fences to contain their dogs and allow the dogs to wander freely; these dogs soon come to believe that large swatches of hillside are their property to protect. These are also important issues, but I am going to just address a solution to the accidental gate openings.

All gates have a place where there are matching holes to put a padlock. THAT works to keep the

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gate closed but may be time consuming and annoying to unlock the many times that we go in and out of our gates. However, putting a carabiner or a U-hook is easy, and putting them through the matching holes makes SURE the gate is closed.



A carabiner is easy and fast for a human to open:



A U-hook works, too:

I have six gates, and I have carabiners on all of them. I got them after my dogs pushed a gate open (that I had just come through and thought it was latched) and nipped at my neighbor's dog who was out walking on a leash. Luckily there were no injuries, but I got the carabiners the next day (you can order on Amazon), and now I never have to worry that the gates will be unlatched or that my own dogs will hurt anyone. (P.S. These are also great for windy days.)

Let's all try to minimize these traumatic experiences.



## THE HISTORIC PERIOD OF THE TUJUNGA VILLAGE – THE SPANISH PERIOD

By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Although the Spanish Empire began exploring the California coast as early as 1542 which was the year that Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo visited Santa Catalina Island, the first groups of Spanish explorers to enter the San Fernando Valley was a land expedition led by Portola in 1769. The Portola expedition crossed the "Valle de los Encinos" {Valley of the Oaks} from south to north on August 8, 1769 departing the valley by what eventually became known as the San Fernando Pass. They would have passed west of the Tujunga Village by only a few miles. The first known Europeans to visit the Tujunga Village arrived in 1795 when a small expedition led by Franciscan missionaries from Mission San Buenaventura entered the San Fernando Valley looking for a suitable place for a new mission. They looked over the area at the confluence of the two Tujunga Canyons because of the presence of plentiful water. They have been known to have baptized an infant at the village. However, the missionaries selected a place closer to the San Fernando Pass and Mission San Fernando was founded in 1797. Stonehurst is located at the extreme eastern edge of the lands which were allotted to the mission. The eastern portion of Mission San Fernando's land encompassed most of the San Fernando Valley but was not used much during this period with cattle grazing probably being the primary activity.



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**WAR RELIC**  
By Michael Summe, Resident

The purpose of this article is to make you aware of a war relic in Shadow Hills. In this article, we will discuss its place in history.

Approximately 50 yards south of Wheatland Avenue's intersection with Sunland Boulevard, just beyond the parking lot of Sparkle & Shine Pet Grooming, you will find a thirty-foot-tall steel pole with the pictured object attached to the top.

Given its shape, heavy steel construction, and battered condition, it's easy to guess what it is, an air raid siren of World War Two vintage.

This siren is known as Siren 98. It is one of more than 225 that were installed at various places in the city and county.

The following are some interesting facts about these sirens that I was able to find on the internet.

- Not all the sirens look exactly like Siren 98; there are 3 other standard models. Placing the sirens atop tall poles was, however, standard procedure for all four.
- I couldn't find precise details about the way the sirens were financed and managed. It seems that the city of Los Angeles installed most of the sirens though the county installed those in unincorporated areas. Some independent cities—e.g. La Canada-Flintridge—installed their own. I have been told that the sheriff's department was responsible for the activation of the sirens.

- According to the Los Angeles Historic Resources Inventory, the installation of the sirens began in 1940, which is over a year before the December 7, 1941, raid on Pearl Harbor. This suggests that the U.S. feared an attack from Japan well in advance of the day it finally came. The two countries had long been at loggerheads. Both were vying for control of Chinese markets and resources; and the Japanese were growing increasingly aggressive. In 1931, the Japanese army invaded and annexed the rich Chinese province of Manchuria. In December of 1937—four years before Pearl Harbor—the Japanese savagely attacked and sacked Nanking in an action that became known as the Nanking Massacre or the Rape of Nanking. During the siege, Japanese airplanes attacked an American ship, the USS Panay, as it was trying to rescue American citizens. Three American crew members were killed and 45 others wounded. Clearly, America had ample reason to fear a Japanese attack well before December 7, 1941.



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- Once the war with Japan was over, it was decided to maintain the sirens. The reason? A new, more powerful enemy had taken Japan's place, the Soviet Union. The United States' relationship with its former WWII ally had always been characterized by distrust; and distrust turned to nervous vigilance when the Soviets successfully tested a nuclear bomb in 1949. Congress responded to the Soviets' new capability by creating the Federal Civil Defense Administration in 1950. That organization established the Emergency Broadcast System and encouraged the construction of public air raid shelters. Schools across the nation adopted the practice of "duck and cover" drills. In Los Angeles, it became customary for students to take refuge under their desks at 10 A.M. on the last Friday of every month. What prompted them to do so? The wailing of the sirens, of course. This practice continued until the mid 70's according to one source, till the early 80's according to another.

- There was only one genuine (non-practice) activation of the sirens. It occurred on February 25, 1942. It's impossible to say exactly what happened as there was disagreement over what was seen and what actions were taken. The explanations of those in charge were contradictory. There was even some talk of a UFO. If you would like to know more, go to the [wirechief.com](http://wirechief.com) website and find the section entitled "The Battle of L.A."

- In 2018, an Australian named Lawrence English composed a musical piece entitled Seirá to be played using some of the sirens as instruments. "The work," the promoters predicted, "will consist of a twelve-minute sound composition by [Lawrence] English that will be broadcast simultaneously across six of the remaining civil defense sirens across the greater Los Angeles area, every day at dusk."

- The main source of my information, [wirechief.com](http://wirechief.com), reports that some 60% of the sirens are still standing; but, like the siren on Wheatland, they are no longer used. Some say it is possible to restore the system. But at what cost and for what purpose?

Siren 98 remains, standing alone at 9735 Wheatland Avenue, disconnected and no longer cared for. Who would guess that it was once part of extensive alarm system that protected Los Angeles from harm arising in the not so Pacific Ocean?

Here are some recommendations if you are interested in more information.

- [www.wirechief.com](http://www.wirechief.com) is THE website on the subject. It was created by Dennis Hanley, who is THE expert. The site includes an "Official List" of all the sirens and their locations. It also features an "Interactive Map," which is color coded to show which sirens have been removed and which are still in place. And—my favorite feature—there's a "Photo" section where one can find photos of the

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sirens, arranged in numerical order.

- "What are these Air Raid Sirens all Around L.A.?!?" is a YouTube video presented by L.A. in a Minute." It's entertaining and short, 1 minute.

- "Air raid sirens offer window into LA's WWII and Cold War Past" is an interview video conducted by Ariel Wesler and published by Spectrum Channel 1 News on April 07, 2023. It's well done.

- Duck and Cover is a video funded by the U.S. Federal Civil Defense Administration and released in January 1952. Go to the Wikipedia article entitled "Duck and Cover" and click on the video. The film is over 9 minutes long but is worth watching. Back in the day, Duck and Cover was shown in schools across the nation."



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## LA TO REDUCE PURCHASE OF IMPORTED WATER

By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Our water supply strategy includes investing in conservation, water use efficiency, water recycling, stormwater capture and local development and remediation of groundwater storage while also protecting any and all imported water supplies. The LADWP has been making significant improvements in stormwater capture remediation to maximize groundwater storage.

The LADWP's investments in spreading ground improvements includes the recently completed expansion of the Tujunga Spreading Grounds doubling stormwater capture capacity. They are currently partnering with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to expand similar spreading grounds throughout the San Fernando Valley and partnering with the City's Department of Public Works and Department of Recreation and Parks to build additional stormwater facilities for capturing run-off during wet years and capturing treated recycled water in the future.

The LADWP is at the forefront of water reuse having started a Recycled Water Program in the 1970s. Our current efforts include a Groundwater Replenishment Project which aims to replenish the San Fernando Groundwater Basin Aquifer with highly purified recycled water creating an additional source of local drinking water for the City.

The LADWP is also focusing on developing an Operation NEXT Water Supply Program in partnership with the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation to maximize water reuse from the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. Partnership with the Metropolitan Water District is being explored to further maximize beneficial reuse in the Southern California region through integration with "Metropolitan's Pure Water Southern California" (PWSC). As the LADWP is working to develop its own local supplies it has become obvious that given our frequent and extended droughts (prior to the recent atmospheric rainstorms we have been having) Los Angeles needs to continue having access to supplemental water supplies from the Metropolitan Water District which the City has invested in. The severe droughts revealed the Metropolitan's inability to deliver available surface and stored supplies to six Member Agencies.

In 2022, Los Angeles was one of six Metropolitan Member Agencies that were vulnerable to State Water Project shortages. Based on this lack of conveyance infrastructure, these six agencies were forced to rely on human health and safety supplies borrowed from the State of California.

It is imperative that the Metropolitan Water District address the deficiencies in its conveyance infrastructure. To be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



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# RIVERWOOD RANCH ORO VISTA AVE. ACCESS By Elektra Kruger, Resident

To address the flooding and access issue on Oro Vista Avenue over the Tujunga Wash, the Bureau of Engineering (BoE) staff met with staff of Council District 7 to discuss viable alternatives to the current low water crossing also known as an "Arizona crossing" that passes water over the crossing during high water flows as a result of storm events. Upon exploring several potential options, the BoE identified two alternatives that would provide "all weather" access to the Riverwood Ranch community. Given the cost associated with each alternative, an in-depth feasibility study would need to be conducted to evaluate various long-term Capital Improvement proposals and alternatives for preventing future access closure of the Oro Vista Avenue through the Tujunga Wash. During the evaluation process, the BoE recognized that the Tujunga Wash is a natural habitat for various native plants and animals and that any maintenance work to be performed adjacent to or in the Tujunga Wash would require permission from various regulatory agencies which could result in lengthy permitting processes. The BoE has identified two alternatives for potential exploration:

1. Constructing an elevated roadway or bridge crossing over the Tujunga Wash that ranges from 750 feet to 850 feet long depending on the final alignment
2. Constructing a roadway that meets City street standards along the existing 1.2 mile dirt road between Riverwood Drive and Foothill Blvd.

For comparison purposes, the preliminary construction cost estimate for the elevated roadway or bridge would be approximately \$70 million. The preliminary construction cost estimate for the roadcosts. These factors would require a feasibility study taking into account such things as right-of-way acquisitions, permits, environmental studies, street lighting requirements and geotechnical studies. The BoE estimates the cost of this feasibility study to run about \$1 million. The BoE forwarded this information to the City Council's Public Works Committee. To be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.

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## SHADOW HILLS ARTISTS

### OPEN STUDIO 2024

By Danielle Eubank and Marsh Drucker,  
Residents

Shadow Hills artists are holding their second Open Studio on April 20. Sculpture, painting, drawing, works on paper and cloth, art photography, refreshments and bas relief by our very own Shadows Hills Artists will be on display. Last year was a fun community event! Bring your families and meet your neighbors for this casual, enjoyable show.

This remarkable selection of artists expresses the human figure and the natural world with poignancy, clarity, and originality. Hosted by Marsh Drucker and Danielle Eubank and featuring artwork by Garo Balakeseryan, Gerardo Barrientos, Severine Beasley, Andy Choi, Terry Cooper Marsh Drucker, Tina Eick, Danielle Eubank, Elizabeth Hackman and Susan Wong.

There is still time to enter and show your art. If you are a Shadow Hills visual or sound artist, contact [marsh.drucker@gmail.com](mailto:marsh.drucker@gmail.com) to get more information.

Shadow Hills Artists Open Studio

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## FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL MONUMENT

By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The Antiquities Act was passed by the United States Congress in 1906 and signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt on June 8, 1906. Now both United States Congressman Judy Chu and Senator Alex Padilla have requested the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation under the Antiquities Act to expand wilderness protection to the mountains and foothills north of the Los Angeles Basin adding 109,167 acres of land to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. At its meeting on August 18, 2023, the City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee took into consideration and recommended that the Council adopt Councilmember Monica Rodriguez's Resolution relative to establishing the City's position of support regarding having the President of the United States issuing a Presidential Proclamation under the Antiquities Act along with any administrative or legislative action which would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by 109,167

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acres thereby further preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits to the region and City residents. The City Council adopted the Resolution at its September 1, 2023 session and it was further approved by Mayor Karen Bass on September 15, 2023. The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council submitted a Community Impact Statement also supporting Councilmember Rodriguez's Resolution as the San Gabriel Mountains include a rich and diverse cultural heritage of the original stewards of those sacred lands – the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians and the Gabrieleno peoples (also known as Kizh, Gabrieleno and Tongva). Permanent protections of the San Gabriel Mountains would help to protect the upper Los Angeles River watershed which provides one-third of Los Angeles County's drinking water and serves as an important overall water source for our region.



**CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY  
RELEASES 2024 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN**  
By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

The Draft 2024 Business Plan was issued February 9, 2024, with a 60-day public comment

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period that will run through April 9, 2024. The 2024 Business Plan will be considered by the Authority Board of Directors on Wednesday, April 11, 2024.

The budget has exploded to \$128 billion (original budget was \$33 billion) for the 520 mile proposed route.

Download or read the draft Business Plan at <https://hsr.ca.gov> then click on "2024 Draft Business Plan."

The public is strongly encouraged to submit comments. For questions and to leave comments, use their online 2024 Draft Business Plan Comment Form on their website or reach out to them at [businessplan2024@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:businessplan2024@hsr.ca.gov).

On a related note, the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section's final Environmental Impact Report, originally scheduled for release in early 2024, has been delayed. THE SAFE coalition submitted a 156-page comment letter that raised significant concerns that CHSRA must address in the EIR. For more info, please visit [www.dontrailroad.us](http://www.dontrailroad.us).



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#### FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

- 1st Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Via Zoom (see [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org) calendar)

#### FTDNC Equestrian Committee meeting

- 2nd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
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#### FTDNC Public Safety Committee meeting

- 2nd Wednesday, Every Month 6 p.m.
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#### LAPD Community Coffee Time

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