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Halloween Pet Safety Tips

Things that go bump in the night shouldn't include your pets, so follow a few simple tips to make sure Howl-oween won't be scary or dangerous for canines or felines!

Walk your pets early so that they can answer nature's call before the goblins come out. During peak Trick-or-Treat hours, keep them in a quiet room or on a leash at your side as bizarre looking visitors and high-pitched voices could make dogs feel the need to protect their home and humans.

Remind kids not to share their "loot" with pets, and store your goodies so that they are not pet accessible. Most animals consume wrappers along with the candy and both can cause intestinal upsets. Additionally, chocolate can be fatal to dogs, cats and ferrets! Restrict your pet's access to candles and Jack-o-Lanterns which can burn them along with creating a fire hazard should they get knocked over.

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Stonehurst HPOZ Approved

On August 12, 2008, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved Councilwoman Greuel's request to create the Stonehurst Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. The approval defined the boundaries of the zone and established the basic regulations to be followed until the Preservation Plan is adopted. Councilwoman Greuel has asked the Planning Department to begin the Preservation Plan as soon as possible, and all stakeholders in the area will be welcome to participate.

The Councilwoman would like to thank the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association, the Little Landers Society and the Foothill Trails, Sun Valley and Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Councils for their support of this important plan. It will help preserve and enhance this jewel among Los Angeles neighborhoods.

Dale Thrush, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Councilmember Wendy Greuel, CD 2



Tall Tales from Bolton Hall Museum

Tall tales - a liar's paradise! Think of the titillating moments of listening to the storyteller as he or she spins a web of words, a tale based on truth but heavily colored with imagination!

#1) In answer to a question to a miner of the olden days, "Is there anything to see around here?" the old timer named Bridger replied that indeed, there was - an invisible mountain. The original story that had been told was about a mountain made of glass, but in the retelling it became a mountain that couldn't be seen, a "cur'os mountain a few miles off but you can't see the blamed thing".

"It's a big one," about three miles around but its height no man knows," the old timer said. "It's a mountain of crystal rock so clear that the most powerful field glass can't see it, much less the naked eye. You'll wonder, p'raps, how a thing that can't be seen no how was ever discovered. It was this way."

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Ride for the Cure

On August 12, 2007, twenty or so Corral 210 members met under the shade of our 100 year old pepper tree on Gibson Ranch to discuss putting together a fund raiser at the request of a member who was suffering with Parkinsons. The idea of a glorified play day quickly turned into a successful, full-blown rodeo with team roping, barrel races, celebrities and much more! Having to outdo last

year's event, you gotta come see what we have done now!

Our 2nd Annual Event held at Gibson Ranch in Sunland, benefiting Parkinsons and Cancer, will now stretch over two week period, Saturday, beginning September 20th with Mounted Shooting competition and ending with the Main Event on Saturday, October 4th! Festivities will begin at 11:00 am each day. This is a benefit that will have something for member of the family.

Come join us and enjoy watching mounted shooting, team roping, barrel races, trick roping, our drill team, stunt show or ride our mechanical bull. Check out the exotic petting zoo, pony rides, live music. Shop at the vendors while enjoying a bbq sandwich, hot dog or maybe you're in the mood for a big ole' ice cream cone!

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If you have something of the cowboy in you, make sure to join our Poker Ride on Sunday, September 28th. If you don't own your own steed, there will be a number of horses available for rental. Be sure to check out our website at www.corral210.com for the complete schedule and updates. \$5 Adults; children under 12 are free.

by Lane Bensko

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Somebody's Always Hungry

Juliet Johnson, one of our neighborhood moms (and a writer), has written a funny book about motherhood --"Somebody's Always Hungry." The tagline on the back cover sums up the book: You're going to feel every moment of being a mother. You're also going to be making sandwiches until you die. Here's a recent Amazon.com customer review, to give you an idea:

"Juliet Johnson has created a book that makes you laugh, cry and wish that there was a movie. It is a book about motherhood that's not just for moms. This is a celebration of life, of the complexities and wonder that real life offers. There are no glossy photographs or Cleaveresque depictions of the perfect house or the perfect life; Somebody's Always Hungry is a book about seeing God in the bridge of a nose and poetry in a severed arm."

Juliet formerly worked in the film business as a production slave. Her writing has been published in magazines, anthologies and in over 300 articles for Ehow.com. Check out the book's website to view sample stories and order the book: http://www.somebodysalwayshungry.com/.

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Updates

Community Beautification

Work is proceeding for the horse trail rest stop at Sunland Blvd. and Johanna Avenue in front of the Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church. Preparation tasks were completed during the Spring and Summer. Water and electrical lines were extended to near the corner, ice plant was removed, and the trees were trimmed. During September and October, more visible progress will be made. A new community sign, seating, and water (for animals and their owner friends) will be installed on the corner. A labyrinth walk will be developed under the large oak tree.

Thanks to everyone who has helped out so far. Watch for plans for the dedication celebration in November! Did you order a Community Beautification t-shirt? If you have not yet received your shirt, feel free to call the Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church office at 353-2500.

Community Service

On Saturday, September 27, Shadow Hills Church will be conducting the 5th annual "Mission Possible," a day dedicated to serving our community. Last year, we were joined by two Girl Scout troops, Shadow Hills Preschool families, SHPOA members, and Graffiti Busters. The projects included: a massive horse trail clean-up (from La Canada Way to Stonehurst), special programs for residents of Shadow Hills Convalescent Center, a friendship luncheon at Burns Manor in Sunland, special cookie gifts made and delivered to our local community helpers (fire stations, police, library, post office, etc.), sack lunches made and delivered to Union Station outreach program, breakfast served at a Glendale homeless shelter, and quilts made for hospitalized children as part of the "Linus Project".

The projects for this year have not been finalized by the time of this writing; however, check out our website, www.shadowhillschurch.com, for an update and sign-up information. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in making our community a better place.

Our Fall programs kick-off on "Welcome to the Family" Sunday, September 7, with one combined worship service at 10 a.m. (Our usual Sunday schedule includes a 9 a.m. Praise Celebration and a 10:30 a.m. Worship Service). There are children's programs at both hours. On September 7, we are welcoming our new Family Minister, Lynda McPherson. Lynda brings over ten years of experience in Children's and Family Ministries at Hollywood Presbyterian Church. We look forward to some innovative new programs for our children and families. Join us!

by Laura Barker



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Halloween Pet Safety Tips

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Realize even though you think your pet looks adorable in a costume, he may not be as receptive. Never leave your dog or cat unattended while in costume, make sure elastic bands don't pinch and never paint your pet's skin or fur. Do not place a mask over your dog or cat's eyes, nose or mouth. Even the gentlest pooch can become snippy when he can't see what's going on around him.

Finally, people lured by myths and legends (and even those taking advantage of the anonymity of costumes) may succumb to malicious pranks targeting black cats or other animals. They may tease, injure, steal or torture your pet. Keep your cats and dogs inside for the night (and every night). If you see anything suspicious regarding the treatment of an animal, call your local animal control or police department immediately. The phone number for the Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force is (213) 847-1417.

And remember...even if you aren't ready for Halloween yet, September and October can still be very HOT in Southern California! Make sure your pets have plenty of shade and water. Never leave them unattended in a parked car and be certain that kennels, pet carriers and even rooms in your house are cool with good ventilation for your pets.

by Denise Fleck



Pet Disaster Preparedness

Hopefully, you will never experience a fire ravaging your home, yet you exercise preparedness measures by installing fire alarms and smoke detectors, and purchase insurance. You certainly hope you'll never be involved in a car accident, yet you have airbags and wear a seat belt (and should have your dogs and cats safely restrained in crates or belts as well). You probably even prepare your kids for taking a fall by strapping them into helmets and knee pads when they bike or skate. Being prepared makes sense as we can minimize the potential harm caused to our loved ones. Most of us, however, are not prepared for protecting our pets in a major disaster. Planning ahead is the best way to keep yourself and your animals safe during a disaster. Take some time now to assemble the following, before disaster strikes:

- 1. Apply a STICKER near you front door that tells how many and what kind of animals live there. If you aren't home when tragedy strikes, trained professionals will seek out and help your pets.
- 2. Designate a PRE-ARRANGED MEETING PLACE for your family and IDENTIFY SEVERAL PLACES THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR PETS. Red Cross Shelters will not allow animals for health and safety reasons. Organizations like SCART (Surf City Animal Response Team www.scart.us) are working hard to train individuals to set-up temporary shelters, but it could still be days before these facilities are in place, so out-of-town relatives are always a good choice. Have a "Plan B" - talk to your Veterinarian and boarding facility to see if they plan to offer their services in the event of a disaster. Los Angeles and the Valley have many day care and boarding facilities. Compile a list of hotels where pets are welcome. Set aside one credit card just for emergency use. The following chains are considered "Pet Friendly," but confirm with your local outlets now before you need them: La Quinta Inns & Suites, Holiday Inn, Motel 6, Studio 6, Red Roof Inn, Best Western, Sheraton/

Westin, Candlewood/Staybridge. The Marriott in Woodland Hills was quick to respond in 2006 when fires scorched Box Canyon. Let's hope others will follow suit in time of need. Take time now - while your phone and power are working - to check out these and other websites:www.dogfriendly.com, www.pettravel.com, www.pravelpets.com, www.petswelcome.com, www.petfriendly.com

- 3. STASH the following for each pet in an easy-tocarry backpack or crate large enough to contain each pet (that way you'll have their carrier to evacuate in):
- A two-week supply of food stored in airtight containers and a manual can opener if needed; water (for medium to large pets, one gallon per pet per day); medication. Change out these items regularly to ensure freshness.
- A water-proof container with vaccination & micro-chipping records and photos of your pet with your family as proof of ownership.
- Treats, toys, bedding, food & water dishes; collars/harnesses and leashes; Litter, scoop & boxes for kitties; specialty items for pocket pets, birds, reptiles and amphibians; Disinfectant for cleaning crates, paper towels, flashlight with batteries, zip ties and a Pet First-Aid Kit.

Even with the best laid plans, life happens, so consider storing your goods in several locations in the event they are un-retrievable when the ground shakes, the flames rise or the mud slides. Having duplicate items in your car is a good idea, and do remember to keep a stash of items for the humans as well including rubber-soled shoes under your bed and a flashlight so that you can help your pets and stay safe!

Paws crossed you won't have to evacuate, but better to be prepared and not have to than to experience disaster and not be ready to take care of your family's needs... human, canine, equine, avian, reptilian or amphibian! by Denise Fleck

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Animal Cruelty to be added to Predicate List?

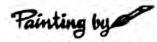
In 2005, the City of Los Angeles created the Animal Cruelty Task Force to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty cases. Section 599b of the Penal Code defines "animal cruelty" as any act, omission or neglect whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted. The Task Force determined in the course of its investigation that animal cruelty is often linked with other criminal behavior such as gang activity, possession and use of illegal drugs, possession and use of illegal weapons, illegal gambling and violent anti-social behavior in general.

The California Penal Code Section 186.20 - the California Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act (Street Terrorism = Gang Activity) - was enacted to eradicate criminal activity conducted by street gangs and provides for stronger penalties for certain specifically listed crimes termed "predicate acts" when committed by gang members - crimes such as assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, possession or use of illegal drugs, etc. A "predicate act" is one that affirms or asserts your membership or identification with a gang.

Section 186.22 (b)(1) states that any gang member convicted of a felony shall receive a "supplemental to

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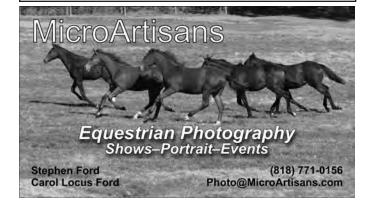


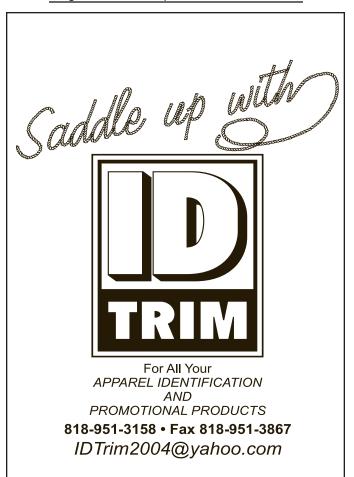
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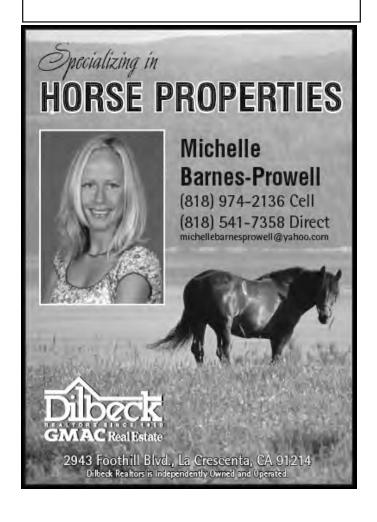
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Animal Cruelty

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normal sentencing" level of punishment both in addition to and to run consecutively to normal sentencing when it is determined to be committed on behalf of a gang. Street gangs are defined in Section 186.22(f) as an "ongoing association of three or more people that have identifying signs or symbols and whose membership engage in a pattern of criminal activity."

The "pattern of criminal gang activity" is further defined in Section 186.22(e) as the commission of two or more of the 30 listed crimes referred to as "predicate acts". In an effort to discourage dog fighting in the City of Los Angeles, in late February 2008 Councilmember Bernard Parks presented a Resolution to the City Council that, if approved, would call for the City to Support or even Sponsor State Legislation that would add "Animal Cruelty" to the Section 186.20 list of "predicate acts". Neighborhood Councils have expressed support of this Resolution. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this attempt to initiate this State legislation.

by Elektra Kruger

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Updates on Open Council Files

CFI 06-2874: Smoking prohibited "curb-to-curb" in all City Parks except for certain designated areas. Ordinance effective 9-18-07.

CFI 07-1479: Last reported on in the September/October SHPOA Newsletter. The City requires new wireless applicants to seek out co-location options prior to approval of a new independent cell tower. Additionally, with each new application, the City requires wireless applicants to provide a list of the location and type of their company's existing facilities within the City limits. Despite having this information, the City has never yet created a master list and mapping system available to both City officials and the public to help encourage co-locating wireless services. This issue has bounced around since mid-May 2007. The City Council's Planning Land-Use and Management Committee has once again re-agendized this to its August 5, 2008 Meeting. Come on guys!

CFI 07-2312: In the September/October SHPOA Newsletter, we reported on a Motion presented to City Council by Councilmember Greig Smith recommending that they request the City's Department of Water and Power, being responsible for Power-Line maintenance, be required to respond to calls requesting removal of hanging shoes within a 72-hour period. According to enforcement officials, this practice is actually related to gangs and drug dealers marking their territory.

In mid-July 2007, this Motion was referred to the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee for review and recommendation. In late January 2008, the Department of Water and Power sent a letter to the Energy and Environment Committee responding to the Motion stating that they have been removing shoes from utility equipment since 2003 and do make every effort to remove the shoes within 72 hours of being notified -though weekends may extend that timeframe a bit.

CFI 07-2343: In mid-July 2007, Councilmember Wendy Greuel presented a Motion to City Council asking that they direct the Department of Transportation to report on the causes for the 5-year backlog in the traffic-signal installation program and to recommend a means to remedy the problem as quickly as possible especially in locations where public safety has been at issue. In early November 2007, the Department of Transportation submitted a report to the City Council and the Council's

Transportation Committee which Councilmember Greuel chairs. Among the problems encountered by DOT was a hiring freeze which impacted even core service delivery much less further design and construction. Although 11 positions were opened for DOT in February 2006, another of the Departments ongoing challenges has been the difficulty in maintaining traffic signal construction staffing due largely to having trained, knowledgeable electricians leaving DOT for lower level, but higher-paying, positions in the Department of Water and Power.

by Elektra Kruger



Dog Heaven

It occurs to me that every time I lose a dog, the dog takes a piece of my heart with it. Then every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of its heart. Therefore, if I should live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will then become as generous and loving as dogs are!

- Anonymous



Increased Recordkeeping for Recyclers?

Due to the increasing demand for copper from China and our own decrease in maintaining a level supply of copper, the price of copper has quadrupled since 2005 from \$1/lb to \$4/lb. With this increase of the cost of copper, the theft of copper wire from telephone and power lines to be sold to junk-dealers and recyclers for quick cash is becoming a serious problem in LA.

Since July 2007, over 1,600 City lights have become inoperable due to the theft of 720,000 ft of copper wire - \$550,000 in stolen copper and \$1.26 million in repairs. A City Metal Task Force was created to investigate these thefts and is looking to establish higher penalties for both those stealing the copper as well as those knowingly purchasing stolen copper. A Wire Theft Task Force including the City Attorney, the LAPD and the District Attorney has been formed to develop solutions dealing with this growing problem.

There are Cities and States that have laws requiring junk-dealers and recyclers to keep expanded identification records of individuals that sell them metals which can be used by investigators to help track potential metal thieves. Current record-keeping requirements in the State of California cover the date and location of the purchase of junk materials; the name, drivers license number and plate number of the vehicle used to transport the junk; a description of the material purchased and a statement that the seller is the owner of the junk being purchased or the name of the person they obtained it from. This information must currently be kept by the junk dealer or recycler for two years.

State Senator Calderon introduced a bill into the State Senate - SB 691- that, if approved, would require junk dealers and recyclers to additionally report this information to a local law enforcement agency on a periodic basis. Also, the dealer would now have to obtain a thumbprint of the seller and retain this for two years. SB 691 would also alter the payment process when dealing with non-ferrous materials such as copper, stainless steel and aluminum (other than aluminum cans). Payment may not be made until after a three-day waiting period. Under SB 691, convicted thieves would be required to pay their victims not only the value of the property stolen, but any collateral damage that may have been caused by the theft.

by Elektra Kruger



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Horse Trail Standards

We are all fully aware that our horse trails are fast disappearing which may, in large part, be due to the fact that the City has no clear development standards that dictate when horse trails should be created and what factors should trigger the establishment of horse trails. The location of, or even existence of, horse trails in new development projects in equine sectors of the City is often in question and trails that do exist often share no continuity with an existing trail network. This ultimately leads to frustration on the part of residents who come to believe that the goals of their Community Plans are not being adhered to and their basic wishes for the overall picture of their communities are not being listened to, or worse, are not being respected.

There needs to be a clearly outlined Citywide Equestrian Master Plan which would lay out such things as existing trails, proposed trails that must be entertained in future developments, etc. In recognition of this, Councilmember Greig Smith presented a Motion to City Council in mid-December 2007 recommending that the Planning Department submit a report to the Council delineating current procedures for the creation of horse trails, that they delineate standards dictating when and where in the development process a horse trail should be established and that they define the triggering factors that should promote establishment of horse trails.

This Motion was referred to the Council's Planning and Land-Use Management Committee (PLUM) and was, for the first time, agendized to a PLUM Hearing on June 3, 2008. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this Motion.

by Elektra Kruger

Using Equine Urine (Seriously)

This may sound crazy, but for those who have horses you can put horse urine to good use (if you can collect it). Pour urine into gopher holes and cover with dirt. Then, watch for a few days and the gophers will come up somewhere else, so pour more in the new holes and within a week or so the gophers will be gone. And, it's safe for dogs and cats.

The Good Old Days are here again!!

Hang on to your hats! SHPOA is pleased to announce the revival of two Shadow Hills neighborhood traditions for the upcoming holiday and membership renewal seasons:

The Christmas Decorations Contest, and the "Country" Living Here in Shadow Hills" license plate holders. Watch for more details in the next issue of SHPOA.



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Shadow Hills Preschool

Shadow Hill Preschool had a very successful Summer Session with 24 students enrolled. With a theme-based curriculum, we created a fun-filled, hands-on, exciting learning environment for our students. Themes included "Old Macdonald Had a Farm", "I Love the U.S.A.", and even a week that included travel to Italy, Mexico and China (pretend, of course.) Children learned through arts and crafts, the use of props, and even a few special cooking projects.

Now we begin our new school year looking forward to lots of new themes and activities. We will be offering 2-day, 3-day, and 5-day programs. As always, we are proud of our program and would love to share it with you on a personal tour! Simply call the office at 353-7554 for a chance to learn all about this amazing school in your neighborhood!

Burbank Airport Curfew?

The Burbank Airport Authority has prepared a draft proposal for the adoption of a mandatory curfew prohibiting all take-offs and landings between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am with some exceptions to, at least, reduce nighttime noise emanating from airport operations. The application addresses the required condition for FAA approval that the projected benefits of the proposed curfew outweighs the projected cost of implementing the curfew restriction.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Airports, otherwise known as Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) commented on the proposal stating that the proposed curfew would not reduce noise impacts OVERALL, but would simply shift them to other airports already classified as "noise problem airports" per the State of California.

Based on this and other responses to the proposal, in mid-June 2008, Councilmember Tony Cardenas recommended that the City of Los Angeles oppose adoption of the mandatory curfew and that LAWA and the Burbank Airport Authority work together to find some effective way to reduce net noise impacts by all LA airports collectively. If you wish to comment on this issue, you might contact Councilmember Cardenas at Councilmember.Cardenas@ lacity.org. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this proposed Resolution.

by Elektra Kruger

Foreclosed Property Task Force?

The current high level of property foreclosures has led to a trail of blight and reduced safety in our neighborhoods. Empty houses tend to attract squatters and vandals and the untended yards degrade the beauty of otherwise well-maintained neighborhoods. Further, there are increased health risks with foreclosed properties that have swimming pools which become unattended and begin to spawn mosquitoes.

In an effort to control this undesirable level of blight to neighborhoods, in June 2008, Councilmember Greig Smith presented a Motion to City Council suggesting that owners and banks be required to properly maintain foreclosed properties. Further, the Motion recommended the formation of a City Task Force under the direction of the Department of Building and Safety to enforce strategies to curb "foreclosure property blight". SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this Motion.

by Elektra Kruger

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City's Bikeway Infrastructure Review

As traffic congestion increases and gasoline prices continue to rise, many people are seriously beginning to consider bicycling as a means of transportation. Unfortunately, LA's bicycle infrastructure is nearly non-existent and what there is is very disjointed. In response to this, in early July 2008 Councilmember Tom LaBonge presented a Motion to City Council that if approved would call upon the Department of Transportation (DOT), Dept. of City Planning, the LA County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), and Caltrans to review the existing City's bikeway infrastructure and to suggest proposals for including biking as a viable transportation option.

Such proposals could include such items as increasing the number of bikeways and bike paths, increasing the number of bike lanes, adding bike racks at transit stops, integrating bicycle planning with public transit, and including bike transportation as an element of consideration when making land-use decisions.

By 2006, several California cities had already passed ordinances requiring all new projects to accommodate travel by pedestrians AND bicyclists if the property being developed has a dedicated right-of-way. A developer would not be required to go to the expense of acquiring a right-of-way to meet this Ordinance if there is no dedicated right-of-way already associated with his property. The current Motion has been referred to the City Council's Transportation Committee, and at the August 12 City Council meeting, Councilmember Greuel called for greater expediency in moving the plan for Los Angeles forward.

Below is an update regarding the City's efforts to update the Bicycle Plan sent to Los Angeles area Neighborhood Councils via e-mail:

The Bicycle Plan Update is a collaborative effort between Department of City Planning (DCP) and Department of Transportation (DOT) to update the existing Bicycle Plan originally adopted in 1996 with technical amendments adopted in 2002.

To date, four regional workshops were held in February/ March. Comment Cards have been distributed to council offices, city libraries, and to DCP community planners overseeing community plan updates. Hundreds of comments have been received at the workshops and via the project's website (www.labikeplan. org). Currently City staff is evaluating draft policies received by the consultant team and will discuss them with members of the technical advisory committee (team of City departments responsible for the implementation of the Bike Plan). Staff will continue to accept comments.

Regional meetings around the City will be conducted in fall to discuss draft Bicycle Plan including policies and routes. Locations and dates for regional meetings to be determined.

At the project website www.labikeplan. org the public can provide comments on the project, view bike routes proposed by members of the public, and access bicycling resources and documents.

Continued input and ideas are gladly welcomed and appreciated. For questions, please do not hesitate to call or write. Thank you.

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Bolton Hall Tall Tales

Continued from page 1

"A lot of bones of the carcasses of birds and animals was found scattered around the base. You see, they ran or flew against this invisible rock and jest killed themselves dead. You can feel the rock an' that's all, you can't see it. It's a good many miles high."

#2 Bridger told another tale about an echo. Bridger often stopped in a certain campsite where a bald flat-faced mountain rose nearby. Well, it looked nearby, but was really so distant that a sound yelled at it from the campground took about six hours to return. Bridger made this phenomenon his alarm clock. When he went to bed at night he'd call out lustily, "time to get up!" and true to his calculation of six hours return, the message would call out precisely at the time to wake.

Bolton Hall Museum has planned a program of tall tales, lies and likely stories for the second Saturday in October at 1:00. In our own community we've found some really tall tales you might like to hear. The program is for adults and too boring for children. You might want to be recorded with a tall tale of your own.

by Marlene Hitt, Co-Museum Director

Bad Breath? Bad Drivers?

In 2006, there were 46 deaths and 2,751 injuries in the City of Los Angeles and 1,276 deaths Statewide as a result of drunk-driving accidents. Individuals convicted of DUI's are rarely one-time offenders - currently there are over 300,000 registered drivers in California who have been convicted of three or more DUI's. In an effort to curb this pattern of repeat offenses, California State Assemblyman Mike Feuer introduced AB 2784 which, if passed, would require the installation of an "alcohol ignition interlock device" (IID) on any vehicle owned or operated by a person having been convicted of a DUI. An IID will only allow a vehicle to start if the driver breathes into the IID device and the analyzed alcohol concentration registers under a programmed allowable level. The State of New Mexico has already enacted this program and both DUI recividism and alcohol-involved accidents have been reduced by 30% in that State.

by Elektra Kruger



Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

Shadow Hills is a unique and diverse community made up of people with many different interests and priorities. Here, one's family may include peacocks, iguanas, horses, goats, dogs, pigs, hens, and maybe even

... children!

SHPOA wears a lot of different hats to support the diverse needs of the community. Let's team up and talk about preserving the unique quality of life we all enjoy in these here hills. Head on over to Tierra del Sol on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. for the General Meeting and a Taste of Shadow Hills* ... And be sure to wear your favorite hat!

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- · cardboard and corrugated boxes
- · metal hangers
- styrofoam

The following items are NOT recyclable: papers or boxes with grease or food residue; treated wood and wood products; and cloth/fabric. Please place these items in your BLACK container.

Increased Trash Fees for Cops - Part 1

This story starts back in 2006. At that time, the significantly understaffed LAPD had about 25 Officers for every 10,000 LA residents. In an effort to increase the police force by over 1,000 officers, the 2006-2007 City budget proposed increasing the fee for household trash collection, the idea being that the increased fee would cover costs associated w/trash collection services, which historically have been subsidized for residents in the City of Los Angeles (meaning residents have not been paying the full cost of such services). The increased fee would in turn save monies in the General Fund that could then be utilized for increasing the number of police and increasing crime prevention programs.

The problem: rather than directly earmarking the increased fees for police, they get earmarked for going into the General Fund - a Fund that is used for anything and everything our City Council decrees - which is rarely the thing the increased fee was originally designed to provide. The mayor stated that the increased trash collection fee should be dedicated solely to the improvement of LAPD and other law enforcement efforts.

In response to this, 3 Councilmembers - Councilmembers Wendy Greuel, Eric Garcetti and Jack Weiss - copresented a Motion to City Council which, if approved, would earmark the General Fund savings resulting from an increased trash collection fee to be used solely and exclusively to hire more police and to invest in crime prevention programs. The Motion was referred to the Budget & Finance Committee for their review and recommendations.

In early July 2006, the Committee submitted a report relative to "mechanisms for earmarking" General Fund savings generated by increasing trash collection fees to be used solely and exclusively for public safety and for hiring additional police officers. The Committee did not find it necessary to come up with any specific "mechanism" since the adopted 2006-2007 budget included a "Financial Policy" affirming that the highest funding priority would be to provide sufficient resources in support of expanding the LAPD by 10,000 officers by the Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

This was a general policy statement, not a procedural step-by-step timeline of things to actually be done. I'm sorry, but without a specific timeline with specifically identified procedures to take place - this ain't gonna and hasn't happened. It's been 2 years now - we haven't seen it yet. In 2006, the City Council bought the Budget and Finance Committee evaluation. Where are the increased Police personnel?

by Elektra Kruger

Extra Capacity Tags for Green Waste

If you occasionally generate extra green waste, you may purchase Extra Capacity Tags. These tags may be attached to a bag, bundle or brush, or a 30 gallon non-City issued container. These items are limited to 30 pounds in weight and 4 ft. in length, and use one tag per item. Tags are sold only in sets of five for \$5.00 per set, with a maximum of 25 tags annually per customer. Tags may be purchased at the District Collection Yard 11050 Pendleton St., Sun Valley, 91352, between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm or by mailing a check or money order payable to the City of Los Angeles, at the above address, ATTN: Container Services. Please indicate on your check the number of tags you are requesting.

LA on a Banning Frenzy – Is Polystyrene Next?

The LA City Council is in a banning frenzy. Smoking, fast-food restaurants, grocery bags and Polystyrene may be next. In November of 2007, the Convention Center replaced all food service ware with 100% biodegradable or compostable products purchasing no expanded polystyrene through their concessionaire. They are working with the Bureau of Sanitation to participate in a commercial food waste composting program as well. Banning use of single use expanded polystyrene foodservice products citywide might financially impact smaller concessions so the Bureau of Sanitation proposes a phase-in program to meeting a total ban.

Alternatives for cold food and service ware are widely available and relatively inexpensive so this change can occur easily and quickly. However, alternatives for hot foods and liquids could pose an increased expense for vendors dealing primarily with take-out foods and drinks since alternative paperboard foodservice products are generally coated with a polyethylene plastic or wax to safely hold in warm fluid and these are neither compostable nor recyclable. In these cases, a minimum transition period of 6 months is being suggested making the ban on use of expended polystyrene effective January 2009.

This is all part of the Mayoral directive in which the Bureau of Sanitation has undertaken a year-long stakeholder outreach effort to develop guiding principles for a 20-year Master Plan for achieving "Zero-Waste" better known as SWIRP (Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan). Phase 1 - the guiding principles - of this plan was formerly adopted at a Citywide conference in early May 2008. The emerging guiding principles include education to decrease consumption and increase recycling; having the City serve as a leading model for Zero Waste practices including recycling; and having manufacturers as well as consumers exercise responsibility in applying the guidelines.

by Elektra Kruger



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Joe has been a resident of Shadow Hills for 17 years. He is proud to support the SHPOA Newsletter and looks forward to helping his neighbors and friends with any of the above services, including house calls.

As a Rooster Crows - Part 1

Find it unpleasant to be awoken early in the morning by a crowing rooster? Maybe you shouldn't move into a semirural community where people enjoy keeping roosters and other birds as pets. But, I grant you, it may be no less unpleasant to be awoken by a crowing rooster than it does to be disturbed by a loud party or a constantly barking dog. In 1997, a Motion was brought before City Council by then Councilmember Richard Alarcon stating that noise from farm animals in RA and A zones was creating problems for occupants of adjacent properties.

The City had codes for noise levels for barking dogs, equipment, music, construction work, alarms and any number of other sources - but no restrictions had yet been coded for poultry such as turkeys and roosters. The Motion stated that these noise sources needed to be added to the code. The Motion ran through the drawers and over the desks of the Planning Land Use and Management Committee (PLUM), the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Animal Regulation for a period of time, but eventually was deemed "terminated" with no action taken as happens with all Motions that collect dust due to inactivity for two years.

Today, the Department of Animal Services will respond to calls about loose roosters roaming our streets (hey -- in Shadow Hills they should have the right-of-way) but noise complaints get forwarded to the Office of the City Attorney which has to prioritize concerns brought to its attention and crowing roosters are not high on the list. In the case of barking dogs, for example, the Department of Animal Services will send a letter to the address of the dog's owner making them aware that a complaint has been filed and a request that steps be taking to control the problem. If complaints persist, further steps may be taken by the Department including revoking the dog's license.

In late October 2007, Councilmember Janice Hahn presented a Motion to City Council requesting a report from the Department of Animal Services on the feasibility of having its officers address noise complaints related to roosters and other birds the same way that it handles complaints about barking dogs. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this Motion.

by Elektra Kruger

Power Blackouts

So, there is supposed to be a rate-hike for our power usage - presumably to subsidize a much needed infrastructure improvement. And is there any clear plan for how those improvements are to be implemented or will the monies continue to be squandered with much needed maintenance and improved/increased infrastructure continuing to be deferred?

California continues to fall short in needed energy supplies and the risk of suffering from blackouts in southern California during the hottest days of summer is more than triple that of last year because power plant additions have failed to keep up with demand. When energy reserves fall below 3% we enter what is referred to as a Stage 3 emergency and, in order to prevent a full system collapse, the powers-that-be drinking their mud-thick cups of coffee in their stifling room with its massive power grid control board have the unenviable job of having to decide who gets the available power and who doesn't. Let us hope that the powers-that-be in their cushioned chairs sitting around their designer oak conference tables devise a Plan that will direct the monies where they are most sorely needed - the power infrastructure.

by Elektra Kruger

City of L.A Trying to Extinguish Smokers

Not that long ago, the City of Los Angeles passed a curb-to-curb no smoking Ordinance for City Parks. State law prohibits smoking within 25 feet of playground equipment or bleachers or sports fields or picnic areas, on City beaches and, recently, curb-to-curb in our City parks. The City already bans smoking in elevators, supermarkets, offices, restaurants, bars and all public buildings, as well as limits at beaches and parks. Other cities have gone even further. Calabasas bans smoking on public sidewalks, plazas and buses. Malibu has banned smoking on the Malibu pier, its beaches and its roadway stops. Glendale prohibits smoking in and within a 25 foot perimeter of all outdoor seating areas and all service lines. Burbank has enacted prohibitions similar to those of Glendale, only with a five foot perimeter.

To encourage expansion of this smoking ban effort, in June 2008, Councilmember Wendy Greuel presented a Resolution to the City Council requesting that the City urge the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to enact a similar smoking ban in Los Angeles COUNTY parks. In addition, in June 2008, Councilmember Greig Smith presented a Motion to City Council requesting that the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance to prohibit smoking in and within a five foot perimeter of outdoor dining areas (if you wish to comment on this Motion, send your letters to the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee, c/o Los Angeles City Clerk, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, California 90012). And on Thursday, August 8, LA City Councilman Bernard Parks (former Police Chief) called for prohibiting smoking in any areas where nonsmokers might be affected.

We all pretty well know that use of tobacco, in addition to exposure to secondhand smoke, is related to disease and death. 4.8 million people worldwide die each year from secondhand smoke. 3,000 deaths occur annually due to lung cancer and 35,000 deaths annually from heart disease related to secondhand smoke. 300,000 cases of lower respiratory tract infections such as pneumonia and bronchitis, exacerbation of asthma and increased middle-ear infections have been attributed to secondhand smoke in children.

8,000 cases of poisoning have been reported to American Poison Control Centers of children having ingested cigarette butts. Cigarette butts are also a major source of litter - 2 billion worldwide DAILY with 175 million pounds of cigarette butts discarded by Americans alone every year - and sometimes I feel like half of those end up on the roadside of Wentworth street where several members of SHPOA's Heaver Retriever team works once a week picking up trash. SHPOA will let you know if Los Angeles County ever places a non-smoking Ordinance in its County Parks and the progress of related motions.

by Elektra Kruger

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SHPOA needs you if you have CONCERNS, OPINIONS, or DESIRES. With all the resident talent in our unique community, SHPOA can make great strides in protecting the way of life we all cherish. Join the SHPOA team and share your talent! At the October 9th nominating meeting information will be available regarding positions (descriptions and necessary qualifications) for the board OR contact one of the members of the nominating committee:

Roberta (818) 353-4633; Andrea (818) 353-5974; Carol (818) 353-5534. If you miss the meeting on the 9th, don't despair, nominations will again be entertained at the November meeting when elections will take place.

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Community Calendar

Tues. Sept 9 SHPOA meeting "A Taste of Shadow Hills" 7 pm - Tierra del Sol

September 20-21 through October 4 Ride for a Cure Benefit for Parkinsons 11 am opening ceremonies Gibson Ranch, 9655 Wentworth

Fri. Sept 26 Deadline for Nov/Dec SHPOA newsletter articles and ads

Sun. Sept 27 "Mission Possible" Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Trail Cleanup from La Canada Way to Stonehurst (see article)

"Tall Tales & Likely Stories" program Sat. Oct 11 1 pm - Bolton Hall Museum

Sat. Oct 11 Harvest Moon dinner/dance 6 pm -11 pm - ETI Corral 20 Becky 352-3634

Tues. Oct 14 SHPOA Meeting – Board Nominations 7 pm - Tierra del Sol

Tues. Nov 11 SHPOA meeting - elections, free Pizza White Elephant Gift Exchange last meeting of the year come have some fun! 7 pm - Tierra del Sol

1st Tuesday Every Month - Neighborhood Watch 6 pm - All Nations Church

Key Community Locations and Contact Information

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