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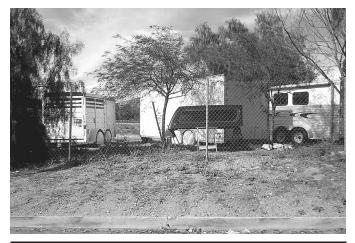
Know the Parking Rules for Horse Trailers, RVs, Cars and Campers!

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Shadow Hills prides itself on country living, large properties and spacious views. The wildlife corridor in which we live is full of natural beauty, but we are getting an increased number of complaints about horse trailers, RV's, campers, boats, trucks and cars occupying front lawns, parked conspicuously or blocking driveways and taking up space for days on the streets. Our city has ordinances with hefty fines to protect us from this blight and SHPOA supports the City's parking enforcement department doing its job.

So, step one will be public education such as this article and reminders on Daily Fodder. You might be lucky to get a warning. After that, step two will be enforcement and we encourage EVERYONE to get informed and park your vehicles according to the

law. While we understand that oversized vehicles are challenging to park, and may cost you more money, this is nevertheless an eyesore and nuisance to your neighbors, has a negative effect on everyone's property values, can pose safety issues and attracts vandalism and petty crime. Owners of these vehicles have a personal and community responsibility to park such vehicles properly.



MARCH SHPOA MEETING Tierra del Sol, Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

SHPOA GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 25 SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – YOUR COUNCILMAN *FELIPE FUENTES* 7 P.M., TIERRA DEL SOL, 9919 SUNLAND BLVD.

SHPOA's recent survey also reflected a concern for parked horse trailers, RV's and large vehicles on streets often creating a 'one lane' situation, as cars must swerve into the middle of a road to avoid them. They also block views for foot traffic, equestrians and on-coming drivers. Additionally, many of our Shadow Hills curbs, sidewalks or right of ways are "officially designated trails." When these vehicles are parked illegally or partially on the (trails) curbs, they force equestrians, joggers and pedestrians into busy streets.

Even though we are an equestrian community, unhitched horse trailers (as well as pop-up campers, boats and 3-wheelers) are considered "in-operative" even if used

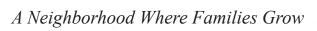
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regularly. They are illegally parked if they are on the street, on a lawn or prominently being stored on a driveway (see LAMC 12.21A8(b)). They must be parked in a garage or an area NOT viewable from the public street (not on a driveway!).

And here are a few more parking rules you should be familiar with:

- All vehicles parked on the street cannot be immobile for more than 72 hours and must be moved within 72 hours (see LAMC 80.73.2)
- ALL vehicles occupying lawn space are illegally parked, no exceptions (see LAMC 80.71.3)
- All vehicle repairs should be done within a building or in an area entirely enclosed from view by a wall or fence (LAMC 12.21A1/12.21A8 (a)).

SO, please don't get offended if you see notes on your windshield asking you to relocate your vehicles; it's the courtesy your neighbors are extending to you before they call parking enforcement. Please extend the consideration to us all by parking, storing or removing your vehicles according to the law. Should you get ticketed, please don't complain to SHPOA. We support the City enforcing these parking rules and regulations. *To place a complaint about any of the preceding violations, please call 311 or the Dept. of Transportation Parking Enforcement 818-752-5100.*

Say NO to DWP and to Solar Generating Facility in Residential Lake View Terrace!

By Dave DePinto and Nancy Woodruff (Foothill Trails Land Use Chairperson

A serious issue has arisen whereby a solar generating plant is proposed in a residential area of Lake View Terrace on Foothill Boulevard across the street from All Nations Church. This location is just across the 210 Freeway from Shadow Hills, just across the wash that runs north of Angeles National Golf Course. This is very close and very visible to Shadow Hills.



SHPOA is not opposed to Solar Power and alternative sources of energy. However, SHPOA is very opposed to this land use in this location. We are also very concerned about the City's process (lacking in transparency, environmental review, public input) for approving such a facility.

Can you imagine a large, acre-plus, shiny, laser-like reflective, hot/heat emitting, solar generating facility (aka

(See Say No to DWP on page 4.)



Volunteer Committee Breaks Ground

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Many residents have offered to help our community over the years, but there was no process to organize that goodwill. The new SHPOA Volunteer Committee, headed by Anton Bosch, now keeps a list of all such volunteers, solicits ideas for community projects, and organizes workers on volunteer days.

The Committee has tackled several eyesores and dangerous locations with the help of more than a dozen resident volunteers. One of the coolest aspects of this activity is how so many good people come "out of the woodwork" to help out. It's a great way to meet nice people who care about Shadow Hills.

The first job was the dangerous intersection of Sunland Blvd. and La Canada Way. Overgrown brush, trees and weeds have blocked views of drivers on both roads for years. Unfortunately, there are many such locations in Shadow Hills where stop signs are blocked or curves are blind due to unkept vegetation. But we got no help from the City or nearby property owners, so we took matters into our own hands in January and cleaned up the intersection.

More recently, on Saturday, March 8, the Committee and volunteers cleaned up the intersection of Sunland Blvd. and Johanna, the intersection of Sunland and Stonehurst, and all along the horse trail on Sunland Boulevard.

Things are changing for the better. We no longer have to accept such blight and become numb or blind to such eyesores. Let us know and we'll put it on our "to do" list. If you want to help or if you know of a location that needs some work, please contact Anton Bosch (anton@ifcb.net or 818-823-8588.

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power plant) just a few yards off of Foothill Boulevard/ Scenic Highway...immediately adjacent to residences and horse corrals...in a high wind and high fire area... backed up to the hills that recently burned in the Station fire...and plainly visible to anyone driving on the 210 or living or having a view of the foothills and mountains just north and east of the 210 Freeway?

Can you imagine such a facility being approved by the City's Planning Department without any environmental review or input from our elected officials and residents? Well, that's what this deal is all about. It does not make sense and there are other similar locations in the NE San Fernando Valley proposed as well. Now is the time for action.

Nancy Woodruff, Chair of our Neighborhood Council's land use committee provides analysis of the proposed project below. Nancy provides the case number, email addresses for the Planning Department and Councilman Felipe Fuentes, and mailing address for you to submit your comments.

We strongly encourage you to write/email a letter expressing your view of this project and asking for the Council Office, Planning Department and DWP to represent stakeholders by denying this project at this location and by articulating a transparent public review process whereby appropriate environmental studies and public hearings are conducted. Always refer to Case No: DIR-2013-2972-SSP.

In addition to the technical reasons cited in Nancy's note below and in the official appeal, SHPOA wants you to be aware of the following:

- The developer is moving the process along quickly taking advantage of numerous gaps and loopholes in the city's planning documents and processes
- The process is not transparent, there has been little and meaningless public input to date, and in the absence of the appeal just filed, the project would have been approved, built and become your neighbor while also providing dangerous precedent for additional similar facilities
- The city's Department of Water and Power, notorious for so many mistakes, over billing, high rates, misuse of ratepayer funds for several labor training projects (reported on recently in all major newspapers), is party to allowing these projects to proceed and has NOT demonstrated any concern or regard for the interests of neighbors of potential sights
- Questions exist about the reputation and track record of the proposed developer and, due to the lack of transparency for this whole process, have not been addressed in a public forum.

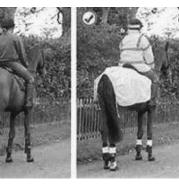
Thanks to the recently filed appeal, there will now be a hearing on this matter (information to come) and there will be additional communications, meetings, rallies and more. We urge you to become informed and engaged and will provide updates as they are available.

(For more on this issue; see "Background..." on Page 6)

Equestrians and Drivers: Safety is a Two-Way Street

By Dave DePinto SHPOA receives an equal number

of complaints



from riders who feel drivers are unsafe and antagonize equestrians and horses, and from motorists who feel equestrians are unsafe by riding in the middle of the street and wearing dark clothing at night.

We respect each point of view and took concerted action last year to help get the "Share the Road" signs throughout the community along with the new, well-lit equestrian/pedestrian crossings on Wentworth at Mary Bell and Wheatland. Now, we want to help riders increase their safety. At a recent meeting of SHPOA's Equestrian and Trails Committee, we decided to fund educational posters and reflective vests and bands that show ways for riders to be safer on our trails and streets.

Safety posters will be placed strategically near trails, at boarding facilities and local feed and supply stores. Reflective materials also will be given away at similar locations and may be requested by contacting SHPOA at shpoa@shpoa.us. We will keep this topic alive and remember our May meeting will be focused on equestrian issues and safety. **Please ride and drive safely!**



How To Register Your Horse

- **East Valley Feed and Tack** has licensing forms and will submit checks on your behalf to the City (they do not handle credit cards).
- Register online: www.laanimalservices.com/Laws_ Policies/Dog_License.htm
- Visit in person: East Valley Animal Control located at 14409 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys CA 91405
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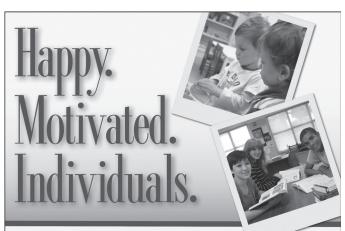
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Background on Proposed Solar Farm and Justification for Appeal

by Nancy Woodruff

An appeal has been filed by a Lake View Terrace neighbor regarding the proposed Solar Farm which will be a solar electrical generating business selling electricity to LADWP. This enterprise is being allowed by the City with no discretionary action to allow a business within the RA1K and RE401K zones. There is no code in place to regulate this activity in any zone. The vehicle to create these 'by right' projects is the LADWP FiT (Feed-in-Tariff) program. The appeal includes sites already accepted in the 2nd tier (1 tier every 6 months). You will no doubt notice a number within your areas, particularly if you are in the NE Valley.

This case exists because this venue is within a Specific Plan that addresses landscaping and fencing, and assumes that the use is allowable within the zone. Otherwise there would have been no basis for the appeal. The ramifications of this uncontrolled land use are city-wide. Please make your ideas known to Planning referring to the Case# DIR 2013-2972-SPP and ENV 2013-2971-CE.

- · Mail letters to : Los Angeles Planning Department, Zoning Administration; 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Room 430, Van Nuys, CA 91401
- · Email letters to: Priya.mehendale@lacity.org
- · Send/email copies to Councilman Felipe Fuentes (councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org), Nancy Woodruff (Amazgrey@aol.com) and Dave DePinto (7daviddepinto@ca.rr.com).

The reason for the appeal is because the City's Senior Planner conditionally approved a Land Use for the operation of a solar generating utility for-profit business within the RA 1-K and RE40 1-K zone without due process. Specifically:

- · The Municipal Code does not include solar generating commercial businesses in the RA 1-K zone.
- · Commercial businesses within the RA 1-1 zone normally need to obtain a Zoning Variance to allow such a nonconforming use.
- There appear to be no Planning codes relating to Solar Generating businesses for profit on vacant land.
- · There is no exception to the code in the determination to allow this use within the Municipal Code standards.
- The use of the Specific Plan to justify this business is inadequate.
- The use of only portions of the Specific Plan without referencing the Purpose of the Specific Plan is inadequate.
- · The determination that the project preserves, compliments and enhances the natural and cultural resources is not true.
- An exemption for an Environmental Review

regarding an electrical generating solar plant given the limited reports of potential harm to health and safety as well as effects to wildlife that do exist in this neighborhood is inadequate.

• Approval of landscaping that constitutes a fire hazard (pine-related plants), although not forbidden in the Specific Plan, does affect this site as it is designated in a very high fire and wind area and should not have been approved.

The appellant owns a ranch within the neighborhood and fears for the loss of the rural and equestrian ambiance that has been the hallmark of the community for many years but is eroding with each non-conforming use that arrives and this use, especially when devoid of restrictions will open the gates for uncontrolled nonconforming development. The decision-maker erred and abused their discretion by approving this project and not addressing the fore-mentioned points at issue.



EQUESTRIAN BILL OF RIGHTS

The Los Angeles Horse Council exists to unite equine owners and equine related businesses to raise awareness of significant economic impact the Equestrian lifestyle has in Los Angeles, to highlight equestrian contributions to Los Angeles heritage, to improve public health and safety by increasing access to and awareness of equestrian therapy, rehab and youthat risk programs and to provide a unified voice for a broad range of equestrian concerns that include zoning, land use, planning, creation and preservation of horse friendly open space.

Developed by The Los Angeles Horse Council, this Equestrian Bill of Rights when adopted, will protect and strengthen the equestrian community, ensuring its continued existence and economic viability.

- Equestrians shall have the right to staff representation within government agencies including, but not limited to, Planning, Transportation and Building and Safety to develop and promote equestrian uses, activities and businesses.
- II. Equestrians shall have the right to an Equestrian friendly Trails Master Plan as part of the General Plan Framework.
- III. 3. Equestrians shall have a right to horse keeping as an agricultural use, zoning for which will be protected and expanded in Los Angeles Community and Specific Plans.
- IV. Equestrians shall have equal rights to use of parks and public facilities.
- V. Equestrians shall have the right to an equine census as well as recognition and representation of the LA equine presence.
- VI. Equestrians and equines shall have the right to expect that those who endanger, injure or kill equines or

(See Equestrian Bill of Rights on Page 8)



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- VIII.Equestrians shall have the right to expect government agencies to address equine issues using existing laws of the city, county and state and to expect correction of all contradictions and removal of anomalies in the LAMC.
- IX. Equestrians shall have the right to traffic signals, signage, crosswalks and also trail maintenance standards that enable and support safe riding and carriage driving.
- X. Equestrians shall have the right to be actively engaged as a constituent group in the organization and administration of Los Angeles communities with respect to horse keeping and trails.

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The LA Beautification Team Offers Trees and Water Conservation!

By Sharon Romano, Los Angeles Beautification Team

Since I moved to Shadow Hills nearly ten years ago I have wanted to bring resources to our neighborhood through my community based non-profit organization, the Los Angeles Beautification Team (LABT). We have tree grants/giveaways for Council Districts 6 & 7, to plant in open space and in City parkways and trails. We are looking for adopters for trees and trails.

Stormwater capture/conservation are also major parts of our work. This includes neighborhood workshops, how to assess your property's storm water capture potential, building rain barrels and rain gardens, simple on-site filtration systems, and other storm water capture tactics plus strategic planting we can all do at home. Approximately half of our water use in L.A. is for landscaping.

For years we have worked with the City to develop and build a storm water capture system, including a dry well system and the first bioswales built in the City of LA right of way, to help mitigate the flooding that occurs on Glenoaks. There is approximately 300 acre feet of storm water (in an average rainfall year) that flows from our watershed and floods a four block span on Glenoaks and other streets. An acre foot of water is over 326,000 gallons. Our project will capture over 30 acre feet, or 10%. This represents an incredible loss of water which could be recharging our groundwater.

We've done this work with Prop O funding and are searching for additional funding to extend the system. The San Fernando Valley aguifer is at less than 20% of its 450,000 acre foot capacity. This aguifer is the major local source of our City's water supply, which is about 88% dependent on imported water, also adding to the cost we all pay.

LABT workshops are being scheduled for spring. Anyone interested please call 323-962-2163.

The Rocks of Rancho Tujunga

By Richard Stewart

Well, it seems there are questions out there as to why I enjoy stacking rocks, what do they mean and what is their purpose.

I never thought I would have to explain this hobby or iustifv it.

It seems like a no-brainer to me. One can overlook an eyesore in a community or one can, on his own initiative, adopt an abandoned lot, take responsibility for it and clean it up. I choose the latter.

Try this: after cleaning up a dirty room in the house, you might think you have reached the point that you have done all you can. It is clean and it is orderly. Can you do more? Yes. Put a small vase of flowers or a bronze sculpture on the table. You have suddenly entered the realm of art and aesthetics.

You've experienced this when you clean up and wash your car. It's clean. Can you do more? Yes. Wax it. Now you bring out the smiles.

This is probably the closest I can come to explaining the joy I have in stacking rocks.

I look at it as the reverse broken window effect. One can ignore the broken window and it grows worse-- trash. garbage, graffiti and crime. But one can fix the broken window. Can you do more? Yes. Clean up the yard, polish the windows and now paint the building. The paint and polish ignites the aesthetic wave. You can create a beautiful park where there was once an ugly evesore.

Some people have told me they like the rock sculptures I have created. I have even been commissioned to build some on their property.

My biggest compliment was being asked by McGroarty Art Center to offer one of my sculptures as an auction item for one of their fundraisers. And it sold. This brought me joy.

That's the best I can do. It's no more complicated than that. We have beautiful rocks here in the Foothills. I think we should show them off. It is nothing complex. It has nothing to do with any religion or some secret message.

It is simply my attempt to add a little beauty into the world and maybe a smile or two. If you think I have succeeded in this in any small way, I would love to hear from you.

It makes it all worthwhile.

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Volunteer Committee Helps Shadow Hills!

By Anton Bosch

There has been a wonderfully positive response from the first volunteer project we tackled on the corner of Sunland and La Canada Way. Many folks have commented how pleased they are with the improved visibility, safety and aesthetics of the corner. As a result, several new volunteers have made themselves available for future projects. To everyone who helped and also to those who encouraged – thank you.

Being part of the volunteer committee does not mean you have to help every time we do something, it simply means being willing to consider the possibility of helping and allowing us to notify you of projects.



Beside the projects we organize, there are also two couples who are constantly doing various projects. So if coming out for a couple of hours on a Saturday does not work for you, consider joining the Krugers on Thursdays as they pick up trash along Wentworth. The Gutmans also have projects going all the time – either on the streets or trails. They could really do with some help so consider making yourself available to either of these dedicated couples. Just let me know.

In addition to labor, we also need someone with a skid steer or bobcat occasionally. Right now we could really use a bobcat to move some dirt that has washed into the street on Wheatland. It would take a bobcat 20 minutes but would cost many hours of hard labor if we were to do it by hand. The other need that has become evident is



for dumpsters or space to dump the cuttings and other compostables that we generate on these projects. So if

you have space in a dumpster or have an idea of how to dispose of the trash then please let us know.

SHPOA wants to extend a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped to make our community a better place March 1st by volunteering for the cleanup projects. We were able to improve the corner of Johanna and Sunland a lot by clearing a truck load of trash, cleaning the storm drains and trimming the trees and shrubs on the corner. Once we got done there, we moved to the corner of Stonehurst and Sunland and did the same there. The island was weeded and swept, the gutters were cleaned, trash collected and the overgrowth closing in on the sidewalk and obscuring traffic signs was cleared. In the meantime another group picked up trash along the trail in Sunland.

Personally, I feel very bad for not getting all the names of the volunteers on Saturday so if you did help and your name does not appear in the honor roll that follows, please e-mail me so I can make amends.

Thank you also to Jeff of the Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church for his support and the use of the Presbyterian Church's dumpster. Thank you also to Sun Valley Community Church for the use of their dumpster. We also need to acknowledge Melanie and George and Mitch Lane who could not work but supported and encouraged us by donating trash bags.

"Many hands make light work" and it was especially great to see how everyone worked with a willing heart and without complaining. Once again, it was encouraging to see and hear the number of passers-by who showed their gratitude and support in one way or the other. For those who have not yet ventured out to help, you are really missing a wonderful two hours (that's all) of meeting neighbors and really making a contribution to the improvement of our village. To learn more or to get involved, please contact me at anton@ifcb.net or 818 823 8588. **Thank you.**



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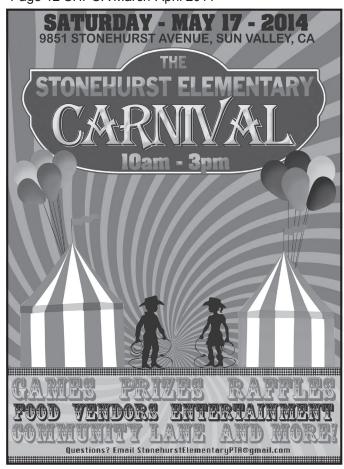
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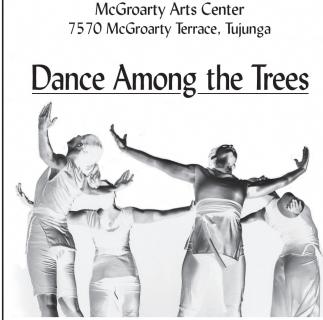
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Debbie Wolf	Mike	(who lives off of Wornom)
Susan Leonard	and son Christ	ian Sue Mansis
Terri Ortiz	Anton & Ina B	bosch Dave DePinto

Don't pay for a gym membership! Get fit for free by volunteering a little sweat equity in your community! You'll enjoy the company of great people and make Shadow Hills more beautiful at the same time!

To learn more and to lend your hands, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Anton Bosch at anton@ifcb.net or (818) 823-8588. Thank you!



Shadow Hills - Apathy or Action?

By Dave DePinto

SHPOA appreciates the spirit behind Richard's rocks or "cairns," behind the new Volunteer Committee, behind Sharon Romano's trees and bioswales, behind the "Share the Road" public safety initiative for riders and drivers and our recent "blue recycling bin" campaign. About a year ago Richard was a guest speaker at our SHPOA meeting and we showed dozens of photos of rock structures around the community. The ethic that Richard describes is the inspiration for our new Volunteer Committee.

Many in our community have become numb and non-responsive to blight, crime, and other unwanted influences. Many have fallen into bad habits. WE MUST TAKE BACK OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. IT'S REALLY UP TO EACH OF US. We must preserve the beauty of Shadow Hills, not only from outside threats, but from the worse threat of apathy and inaction. It's all related, just what Richard calls the "broken window" effect. We can't sit back and let brush block stop signs, let dirt erode onto neighbors properties and public streets, park illegally blocking roads and trails, and drive unsafely on public streets knowing there are horses, joggers and children present.

It's time for all of us to get off our derrieres, out of our house and stop complaining and waiting for the City to take care of all of our problems. Join SHPOA. Attend SHPOA meetings. Attend Neighborhood Council meetings. Go for a walk in our beautiful community, be observant and get involved! It's time for all of us to take responsibility for our properties, to be part of our community and to do our fair share to preserve Shadow Hills.

Letter to the Editor -

Response to Article Calling for Removal of Wheatland Speed Humps

By Madeleine Holly-Rosing Resident of Wheatland Ave.

With all due respect to Mr. George (SHPOA January-February, page 6), the installation of the speed humps on Wheatland was not an arbitrary decision made by one person or a nameless faceless bureaucrat. It was done by the community of property owners on Wheatland Ave. In fact, it was a desperate plea to reclaim our neighborhood.

Installing speed humps is not easy. A petition from the Department of Transportation must be circulated and signed by the property owners on the street in question. 75% of the property owners must sign for it to go to the next step. 80% of the property owners on Wheatland Avenue willingly and eagerly signed the petition. And yes, everyone knew emergency response time would be reduced but it was a fair tradeoff from not having to call them in the first place because an inattentive speeding motorist plowed into a pedestrian, a horse, its rider or someone backing out of their driveway.

The next step was for a traffic survey to be done on whether speed humps were warranted and if so, how many. While the survey was being done, a woman in a light blue minivan sped by and drove over the traffic monitoring equipment, missing the technician by less than a foot. She did not stop or slow down. I witnessed it. The technician recommended the speed humps in no uncertain terms. The director of the department that installed the speed humps recommended the installation of eleven (11) though only nine (9) were actually installed. The next step was for the Fire Chief to approve it. He did.

We were then put in the queue to have them installed and they were within a year.

Prior to the installation the traffic was four times (if not more) than it is now as residents and non-residents used it as a thoroughfare between Wentworth and Sunland Blvd. Vehicles were clocked speeding at 60 mph and above. In fact, there was one motorcyclist who used to blast down the street at 70 mph and above at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning. Also, prior to the speed bumps the noise from traffic was considerably louder than it is now.

Horseback riders no longer used Wheatland Avenue because it was too dangerous. Because there are no sidewalks with the exception of a small part of Wheatland, joggers, dog walkers and children walking on the narrow street were in even more danger of being hit by a motorist.

Please note that in the same issue of the SHPOA Newsletter immediately adjacent to Mr. George's complaint, Ms. Ahten described the effectiveness of the new Equestrian Activated Rapid Flashing Crosswalks on Wentworth:

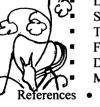
- 1. No motorist was stopping for the flashing lights when Ms. Ahten and friend tried to cross on horesback.
- 2. Their horses were nearly run down by two speeding motorists and "nearly took my horse's nose off."
- 3. "Multiple vehicles sped right through crosswalk while the flashing lights were going."

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- 4. LAPD Officer Frankman had issued multiple tickets that day, even one to a motorist going 90 mph in the 45 zone.
- 5. Ms. Ahten recommended: "Don't assume anyone is going to stop for the flashing lights!"

This is a perfect example of many motorists' blatant disregard of other people's safety in our community even with the most obvious of signal crossings.

With the speed humps, we were able to once again embrace our rural space to the fullest extent. We became the community we were meant to be.

This was never about punishing everyone for a few offenders; this was about protecting the community as a whole.

Editor's Note: We thank Madeleine Holly-Rosing for her perspective on this issue and wish to convey that many people communicated with us with a similar position. The good thing is that everyone is trying to increase safety in their own way. We want all to know that Carlos George is a member of our Board and expressed his personal opinion in the article as all are free to do. Those of us who know him well, know he loves to debate many issues and it does not change his desire and voluntarism for a better Shadow Hills. Besides being our "webmaster" for the SHPOA website, Carlos is extremely active in our efforts to get badly needed paving done on Shadow Hills' interior streets. In fact, he is working through the bureaucracy trying to increase the likelihood of getting none other than Wheatland paved, and boy does that street need it!

Latest Update: Ralphs Properties By Dave DePinto

At a recent SHPOA meeting, executives from Ralphs on Foothill Blvd, informed us that the store will undergo an extensive re-model, starting in May 2014. They stated their commitment to the area (despite the closure of the store in Sun Valley) and said we can expect a lot of new equipment, shelving and improvements. The store will remain open during the remodel.

Regarding the property at the corner of Sunland and Glenoaks, SHPOA has stayed in touch with the owner/ developer, Allen Lynch. Mr. Lynch cannot disclose specifics of their negotiations, but assures us that marketing/leasing outreach remains very active and that there are active negotiations at the Board of Directors level with potential tenants.

Meanwhile, the property is undergoing a facelift of sorts including asbestos removal and installation of new utilities and infrastructure. As soon as leasing discussions reach closure, Mr. Lynch has promised to inform and come speak to SHPOA about the future of the property.



Giving Crime NO Opportunity!

By Sue Mansis

Crime often comes in waves and Shadow Hills is no exception. Most crimes are those of "opportunity" and if residents don't lock their homes or car doors, and don't secure valuables, tools, bikes and metal materials out of sight, those opportunities are presented more often. Police say that crimes of opportunity have a "cause and effect" pattern. Word spreads on the streets resulting in a cluster of crimes focused in one area then moving to another.

Lately we've observed new "strangers" on our streets. Your Neighborhood Watch has noticed increases in abandoned shopping carts, discarded bulky items, construction trash, and fencing in disrepair around our community. This attracts transient activity, neighborhood-casing and scavenger recycling crews in greater numbers.

But, we can take action: Recently a neighbor off La Canada Way confronted a stranger, following him up the street, and observing him wandering in and out of driveways, peering into homes. The neighbor called police and the man was taken into custody. Thanks to the neighbor's quick thinking, a crime of opportunity was likely thwarted. Another neighbor saw mailboxes along her street had been opened; she guickly collected the strewn mail, hoping to prevent identity theft that might have resulted from lost mail. Several neighbors have confronted recycling crews, refusing to let them to shuffle through their trash in order to discourage this regular stealing from our blue and black bins! Many neighbors keep their blue bins secured until just before collection, so as to remove the materials the scavengers poach. By doing this, they keep these strangers off our streets and driveways late at night in the dark-when nothing good happens!

A clean, well-groomed neighborhood, with tended yards, well lit at night, with residents conscious of street side activity is one which signals to opportunists that we are invested in our community; proactive, united and alert. We take back our community when we keep properties free of debris and clutter (including inactive vehicles and trailers) and keep properties in good repair. We send a clear message that we care enough to fight back.

Let's care about one another too, and help our neighbors clear unsightly weeds, cut back overgrown foliage, fix broken gutters, windows or pipes, and clean up trash on vour street. Call 311 when a bulky item has been sitting in front of the house for more than 2 weeks or Cart Retrieval Service when a shopping cart is spotted on the curb or in the bushes.

Phone numbers for these services can be found on the last page of this newsletter under "Important City Numbers" - let's use them to keep our neighborhood beautiful and safe. Every little bit does make a difference!



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- Bolton Hall: 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga (818-352-3420)
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lakeview Terrace
- Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd. intersection); Pastor Rebecca Prichard (818-353-2500)
- Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)
- Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley
- Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills
- Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley
- City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office CD7 Councilmember Felipe Fuentes; 7747 Foothill Blvd., Sunland

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