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## The Secrets of Shadow Hills By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Local historians Don Ray and Michael Callahan delighted our members at our General Meeting on September 11, 2019. We learned some fun history alongside some sketchy history of our little community of Shadow Hills.

I bet all of you have had dined at our iconic “castle” restaurant currently known as “Villa Terraza.” Its architecture and grounds are fun to explore, and its food is delicious. I know that when my husband and I were looking for a house to purchase in Shadow Hills back in 1993, we had dinner there to finish up our tiring day of house-hunting. We were not disappointed and we certainly were not aware of the rich history of the building, nor of the area in general.

That is, until Don and Michael took us on a journey of intrigue, mystery, and a little bit of scandal.

The restaurant was founded by August Furst, an immigrant from Bavaria, in the 1930s, and it was originally known as



the Viennese Garden. It actually started as a fruit stand, and his sons would stand near the road to wave in passers-by on opening day. It evolved into a café, and then into the building that we know today. The stream got buried when Sunland Blvd. was widened

**Don Ray fills us in on Shadow Hills History** in 1960 but there is still a meandering concrete area that could be used for a water feature. On the hill above the restaurant is a mansion called “Furst Castle” which is still there.

During World War II, neighbors complained of subversive activities behind the restaurant’s closed doors, including German American Bund meetings, possible radio transmissions to German U boats, armed guards, and the presence of savage German shepherd dogs guarding caves containing an arsenal of weapons. However, LAPD conducted three separate investigations and found that the rumors were just that—rumors—and that they were without merit.

Mr. Furst eventually sold off the restaurant and castle property in the 1970s.

Let’s move over to that large property on Johanna across the street from Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church. It still has remnants of stone steps that used to lead to somewhere. This

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**Food! Cheer! Year in Review!**  
**Let’s Set Our Priorities for 2020**  
Place: Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd., 7:00 pm

## Could DWP Pass A Simple Math Test? By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

In late September, against the advice of the Office of Public Accountability (aka Ratepayers Advocate Office), the Board of Water and Power Commissioners approved the expansion of the Feed-in-Tariff program by 300 megawatts.

Instead of purchasing cost-effective solar power from residential households with small solar systems on their roofs, DWP will enter into long term commercial contracts to purchase solar energy generated within the City from solar companies, landlords, investors, or real estate investors. This would be fine, EXCEPT the purchase price 14.5 cents per kilowatt hour is almost SIX times more than the price of desert-generated solar power which costs only 2.5 cents per kwh. What makes this even more fiscally unpalatable is that the margin is only 2.2 cents (ratepayer price less purchase cost)—not even close to covering DWP’s enormous overhead.

This 14.5 cents per kwh amounts to **\$1.1 billion** over the 20-year contract life and of course, we the ratepayers get stuck with it.

I contacted Camden Collins of the DWP Ratepayer Advocate’s office who informed me that they are trying to steer DWP away from this terrible program and will try to persuade the City Council to reject it:

*“OPA recommends that the Board reject the DWP proposal to expand the Feed In Tariff (FiT) program by 50MW or 300MW, until such time as the program: 1) no longer relies on investment returns determined by third or interested parties to be ‘necessary’ for real estate owners and banks, 2) is bid in some manner, or 3) addressed the reliability needs of the distribution system.*

*The program’s proposed price of 14.5 cents per kwh is many multiples (5.8) above that needed to supply desert solar or*

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property was purchased in 1929 by Minnie Barton who established an institution in Highland Park to help indigent women, including prostitutes upon release from jail. She worked closely with LAPD and was considered an honorary probation officer (meaning she was unpaid).

From the KCET website:

*"Minnie Barton was no sap. Her biggest brawl began in 1929, when she personally purchased land deep in the valley at 10225 Johanna Street, in the sparsely populated neighborhood of Hansen Heights (now Sunland). Together with the Big Sisters Club, she began construction on the Minnie Barton Recreation Camp, to help house the overflow of women needing assistance.*

*But the folks of Hansen Heights, led by L.A. pioneer Joseph Messmer, vehemently opposed the construction project. In June, an angry delegation threatened an injunction suit and told a police commission that unsavory characters helping with construction had climbed over fences and begged for food, which Minnie denied. When the commission found in Minnie's favor, a councilman proposed a resolution to make the area a single family residence zone -- expressly to force Barton out. The school superintendent was also brought on board, asserting that the camp was a menace to neighborhood children, and construction temporarily halted.*

*The protest continued in September when construction resumed, with allegations of drunken workers, lack of permits, and most disturbingly -- graft. Messmer charged that police vehicles, prisoners, and city materials were being used at the site. The commission again found in Minnie's favor. In January 1930, Messmer was back at it, and Minnie had had it. She stated that she already had 24 women at the site, and that she had so many requests for assistance and so little government support that she didn't know what to do. After her speech the commission applauded her efforts and the project continued."*

Thanks to Don and Michael for educating us on Shadow Hills' history.



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*reduce carbon. It siphons away resources better spent fixing this program so it can grow, without relying on retail prices for wholesale procurement."*

Let's hope that the City Council's Energy Committee chaired by Nury Martinez will exercise good judgment by questioning some of the Department's more uneconomic projects.

The Ratepayers Advocate's office is there to protect us, the ratepayers. DWP, the Board of Water & Power Commissioners, the City Council's Energy Committee, and ultimately the City Council should accept the advocate's recommendation and reject this terrible contract as \$1.1 billion of ratepayer money is worth the fight. There are other much cheaper options to purchase renewable solar energy.



### **Councilwoman Rodriguez's Year in Review By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board**

This time last year, the SHPOA Newsletter featured an op-ed written by the former SHPOA president and newsletter editor entitled, "For the Record -- Worst of All and Worthy of a Vote of 'No Confidence if not a 'Recall'" which was an extremely unflattering and a mischaracterization of our Councilwoman Rodriguez. The piece attacked her based on her alleged indifference to a single issue (high speed train). Frankly, when I reread the article in preparation for this update, I cringed. It was an unfair and untrue assessment of her, and it's time to set the record straight. First, during the campaign, then-candidate Rodriguez arranged for the author of that article to meet with Mayor Garcetti for the purpose of discussing the high speed train. Second, after being elected, Councilwoman Rodriguez co-authored at least two letters to the California High Speed Rail Authority supporting our community's

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position. Now that nearly an entire year has passed, I felt it was appropriate to report on what her office has done to support us since SHPOA's new board took office in January 2019. In short, Shadow Hills has received excellent customer service from our council office.

The following items are a timeline of what our Councilwoman and her staff have done for the general Shadow Hills area:

- Restriped all signalized crosswalks through Sunland-Tujunga as higher-visibility continental crosswalks in order to increase pedestrian safety; added bollards at high-collision curve near the intersection of Mt Gleason and Foothill
  - Hosted the second annual Valentine's Senior Ball for over 400 seniors in the Seventh Council District
  - Led the adoption of an ordinance to enable the City to shut off utilities at illegal cannabis shops and followed up with legislation to allow City agencies to recover the full costs associated with illegal cannabis enforcement
  - Hosted fishing derby at Hansen Dam for 130 children in Council District 7
  - Secured \$4 million in funding for Department of Transportation engineering projects throughout the district
  - Introduced legislation directing the City to fund a door-to-door grassroots outreach and education program to ensure that historically undercounted communities are counted in the 2020 Census
  - Held a Homeless Connect Day resource fair at North Valley City Hall
  - Secured \$450,000 in funding for and launched the Homeless Family Resource Hub, a one-stop-shop for homeless and housing services, coordinated through a partnership with the City, LAUSD, and service providers
  - Completed the installation of 94 new Automated Litter Bins throughout Council District 7. Each bin removes an average of about two tons of trash from streets each year
  - Approved a \$10.5 billion budget, the largest in the City's history and secured \$26 million in capital and public services investments for the 7th District to expand park space, fix decades-old infrastructure, and improve the quality of life
  - Began the much-needed renovation of at North Valley City Hall in Tujunga for this aging municipal building. Secured over \$2.5 million dollars in funding to update this space for constituent services and community meetings and events
  - Broke ground on a new sidewalk project at the intersection of Fenton and Terra Bella, a project that the school and community members have been requesting for 28 years. Improvements include: widening street, new sidewalk and retaining wall, as well as street resurfacing and new lighting.
  - Fought for and passed an ordinance aimed at mitigating the risk of wildfires and improving the City's ability to prevent trespassing in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones
  - Completed installation of brand-new playground equipment at Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, an investment of \$363K in this active park
  - Completed the installation of a brand-new swing set with shade structure, resilient playground surfacing, and hydration station at Sunland Park Recreation Center, an investment of \$137K
  - Completed the road stabilization project in La Tuna fire-damaged area of Verdugo Crestline, a project the Councilwoman secured \$362,570 in funding. Improvements included slope stabilization, the installation of proper drainage, and smoothing the rutting and erosion caused by debris flow along this road.
  - Partnered with the Southern California Association of Governments for the "Go Human" traffic safety campaign. Installed over 100 banners at schools and main corridors across the 7th Council District to remind drivers to watch for pedestrians in these vulnerable areas.
- For just us Shadow Hills folks, here is what she has done in 2019 (there are a couple of items from 2018 and are in no particular order):
1. Provided, delivered and picked up clean-up items for our Shadow Hills Community cleanups: Tools (rakes, hoes, etc.), gloves, garbage bags, dumpster. The amazing thing is that SHPOA did not even request these items. Eve Sinclair, Area

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## Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

# SHPOA

## Membership Form

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

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### Benefits and Value of SHPOA Membership

#### Preserve Country Lifestyle

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

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

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

#### Promote Shadow Hills

- ✓ Market unique lifestyle and real estate properties
- ✓ Conduct SHPOA membership drives
- ✓ Hold general member meetings with guest speakers, helpful information and entertainment
- ✓ Bi-monthly newsletter
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- ✓ Website information
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- Visit in person: East Valley Animal Control located at 14409 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys CA 91405
- For more information call: 888-4LAPET1 or 888-452-7381.

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Ribbon Cutting Lake View Terrace Playground. L to R: Cindy Bloom, Ryan Davis, Councilwoman Rodriguez, Eve Sinclair, Daniel Davis

Director for our area, read about our clean-up in Daily Fodder and pro-actively contacted us to offer these supplies.

2. Eve Sinclair met with SHPOA members for over 2 hours to clarify LA Streets grant application requirements and offered sage advice.

3. Worked with us to remediate a dangerous property in our community leading to the apprehension of the responsible individuals.

4. Because there is a long stretch on Wentworth with no addresses, Eve Sinclair personally drove out on multiple

occasions in order to give the Dept. of Sanitation the coordinates for picking up numerous dumped items.

5. Years ago, Shadow Hills had its own city sign but it came down (probably due to a traffic accident). For years, it landed in one SHPOA member garage after another, but thanks to our councilwoman, it will soon be reposted to its rightful place.

6. Councilwoman Rodriguez swiftly acted on SHPOA's request to voice her opposition and delivered an impassioned speech to the council prior to the vote to State Senate Bill SB 50 which would have allowed construction of higher density multi-family housing developments near major transit stops that are out-of-compliance with local land use regulations and procedures (Council File 19-0002-S38: passed 12-0).

7. Councilwoman Rodriguez acted on SHPOA's request to voice her opposition to State Assembly Bill AB 516 which would prohibit local jurisdictions from towing vehicles that have five

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## California Dreaming is Now California Scheming By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Just when you think we can take a breather from the state legislators who feel that the state must meddle in every local agency's business, they pull a fast one. And the latest fast one was a doozy: AB68 which was signed into law by Gov. Newsom mid-October.

We, through our local electeds and our own letter-writing (ok, really email) campaigns, managed to successfully stave off other pieces of garbage legislation such as SB50 and AB516 that would supersede local city and county ordinances—only to have one of the worst ones sneak through with little or no fanfare. This greasy slimeball was AB68 which would allow not just one accessory dwelling units (ADU) on a single-family property, but TWO ADUs! (On multiple-family lots, "multiple" ADUs are allowed.). Yes, you heard me right—anyone in California could build two ADUs on their property if they meet the requirements—all of which have been severely relaxed to speed up the process.

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## Airport Task Noise Force Meeting No. 1 (August 28, 2019)

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

If you think that airplanes are flying lower and louder through our community, you're right. About two years ago, the FAA introduced a satellite-based tracking system, NextGen, which utilizes GPS coordinates to manage flights and has led to severely altered flight paths over the City of Los Angeles. For the last two years, communities south of the airport have been inundated with departing flights every three minutes. Now, Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, La Tuna Canyon, Sun Valley, and Shadow Hills are being affected by both outbound and inbound flights as well, so I decided to educate myself.

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

On August 26, I accidentally stumbled upon a notice of an upcoming Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force meeting at the Burbank Marriott and decided to attend. Most of the attendees were outraged residents and business people who have dealt with flights every three minutes coming in slow and low over their homes for the last two years. It started off slowly and then increased to the point where they started researching as to what was going on and discovered that indeed, flight paths were altered without any notice.

As a result of two years worth of public pushback, this task force was formed to provide a forum for representatives of communities that are currently being affected and those that could potentially be affected, by aircraft procedural and operational changes related to aircraft noise in the southern San Fernando Valley.

This meeting was the first meeting so there was some housekeeping involved (voting on the chair/vice-chair, meeting times, etc.). The Task Force is comprised of voting members and non-voting participants that are elected officials or designated staff members.

Eight (8) voting members are from the following offices: Los Angeles City Councilmembers: Councilman Paul Krekorian (Vice-Chair), Councilman David Ryu, Councilman Paul Koretz, Councilwoman Nury Martinez; City of Burbank Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy (Chair) and City of Burbank Vice-Mayor Sharon Springer; City of Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian; and City of Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek.

Five (5) Nonvoting Participants are from the following offices: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris; Congressmen Tony Cardenas, Adam Schiff, and Brad Sherman

Technical advisors are individuals from the FAA, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (BGPAA), and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) staff. These representatives are present to provide technical explanations and to assist with the progress of the Task Force to address community concerns with aircraft noise in the southern San Fernando Valley.

A presentation by the facilitator, Gene Reindel of the consulting firm of HMMH, was given, and then public comment ensued. There were 72 speakers and based on time constraints, each speaker was allowed 90 seconds. The consensus was that (1) no notice of NextGen implementation and its consequences of new flight paths over "new areas" were provided to affected residents two years ago and only upon

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## Airport Noise Task Force Meeting No. 2 (September 11, 2019)

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

For background, please refer to the article in this issue entitled, "Airport Task Force Meeting No. 1."

This second meeting of the Airport Task Force (TF) was held in a much larger room at the Burbank Marriott due to the large number of attendees.

The process was more clearly defined at this meeting (2 of 6) wherein the TF is collecting questions and proposed solutions to present to the FAA, the Burbank Airport/Airport Authority Commission, and the City of Burbank.

Although two community groups were scheduled to give presentations, one of them was unable to present at this particular meeting so only UproarLA presented.

Uproar LA ([www.uproarla.org](http://www.uproarla.org)) presented an extremely well researched and comprehensive presentation, and gave each of the TF members a binder, complete with indexed backup documentation. The TF members seemed to be very impressed with this group and their knowledge, presentation skills, and ability to put forth in a meaningful way their research and findings. Their group includes residents from North Hollywood, Toluca Lake, Studio City, Valley Village, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Hollywood Hills, Laurel Canyon, Coldwater Canyon, Beverly Glen, Bel Air, and other areas. It includes a large number of concerned parents from many of the impacted schools, comprised of over 10,000 students, including: Carpenter Elementary, Colfax Elementary, Dixie Canyon Elementary, Sherman Oaks Elementary, Campbell Hall, Oakwood School, Buckley School, Harvard-Westlake School, Sunnyside Preschool, Millikan Middle School, and Walter Reed Middle School.

Some of their salient points: The FAA's failure to give notice violates both NEPA and the FAA's own policies; altitudes are too low; there is no tangible way to measure or track safety; it took over a year for the FAA and the Burbank Airport to even admit moving the flight paths (and even after admitting it, they are still misleading the public); this narrow flight path results in lower altitudes and increased noise & pollution; the safety ceiling is 3,000 feet and these new paths are well below that—ultra fine particulates generated by the airplanes can NOT exit people's (and presumably animals') bodies, i.e., are permanent (in a study done in New York, it shortened lifespans by 1 year); different noise criteria is needed for wildlife areas as wildlife is sensitive to noise; studies have shown that consistent noise causes cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and lack of sleep. They even went so far as to purchase a noise meter/recorder and recorded decibel levels of 74-79 (65 is "standard"). To add insult to injury, this ongoing debacle resulted in ONLY \$40k in annual fuel savings! Yes, that's right—a lousy \$40k in fuel savings—one woman even offered to write them a check if they'd just stop.

Dan Feger, a former and highly-respected Hollywood Burbank Airport director and a critic of the way the Airport had been handling the complaints, is working with these groups and presented one of his solutions. This particular meeting was focused on TWIST (Turn West Immediately Spread Tracks). He plans on discussing a different solution component at each meeting.

The TF then spent about 30 minutes trying to figure out when their next meeting date will be. After much back and forth discussion, October 17th was chosen (later rescheduled to November 6th).

The TF then reviewed their own questions to-date which will be compiled over the duration of the six meetings and then presented to the FAA, airport/airport authority, etc. So far, their questions appeared to be addressing the concerns put forth to them by stakeholders.

Public Comment got very feisty because so much time was wasted due to setting up the next meeting date, only 90 seconds were allotted per speaker. Many speakers just kept on talking with a couple of them having their mic shut off. One speaker

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their research was this information revealed; (2) most affected residents from takeoffs are in Sherman Oaks, Valley Village, North Hollywood, and southern San Fernando Valley canyon/ high fire areas due to being in the cross hairs of both Burbank Airport and Van Nuys; (3) the airlines are not abiding by the voluntary curfew of 10 pm and are running as late as 1-3 am; (4) as a result of low-flying airplanes every three minutes over their homes/businesses, people are suffering physical and mental health problems, cannot leave their windows open, resulting in higher electric bills from air conditioners, cannot enjoy their indoor or their outdoor space from 5:45 am through 10 pm, cannot conduct business if they have a home-business, and must wear noise cancelling headphones; and (5) overall, their quality of life has been severely reduced. Many residents made a point of stating that years ago they deliberately purchased or built their homes far enough away from the airport (and paying a premium to do so) so that they would not be subject to the ill affects of living near an airport and now, here they are—in the path of airplanes 7 days a week.

The overwhelming suggestion as a solution from stakeholders is to revert to the operational procedures prior to NextGen's implementation. While this seems like a no-brainer, it appears that it will not be easy because it's an FAA matter.

Mayor Gabel-Luddy seemed sympathetic to the issues. Paul Krekorian is extremely sympathetic because he lives in Studio City and is suffering alongside his neighbors who are subject to this assault on their lives.



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invited the TF members over for Sunday brunch so they could experience the noise and vibration for themselves. I spoke briefly and stated that all of the discussion has revolved around outgoing flights, but it appears that Shadow Hills is being impacted by incoming flights and asked if they could include that aspect in their list of questions. They nodded indicating that they would.

Items are posted to their website generally within 72 hours of each meeting (see the link below).

TF Info: <http://hollywoodburbankairport.com/noise-environment/noise-task-force/>

Next meeting is scheduled at the Burbank Marriott across from the airport on November 6th.

**UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER 2019: Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney, has issued a cease and desist demand letter to the FAA concerning the illegal and devastating flight paths!**



**LA's Traffic Vision Zero Initiative  
By Elektra Kruger**

Often fatal or serious vehicle collisions are the result of excessive speed or distracted driving. Enforcement is a key component in reducing these fatalities and injuries. The City allocated \$1.5 million in its 2019-20 Adopted Budget for enhanced enforcement by the Police Department in high-priority collision locations identified in the Vision Zero Initiative. Irrespective of this, serious collisions remain a frequent occurrence in the City, especially in the San Fernando Valley. Councilmember Monica Rodriguez presented a Motion to the City Council asking that it direct the Police Department to report on the status of its Vision Zero enforcement efforts and on the use of Sworn Overtime allocated for this purpose in the 2019-20 Adopted Budget. The Motion was referred to the City Council's Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendations.



**2020 Ain't Gonna Be Your Grandmother's Election  
By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board**

For the first time in decades, LA County is completely revamping the voting experience in 2020 and it will be much different than what we are accustomed. While on its face the concept seems like a good one, as with any new process and technology, we should be prepared for glitches.

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The only thing that remains the same is that you can still Vote by Mail. Everything else is different. For example: Any voter can vote anywhere in the county; the voting period is now 11 days long; instead of 2,000 polling places, there are only 150 Voting Centers; when you go to your voting station, instead of marking a ballot, you will use an i-Pad-like screen to make your selections and then will print out your ballot prior to submission. This is NOT an electronic voting machine where you vote by clicking on a screen and it's submitted via the internet with no paper ballot for auditing purposes.

The new L.A. voting system combines a paper ballot with a touch screen. Inside the voting booth, the voter makes his or her choices on the screen, reviews the choices, prints the paper ballot and then feeds it into the machine, and presses an on-screen button to complete the vote. Unlike "voting machines" the paper ballot becomes the official record of the voter's selections as recorded using the interface on the Ballot Marking Device and it is not connected to the internet to avoid hacking. Official ballots are counted independently on a separate tally system after the polls close on Election Day. The system accommodates write-in votes, and will also allow a voter to fill out the paper ballot manually and then feed it into the machine if the person prefers. There are also 14 different languages available, large-type and earphone options, and a screen that can adjust for voters in wheelchairs.



The county's other innovation is expanding the in-person voting period to 11 days. L.A. County believes that spreading voting over 11 days and directing residents to "voting centers," some of them mobile, will result in less chaos on Election Day, and will also save money. Without the crush of single-day voting, the county will only have to deploy 31,000 machines, half as many as in the past, and use fewer staff to check registrations and monitor the machines.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
Voting equipment is limited to 1 per location	Voters can vote anywhere in the County with full language support
Paper rosters are printed in advance and often required supplemental printing	Electronic rosters access data in real time and allow for same day registration
Early voting is only available in limited areas	Fully accessible voting equipment at every vote center
Voters can only vote at 1 location on 1 day between 7am and 8pm	Voting available for 11 days at 150 locations
Vote by Mail is difficult to use with no drop-off locations	Vote by Mail ballots can be dropped off at 150 locations

Currently, each polling place serves 1,000 registered voters. Under the new system, each voting center will serve over 35,000 registered voters. For more info, visit [VSAP.lavote.net](http://VSAP.lavote.net).



**The Audobon Society Isn't Just About Birds  
By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board**

When you think of the Audobon Society, you naturally think of birds. At our meeting on October 8th, we learned that there is much more to this society than just birds. Alan Pollack, a retired physician and now a representative from the Audubon Society, educated us with an informative presentation on birds and other wildlife, including how to create an inviting environment for our furry and feathered friends to help them thrive.

Overall, we are losing wildlife at alarming rates due to legal and

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## Proposal To Restrict Where The Homeless Can Sleep Is Back to Committee For Now By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

Thanks to a bunch of raucous homeless advocates, on September 24th the City Council was convinced to send back to committee a proposal that would have placed reasonable restrictions preventing the homeless from blocking sidewalks and emergency entrances, and would keep them at least 500 feet from schools and other sensitive areas such as daycare facilities and parks.

Sometimes I wonder if these homeless advocates live in high fire hazard areas. According to two fire captains who wish to remain anonymous, 90% of the "vegetation fires" are started by the homeless. Last month, I was receiving "vegetation fire" LAFD text alerts several times a day and always held my breath as I read where they were located. I also wonder if these homeless advocates have lines of RVs surrounded by garbage parked in their neighborhoods. Have these homeless advocates participated a community cleanup only to find areas littered with human feces, urine, and drug paraphernalia?

This motion to place reasonable restrictions on where homeless people can camp should have passed and these homeless advocates need to understand that we, too, are victims of this homeless crisis.

The next day, a motion was introduced for a council resolution calling for Gov. Newsom to declare a State of Emergency for the homeless crisis. Whether or not this is just political posturing or if it will be enacted is undetermined at the time of this writing.

Some good news is that effective October 1st, law enforcement is now legally allowed to remove homeless encampments in high fire hazard areas; the Rangers in the Hansen Dam area have already successfully removed several encampments.



("Audobon" from p.7)

illegal hunting, loss of wetlands, pollution, climate change, and fungal diseases. Loss of habitat is so devastating that 50% of the species may be gone by the end of the century. We learned that the largest killer of birds is (wait for it): Cats! And cats don't necessarily kill birds for food, they like the sport of the hunt (they just can't help it!!!) Do not use poison in your yards as it makes its way up the food chain! Just recently, two mountain lions were found dead due to ingesting rodenticide.

Wildlife, like humans, need shelter, food, water, and a place to raise their young. For example, an upside down clay pot with a nearby shallow container for water makes a great little house for frogs. A brush pile makes a great habitat for many species to raise young (do not do this in Shadow Hills or any other fire-prone areas though!) Each species of butterfly has a only a few host plants that they will utilize for laying eggs (Monarchs will only use one, the milkweed plant) so that it's important to have these native plants available for them to reproduce.

California native plants are the best option for a fuss-free garden and to provide our native wildlife the habitat they need. When you plant a California native, just stick it in a hole in the ground—no fertilizer needed or wanted as it may kill the plant. How easy is that?

Here are some simple tips to get started on a wildlife garden:

1. Plant a shrub that flowers for pollinators and berry producers for birds and other animals.
2. Put out a birdbath
3. Provide cover with dense shrubs, wildflower gardens, rock walls and evergreens
4. Mount a nesting box for birds, plant host plants for butterfly caterpillars or install a frog pond
5. No chemicals—natural gardens are best

Want to be a certified as a Wildlife Habitat? Nwf.org/garden. Other helpful websites are: calscape.org, arboretum.org, theodorepayne.org, Audubon.org



"Half of being smart is knowing what you are dumb about."  
-Solomon Short



## Ember Awareness Workshop By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

On September 26, 2019, I attended an Ember Awareness Workshop facilitated by Ryan Ulyate and Beth Burnam of the North Topanga Canyon Fire Safe Council and hosted by the Kagel Canyon Civic Association at Dexter Park. It was well worth the time. Topanga Canyon is known for its properties being in close proximity to each other and its lush vegetation. One would think that this is a brush fire waiting to happen, yet the last such fire was in the 1990s. What are they doing that has prevented wildfires in an area that otherwise would be considered highly susceptible?

We know that brush clearance is about creating a firebreak for fires that are fuel driven and is from the point of view of the fire burning towards your property. However, being aware of how to "ember proof" your structures is as important as clearing away brush as it is from the standpoint of your property looking outwards.

As I write this, the Saddleridge fire (wind-driven) is still burning and is only 19% contained. Wind-driven fires emit thousands of embers that jump freeways and can travel up to 6 miles. 50% to 90% of homes are lost due to ignition from embers.

Look at your house from the top down:

1. Chimney to eave zone: "Leaf litter" can blow to the wooden part of the house. Clean out the gutters (there are some good gutter covers available); remove birds' nests once the birds vacate.
2. Eaves to foundation: Gables & vents can allow embers to enter the house and burn from the inside out. Use 1/8" mesh instead of the standard 1/4" mesh on vents. Leaf litter collects around the bases of plants, near windows/doors, under and in-between deck planks. Look what is under your eaves and see what will ignite. Heat rises and the ladder effect will eventually cause your eaves to catch fire.
3. Foundation to landscape. Do NOT use bark mulch near your house (it smolders under the gravel and burns for days). Do not allow your decks to collect clutter and leaf litter either on top or under. Remove straw doormats. On red flag days, bring in cushions & doormats. Do you have wooden fences attached or within 5' of your house? If so, create a "fence" break by installing a metal gate.

The most important zone to keep clear of debris is the first 5' and then the next 30'.

The Camp Fire did not spread directly from the forest; it spread due to wind-driven embers igniting house after house and turned a wildfire into an urban fire.

Ignited railroad ties, like bark mulch, are very difficult to extinguish due to the creosote embedded in the cracks. A video recorded from a Ring Doorbell from the house's point of view showed firemen at least 4 different times dousing bark in front of the home's porch. Each time the fire returned until the house was fully engulfed in flames and ended up being a total loss.

If you must evacuate, close your windows but open your window coverings to lessen ignition due to radiant heat. Leave a few lights on so the fire department can see your house.

The above is just a quick synopsis. Please visit [www.ntcfsc.org](http://www.ntcfsc.org), [www.firesafemarin.org](http://www.firesafemarin.org) (also has a list of fire prone and fire resistant plants) and [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for a ton of information that may save your house and your life. Also, check out [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us) for the ember awareness checklist. Again, clearing out and maintaining that first 5' around your house is key.

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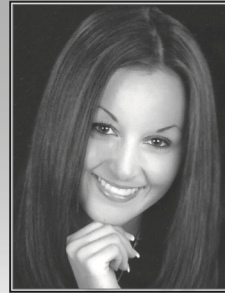
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## The Druggist of Years Past By Marlene Hitt, Resident

I went to the doctor who wrote a prescription to cure me of my minor ailment. I don't take much medication, so I took the prescription to my local pharmacy with a small sense of adventure. I parked the car on the street in my hometown that is twice as old as I am, went to the old familiar door, and found it locked and barred. What is this? I wondered. This drug store has been here for years. I counted on it. It was part of my life. Well, not my life, but certainly my Mother's life and the lives of her many old and ailing friends.

I remember not too long ago walking in with her. The druggist was an old friend of hers who had counseled her through child-rearing, a gall bladder surgery, diabetes, and old age. Where could I go? I couldn't take my prescription to a stranger!

The drug store in the next town is two miles away. I knew the pharmacist there. Our kids had been in scouts together. In fact, now that I think of it, we were in the same class in high school. Another thought entered my mind: I'm getting on in years. I'm going to need a bit of medicating now and then and I'll be needing some information, someone who will take a little time to hear me out, explain a few things, listen a bit, like the druggist at my Mother's old corner drug store.

I decided, since it was almost closing time and the druggist wasn't too busy, to renew an old acquaintanceship, strike up a friendship, maybe.

I started the conversation by asking about the store up the street. "Yep," he said, "It's hard to keep a store open these days. The competition is fierce, the profit has gone out of retail pharmacy. The old days are gone."

I thought about the town that I grew up in. The old stone market was out of business and the building I had so loved was falling into disrepair. In fact, all the little markets except one were closed up. The drug stores were going, too, I realized, as my memory began to work. There had been nurseries and flower shops, small gift shops, auto supply shops, many small businesses lining the street during the years that I had grown up in this town. Some of those were still operating, but most were gone. The Targets, Costcos, Walmarts, and Home Depots have taken the shoppers to businesses with more choices and better prices.

I like to have everything and get a good price for it all, but I wonder about the intrinsic values we are giving up. "Doc," my Mother's druggist, always had a cheery hello for the old women and had time to help them out. If my Mother forgot her checkbook or ran out of money, Doc would write out a little charge slip and trust her for the payment. He found her wallet once, called her, sent it out on the delivery truck. When she had the flu, the druggist delivery lady brought her some flowers and hauled her trash can out to the street for pick-up. No charge.

But this pharmacist tells me that his prices are going up. He can't meet the prices of the big guys. MediCal is becoming more and more a part of his business and MediCal doesn't pay much. Most customers have insurance now. Most insurance companies don't pay enough to afford him to pay for help, so he works the store alone, seven days a week. The majority of insurance companies are telling the insured where they are allowed to buy their drugs, and that is at the chain store. The "front end" business has been taken away by the chain markets and the discounters.

I felt sorry for this hard-working classmate. He paid for six years of expensive education, paid the whopping prices of going into business and staying in business, endured the ever-growing harassment of government meddling, tried to compete on many levels, while paying all the bills involved in operating a business and a building. His is an expensive business to operate, since it is one in which the main person, the state-licensed pharmacist, costs so much to hire.

I felt even worse that the small guys with the big hearts and the willingness to care for others are being pushed out.

The Sunland Tujunga Branch Library on Foothill in Tujunga has prepared a very interesting exhibit about an early drug store and its development.




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## Cook's Corner By Bob Renna, SHPOA Board

### Christmas Biscotti

My Aunt Marie was also my godmother; a very special position to have in an Italian family. One of the many things she taught me was to eat my dessert first. Here is a recipe for a biscotti cookie that we both enjoyed before a holiday meal.

- 4 Cups flour
- 1 Cup sugar
- 3 Teaspoons baking powder
- 6 Eggs
- 1/4 Cup orange juice
- 2 Teaspoons orange rind
- 1/4 Pound butter, melted
- 4 Cups glace red and green cherries, Chopped.\* \*(Dust cherries with flour To prevent sticking to knife while Chopping).
- Yields 50 cookies.
- 1. Preheat oven to 375°
- 2. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, and baking powder. Mix well with a wooden spoon. Set aside.
- 3. Whisk 5 of the eggs, orange juice, and orange rind in another bowl. Mix in melted butter and cherries.
- 4. Pour egg mixture into the flour/sugar bowl and mix well. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured board and knead until blended. Divide the dough into four equal portions. Hand roll each piece of dough into a 12-inch-long-log. Place 2 loaves on Parchment lined cookie sheets and space 3 inches apart. Lightly pat down the tops of loaves to slightly flatten.
- 5. In a small bowl, beat remaining egg and brush the tops of the loaves.
- 6. Bake until golden brown, for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove cookie sheets from oven.
- 7. Use two spatulas to remove the loaves from the cookie sheet and place on wire racks to cool.
- 8. Put cooled loaves on a cutting board, then cut loaves into diagonal strips 1/2 inch wide. Place strips in a single layer on the cookie sheet.
- 9. Return cookies to oven for 12 – 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. (Biscotti means "twiced-baked"). Remove cookie sheet from oven and cool toasted biscotti on a wire cooling rack.
- 10. You'll see why my Aunt Marie said to eat your dessert first!



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

These are developments since the Sep-Oct newsletter. If you'd like to see the previous timeline, please go to [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us) and click on the newsletters tab. You may also visit the [www.dontrailroad.us](http://www.dontrailroad.us) website for a complete library of information.

10-16-19: Longtime Bay Area housing developer Jim Ghielmetti of San Francisco is appointed to the California High-Speed Rail Authority board of directors.

10-09-19: Los Angeles Times: Metrolink proposes new trains from Burbank to Anaheim, using billions from bullet train

09-18-19: Biz Journal: San Jose high-speed rail changes need money; Sen. Beall has ideas where to get it

09-17-19: Fresno Bee: Bullet train board approves SJ valley to San Jose amid backlash

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## Hansen Dam Advisory Board Notes 9/24/19 and FTDNC Equestrian Notes 10/10/19 By Rosey Payne, SHPOA Board

### Hansen Dam Advisory Board Notes - 9/24/19

- ◇ Thanks to Park and Recreation for fixing potholes at the entrance to Orcas Park.
- ◇ The Aquatic Center reports that the pool is now closed. A reality show "Cannonball" will be filming through October.
- ◇ Fishing will start in late November at the lake
- ◇ Hansen Dam Park reported that "No Bicycle" signs are being installed. There are concerns as to how they will be enforced.
- ◇ There was a frightening incident involving equestrians and a drone in Hansen Dam resulting in an unplanned dismount.
- ◇ Drones are NOT allowed in Hansen Dam!!! In fact they are not allowed within 5 miles of Burbank or Whiteman airports without permission.
- ◇ Please report drone usage to proper authorities immediately!
- ◇ The Board is hoping to see more progress regarding removal of homeless encampments.
- ◇ Los Angeles Fire Dept. plans to widen access roads in Hansen Dam to 15' wide and trim trees to make service roads more accessible to emergency vehicles. Equestrians, be alert for heavy equipment in the area.
- ◇ CD7 is sponsoring an event, "Winter Wonderland," at Sunland Park on 12/14 from 1-6pm. The fun will include arts and crafts, activities for kids and snow!

### FTDNC Equestrian Committee Notes - 10/10/19

- ◇ Discussed the feasibility of a live feed of the meetings.
- ◇ Thank you to Vanessa, a representative of the Los Angeles Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment, who attended the meeting to offer support to facilitate the planning and execution of the 2020 Equine Fair.
- ◇ Happy to report that Councilwoman Rodriguez' motion to remove the inhabitants of the encampments in Hansen Dam during "red flag" days was implemented during our recent winds. (The occupants were removed but their belongings were not.) Hope to see continued enforcement!
- ◇ Informed that the "Cemetery Trail" in Lake View Terrace is now open.



### Doggie Waste Station By Kevin King, Resident

Are you tired of seeing dog poop in front of your yard or on the street while you're walking your pet? Even though there is a Los Angeles city ordinance (LAMC 53.49) requiring pet owners to pick up waste after their dogs, many owners are still leaving their dog's "deposits" laying on the ground.

Pet waste contains pathogens that can make humans and other animals ill – not to mention the fact that it is unsightly, smelly and a nuisance for others to deal with.

As a local Shadow Hill resident, I decided to do something as I was tired of finding pet waste in front of my house. It would just collect and I would have to constantly pick it up. As a result, I installed a pet waste station in front of my property.

I wasn't sure if people would use it or not; however, it's been extremely successful. So far, in just a couple of months, we have gone through over 400 waste bags. That's a lot of poop! People coming by and using it say how thankful they are to have it there along their route during walks with their pets.

The station offers complimentary pet waste bags for pet owners during their walks as well as a trash receptacle to drop the waste bags in. When planning your walk, stop by 10443 La Canada Way, where you can take advantage of the doggie waste station.

If you are interested in getting some free pet waste bags sent to you, please contact Chelsey at (818) 796-2000.



*"The best advice comes from people who don't give advice."*

*- Matthew McConaughey*



## Farewell to Our Good Friend Capt. Torres

It is with great sadness that we report that our beloved Capt. Albert Torres died of a heart attack on Saturday, October 12. He had been patrolling the San Fernando city parks affected by the Saddleridge fire the day before. Later that evening, he said he wasn't feeling well and collapsed. He was taken to the hospital and died of a heart attack early Saturday morning. Torres had been with the LA City Park Rangers for about 40 years and will be sorely missed by all.



### When Your Pony Dies By Eva Lund, Special Spirit, Inc.

The joy of owning a pony goes hand in hand with the heartbreak of losing one. Our little rescue pony Kona, sadly left us a couple of weeks ago. Veterinarian Dr. Robertson from Select Equine was called out and determined that Kona had sand colic. With his help, we treated it as best we could. Over several days and nights, Cassie and the crew here at Special Spirit administered IV's, pain meds, supportive walking and anything else we could think of. In the end though, as Kona's will to live waned, we made the awful decision to let him go. Not prolonging suffering is, I believe as much a part of our responsibility to our cherished animals, as their respectful care and love. All through this ordeal, we had the support of Dr. Robertson, who went over and beyond what you would expect from a vet. We are profoundly grateful.



Kona was the go-to pony for little Abi, which brings me to one of the most difficult aspects of losing a beloved animal—having to break the sad news to a little 6-year-old girl. I guess sticking to the truth is best. What is the answer to the question, "Where did he go?" I guess since none of us knows, an honest "I don't know" is an appropriate answer, death is a mystery.

Dealing with loss brings out many emotions. Besides sadness, loneliness, anger and frustration, there may also be the guilt of perhaps not having noticed the problem sooner. These are all normal feelings, and part of grieving. Perhaps one way of healing the pain and remembering darling Kona, would be to pick a spot and plant something special that can grow and forever keep this steadfast little guy in your memory. I guess showing your own sadness can help a child know it's ok to be sad, it's comforting to know we are not alone in the way we feel.

Last week when Abi was here for her lesson, on Darby this time, all went well. After the lesson, Abi walked by Kona's stall and in sign language said "sad"—a little girl's way of saying good-bye.



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or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or that have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved (Council File 19-0002-S50: passed 12-1).

8. After the tragic accident that killed a horse and severely injured an equestrian, Councilwoman Rodriguez immediately sent out a communication to the nearby residents acknowledging the tragedy and to provide essential information.

10. Councilwoman Rodriguez supported the City ordinance that would restrict homeless from sleeping on sidewalks within 500 feet of schools, daycare facilities, parks (due to backlash from homeless advocates, motion was put on hold on at that particular meeting—see separate article in this issue).

12. Eve Sinclair regularly sends SHPOA important notices for

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## LAPD Foothill Division Open House-5 Star Rating!

By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

On Saturday, August 24, SHPOA and SAFE (Save Angeles Forest for Everyone) co-hosted a table at the LAPD Foothill Division Resource Fair and Open House. We were happy to offer information about Shadow Hills, SHPOA, and the still active high speed train. The event was very well attended and a good time was had by all.

Attendees were entertained by some very talented dancers from local organizations and got to mingle with our local police officers. The booths ranged from emergency preparedness to information provided by local elected officials' representatives. Did I mention free food?



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distribution that impact our area to ensure that we are aware of various workshops and meetings that provide valuable information which is shared via Daily Fodder.

13. Councilwoman Rodriguez is the chair of the Upper LA River and Tributaries (ULART) Working Group whose goal is to protect our Big T Wash and is actively working on a master plan.

14. Councilwoman Rodriguez obtained and coordinated a \$1.5 million (\$500k was for the mitigation area here in Shadow Hills) grant for wildfire debris clean up for areas affected by the La Tuna and Creek fires and acquired \$1.25 million to increase brush clearance services in the 7th District.

15. Councilwoman Rodriguez reinstated Voluntary Emergency Equine Response Team (VEERT) to plan for horse evacuations during fires

16. Responding to numerous safety complaints at Sunland/Wheatland by Shadow Hills residents, her office worked with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to request new signage, including 'Not a Through Street', '15 mph/curve' and other curve warning signs. The main intersection's crosswalk was repainted to increase visibility for pedestrians.

17. Councilwoman Rodriguez was instrumental in getting our backlogged local street resurfacing projects into the pipeline.

18. On October 2, Councilwoman Rodriguez presented a motion to study the fatal or serious vehicle collisions in our area in order to ensure that the Council is able to make informed decisions on additional funding or resources for enforcement efforts in the future.

When Councilwoman Rodriguez took office in July 2017, our district had gone through 4 councilmembers in 10 years, with no representation at all during the last 1-1/2 years. Not only was there a lack of continuity, but also there was a tremendous backlog of items that needed attention, including miles of streets that were in dire need of repair. Each council district annually is only allowed to prioritize a set number of miles of streets for repair and our councilwoman included Shadow Hills/Stonehurst on this list for 2019-20.

The aforementioned accomplishments (again these included only 2019 with a couple from 2018) prove that our Councilwoman and her staff are committed to serving the constituents of CD7.



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### Drones

**By Margie Beeson, Shadow Hills Resident**

Recently my friend and I went for a ride in Hansen Dam Wash entering at Cottonwood across from Mary Bell. On returning from a lovely evening ride we started up the trail to the flat area where there is now a storage container placed there by the Mitigation group that is cleaning up the wash. As we came up the trail we heard a whining noise over our heads and with that noise our horses did 180s and my friend's horse took off and in the process dumped her.

The noise came from a drone that flew over our heads multiple times. After my friend came to her senses we were able to catch her horse which actually stayed with us, thank goodness. But we still had the drone flying over our heads. She still wasn't able to move up the hill so we tried yelling to get the attention of the Drone operator. This was to no avail.

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My friend finally was able to climb up the hill while I ponied both horses to the farther western trail up to Cottonwood to explain to this drone operator how dangerous it was to run a drone in the proximity of horses as it's difficult to predict how they will react. He claimed he had every right to fly his drone in this area and that he didn't know we were coming up the trail. He also claimed he had done nothing wrong while flying his drone. He would not give us his name.

My friend is recovering from her injuries but my curiosity of drone flying rules lead me to looking into how to report incidents and the rules that drone operators must follow.

To email claims or incident reporting go to [UASHelp@faa.gov](mailto:UASHelp@faa.gov). or call 818-267-3330.

Please refer to these websites to see all the Federal rules: FAA Part 107 pdf for Drone Flying

<https://avsport.org/UAS/ground/PART%20107.pdf>

Here is the website for FAA Part 107 Rules regarding Drone operation:

<https://avsport.org/UAS/ground/PART%20107.pdf>

*Editors Note: This accident could have resulted in life-threatening injuries. Horses are flight animals and that is one reason we remain vehemently opposed to the high speed train. We hope that the rider makes a swift and full recovery.*



### Trash, Trash Everywhere – Part 3

**By Elektra Kruger, Shadow Hills Resident**

In late September 2017, Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Bob Blumenfeld co-presented a Motion to City Council asking that it instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) along with the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Community Beautification to prepare a report with recommendations for a framework for a pilot program that would employ homeless "transitional" individuals to proactively clean litter from public right-of-ways on a regular on-going basis. Representatives of the CAO met with staff of Council Districts 3 and 15, the Council Districts of the two Councilmembers co-presenting the Motion, staff from Chrysalis Enterprises, the Bureau of Sanitation, the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) to discuss a framework for a pilot program and to solicit input and ideas for this report. Chrysalis is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to find and retain employment. Chrysalis' philosophy is that a steady job is the single most important step in a person's transition out of poverty and onto a long-term pathway to self-sufficiency. There is a significant need for weed abatement and loose litter clean-up services across the City. Using homeless individuals to perform this

work would provide these individuals with meaningful work experience and an opportunity to beautify their City while providing both an income and an opportunity to transition out of homelessness. One clean-up crew comprised of four to five individuals under the supervision of a supervisor is to be assigned to each of the Bureau's six District yards and be deployed by Sanitation staff using service request information. The crews will be provided, through contract, a social enterprise such as Chrysalis and be provided with vehicles and tools for each crew, training, supplemental services for the participants as needed as

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## UPCOMING FUN LOCAL EVENTS

**Saturday, November 23, 8am – 3pm; early bird 7:30am (w/\$5.00 donation):**

**COME TO OUR TREASURE SALE!** Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, 10158 Johanna Ave, Sunland will host their Annual Treasure, Crafts, and Holiday Sale. This event is a fundraiser for the church to support all of their mission projects. The handmade gifts, vintage, and gently used good stuff make excellent teacher, neighbor, and hostess gifts. We have collectables, costume jewelry, china, glassware, etc. plus lots of gently used and some new Christmas items. The handmade items are by our very own "Church Ladies." For more information please call the church at 818.353-2500 or email [info@shadowhillschurch.org](mailto:info@shadowhillschurch.org). Shop for yourself, shop for your friends and family, and shop for fun!!!

###

**Saturday, December 7, 10am – 3pm: ANNUAL FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA!** Mini-mall at 8307 Foothill, Sunland (parking in back of office) Everyone welcome, including your Critters! Hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes for everyone

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**Saturday, December 14, 10:30am:**

**Come One! Come All!!! HO-HO CAROLING RIDE** - Sponsored by ETI Corral 20, Stonehurst Park, 9901 Dronfield, Shadow Hills. Park on Wicks near the horse corral. Dress Festive & Decorate your Horse! There will be a haywagon for non-riders, and walkers are welcome, too! NO STALLIONS PLEASE!! Bring an unwrapped toy or make a \$10 donation for toys. We will carol through Shadow Hills, having a jolly good time! Light refreshments will be available before the ride. RSVP by December 7th or for ride info: call Becky at 818/262-7764 or Nikki at 818/489-6527



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well as indemnity of the City from any liabilities (of course). The City can provide long-term employment opportunities, but does not have the resources to address a homeless individual's barriers to employment nor provide social and assistive resources to homeless individuals prior to employment or while they are employed. As social enterprises such as Chrysalis can provide these resources, the City should look to partner with these agencies to implement this pilot program.



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Of course, the legislature's rationale for making ADUs easier to build is to relieve the housing shortage in California. Did anyone think that perhaps we'd have more housing if we didn't lose thousands of homes annually due to wildfires?

Examples of consequences include the demand for more infrastructure (and tax hikes to pay for bonds to finance it), stresses on parking and public safety, increased water consumption, prices of homes with ADUs on the properties will make those houses even MORE unaffordable, loss of peace and quiet because your neighbors just tripled in numbers, and so on. The big winners, of course, are the construction industry and developers.

Here in Shadow Hills, this will be devastating to our horsekeeping rights and we can kiss our community character goodbye. ADUs will take up precious space so there will be insufficient room for horses. If there is insufficient room for horses, we will no longer be an equestrian community.

Simply put: The state needs to stop sticking their nose into issues which are best served by local governments. Land use and public safety are two areas which should be left to local jurisdictions.

Now that AB68 is law, the only way to remedy it is for cities and/or counties to sue the state, or for a ballot initiative to override it—and both are time consuming and expensive. Way to go, helicopter parent California!



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### Key Community Locations & Contact Info

**All Nations Church:** 10000 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace  
**Bolton Hall:** 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga (818-352-3420)  
**Lake View Terrace Recreation Center:** 11075 Foothill Blvd.,  
Lake View Terrace  
**Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church:** (Johanna/Sunland Blvd.  
intersection); Pastor Arlo Tysinger (818-353-2500)  
**Stonehurst Park:** 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)  
**Stonehurst Elementary School:** 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley  
(818-767-8014)  
**Tierra del Sol:** 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills (818-352-1419)  
**Village Christian School:** 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley (818-767-8282)  
**City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office:** Council Member  
Monica Rodriguez, District 7, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 209,  
Pacoima, CA 91331 (Tujunga location being renovated) same phone  
number: (818-352-3287)

### Community Calendar

#### Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC)

- 3rd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
- [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org)

#### FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

- 1st Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- 9747 Wheatland Ave.

#### FTDNC Equestrian Committee meeting

- 2nd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

#### Neighborhood Watch

- 3rd Tuesday, Every Month 6:00 p.m.
- Sunland-Tujunga Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd

#### LAPD Community Coffee Time

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

#### Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

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

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