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Day of the Horse

On October 2, the LA City Council celebrated the Day of the Horse. The Equine Advisory Committee works with the City's Planning Department to preserve endangered agricultural and horse-keeping areas within the City. Pictured are CD7 Councilman Felipe Fuentes, CD 12 Councilmember Mitch Englander, and members of the Equine Advisory Committee, Hansen Dam Advisory Board, Foothill Community Cavalry, ETI National, ETI Corral 20, and Foothill Trails District and Sylmar Neighborhood Councils.



Ralphs Property Update - October 24, 2013

By Dave DePinto

It's been 3-4 months since we all learned of Ralphs decision to close the store at the intersection of Sunland and Glenoaks. It's been about the same amount of time since we heard rumors that one of our neighborhood grocery store options might be replaced by a discount merchandise store and other retail operators.

Fortunately, a unified response from leaders in Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon and Sun Valley, backed by dozens of letters and hundreds of residents responding to surveys and attending a community meeting at Village Christian School, have led to a healthy and productive dialogue

(See Ralph's Update on p. 2)

NOVEMBER SHPOA MEETING

Tierra del Sol,
Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

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LAST SHPOA MEETING OF 2013!

SHPOA Elections (see p.3), Member Survey
(see p.15), 2014 Plan, Great Food and More!
November 12 at Tierra del Sol; 7 p.m.

**New Volunteer Committee Forming –
Please See Page 4 for Details**

Membership Update:

Welcome New SHPOA Members

By Eric Stein

In September, SHPOA undertook an unprecedented mailing to nearly 2,000 Shadow Hills residents who were not members of the Association. The mailing stressed that SHPOA is an all-volunteer "neighborhood improvement association." We are very pleased that the outreach effort added more than 100 new members to bring SHPOA's membership level to a new high of nearly 500 members! It's very gratifying to get this response and it's an honor for the SHPOA Board to have a greater percentage of residents "invested" in our joint endeavors to improve Shadow Hills. We welcome the new members. Please participate and communicate as best you can so we know your ideas and concerns!

Important Note: Existing members (except those who just joined), and all non-members, should note, as in prior years, the January newsletter will include an application

(See Membership Update on p. 3)

New – Member/Resident Survey

Please Complete the Member/Resident Survey –
See Page 15 for online link!

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(Ralph's Update, cont'd from p. 1)

between the new property owner and local SHPOA, La Tuna Canyon and Sun Valley leaders.

We are very pleased with the responsiveness and diligence shown by the new property owner. He's met with us regularly, and promptly returns our calls and emails. He's done everything we could ask and it's important to note that it's not up to the property owner to determine who the tenants will be. In other words, he can't sign up a grocery or restaurant or general merchandise tenant. What he has done, though, is take our input very seriously and to market the property to the type of potential tenants our community showed interest in.

Based on a meeting with the property owner in late October, here are several updates:

- no tenants have signed a lease yet. The future tenants of the site remain undetermined.
- the property owner has undertaken an extremely thorough outreach effort to potential tenants; contacting grocers and desired retail providers numerous times from numerous angles with numerous follow up discussions. An example is that 36 different grocers have been contacted and while our area's population density and income levels are less than virtually all grocers seek, Ralphs sales volume was respectable, and discussions are continuing with at least two grocers at this point (Trader Joes is NOT interested and as you may know, Fresh & Easy was just sold to a new buyer so new stores are not happening right now). As difficult as it has been to attract grocers' interest, we wanted you to know that a grocer tenant works best for the property owner as well and he's working hard on it. Even if a grocer does not sign a lease, we are confident the property owner did all he could in that retail category. Discussions are also ongoing with several other retail options including restaurants, coffee shops and others.
- the property owner feels that by the end of the year discussions with potential tenants will start to wind down and decisions will be made. He feels it is more likely they will secure long-term tenants and build out in that direction, rather than being in the less desirable circumstance of having short-term seasonal leases (Halloween stores, etc.) while the tenant search continues.
- the property has been very difficult and costly to maintain from the standpoint of illegally parked cars, homeless, graffiti, and trespassing. As a result, the property owner has been very aggressively securing their site.
- starting soon, these steps will be taken to further secure and prepare the property for new tenants:
- additional fencing around the entire property
- 3-4 weeks of asbestos removal

Daily Fodder List Update

By Terri Ortiz

Please note we are updating and cleaning up our files for Daily Fodder and our newsletter. Please send an email to shpoa@shpoa.us to make sure we have your current email and mail addresses. Thank you!

- interior demolition and reinforcement of building infrastructure
- cutting of power (to replace old equipment) and installing temporary power poles

All retail stores at the site will remain open during the work outlined above. Entrance and exit to the parking lot, as well as parking near the retail stores, will be provided. Please do not confuse this increased activity level with the expectation that new tenants have been determined. And do not listen to rumors. You will hear directly from us when decisions are made and news is to be shared. We are a few months away from that point.

SHPOA will keep you informed of progress. Please feel free to contact SHPOA via Daily Fodder (shpoa@shpoa.us) or call Dave DePinto (818-352-7618) if you have any questions or suggestions. **Thank you.**

(Membership Update, cont'd from p. 1)

for either renewal or new registrations. Or you can visit the SHPOA website (www.shpoa.us) to update your membership status. Please plan on supporting SHPOA in 2014. **Thank you!**

SHPOA ELECTIONS COMING SOON!

SHADOW HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (SHPOA) is an all-volunteer non-profit **NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION**.

OUR GOAL

TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE the quality of life in our rural, country and equestrian-oriented community.

WE NEED YOU

TO VOLUNTEER to help keep shadow hills safe and beautiful.

THE TIME IS NOW

SHPOA'S BYLAWS CALL FOR ANNUAL OPEN ELECTIONS to fill elected and appointed board positions.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT THE GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013; 7 P.M.; TIERRA DEL SOL, 9919 SUNLAND BLVD.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

VOLUNTEER TO RUN FOR AN ELECTED POSITION OR AN APPOINTED POSITION on shpoa's board of directors. see job duties below.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

LINDA FULLERTON (linda@wrightcolor.com), or

TERRI ORTIZ (shpoa@shpoa.us)

(See **ELECTIONS**, p. 4)

Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

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Membership Form

Shadow Hills area residents, its time to join SHPOA for the 2014 calendar year!

Your support and participation are vital to the preservation of our rural community.

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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

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

Promote Shadow Hills

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

DUTIES OF SHPOA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

THE ELECTED BOARD

The President:

- prepares agendas for all Board and General Membership meetings; serves as the primary representative of SHPOA at community events, meetings and governmental hearings; maintains a correspondence and documentation file related to the Office of the SHPOA Presidency; and preserves the legal and financial standing and integrity of the Association.

The Vice-President:

- assumes the responsibilities of the Position of the Presidency on a temporary basis, should the President become unavailable; and arranges Guest Speakers for the General Membership meetings.

The Executive Secretary:

- fulfills responsibilities of the Vice Presidency, on a temporary basis, should the person in that position become unable to fulfill their duties; maintains an archive of all correspondence and documentation deemed official by the President.

The Recording Secretary:

- records the Minutes of all SHPOA meetings; prepares a printed copy of previous meeting minutes for approval by the Board members; maintains an archive of the years' Minutes..

The Treasurer:

- maintains SHPOA's financial statements including balance sheet, income statement and accounts receivable statement; monitors bank balances and statements; submits invoices to all newsletter advertisers; receives and processes all incoming funds and all accounts payable in a timely manner.

The Membership Director:

- maintains updated database/list of new and renewed memberships; initiates a membership renewal program during the last quarter of the membership year; provides membership reminder notices; works with the treasurer regarding Membership Funds; issues thank you letters and membership cards to members in good standing.

THE APPOINTED BOARD

Any SHPOA member may volunteer or be recommended for an Appointed Board position.

Land-Use Chairperson:

- represents SHPOA at community meetings and governmental hearings; maintains a subscription to any document at State and City levels that provides relates to Shadow Hills land use matters; brings to the attention of the Shadow Hills Community and makes recommendations re: positions on ordinances, policies and legislation that may affect the community.

Trails Chairperson:

- interfaces with the equestrian community to maintain and enhance the Shadow Hills and connecting trail networks.

Neighborhood Watch Chairperson:

- interfaces with local law enforcement, distributes

public safety literature and informs the community of public safety issues of concern; oversees a network of Community Block Captains.

Outreach Chairperson:

- maintains an email database of all SHPOA Members and disseminates Daily Fodder to provide notice of meetings, community events, lost/found notices, notices of animals seeking homes, emerging policy issues, etc.

Newsletter Director:

- oversees the cumulative duties of the Newsletter team tasks consisting of solicitation of articles, editing articles, ad solicitation, design/layout and printing.

Special Projects Director:

- plans, coordinates, and implements SHPOA-sponsored community events.

Historian:

- submits articles for the newsletter and maintains a Shadow Hills Historical Scrap Book.

NEW – Volunteer Directors

- develop a database of SHPOA members and Shadow Hills residents willing to assist on small, time-sensitive projects on an as-needed basis. Examples include helping with mailings, posting meeting signs, setting up for SHPOA meetings, community clean-ups, etc.
- contact members of the database prior to such events to identify volunteers able to help out.

New – SHPOA Volunteer Committee

By Dave DePinto

The board came up with the idea of starting a new, volunteer committee patterned after similar committees we've witnessed at schools and youth organizations in the community. We'd like to have 1-2 folks volunteer to lead this committee. All you'd need to do is help build a database/list of people who offer to volunteer their time, on their terms and when available, to help with short, time-sensitive projects within SHPOA or within Shadow Hills. Examples include helping with a SHPOA mailing, helping put up and take down signs for SHPOA meetings, helping set up the room at Tierra del Sol for meetings, helping schools/churches with fundraising events, etc. If you're interested, please contact Sue Mansis (suemansis@gmail.com). Thank you!

Random Acts of Volunteerism

By Sue Mansis

As a kid in late the 60's, mid 70's, I grew up with parents who did a lot of volunteering. I was raised in a small community outside Philadelphia, where hardly anyone's mom worked outside the home, fathers took the arduous train commute to and from their jobs in the city and neighborhood kids played pick-up games of baseball on the nearest cul de sac. Communities were strong and close and the smell of steaks grilling on the family BBQ was a predominant Saturday sport!

It was pretty easy to find volunteers for most anything back then. But today is different. Mom and Dad both work, neighborhood kids are strangers to each other,

not attending the same schools, rush hour snarls and impatient drivers cutting us off zap our last bit of energy and tolerance and, by days' end, we put on our blinders and make a bee line into the house without looking left or right, for fear 'someone' will need 'something' from us! We can live next door for years yet barely recognize our neighbor in the grocery store! The last thing we want to do is "get involved" with charity work.

Frequent SHPOA discussions center on how to generate more interest in "volunteerism" and short-term commitment. Of our 12 member board, there are more than half of us who are still punching the time clock, working full-time jobs under deadlines, frantically socking money away for a future we (hope) we can retire to. Who has time to volunteer?! Yet what IS volunteerism in reality? It's really nothing more than one random act of kindness here and there - a calling to help nestled deep in our hearts that rises up when we see a need.

I bet the community of Shadow Hills isn't much different than the one you and I grew up in and want to continue in! People still have a need to know their neighbor, to be kind to one another, and to help each other when times get rough. In this economy, and IN SHADOW HILLS, times have gotten rough -- many seniors living on a fixed income need their lawn mowed or sidewalk weeded; single parents frantically trying to juggle home and work struggle to clean out their garage one weekend, financially strapped couples working round the clock have no time to repair their front gate...the list goes on. We are all gifted with the ability to help in some small way: Whether we are employed, retired, unemployed and looking for work, or new kids on the block, why can't we assist each other with "random acts of volunteerism" that may help someone with their burden?

When you have extra paint left over, lumber that's sitting idly in your shed, dirt you are about to dump into the ivy, plants you want to pull out but can't bear to throw away, would you find it in your heart to offer that 'random act of kindness' and volunteer your time to help someone, even for an hour? SHPOA's desire is to serve everyone in this community, but with such a small volunteer base, we simply don't have the ability. Yet we see and hear stories of need all the time and yearn to rise up a community of volunteers, not unlike the Amish barn raising or modern day communities who come together to rebuild a home after a disaster.

We're willing to help assist anyone who needs a random act of volunteerism, but we need more of you to step up and help! If you find it in your heart to do so or know someone who may be in real need, can you please contact any of us in SHPOA? We've put a new "Volunteer Committee" on the drawing board to see if we can get a cadre of volunteers to help out wholly on their terms. We promise you won't get roped into some black hole of enlistment, but with enough hands to help, it'll be light and maybe even FUN work for all! Thank you for opening your hearts and eyes to the needs around us.



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**Neighborhood Watch - GOOD News!
Crime is Down!**

By Sue Mansis

Your Neighborhood Watch is pleased to report that during the month of October, crime was down. On record are three petty thefts on McBroom, Stonehurst and Johanna, a stolen vehicle on Pendleton, and possible mailbox theft on La Canada Way, Mary Bell and Johanna.

Always present are the recycling can pickers but lately, people have noticed that black cans are also being rummaged through. Trash scavenger crews are brazenly abundant on the night before and mornings of trash collection, so it's best to put your trash cans out just on Monday morning before the City's trucks arrive. Although many residents have given up on driving scavengers away, please know that trash picking is STILL illegal and a sanitation issue, especially when trash contents are left on the street. Please report to LAPD and Bureau of Sanitation if you have license plates, pictures or descriptions.

With holiday season upon us, please note that crime often picks up. Be cautious. Here are some tips:

- install holiday decorations at an inconvenient distance from the street
- be smart about where and what you leave in your parked car
- use timers, lights, radios to create a "lived in" look to your home if you're vacationing
- inform your neighbors if you will be away and need your mail picked up - don't leave 'invitations' for burglary like newspapers, flyers, business cards and opened trash/recycling containers outside.

While there is no place devoid of crime these days, your Neighborhood Watch congratulates you for being proactive, aware and courageous, which always helps keep crime at a distance!

**Equestrian Crossings on Wentworth
Nearing Completion**

By Dave DePinto

The new, illuminated equestrian crossing at the intersection of Wentworth and Wheatland has been functional for several months. A similar crossing, planned for the intersection of Marybell and Wentworth, will require more time to begin operating.

As of press time, per LADOT, work orders have been submitted for pavement markings and the department is working with LADWP to coordinate LED street light activation. Once the street lights are operational, LADOT will complete the roadway markings/pavement messages and finish installing the flashing yellow beacons. SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this installation.

Cleaning Up "Trashy" Operators in Sun Valley

By Dave DePinto

Representatives of SHPOA (Bill Eick, Elektra Kruger and Dave DePinto), La Tuna Canyon Community Association

(Nancy Woodruff), Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (Mike O'Gara and Gary Aggas), and Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council have waged a decade-long effort to clean up trash facilities in neighboring Sun Valley that have adverse impacts on Shadow Hills such as dust, odors, diesel truck emissions, noise, vibration, road deterioration and truck traffic. They call themselves the "Working Group" or "WIG." Hundreds of hours have been spent attending public hearings, touring sites, meeting with applicants, reading environmental reports and testifying in writing and in person.

To their credit are accomplishments such as the closure of several landfills, the enclosure of several trash and recycling processing centers and the re-routing of many trash and gravel-carrying trucks off of Sunland Boulevard. We have been aided every step of the way by current Congressman Tony Cardenas (former CD6 Councilman), Councilman Paul Krekorian and his planning deputy, Karo Torossian, and prior to them both Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Richard Alarcon.

Perhaps their greatest accomplishment took place in mid-October thanks to the patience, listening ability and leadership of Councilmembers Felipe Fuentes and Nury Martinez. For more than three years, one trash/recycling operator, Community Recycling/Crown Disposal, had stonewalled multiple public and private efforts to clean up their site in Sun Valley. For years they operated with an interim operating agreement but out of compliance in many ways. Their facility was more than an eyesore. It was and remains an embarrassment. Worse, and insulting to those of us who'd worked so hard for so many years, they proposed an expansion of their facility that was mostly a continuation of past, unacceptable practices, despite their awareness of and attendance at meetings and hearings involving other, similar operations in Sun Valley who had pledged to operate cleaner, fully-enclosed facilities.

Enter Councilman Felipe Fuentes. Prior to his election, SHPOA Board members toured the Councilman around Shadow Hills and neighboring Sun Valley. The Councilman was disturbed by what he saw in Sun Valley, and he was astounded that the City continued to award contracts to the faulty operator. He vowed to work with us to ensure that operators receiving City contracts operate in full compliance and implement improvements and conditions that protect the community.

Two things happened in mid-October. First, recently elected Councilwoman Nury Martinez and her staff, who were by then fully up to speed on the issues in Sun Valley and with this operator, joined with Councilman Fuentes. They took the lead, given that the facility is located in neighboring CD6, to deny the operator's renewal of an \$11 million green waste recycling contract. That caught the operator's attention. Within a few weeks, Community Recycling/Crown Disposal submitted a fully revised plan and drawings for their proposed expansion in Sun Valley. The ink is hardly dry on those very preliminary drawings and plans, but they finally capitulated and are promising fully enclosed facilities, conversion to clean fuel trucks, and many other "mitigations" that will bring their proposed facility and operations in line with other proposed projects in Sun Valley. Much work remains to be done, but this is

(See *Trashy Operators*, p. 8)








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good for everyone and we commend the company for finally stepping forward in a reasonable manner.

So, after more than a decade of work, Shadow Hills may actually see trash and recycling facilities in Sun Valley that are built to standards acceptable for the next century, not standards that have created nearly a century of adverse environmental impacts for Sun Valley, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon and other neighboring communities.



The L.A. Children's Museum and Wendy Greuel – The Next Chapter?

By Dave DePinto

Note: Representatives of Discovery Center, the Children's Museum new operators, will present an update to attendees of the November 21, 2013 Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council at 7 p.m. at the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center on Foothill Boulevard. Please try to attend to be informed and to provide your input.

Much has been written about the L.A. Children's Museum and about former Councilwoman and City Controller Wendy Greuel in the local papers and in this newsletter. Many wonder about their future. In a twist of irony and, hopefully, good fortune, it was announced on Friday, October 25 that Wendy Greuel was going to work as a consultant to the long-stalled Valley children's museum project.

Wendy was hired by the Discovery Science Center, the Orange County-based organization set to operate the city-owned museum. The facility will have a science focus and be geared toward kids and teens. "They approached me to ask if I could help with their development," Greuel said in a brief interview. "It's a major project in the Valley, so I was very interested in helping out."

Wendy comes aboard the museum at a critical juncture for the project. After years of delays, the taxpayer-funded museum is slated to open in fall 2014 amid much scrutiny. Greuel will oversee fundraising and help put together the museum's board of directors. Part of her job is to help Orange County-based museum officials meet leaders in the San Fernando Valley and be sensitive to Valley and surrounding area concerns and needs.

The Discovery Science Center is part of a city-led group that has spent the last year scrambling to finalize funds to open the museum. The 57,000-square-foot museum was built, but never opened, and currently sits empty on a wedge-shaped site behind a fence near the Hansen Dam. With new funding in place, organizers are trying to turn around the fortunes of the museum, which faced numerous hurdles.

It was first proposed in 2000 as a \$10 million public-private partnership between the city and the non-profit overseeing the site, but amid ballooning construction costs, the museum's price tag quickly rose to more than \$50 million, sending organizers back to the drawing board. Additionally, the recession and a canceled \$10 million donation from a Sherman Oaks businessman who was eventually accused of investor fraud in an unrelated

case all served as major setbacks and in 2009, the museum's non-profit declared bankruptcy.

After taking ownership of the site, Los Angeles city officials agreed to turn over operations of the museum to the Discovery Science Center, which has been working to open the site. The museum resurfaced as a hot button issue this year in the mayor's race, after City Hall watchdogs objected to the City Council's 2012 decision to fund the museum with money from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Bureau of Sanitation.

Officials have defended the DWP money, as well as approving more than \$11 million in other funding for the facility in recent years. If the museum doesn't open by 2015, the city must return \$16 million in federal grants and funding allocated for the site.

2013 "SPIRIT OF JOHNNY CARPENTER" HONOREES

By Mike Carpenter

The 2013 "Spirit of Johnny Carpenter" Honoree's were chosen by the "New Heaven on Earth Ranch" Board of Directors. They are Richard Stewart, Pastor Ken Craft and Dale Gibson. The award was created to honor the legacy of the late Johnny Carpenter - stuntman, cowboy and actor, whose original Heaven on Earth Ranch stood on Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace for almost 25 years. Johnny taught physically and mentally challenged children/young adults how to ride a horse.

The awards will again be hosted by Courtship Ranch, 11270 Dominica Avenue in Lake View Terrace, under their covered arena, on Friday November 22nd from 6-8 p.m. Admission is free.

This is the 11th year of the "Spirit" awards. The first eight were hosted by All Nations Church and included Johnny's tradition of having a Thanksgiving dinner, like he did for his kids. But it was a Korean BBQ. This was discontinued in 2011. The 2010 event drew over 500 from the community. The first one held in 2003 had 115 attendees from the community.

For more information about the event and how you can participate or to RSVP, please call 818-470-5235 or email Mike Carpenter at lamikec@yahoo.com. You can also visit NHOER's web site: www.NHOER.org or go to Facebook and "like" them under "New Heaven on Earth Ranch." Recent honorees include:

- 2006: Cile Borman, Pacoima Graffiti Busters.
- 2007: Phyllis Hines, Sunland Tujunga Lions Club, Joe Soto.
- 2008: ETI Corral 210, Station 24 LAFD, Foothill Division LAPD.
- 2009: Fritz Bronner, Royan Herman.
- 2010: Andrea & James Guttman, Eva Lund, Richard Troy.
- 2011: Nancy Woodruff, Sue Bartlett, Robert Stephens.
- 2012: Rene Herrera, Foothill Mounted Patrol, Mike Carpenter.

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**The Paver Cometh...Wornom Ave.
Finally Resurfaced**

By Carlos George (Shadow Hills' Pothole Czar)

"Increasing the amount of roads in good repair improves quality of life and provides economic benefits. We can prevent future costly repairs by maintaining good road conditions." Quoted from Mayor Eric Garcetti's website.

In November, Wornom Avenue will finally be resurfaced, after having submitted this request, as well as Barling and Kalua (which feed into Wornom Avenue) back in 2007 to the Bureau of Street Services. Having moved into this area in 2006, I became aware of how bad some of our streets in Shadow Hills are, having lived in Santa Clarita and Burbank where this is almost a non-issue.

I was not aware of the fact that this wonderful community falls into the hands of the city of Los Angeles jurisdiction where to have something done you have to report and be vocal about it. Now in 2013 I keep asking myself why it took 6 years to get to a request that I have been following up with year after year and getting the same answer "it's on the list for pavement and waiting for funding". This answer of funding is a bad one to give to residents who are taxed for such services and more. At one point I was told it may take 20 years to get the road paved because of backlogs. I asked myself did I just hear that correctly...are we in the USA or in a third world country with that answer?

Although this whole process was stressful and disappointing and very non-transparent on how streets are selected for resurfacing and repairs, I believe it's getting better. With a new mayor Eric Garcetti who is enthusiastic about getting things done and hearing residents' concerns, as well as our new council member Felipe Fuentes, both who now have websites to report requests or concerns, and the mayor who has a website to show the effectiveness of city services, I believe since they are newly elected, their enthusiasm and energy will help things get done faster and more efficiently.

Looking back on this process, it's not so much who you know when you are one voice in this large system. If I would have gotten all my neighbors organized, this might have taken much less time. Now I know to get things done you need to coordinate with many voices regardless of whom I may or may not know.

Streets that are maintained well help with home values, with less damage on your cars, with stress levels, and emergency vehicles (especially ambulances) get faster to their destination. If you live in Shadow Hills and you believe your public street needs resurfacing, send me an email to webmaster@shpoa.us. I will help coordinate the efforts to have it done. Please note private streets, and easement roads are not the responsibility of the city. Also, potholes get repaired faster than resurfacing.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Carlos and the Residents of Wornom. Having seen many Shadow Hills streets get fixed the past year, we are thankful, but much needs to be done. Please take to heart the advice here of working together and being the "squeaky wheel."



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never owned a horse!***

Historic Stonehurst Featured on LA Commons

By Mary Benson

Mary Benson, aided by Little Landers Historian, Lloyd Hitt and Stonehurst homeowner Suzanna Wood led a walking tour loop beginning at Stonehurst Park. The Stonehurst Historic Preservation Overlay zone is only the second designated neighborhood in the San Fernando Valley and the City's ONLY historic zone whose study was funded solely by contributions from the neighborhood. It is comprised of 92 homes in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, in the community of Sun Valley. Many of the structures were built between 1923 and 1925 by Dan Montelongo, a local artisan and stonemason, using stone



selected from the nearby washes and foothills of the Tujunga Valley.

The neighborhood boasts the highest concentration in Los Angeles of homes utilizing native river rock as a primary building material. Many of these homes were



designed in a "Stonemason Vernacular" style that is a derivative of Craftsman architecture. Tours were lead by Mary Benson, community activist and childhood resident of Stonehurst. Above are photos of famous landmarks and famous people from Shadow Hills! Stonehurst looked really good too!

LA Commons builds community by validating the importance of local narratives, enhancing the sense of belonging felt by a broad range of stakeholders and encouraging stronger ties between the people and places of Los Angeles. On Sunday, October 20th, LA Commons hosted the third annual Found LA: Festival of Neighborhoods. For more information: <http://www.lacommons.org/programs/found-la/>

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Deepening Appreciation

By Anna Bisson

One of the things I love most about living in Shadow Hills is the fact that I stop myself on a regular basis, reflecting on the myriad of ways that living here makes my family's life better. While we can all make a list of the things we DON'T like, like the number of petty thefts, burglaries and homelessness, or the lack of a decent grocery store, it is sometimes a bit harder to acknowledge all the ways our lives are enriched by the choice we make in where we live.

Recently, my husband and I were socializing with some close friends and they commented that they have met many more of our neighbors in the 2 1/2 years that we've lived in Shadow Hills than they have met of their own neighbors in the 18 years they've lived in their Encino home. I have spoken with other friends who live in many of the 'nice' neighborhoods in Los Angeles and they comment that they don't really interact with or know many of their neighbors, whether it's West LA or prestigious Valley enclaves where people tend to keep to themselves and not reach out to one another, unless it's absolutely necessary.

It made me realize that the sense of community we share here in Shadow Hills is special and to be appreciated. As an Angeleno native, I have watched the many ways communities have changed as the flow into the 'land of dreams' continues. There will always be new ways colliding with the old and I think that is one of the things I appreciate most since I've moved here as a recent newcomer in 2011.

Neighbors that have lived here for generations have welcomed me and my family warmly and with hospitality I've not encountered since my earliest days of growing up in Redondo Beach. In fact, my family moved to Shadow Hills after spending a warm moonlit night with our dear friends who, having lived on Art Street for many years, shared their love of this place so much, that it was contagious. It has made me want to be more involved in the neighborhood I live in and meet more of the people that make up this incredibly artistic, hardworking and unique community.

I have met a wonderful woman who lovingly nurtures rescue animals on her beautiful farm that is also a sanctuary of healing plants and energy. Another neighbor feeds my dog homemade treats whenever she scampers over to say hello. Then there is the neighbor with a business that helped to beautify the interior of our home with such craftsmanship and eye for detail, I will always recommend him when I can. Another has recently expanded their small ranch of horses, goats, alpacas and chickens to include a growing farm of heirloom vegetables for sale to restaurants and locals. I am always happy to receive the armload of produce he brings when visiting and share in tales of gardening.

Another has offered to help me build a planter for my garden in return for watching his home while he was away. There are the friendly folks I've met at SHPOA meetings that helped me understand a bit more about the history of this area and the amazing amount of volunteers that give their time and energy to keep the open, equestrian lifestyle that has almost vanished in most other parts of the county. I feel truly blessed each and every day that I haven't waited until it was absolutely necessary to meet

my neighbors, because I would have missed out on so very much of what makes up the abundance and beauty of living in this fine and unruly oasis in the ever evolving city of Angels.

Note from the Editor: *Thank you very much for this article. Everyone is invited to contribute to "our community newsletter" at any time. We write and mail the newsletter free to every home in Shadow Hills 6 times a year.*

Community Food Drive and Outreach – Open to the Public

Date: Saturday, November 23
Place: Hosted by the McCurdy's at 10025 1/2 Foothill Blvd. (At Esko), Lake View Terrace.
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Who: Sponsored by New Heaven on Earth Ranch
What: Please bring non perishable food items to donate. This will benefit the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission. "Randy Horton" Riding Program ponies will be giving lessons to those in need. Local community groups, offices and businesses will be present to promote themselves and their upcoming events.
Info: Please call or email Mike Carpenter: 818-470-5235; lamikec@yahoo.com.

Little Landers Historical Society – "Time Exposure Exhibit"

Little Landers Historical Society announces the installation of a new temporary Bolton Hall exhibit. Until April 2014, "Time Exposure" will display an extensive collection of vintage cameras and projection equipment. Visit Bolton Hall to see how photo memories were recorded in the olden days. Most of today's youngsters are used to tiny digital cameras and being able to see and print pictures instantly. We encourage children to visit Bolton Hall to see how pictures were taken before the digital age and to learn something about the incredible innovations that led to today's modern photography.

Bolton Hall is open to the public on Tuesday and Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. and entrance is free. Special group tours may also be arranged.

Bolton Hall Museum

10110 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga, CA 91042

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420, www.littlelandershistoricalsociety.org or E-mail littlelanders@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendar: Holiday Caroling Party in Shadow Hills By Linda Fullerton

Corral 20 is planning a Caroling party, much like they have for about 25 years, thru Shadow Hills on December 7th. They plan on having horse drawn carts, a truck for Carolers and hopefully many horses. The party will end up at Stonehurst Park.

The community is invited to be part of this event...every step of the way. Please stay tuned for further details on Daily Fodder (which you can subscribe to for free (email Terri Ortiz at shpoa@shpoa.us).



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- ☐ Speeding and drivers ignoring stop signs on residential streets
- ☐ Speeding on Wentworth Street
- ☐ Other _____

Public Safety

- ☐ Mailbox Theft
- ☐ Group Homes
- ☐ Homeless and Transients
- ☐ Home Burglaries
- ☐ Garage and car theft
- ☐ Recycling Cart (Blue Bins) Theft
- ☐ Drug Dealing
- ☐ Police Visibility/Response Times
- ☐ Other _____

Road Conditions

- ☐ Paving of Bumpy/Pothole Roads
- ☐ Want More Speed Bumps
- ☐ Want Less Speed Bumps
- ☐ Mud and dirt slides
- ☐ Overgrown trees/brush blocking views
- ☐ Broken curbs
- ☐ Other _____

Equestrian Services

- ☐ More "Share the Road" signs
- ☐ More trails within the community
- ☐ Staging areas/access trail systems
- ☐ More white equestrian fencing throughout the community

Community Cleanup

- ☐ Hillside Erosion/Mudslides
- ☐ Trees Blocking Signs/Traffic Lights
- ☐ Litter/Graffiti
- ☐ Illegal Signage
- ☐ Free cleanups for seniors and disabled residents
- ☐ Illegal signage on telephone poles
- ☐ Other _____

Communications

- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Daily Fodder
- ☐ HPOA Meetings at Tierra del Sol
- ☐ Create Community Events (pancake breakfast, BBQ, etc.)

Property Values

- ☐ Rundown Properties
- ☐ Quality of Local Schools
- ☐ Group Homes
- ☐ Non-maintained Rental Homes/Units

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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)
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