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Recap of SHPOA General Meeting and 5-17-22 Minutes

By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) General Meeting was called to order by Tina Eick at 7:04 pm, May 17, 2022. This was the first in-person meeting for SHPOA in nearly a year. It was held in the dining hall at Tierra Del Sol on Sunland Blvd. Eick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and then welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then turned the meeting over to Vice President, Jacqy Gamble, in order to introduce our guest speakers for the evening. Jacqy first welcomed Congressman Adam Schiff's Deputy, Teresa Lamb-Simpson to give an update on federal issues involving our area. Lamb-Simpson announced that awards were given to local students for their artworks which had been submitted to the Congressional Art Competition. Each year House members honor one high school student from their district by selecting a piece of artwork for inclusion in an exhibit at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington DC. Along with the awards, the students' artwork is viewed by millions of visitors to the Capitol.

Jacqy Gamble then introduced our main guests for the evening, Cindy Bloom and Bill Eick who gave a detailed update on the High Speed Rail project. Cindy's presentation was a well organized, concise power point of the proposed "bullet train", including its chronological history, funding sources and environmental impacts. Following Cindy's thorough discussion, Bill Eick fielded questions from the membership regarding the environmental issues. To review the power point presentation, go to shpoa.us SHPOA Website, Home Page.

At the conclusion of the HSR presentation, candidates for District 7 were invited to give a 10 minute campaign speech. Elisa Avalos gave an informative discussion of her goals and priorities for the 7th District.

After the guest speakers' presentations, the minutes from the previous SHPOA General Meeting were unanimously approved as

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Join us for our Outdoor IN PERSON Meeting!
Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.

July 12 - 7:00 pm

**Water Conservation Projects presented
by City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles
County*

Light refreshments will be served

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presented by Tina Eick in the Daily Fodder.

Michael Stein, SHPOA Treasurer, presented the current financial report to the membership, as follows: As of 4/30/22 there is \$32,066.96 in the checking account; \$10,052.95 in the savings account for a total of \$42,119.91. We have restricted funds of \$10,052.95 in the Savings account for Trails and \$9,131.75 for SAFE which leaves as unrestricted funds \$22,935.21. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Rosey Payne - Trails Committee, reported that we are working to identify and clear existing horse trails throughout Shadow Hills. There is a general consensus with Board members and the general membership that trail protection is a priority for our organization and community.

Carlos George - Traffic & Community services announced that the 4 speed signs on Sunland Blvd, would be installed soon. He also reported that the 300' of metal guard rail was approved for Sunland Blvd. by the City and will be scheduled for construction.

Cindy Bloom - Newsletter, announced that the deadline for SHPOA articles for the July Newsletter is June 12th.

Finally, thanks to Gerardo Barrientos, Hospitality Chair and Anna Serridge for providing a variety of foods including veggies and dip, along with cookies, chips and drinks. The Board and membership enjoyed the repast.

With no further business, the SHPOA adjourned at 8:45pm.



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**Up-Date On Theft Of Copper Wiring
From City Street Lights
By Elektra Kruger, Resident**

Basic lighting technology and infrastructure have considerable impacts on the overall quality of a street especially as it relates to transportation and public safety. Copper wire and power theft (CWPT) incidents have dramatically increased in recent years, rising 338% between 2017-2018 resulting in 2019-2020 CWPT report response times growing to over two months and ultimately impacting the Bureau of Street Lighting's ability to respond to more routine issues/maintenance items such as a "single light out" in a more timely manner. Areas in Council District 7 have been increasingly affected by these CWPT issues and related affects on all response times. District 7 Councilmember Monica Rodriguez believes increased support and resources are needed to address these incidents as well as addressing long-term goals such as High Impact Area initiatives. Therefore, in early February 2022, Councilmember Rodriguez presented a Motion to City Council asking that they instruct the Bureau of Street Lighting along with the City's Administrative Officer and the City's Chief Legislative Analyst to prepare and present a report on an overtime staffing plan to help combat copper wire, power theft and lighting outages particularly in areas most highly impacted by these issues in areas such as Council District 7.

At its meeting on March 9, 2022, the City Council's Public Works Committee reviewed and approved the Motion and forwarded its recommendation to the City Council to accept the Motion as written. The City Council adopted the Public Works Committee Report at its March 30, 2022 meeting. A similar Motion was also co-presented to City Council in early February 2022, by Councilmembers Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield and Mitch O'Farrell, asking that the Council instruct the Bureau of Street Lighting to prepare and present a report on a comprehensive strategy to prevent metal theft from occurring in the first place, including such things as re-inforcing public infrastructure by making metal components less accessible to criminals in the first place and improving strategies for enforcing the law and holding metal thieves accountable by perhaps marking and affixing GPS trackers in often-stolen pieces of City equipment. This Motion was also reviewed and approved by the Council's Public Works Committee on March 9, 2022 which recommended the City Council accept the Motion as presented. The City Council adopted

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the Public Works recommendation to approve and follow through on the Motion as submitted. To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



Up Date On The Sidewalk Repair Ordinance By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Los Angeles has long struggled to keep its sidewalks accessible and safe for pedestrians. Over the past five fiscal years, the City received more than 1,700 claims and 1,020 lawsuits for sidewalk injuries paying out more than \$35 million in settlements. With a massive sidewalk network estimated at more than 9,000 miles long that winds through the entire City of Los Angeles, it is clear that a much improved repair and maintenance program is needed. The City now primarily administers sidewalk repairs through compliance with a class-action "Willits" lawsuit initiated by disability rights advocates alleging poor sidewalk conditions across Los Angeles failing to meet ADA codes thus being a danger to pedestrians especially to persons with disabilities. As finalized in 2016, the settlement required the City to spend \$1.37 billion over a period of 30 years to address broken sidewalks, inaccessible curb ramps and other access barriers. That same year the City Council adopted a "fix and release" policy making the City officially responsible for initial sidewalk repairs, but once repaired a "certificate of Compliance" will be presented to the adjacent property owner and it becomes the property owner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk condition henceforth. Something we need to keep in mind is that prior to 1970 it had been the adjacent property owner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk along their frontage. In 1970, the City took it upon itself to maintain sidewalks damaged by trees. Needless to say, the City never adequately budgeted for this which is what led us to the condition we find our sidewalks in today. The Public Works Department's Bureau of Engineering is now in charge of all the City's sidewalk repair efforts including repairs to comply with the Willits settlement. While the department is actively repairing and rebuilding sidewalks in Los Angeles, the scale of the problem is such that hazardous sidewalks are not getting repaired fast enough. As part of the Willits settlement obligations, the City has completed approx. 2,100 sidewalk repairs, a small fraction of locations that need fixing. Public Works has received more than 3,700 repair requests and 4,400 sidewalk repair rebate applications

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Preserve Country Lifestyle

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- ✓ 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
- ✓ Daily email outreach and information
- ✓ Website information
- ✓ Special events and signage

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(the property owner takes responsibility for repairing the sidewalk along his frontage with the understanding that the City will repay him for doing so) since the program began in 2017. To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



Reduction In Single-use Plastic Foodware By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In late 2021, early 2022, numerous private citizens and organizations submitted supportive public comments relative to a Motion that had been presented to City Council. The Council’s Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River Committee provided recommendations that the Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation along with the Department of General Services, Department of Recreation and Parks and City Attorney to report on steps necessary to effectively implement or transition out of the purchase and use of single-use plastics with a specific focus on the Zero Waste Policy for City Facilities and City-Sponsored Events. The Council asked for feedback from a wide array of small and minority owned businesses that may be impacted by the proposed policies. Additionally they instructed the City’s General Services Department, Department of Water and Power and Department of Recreation and Parks to report on the deployment of drinking fountains and potable hydration stations thereby reducing dependence on single-use plastic water bottles. They also asked that the Bureau of Sanitation identify projects associated with a Comprehensive Strategy to reduce plastic waste throughout the City of Los Angeles and adopt policies for LA City offices, operations, departments and events to prohibit the current use of single-use plastic and Styrofoam and mandate reusables. The Council endeavors to encourage all residents to bring their own containers and disallow the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) to override this ability by using Covid as an excuse per AB 619, since it has now been determined that Covid is not transmitted through surfaces. The organization known as Oceana as well as many other organizations and private individuals recommended that the Ordinance ban the continued use of expanded Polystyrene foodware (Styrofoam – EPS), lift all exceptions on the single-use plastic bag ban by requiring stores to sell reusable bags in lieu of plastic for people forgetting to bring their own. Oceana encourages the City’s zero waste plan to enact a comprehensive any-and-all single-use plastic reduction strategy shifting away from

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disposable plastics towards reusable ones. Thirty-three BILLION pounds of plastic enters the ocean every year which equates to roughly dumping two garbage trucks full of plastic into the ocean every minute. The Council adopted the report submitted by the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River Committee relative to the reduction of single-use plastics including transition to reusable alternatives on February 16, 2022. To be further up-dated in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



Shadow Hills History By Roxanne Greene, Resident

This is the story of Pine Lodge, located off of McBroom, as told by its current owner.

So, here’s some modern history, which is boring compared to what must have happened in the old days. My understanding is that Clark Gable and his manager owned the Lodge. Later it became the property of the author Anais Nin, who built the concrete block house just south of the lodge to be a writing studio because she had so many friends and other contacts visiting that she couldn’t concentrate at home. Eventually, when she left, that studio evolved into a residence with separate ownership.

When we moved here in 1971, it was owned by Hardy Kruskamp, a retired wrestler who managed wrestlers and boxers when his own career was over. He was in his 70s, and his fitness put us to shame. He did a lot of the rock work on the lodge and was out almost every day using material he gathered in the National Forest areas. He and his wife were living in the studio apartment on the front of the house, which looks like it was originally a garage, then renting out the rest of it. He eventually left and was followed by a tenant in the studio apartment and then by hippie renters, one of whom had kids and was a friend of Clint Ritchie, the actor, who ultimately had a major role for many years on *One Life to Live* and remained a good friend of mine until his passing. He was an endurance rider and was one of the reasons I switched from horse shows to endurance races.

Gordon Larson bought the Lodge in about 1981 and had a lousy contractor do work on it, including replacing a very mountain-chateau type roof with wood shakes and no foil under them. That wrecked the look of the house permanently. Larson did a lot of interior remodeling while he had the house, including

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the construction of a three-car garage replacing an old carport. He put a second story apartment on top of it which blocked a lovely view of the valley. (Every year I threaten to demolish it). Eventually my attorney secured the house on a court ordered sale in 1998. Since it was originally just a roughly constructed cabin, all the work everyone has put in over the years is really just lipstick on a pig. Putting on a fire-safe roof required an eye-popping check.

I believe there were historical documents about it in the Lodge when Gordon Larson bought it, but there was nothing left behind after the sale. There is a book somewhere about Errol Flynn that talks about exploits in the house including predictably, pissing out the windows and encounters with ladies.

One of my tenants in the studio apartment was Barefoot Ted McDonald, who was so poor he often lived off wild berries in our local mountains. He was a distance runner who ran with no shoes, and later designed the barefoot glove and licensed it out quite profitably. He has traveled the world, and still makes Luna sandals in his new plant in Wenatchee, WA. He and his wife live in Santa Barbara. He is an avid historian of this area and would probably know more about the Lodge.



Keep Cool in the Summer Heat
By Councilwoman Rodriguez's Office

Summer has definitely arrived! The Northeast San Fernando Valley is known for its hot summers with temperatures exceeding 100 degrees. When weather forecasts include three consecutive days of triple digit temperatures, cooling centers in our district will open.

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Use Goats To Eliminate Invasive
and Overgrown Brush
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2022-23 Budget on May 2022, the City Council referred the document to the Council's Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendation to instruct the Fire Department to report to the Public Safety Committee on the potential partnerships with the Conservation Corps and other entities that use goats to eliminate invasive and overgrown brush for brush clearance efforts. To be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



Codify Equestrian Networks As Part
of the LA Mobility Plan
By Elektra Kruger

The LA Mobility Plan 2035 seeks to relieve traffic gridlock by giving people a range of transportation choices to better fit particular neighborhoods through a series of transportation networks for automobiles, buses, trains, bicycles and pedestrians. In late February 2022, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez noted that many neighborhoods in the San Fernando Valley have a long-standing tradition of equine keeping and should also be considered in the design of the Mobility Plan 2035 by continuing to establish policies to protect, preserve and enhance this tradition. Many Valley equestrian communities enjoy a network of public equestrian trails for use and safe travel by riders. Oftentimes, however though equestrian trail connections initially may have been part of a project proposal, as the project makes its way through the city's approval process they get lost in the step-by-step process as the project seeks City approval. A plausible alternative approach to the existing implementation of equestrian trail connections would be to codify equestrian networks and horse trails as part of the Mobility Plan 2035 street design standards and plan check permitting process. Councilmember Rodriguez presented a Motion to City Council asking that they instruct the Planning Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Building and Safety and Bureau of Engineering to prepare and present a report with recommendations to codify equestrian networks and horse trails as part of an amended Mobility Plan 2035 and its accompanying Complete Streets Design Guide as well as recommendations for passing said codified equestrian networks through the Plan Check permitting process. The Motion was

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referred to the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee and per Council President, also to the Council's Transportation Committee. At its April 12, 2022 meeting, the Transportation Committee approved the Motion adding also the recommendations be done in consultation with the City Attorney. The report is to include recommendations to codify a dedication process for a network of equestrian trails similar to the street dedication process that applies to both by-right and discretionary development administered during the Plan Check permitting process and is to include design standards and provisions for maintenance. Status of this report will be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



The Fourth Of July By Marlene Hitt, Resident

Back in 1915 Sunland Park was the meeting place and recreational area for the Tujunga Valley. The Fourth of July celebrations that year were held at the park with a picnic lunch, oratory and a ball game listed among the attractions. A dance that evening at Bolton Hall finished off the day's activities.

In Tujunga in the Garden of the Moon which was an area erected among the oaks at Foothill and Commerce, the Fourth was celebrated with foot races, a swimming and diving competition and a greased pole climb.

Photographs in Bolton Hall show July Fourth parades in the area. One shows a line of black sedans and men dressed in suits. It seems that the parade that year went across the Big Tujunga Wash, judging by the terrain.

Another picture shows a wagon decorated with branches and bunting with women and children riding the early float, all dressed in white. The wagon is drawn by two sturdy horses. Another entry showcases a rider sitting backward. A young child on a pony stands in the rear. A man playing a flute stands in the front.

Parades on the Fourth of July in Sunland-Tujunga have taken place since 1948.

More splendid are recent celebrations when, after parading, the horses rushed home for lunch. On the fourth in 1981, several pictures are shown of a pie eating contest, country western music, belly dancers, Congressman Carlos Moorhead and Marge Burleson as honorary mayor.

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In Lake View Terrace that year, at the shopping center, a foot-stomping, finger snapping, band clapping western hoedown was enjoyed by all, with good food, good music and good times. The Howard Finns attended, as well as members of the Hollywood Stuntmen's Association who gave a thrilling performance.

In 1987 Bolton Hall won the parade award Best of Theme with "People Who Love Picnics" for their float. Three generations of Larsons participated.

In 1976, the entry for Hober's Pharmacy featured all employees who had made matching Bicentennial outfits for the Bicentennial celebration. The next year one of those outfits was re-made for Corri Rose who sat on great-grandmother Emily's lap. All the generations were represented that day.

The Rotary Club provided king-sized pancakes at the parade site. There were parade winners such as the Sunland Juniors and the Rhodesia Riders (children from 4-10) on decorated bikes. Numerous booths were set up in the park with cookies, voter registration, pizza, sandwiches, barbecue and even Celtic harmony.

The 11th annual parade in 1993 featured a theme of "Spanish Heritage." Two hours of entertainment hosted over 80 units with some 10,000 cheering spectators.

In that parade there were the Easy Riders desperados on horseback, old vintage cars, and the Verdugo High School drill team. There were a dozen fire trucks letting loose with their sirens and a black dog on the sidelines who accompanied them with a woeful howl to end the parade.

In 1998, the 16th annual Independence Day Parade drew a huge crowd when The Rotary Club theme was "Pulling together - Faith, Family and Freedom." There were 80 entries again that year, some being the Los Angeles Police Department Motorcycle Drill Team, the musical group from the First Baptist Church of Sunland and the Faith in Jesus Ministry (the only horse-drawn vehicle in the parade). The Spirit Vaulting Club was judged the most attractive entry that year. The Lions Club had the best display of the American flag, Sunshine Nursery School won "best children's entry" and wonderful classic cars cruised again.

In the year 2000 the Fourth of July Parade and celebrations in Sunland Park were the first of its kind for this century. Our parade was

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considered "True Americana" by a participating politician.

The time capsule buried in 1962 was unearthed and a new one planted. Faithful paraders, after missing the celebrations during the Covid years, are wishing for Americana to come again, if only for a day.



Selected June 7th Primary "Top 2" Election Results
Will Appear on November Ballot

Governor

Gavin Newsom - D

Brian Dahle - R

Lt. Governor

Eleni Kounalakis - D

Angeles E. Underwood Jacobs - R

Secretary of State

Shirley Weber - D

Rob Bernosky - R

Attorney General

Rob Bonta - D

Eric Early - R

U.S. Senator

Alex Padilla - D

Mark Meuser - R

U.S. Representative 30th District (note that this is
our new post-redistricting district number)

Adam Schiff - D

G "Maebe A Girl" Pudlo - D

State Senator 20th District (note that this is our
new post-redistricting district number)

Daniel Hertzberg - D

Caroline Menjivar - D

State Assembly 44th District (note that this is our
new post-redistricting district number)

Laura Friedman - D

Barry Curtis Jacobsen - R

LA County Assessor

Jeffrey Prang

Sandy Sun

LA County Sheriff

Alex Villanueva

Robert Luna

Los Angeles City Mayor

Karen Ruth Bass - D

Rick Caruso - D

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Proposed Hansen Dam Trail and Fencing Improvements

By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The proposed Project for Hansen Dam Trail and Fencing Improvements includes the following items:

- Hansen Dam Aquatics Center – Remove and dispose of 2,000 linear feet of woodcrete fencing and posts and replace them with 2,000 linear feet of 46" 2 rail Sequoia fencing. Add 2 – 12' linear feet gate openings with 2 6' gates at each opening at the same location where existing gate openings are located.
- Hansen Dam Sports Complex – Remove approx. 800 linear feet of 36" tall woodcrete fence and posts to be replaced with 36" tall Sequoia fencing
- Lakeview Terrace Recreational Center – Remove 360 linear feet of woodcrete fencing to be replaced with 360 linear feet of 36" 2-rail Sequoia fencing
- Gabrielino Park – Remove and dispose of approx. 1,932 linear feet of 36" woodcrete fencing to be replaced with 1, 932 linear feet of 36" tall Sequoia fencing

Quimby fees and Park fees to be allocated toward this project were collected within ten miles of the Hansen Dam Area. 19% of the funding for the Proposed Project cost of \$591,006 was transferred from Quimby Accts, 46% was transferred from Park Fee Accts and the remaining and the remaining 35% was transferred from the 2021-22 Adopted LA Budget designated for capital improvements to City parks and facilities. Construction for the Proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022. The proposed Project is to have no impact to existing trees and shade at the park.



Gun Owners' Firearm Liability Insurance By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The Los Angeles Police Department reported 1,459 victims shot in 2021, a 54.2% increase over 2019 when 946 people were shot in the City. Nationally 75% of school shootings are carried out by kids who have access to unsecured or unsupervised guns at home. Over 80% of teens who commit suicide with a gun, used one that belonged to someone in their home and every day 8 children are shot with an improperly stored or misused gun located in their home. In Los

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Angeles last year, the total cost of gun violence amounted to nearly \$4.3 billion annually, over \$480 million of which is borne by tax payers. This includes such things as treatment for victims in the aftermath, criminal justice costs, long-term quality of life over a victim's lifespan, etc. The San Jose City Council recently took preliminary action that would require gun owners to purchase liability insurance through their homeowner's or renter's insurance. Los Angeles City Councilmembers Paul Koretz, Paul Krekorian and Mitch O'Farrell suggested that the City of Los Angeles follow suit and explore the adoption of such an Ordinance. Insurance-based systems can encourage firearm owners to take safety classes, ensure guns are safely stored, install trigger locks or utilize loaded chamber indicators much like auto-insurers use risk-adjusted premiums to reward good driving and encourage the use of airbags and other safety features.

In early February 2022, these Councilmembers co-presented a Motion to City Council asking that they request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility of implementing an Ordinance similar to that of the City of San Jose that would require gun owners in the City of Los Angeles to carry firearm liability insurance. The Motion was referred to the City Councils Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendations. A comment from one public citizen stated that he was not happy with the suggestion saying that it punishes legal gun owners for the crimes committed by the few illegal gun owners.

The Motion was approved unanimously by one City Neighborhood Council supporting it as an effort to help curtail firearm usage in Los Angeles. However, a second Neighborhood Council voted by, supermajority, to oppose the Motion on the argument that firearms are already strictly regulated with storage, transportation and reporting requirements. This will be further up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA Newsletter.



LA Wild To Propose A Rehabilitation Center
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

LA City and County took in over 12,000 injured wildlife from 2019 to 2020. Neither are equipped to care for sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife requiring the majority of these to be euthanized.

A non-profit organization, LA Wildlife Education

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and Rehabilitation (LA WILD), rehabilitates and releases sick, injured or orphaned local wildlife back into the wild. Additionally, LA WILD provides educational programs for the public on how to co-exist with wildlife. LA WILD is proposing to construct an education and wildlife rehabilitation center with an animal hospital and administrative staff with intake desk, intake exam and treatment rooms with x-rays and surgical facilities, a kitchen for animal food preparation, a laundry facility and outdoor rehabilitation enclosures.

LA WILD is searching for a secure and quiet site with one to two acres of land appropriately zoned for wildlife rehabilitation with access to water, power, sewage and adequate parking. While the site must be offered at no cost to LA WILD, LA WILD will be responsible for all administrative staff, operating expenses, utilities, buildings and trailers, office and hospital equipment, medical supplies, food and animal enclosures. In mid-February 2022, Councilmembers John Lee and Nithya Ramin co-presented a Motion to the Los Angeles City Council asking that they direct the Department of General Services, Department of Recreation and Parks and the LA Zoo to seek potential locations that could meet the facilities needs. The Motion was referred to the City Council's Parks, Education and Neighborhoods Committee for their review and recommendations.



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3:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park Pool
12560 Filmore Street
Pacoima, CA 91331
(818) 896-0067

Monday through Friday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
and 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Hansen Dam Aquatic Center
11798 Foothill Boulevard
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
(818) 899-3779
Open Daily 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

LIBRARIES

Sunland-Tujunga Branch Library
7771 Foothill Boulevard
Tujunga, CA 91042
(818) 352-4481

Visit <https://www.lapl.org/branches/sunland-tujunga> for library hours.

Sylmar Branch Library
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Lake View Terrace Library
12002 Osborne Street

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Pacoima Public Library

13605 Van Nuys Boulevard

Pacoima, CA 91331

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Stay cool this summer by utilizing the city facilities in our district. For more information on these resources, contact my Pacoima office at (818) 485-0600, Sylmar office at (818) 756-8409, or Sunland-Tujunga office at (818) 352-3287.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST! THIS ARTICLE IS A REPRINT FROM 10 YEARS AGO -- JULY-AUGUST 2012

But still applies today!

Temperatures...and Snakes...are
Rising

By Dana Stangel

With temperatures rising, so does concern about SNAKES. Our local Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes are in abundance right now because they are coming out to get some sun! There have also been record numbers this year, and the belief is that because of excess rains in 2010, the rodent population exploded in 2011, which has resulted in more snakes in 2012. Authorities are also claiming to be finding larger nests than usual.

A few TIPS and MYTHS to dispel:

1. The size of the rattler doesn't matter. They say the babies cannot control their venom, but the adult has more venom. The adult's larger mouth is more likely to be able to get its back teeth into someone than a baby rattler's mouth. It's safe to say you do not want to be bitten by either one!

2. If you see a rattlesnake, and if you CAN, the best thing to do is back away and ignore it. They are as afraid of you as you are of them.

3. Rattle snakes often do not rattle and they are often not found in the coiled position. We are not prey. An attack will only happen if the animal is frightened or threatened.

4. When you hike in brushy, chaparral-type areas make some noise as you go. Drag a stick. Talk loudly to your friend (because you shouldn't hike alone!). This will keep most wild animals far away. If you come across a log, don't step over, step ON it, then over. If you are climbing, try to see where you are putting your hands before you put them there. In your yard, just watch out. They can be in the vegetation or anywhere.

5. Rattlers are more likely to be found where gophers are. So, if your yard is gopher friendly, it will also be rattler friendly. (They

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don't like watered lawns, I hate to admit.)

What to do if you find a rattlesnake?

1. Please don't kill it!! They are important to the ecosystem. They are keeping our rodent population down. If you can just leave it and warn nearby people, that's best.

2. You can also call a local reptile rescue or herpetologists group, and they may be able to move the snake for you.

3. If you MUST destroy it, be very careful in handling afterwards because the teeth and head are still toxic. And, be aware, trying to kill a rattlesnake can get you bitten!

Mostly though, you are going to see king snakes (they will shake their tail at you, too!) who EAT rattlers and gopher snakes. These snakes are harmless to humans.

Should you have any questions about rattlesnakes or other local reptiles, please do not hesitate to email info@terangaranch.org or call 1-818-305-HERP.

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Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC)

- 3rd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
- 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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- 1st Monday, Every Month
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Key Community Locations & Contact Info

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Lake View Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd.,
Lake View Terrace
Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd.
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Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)
Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley
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Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills (818-352-1419)
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City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office: Council Member
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