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SHPOA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SHPOA needs YOUR help!! In these economically challenging times, we hear regularly about hardships and financial woes. SHPOA has been there to support many needs in this community over the past 46 years without asking anything in return. We have made it our goal to unify this community. Our complimentary newsletter, mailed to each Shadow Hills resident every other month is written, laid out and published by many dedicated volunteers giving of their time and resources. Through this newsletter, SHPOA strives to preserve our small town country feeling in a community surrounded by big city sprawl.

Scores of residents have credited the newsletter with keeping them informed of Shadow Hills activities and concerns, and for networking them closer into this neighborhood of friends. Local merchants, realtors and artisans have advertised in the newsletter too, realizing residents desire to support their Shadow Hills area businesses.

Additionally, many of us rely on the shpoa@shpoa.us daily emails that distribute critical updates, needs, alerts and news within our community. SHPOA's board is all volunteer, including our pro bono attorney, Bill Eick, who for years, has given tirelessly of his time, energy and legal resources to fight endless battles regarding land usage that threaten Shadow Hills in the form of over development, misuse of property, environmental abuses and neglect, traffic concerns and potential trail/street conflicts, etc.

Some of the more intense battles being waged right now require quite a bit of funds and time. To list a few which definitely will affect your quality of life: enforcement of the proper Conditional Use permit for Athens Services waste facility located on Pendleton; overseeing a hillside mansionization ordinance; protecting residential space: several sites on Wentworth which are flagrantly abusing land usage, including Wealtha rock pit, the 'red fence' and 'white fence' areas which conceal numerous trucks, trailers and cars off McBroom, and the La Tuna Canyon Sediment Placement site, where the County wants to potentially dump millions of cubic yards of debris from the Station Fire. SHPOA proposed utilization of the Vulcan pit off Glenoaks as a much safer alternative for Shadow Hills area residents.

These are just some of the issues needing our immediate attention. The City of L.A. is a huge entity that often overlooks a small community's needs in favor of greater revenue and industrial progress. SHPOA's tenacious dedication to preserve our open spaces, trails and rural

streets often goes unnoticed, yet is deeply felt when the battle is won or lost in court.

Now, it's your turn. SHPOA is becoming increasingly unable to replenish the funds we use from our treasury fast enough to continue publishing our newsletter, hosting yearly events which represent the spirit of our community, and going to battle over legal issues that threaten our property values, the stability of our hillsides and the quality of life we all seek here.

We need YOUR support more than ever. Our newsletter is quite costly to print up and send out and its survival, as well as other SHPOA activities, depends on our ability to improve our financial situation. Please consider a special donation amount of \$10, \$20 or more to help us keep SHPOA going. And although your gift to SHPOA is not tax deductible, your generosity contributes toward helping us ultimately help YOU!!

From all of us to all of you, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude! ~ *Shadow Hills Property Owners Association*

Shadow Hills Land Use Updates

by Elektra Kruger

WASTE MANAGEMENT

After nearly 10 years of negotiations with the community to refine designs and concepts of a Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Station (MRF/TS) on the grounds of the now closed Bradley landfill (in between San Fernando Road and Glenoaks Boulevard; the MRF/TS site is nearest to San Fernando Road) and many of those same years spent passing through the seemingly endless entitlement processes of the City's Planning Department, Waste Management's new state-of-the-art MRF/TS has finally been approved by the Los Angeles City Council. The many conditions and mitigations required of Waste Management, as well as the fully-enclosed and negative air-pressure design of the MRF/TS, will surely raise the bar of standards we can now expect of all waste facilities in our area wishing to establish MRF/TS operations or of those applying for increased tonnage allowances for their existing operations.

The City of Los Angeles and Waste Management also held an informational meeting allowing for community

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Newsletter Staff Needs Layout Person

As we strive to regularly produce our newsletter and control newsletter costs, we find our missing link is for a newsletter layout person – this is the step where all of our completed articles and advertisements are “laid out” in a suitable format prior to printing. Somewhere out there in this community of over 2,500 homes, we are hoping there is someone with knowledge of InDesign or QuarkXPress and a little time to volunteer. If you would like to discuss the position further, please contact Colleen at cccaamano@yahoo.com or Linda at 818-246-7788.

Do Unto Others

by Elektra Kruger

Here are some basic City rules and regulations that make our neighborhoods a pleasure for all to live in, while also helping to maintain property values. Just follow these rules as, I am sure, you would wish your neighbors to follow in consideration of your pride and pleasure of living in your neighborhood.

1. Trash/debris or excessive vegetation on your property: Keep lawns mowed and brush trimmed. Store excess tools and materials in garages or sheds. Do not allow excess trash and debris to collect in your yard. Not only is excess trash, debris and vegetation illegal, it also attracts rodents and is unpleasant for your neighbors to look at, just as much as it would be for you to have to see an unkempt property elsewhere in your neighborhood. If you happen to have Stop signs or other street signs near your property, please make sure to keep surrounding vegetation trimmed so that signs are clearly visible and safety is maximized.

2. Basic Maintenance: Keep your home, other accessory structures and fencing in good repair. To report a property that is in gross disrepair, call 311 and ask them to forward your call to the Department of Building and Safety. Tell them you wish to report a Property Violation – you will need to identify yourself in making this report. Remember, a property in disrepair is a magnet for undesirables plus we have to keep the “broken window rule” in mind.

3. Graffiti: The exterior of all buildings, walls and fences must be free of graffiti. Free graffiti removal can be requested by calling 311. It might take a while for the City to arrange for a graffiti-removal team to schedule your property and the job they do may not be as aesthetically pleasing as one you may do yourself by taking the time to obtain the best matching cover paint possible.

4. Auto Repair in a Residential Zone: Emergency repairs must be completed within 24 hours. If it is anticipated to take longer, they must be done inside a building or an area totally enclosed from view by a wall or hedge-row. You wouldn't want to see someone's auto parts strewn all over their yard anymore than your neighbors want to see your dismantled car strewn all over your yard.

Emergency Animal Hospitals

Animal Specialty Group www.asgvets.com
 4641 Colorado Blvd. (Off 5 Fwy) Los Angeles 90039
 (818) 244-7977 Mon-Fri: 2pm – 8am.
 Weekends: 24 hours
Animal Emergency Centre www.valleypet911.com
 11730 Ventura Blvd., Studio City 91604
 (818) 760-3882 Mon-Thurs: 6pm – 8am
 Weekends: Fri 6pm – Mon 8am

Healthiest Climate in the World

By Marlene Hitt, Archivist Bolton Hall Museum

A City of Los Angeles Resolution, June 22, 1960 reads: "Whereas, the Sunland-Tujunga area was for many formative years primarily a health-giving resort, dotted with small rest homes occupied by respiratory patients, many of whom made complete recovery; and Whereas, many people suffering from an acute asthmatic attack were known to drive up to Tujunga,...Now, Therefore, be it resolved that this City Council go on record as recommending the setting aside such area as a health area... the Honorable Norris Poulson, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles".

In the Bolton Hall Museum files are several personal reminiscences that tell us that relief and healing could be found for people who came to the Tujunga Valley.

Bernard Corrigan was nearly helpless with asthma. The Corrigans read a story in the Coronet magazine about the famed health town of Tujunga and moved here immediately to the "salubrious air". Bernard's breathing was relieved immediately, and for the first time in years

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Illegal Tree Pruning Update

by Elektra Kruger

While reviewing the status of City Council Motion #09-2605 for an update, a curious thing happened. Just a brief history first: there has always been a serious problem with illegal street tree removal in LA. Over the years, the City has considered various ways to strengthen crackdown on those who illegally cut down trees without permits including citations with significant fines attached.

The City Council's Public Works Committee met numerous times to mull over Motion #09-2605 between early December 2009 and late April 2010. In late April 2010, the Committee sent their recommendation to the City Council. As it turned out, according to the City's Chief Forester, the whole issue had already been addressed via a Council vote taken on a previously presented Motion, so the only recommendation made to Council by the Public Works Committee on Motion #09-2605 was "forget this Motion and take the earlier Motion on the same subject to fruition.

Public Works could have saved themselves a lot of time had they only done their homework in the 1st place and realized the whole issue was already in the works - pun intended. In late

September 2009, the City Council requested that the City Attorney prepare and present an Ordinance to amend the LAMC such that specified employees of the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) would



be granted the authority to issue administrative citations with monetary fines for violations of any Ordinances

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protecting the urban forest including that of cutting down trees illegally or pruning street trees without permit and without due regard to the health of the tree.

As it turns out, the trees that would fall under the proposed amended Ordinance would effect not any and all street trees, but only those classified as “protected trees” (i.e. all native Oak -Coast Live and Valley, the California Sycamore, the California Black Walnut and the California Bay). The existing Code says merely that it is not allowable to perform any act upon a “protected tree” that would cause it to die. The draft proposed amendment submitted by the BSS reads that “Removal of a protected tree without the permission of the Board of Public Works is punishable by an administrative monetary penalty of \$1,000 per tree”. Ouch!

In late September 2009, this proposed draft was adopted by City Council and was forwarded to the City Attorney to check its legalese. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress on this issue.

The Heat Is On!

By Denise Fleck

Pets don't sweat! Panting works like an evaporative cooling system bringing cool air into the lungs only if there is any. An air-conditioned house is safest for your pet, but the next best thing is a well-ventilated/insulated doghouse or a shaded porch with a fan or misting system. Provide fresh water all day long making sure outside bowls remain in the shade even when the sun moves in late afternoon. Outside food bowls should be placed in a pan containing a few inches of water to keep ants out.

- Hot concrete and asphalt can burn paws! Walk pets during the cool parts of the day and stick to the grass. If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for paws.
- NEVER leave your pet unattended in the car for even a few minutes. A parked car can quickly reach more than 150 degrees (even with windows open) resulting in heat stroke, permanent brain damage or death to your pet.
- Use only “Pet and Wildlife Safe” products in your house and yard. Control fleas and ticks and keep your pets well groomed, but don't shave long-haired pets down to the skin as their fur insulates from the heat and prevents sunburn.
- All dogs do not know how to swim and thousands die every year from drowning. Supervise them around water and beware of fishhooks, fishing line, sharp rocks and dangerous water life. Cookouts can result in burned paws and noses while summer-time food like burgers, franks and fried chicken can cause a canine or feline pancreatitis.

Hot weather brings out Rattlesnakes. Limit the rodent population in your yard by removing ivy and piles of wood since where there are mice...there are snakes to eat them! Should your pet get bitten by a rattlesnake, keep him calm and immediately transport him to an animal emergency center that carries anti-venin.

Denise Fleck is an animal care instructor, author and Shadow Hills resident. Visit her website at www.sunnydogink.com.



What's All That Green Stuff?

Reprinted from the Big T Wash Line, a publication of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Have you noticed that there are areas with a lot of “green stuff” scattered around in the riparian area? The “green stuff” is an herbicide applied on exotic or non-native plant species that are targeted for removal. The methods for exotic plant removal differ from plant to plant; some are cut while others receive a treatment of herbicide, which is the “green stuff” that can be seen in the riparian areas.

ri-par-i-an
Function: adjective
Etymology: Latin riparius
Date: circa 1841
relating to or living or located on the bank of a natural watercourse (as a river) or sometimes of a lake or a tidewater <riparian trees>

The purpose of exotic plant removal and eradication program at the Big Tujunga Mitigation Area is to eliminate the non-native plant species that out-compete the native plants for essential resources (water, food, and sunlight). By removing the non-native, exotic plants, openings in the tree and shrub canopies are created where seedlings of the native plants can grow and flourish. As the native plants begin to fill in these openings, wildlife species will also benefit because there will be more food, cover and nesting resources available. The exotic plant removal program is targeted at the riparian habitats in and around Haines Canyon Creek, Big Tujunga Wash, and the Tujunga ponds.

The actual removal and treatment of exotic plants began in late 2009. The primary exotic plant species targeted at the Big Tujunga Mitigation Area riparian areas during 2009 included giant reed, tamarisk, eupatory, castor bean, and ash. Other species that were targeted include tree of heaven, tree tobacco, palm tree, and pepper tree.

Sometime during the early spring, the landscape contractor's crew and the biologist will be conducting another sweep through the riparian habitat to treat or remove the exotic plants that have re-sprouted. The landscape contractor's crews will also continue weeding activities in the upland oak/sycamore area near the Cottonwood entrance. It appears that the ongoing weeding efforts have allowed the native plants to thrive and to naturally recruit seedlings into the areas where the weeds were removed.



Big Tujunga Mitigation Area



S.A.F.E. Collection Center

This hazardous waste collection center accepts paint cans, electronics, out of date medication, cell phones, batteries (small and large), etc. The center is located at 11025 Randall St., Sun Valley, and operates Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 9am - 3pm.

Directions: Go west on Sunland Blvd. toward Sun Valley/ Glenoaks. Turn right on Tuxford, right on the first street, then left on Randall.

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5. Open storage in Residential Zones: Store all large items out of public view. Items such as indoor furniture, plumbing fixtures, construction materials, automotive materials - you get the picture. I don't want to see yours anymore than, I am sure, you want to see mine.
6. Parking in Front Yards: It is illegal to park a vehicle on your front yard. Vehicles may be parked only on a driveway leading to a garage/carport, in a circular driveway or in a widened portion of a driveway created for the purpose of parking an RV, motor home or boat trailer.
7. Inoperative Vehicles: No inoperative vehicles may be parked in yards or driveways.
8. Trash bins: Do not set out your trash containers any earlier than 6:00 pm on the day prior to pick-up and take them back in no later than 8:00 pm the day of pick-up. Routine storage must be out of public view.
9. A-Frame Signs: Sandwich board signs are not permitted on public sidewalks (or trails as the case may be) at any time.
10. Honking your horn: It is illegal to honk your horn to signal someone in a building and are waiting for them. Car horns are for emergency use only.



**Discretionary Demolition of Historic Sites?
Part 1**

Los Angeles is embarking on a first Citywide "Historic Resources" survey - SurveyLA. Today, the City does not have information available about the historic value of non-landmarked structures and currently the process in place for obtaining demolition permits does not require discretionary action or public hearings if the structure is not a designated "historic monument" or historic landmark", which can result in potentially historically significant structures being demolished and elements of the City's historic resources being lost forever to future generations. As a result of this, in mid-February of 2007, Councilmember Jose Huizar presented a Motion to City Council asking that the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, review the feasibility of and provide recommendations for an Ordinance that would require a discretionary review by the Planning Department and/or Department of Building and Safety before demolition permits may be issued for buildings 45 years old or older.

The Councilmember also recommended that information on other large City's procedures and policies for handling applications to demolish non-historically designated structures that are 45 years old or older be researched.

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council and the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council submitted a Community Impact Statement supporting the Motion. The Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council not only supported the existing Motion, but recommended strengthening it even further by 1.) making all demolition permits, whether for an entire structure or any substantial portion of a structure regardless of age, a discretionary process requiring notification to the public via the Early Notification

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Administrative Penalties for Illegal Dumping - Part 2

by Elektra Kruger

In early 2008, the Bureau of Street Services submitted a proposed amendment to the LAMC that among other things would provide that if any document were found in a concentration of illegally dumped rubbish on a public right-of-way that clearly shows a name and address, this would serve as sufficient proof of identification for the responsible party and that party may be subject to monetary fines as well as clean-up and investigative costs. Currently, a dumper must be OBSERVED in the commission of a dumping violation by one WITH LEGAL AUTHORITY to be cited.

The Bureau is recommending imposing a graduated administrative penalty of \$500, \$750 and \$1,000 for each successive violation in a 12 month period. The proposed amendment includes authorization for the Board of Public Works to set an additional \$50 processing fee to recover costs of the program. A fourth violation would result in criminal prosecution as a criminal misdemeanor.

I beg to differ, but in my book it ought to start off with a one time \$1,000 penalty plus 500 hours of roadside clean-up service - non-negotiable - give them an appreciation of the effort it takes to clean up after them. Any subsequent violation whether within 12 months or within a lifetime should be subject to an additional \$1,000 fine plus automatic criminal prosecution. None of this "maybe" prosecution - the real thing without question or negotiation.

The Bureau recommends that the revenue derived from this enforcement program be used solely to fund further illegal dumping surveillance and enforcement by the Bureau of Street Services' Investigation and Enforcement Division. The proposal suggests a violator have the right to appeal all fines through an administrative hearing with the findings of the hearing officer to serve as City testimony if the matter is appealed to a civil court. There would be no involvement of the City Attorney's Office unless the hearing is appealed or the violator has been charged more than three times in any one calendar year. The Department of Public Works does not currently employ Administrative Hearing Examiners as they do in the Department of Transportation to adjudicate parking citations.

A hearing system would need to be established within the Department of Public Works or some form of agreement would need to be established within the Department of Transportation to extend their authority to hold administrative hearings for parkway (public right-of-way) violations. The proposed administrative penalty fee would then be used to offset Department of Transportation costs related to these administrative hearings if this route were considered.

The hope is that this program will improve the appearance

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of City streets, reduce blight and enhance quality of life through more effective enforcement. At their meeting in late July 2008, the City Council's Public Works Committee approved these recommendations and recommended that the full Council do the same. It did so in early August 2008. A Draft Ordinance was prepared and presented to the City Council's Public Works Committee for their review in late January 2010 by the Office of the City Attorney. SHPOA will keep you abreast of the progress of this issue.


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input/comment relative to their permit renewal application for their existing green waste processing operation. They requested no changes to the tonnage limits or any other aspect of the operation. Permits require periodic renewal and it is merely time for Waste Management's Green Waste Processing Permit to be renewed. The final public input and permit renewal approval/denial Hearing will take place in front of the Executive Board of CalRecycle in Sacramento on June 14.

ATHENS SERVICES

Athens Services is applying for a permit to build and operate a MRF/TS on the east side – i.e. the residential side - of Glenoaks Boulevard on Pendleton Street. It would be the first waste facility to process black bin garbage (household municipal waste/MSW) on the residential side of Glenoaks and is located within 900 feet of the nearest residential property. SHPOA has hired the services of a third-party legal firm to assist us with attempting to block Athen's expansion from recycling only Construction and Demolition debris (C&D) to a full MRF/TS operation, and many community organizations and individuals have provided written and verbal testimony opposed to the Athens proposal.

Athens claims that the City has no jurisdiction over approving/denying the expansion because they already have an existing City CUP and that the expansion is wholly a State matter. SHPOA differs with their opinion and we are being fully supported by Councilmember Paul Krekorian who openly opposes the Athens MRF/TS as proposed. Councilmember Krekorian is strongly requesting the City's Zoning Administrator review the facility's permit history and ensure that conditions be in place that not only govern C&D operations at the site, but also govern any current or future household trash processing. Councilmember Krekorian also is investigating the possibility of calling for a CUP review which would embrace City jurisdiction over the Athens facility and their operations.



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System and 2.) that all illegal demolitions be automatically penalized with a “scorched earth” prohibition which prohibits development of a vacant lot for a minimum of five years.

The recommendation further stated that “scorched earth” injunctions for illegal demolition of residential structures of five units or less could be lifted if a structure of similar vintage and style to that which had been demolished be

relocated to the lot and restored to the standards of the National Park Service Historical Preservation Program. In late November of 2007, the Los Angeles Director of City Planning - Gail Goldberg - reported that the Getty Foundation and the City of Los Angeles have entered into a grant agreement for the Citywide survey project. The Office of Historical Resources will be beginning pilot survey work in early 2008 with more intensive field surveys during 2009-2011.



Coffee with the LAPD Captain Hiltner and Sergeant Egger

We had a successful meeting with our new LAPD Captain Hiltner and Sergeant Egger on Saturday June 19. Approximately 30 neighbors met at 8:15 am to share concerns with in our SHPOA Community. From the meeting, I would like to provide the following important contact information that you should save for your reference. We are inviting Captain Hiltner and Sergeant Egger to our September 14th meeting. Look for the details in our September/October newsletter.

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How to communicate with the Police Department

Emergency: 911 – Crime in Action

Non emergency: 818 734 2223 / 2209 – suspicious activity or concerns

Foothill Station Front Desk: 818 756 8861 – information & file a report

Report non emergency crimes:

- 1) www.lacrimestoppers.com
- 2) www.lapdonline.org/reportacrime

Use the lapdonline address to report an ongoing observation, such as: suspected narcotics, theft from city trash can, damage to a mail box ??

This site also will take your information if you want to be anonymous.

The information is picked up daily when you report a crime on line. It goes into the data base of crimes reported to reinforce the each occurrence in our community. The information that you report is used to support investigations in progress and also build on the files that warrant additional patrols in our area. The LAPD encourages you to report any incident that you feel is a crime or disturbance in the neighborhood. They will respond if a patrol car is available. If they are not able to come, please report the incident on line or to the front desk.

If you require a written report, please call the Front Desk and file the information with the officer on duty. They will provide you with an incident report file number.

Dear Community Members,

For those of you who have recently driven down Wentworth and noticed beautiful new trees in the area of the tunnel, here is the behind-the-scene story ...



The Hollywood/LA Beautification Team (HBT), founded by Sharyn Romano, in partnership with our Recreation & Parks Dept, Council District #2, and community members are currently planting 221 trees at Hansen Dam Park

between McBroom and Wentworth. The planting grant was provided by The American Revitalization Recovery Act (ARRA) through CalRelief.

The trees are mostly natives, a variety of oaks, willows and other natives selected by Rec/Parks. The 53 trees on Wentworth are Chinese Pistache, not native, but a beautiful and hearty tree.

HBT staff and youth are planting the first 163 trees. A community event is being planned for Fall 2010 to give everyone an opportunity to help plant the next 58 trees. The trees are being truck watered by HBT. We are currently



seeking additional grant funding for the park and would like to install a drip irrigation system.



As a resident of Shadow Hills, Sharyn Romano worked with Mary Benson, Linda Fullerton, Andrea Gutman, Brian Burns and Terry Kaiser to bring trees to the Park - which has been very much in need of this kind of planting. We

hope Rec/Parks management will continue to give us their vital support by allowing us to add additional trees above Wentworth in the future.

We all want to THANK Sharyn for her dedication to our community and never-ending efforts to beautify our city, ONE TREE at a TIME. Thank you Sharyn!!!

Hollywood Beautification Team

PO Box 931090, Hollywood, CA 90093

Phone: (323) 962-2163

www.hbteam.org

How to communicate with the CITY

General information: 311

Freeway information: 511

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he was able to sleep without sitting up. In two months he was back at work full time in his trade of meat cutter.

The article in Coronet magazine read by the Corrigan family was written by Victor Boesen, October 1952. He tells about Herbert Sugarman of Los Angeles and his wife "who was anxiously cradling the blanketed form of their small son, Ronnie, who was in the gasping throes of an asthmatic seizure". When they reached the mountains and began the climb into Sunland at 1400 above sea level, the boy was breathing easier. At Tujunga he was breathing normally again.

Boesen says, "To the people of the twin towns of Tujunga... and Sunland ...this amazing phenomenon is considered a matter of course. For of their 30,000 inhabitants, perhaps 7000 are asthmatic".

Mr. Boesen in this article goes on to tell of the many others who successfully found relief from asthma and from arthritis as well. One man, nearly cured completely of asthma also got his hearing back.

According to the Boesen article, Doctor Charles C. Coghlan, specialist in allergies, pioneer in recognizing atmospheric conditions as a primary factor in allergy-caused disease, explained that the key to healing in Tujunga is a matter of geology and geography.

"Ranged along the south are the Verdugo Mountains. On the north are the San Gabriels, which reach a peak farther inland of more than 6,100 feet. On the northeast lies the Mojave Desert, and on the west swells the Pacific Ocean.

The floor of the pass between these two ranges, running down the middle of Foothill Blvd., rises from the west like a gangplank to a top of 2,000 feet. This is reached just east of Tujunga".

"The San Gabriels are of granite. The stone has a high capacity for storing heat from the sun, which, since the range parallels the sun's course, beats against the south slopes from morning to night. After sun-down, ordinarily the worst time for the asthmatic because irritants in the atmosphere settle with the cooling air, the heated granite keeps the air warmed and rising, pulling out any mischief-makers it may hold.

"The updraft along the San Gabriels is so pronounced that an asthmatic's attack artificially induced here may clear up in 20 minutes. Elsewhere, the attack may hang on for three days.

"To explain this phenomenon, the doctor set out the following year to learn the extent to which the updraft kept the air cleaned of pollutants. He placed glycerin slides in widely scattered points in the Los Angeles district, including Santa Catalina Island...Then from the heights just east of Tujunga, he blew 500 pounds of red stained cement and talc into the air through a two inch pipe, 75 feet high. Later he gathered his slides and slipped them under a microscope for a count of dust particles. On those from the Tujunga area the count was relatively nil".

In his article, Victor Boesen called the people who live here (1950's) "this brotherhood of asthmatics gathered from all over the United States".

Ban on Mobile Billboards Pending

by Elektra Kruger

Mobile billboard advertising is becoming prevalent throughout the City being transported by truck or trailer and then left to sit for days on end resulting in visual blight, decreased visibility for pedestrians/drivers along streets, and reduced availability of on-street parking. Attempts by the City Council to prohibit mobile billboards have been met with legal concerns by the City Attorney's Office which argues that to enforce a prohibition of mobile billboards would require the City to provide advance notice of the restrictions which would entail posting warning signs on every entrance point in the City - something that would be cost prohibitive plus it would further add to visual blight in and of itself.

Interesting! Does this imply that it is ok for me to walk down Sunland Boulevard topless because it is not posted that I am not allowed to do so? Hooray to a recent ruling by the United States Court of Appeals in a case entitled *Lone Star Security and Video, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*. The Court upheld the City's practice of towing vehicles or trailers without notice that have been parked on the street for more than 72 hours. This ruling may have set a precedent that would allow the City to enforce other parking restrictions as well without requiring posted notice signs.

In response to this, in early September 2009, Councilmember Dennis Zine presented a Motion to City Council asking that the City Attorney, along with any other relevant agencies report to the City Council on the effects of the Lone Star ruling on the legality of a ban on mobile billboards in the City and for the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft Ordinance to fully effectuate such a ban. The Motion was referred to both the City Council's Transportation and Planning and Land-Use Management (PLUM) Committees for their review and recommendation.

The Transportation Committee considered the Motion at their mid-January 2010 meeting at which time, in addition to the requests of the initial Motion, they added the recommendation of a feasibility study of making it a condition of a business tax license that companies do not use mobile billboard advertising. Their recommendation was forwarded to PLUM. At PLUM's mid-February 2010 meeting, the PLUM Committee concurred with the findings of the Transportation Committee despite testimony from a representative of "Citi-Mobile" opposing the proposal. With a name like that, can anyone guess why?

A Community Impact Statement was submitted by the Studio City Neighborhood Council relating that the Neighborhood Council had voted unanimously in favor of the Motion following a comment by Councilmember Paul Krekorian at their General Meeting that he "wants more arrows in his quiver" and that the mobile billboards were a hazard subject to rolling into the public right-of-way and blocking traffic and Mrs. Krekorian mentioning having seen one "blow over". The item was initially scheduled to be heard in City Council on March 5, 2010. It went on several continuances.

At a subsequent City Council Hearing in late March 2010, Councilmember Dennis Zine added a Verbal Motion requesting that the City Attorney include in the Draft Ordinance "fines at the highest possible level." Councilmember Krekorian submitted an amended Motion requesting that the City Attorney base the Draft Ordinance on the Mobile Billboard Ban Ordinance of the City of West Hollywood which states it to be "unlawful for any person to conduct, or cause to be conducted, any mobile billboard advertising upon any street or other public place within the city in which the public has the right-of-way". City Council adopted the Motion which only requests the City Attorney to present a Draft Ordinance to the City Council for their approval - the Ordinance itself is still pending. SHPOA will keep you abreast of if and when the Ordinance itself will be drafted and become effective.

The One Envelope to Rebuild Your Life

by Elektra Kruger

The flames are coming. Of course the main thing is to get your family and the animals out of harm's way. Then, given the worst case scenario: you are one of the unfortunate people that end up sifting through the ashes to reconstruct your shattered lives. Identity theft? Not this time. This time you are facing identity recognition - how do you prove who you are? If you've planned ahead, and that is what this article is about, along with your family and animals - grab the one magic envelope that will help you begin the rebuilding process. That envelope should contain:

- A copy of everyone's Birth Certificate
- A copy of everyone's Social Security Card
- A copy of everyone's Driver's License
- A copy of everyone's Passport

A sheet listing all updated financial information for everyone's checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, retirement funds, stocks, bonds, and credit cards (front and back) including:

- Name of the Institution
- Account Numbers
- Passwords
- Safety Deposit Box Information along with a copy of the Key
- Copy of Tax Documents, State and Federal, for the last two 2 years
- Copy of the most recent Property Tax Bill
- Title Documents for your Home and Cars
- Legal Documents:
 - Wills
 - Trusts
 - Durable Power of Attorney
 - Medical Directives
- Copies of Insurance Policies for life, health, home and car

Make two or three copies of each of the above documents and keep one for yourself in your home, keep one in a bank safe deposit box, and keep one with a trusted relative or friend. A good idea for the home packet is to include enough cash to meet your family's most basic needs for 96 hours. Another good idea is to keep a short list (10 max) of emergency phone numbers of relatives or other critical personnel.

IMPORTANT: A SPECIAL MEETING of the L.A. Equine Advisory committee has been scheduled JULY 12th, at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center at 6:30 PM.

This meeting was called in response to requests the Committee received about water allotments and concerns for the local equestrian stables and ranches. We have an opportunity to meet with Marty Adams Director of Water Quality from the DWP on the Equestrian and livestock Water issues.

Water for Equines

Here is the "Request for Accommodation for Horses" application. Please fill it out and fax it back to 213-367-9749. To qualify, the horses must be registered with the City of Los Angeles Animal Services, must be kept on the customer's property, and the property must be zoned by the City of Los Angeles for keeping horses.

The increased allotment is one HCF (748 gallons) per horse per month in the customer's first tier allotment of water for up to 5 horses. Accommodations are only applicable when shortage year rates are in effect and may not exceed the customer's normal first tier allotment of water.

Please be aware that the increased allotment for horse accommodations has not been approved by the City as part of the rate ordinance. The proposal is still under consideration but nothing has been finalized. The applications are being accepted but no changes to the first tier allotment will be made unless the proposal is approved.

LADWP Single-Family Residential Customers Shortage year Water Rates Request for Accommodations for Horses

Shortage Year Water Rate Accommodations for horses are credits to be applied by LADWP to the customer's bills. The credits are based on an increase of 748 gallons (one HCF) per horse per month in the customer's first tier allotment of water for up to 5 horses. To qualify, horses must be registered with the City of Los Angeles animal Services, must be kept on the customer's property, and the property must be zoned by the City of Los Angeles for keeping horses. Accommodations are only applicable when shortage year rates are in effect and may not exceed the customer's normal year first tier allotment of Water.

LADWP Customer's Information

Customer Name (from LADWP Water Bill) _____
 Customer Service Address _____
 Phone Number _____

I request a water shortage year rate accommodation for the following horses(s) that are kept on my residential property served by LADWP:

	Horse's Registered Name*	City of LA Animal Services Animal ID/Person ID
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
	Horse's Owner's Name*	Owner's Address (if different than Applicants' address)
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____

* If owner's name is different than applicant's name above

I certify that the information stated above is correct to the best of my knowledge, that the horse (s) are kept on my property, and that I am in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations for keeping horses on my property.

 Applicant Signature _____
 Date

Please mail this application to: OR Fax application to: 213-367-9749
 LADWP
 111 N. Hope Street Room 757
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Form: 9/15/09

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Septic Tanks
Guest Speaker: Sam Alavi
From Bureau of Sanitation

Coming Soon
SHPOA
Garage Sale 8am - 2pm
BBQ, Hot Dogs & Soda

EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER NEEDS - BLANKETS/TOWELS/TOYS/TREATS FOR CATS AND DOGS
PLEASE BRING TO EAST VALLEY FEED/TACK

Mark your calendar . . .

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Key Community Locations & Contact Information

- All Nations Church: 10000 Foothill Blvd., Lakeview Terrace**
- Bolton Hall: 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga 818-352-3420**
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lakeview Terrace**
- Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna at Sunland, Shadow Hills) Pastor Janet Winslow.353-3500**
- Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Sun Valley, 818-767-0314**
- Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley**
- Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills**
- Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley**
- City of LA East Valley Municipal Building/ Office CD2
Councilman Paul Krekorian, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Sunland
818-352-3287**

Community Calendar

Sunday, July 4

- **Independence Day Parade**
Foothill Boulevard - Sunland and Tujunga

Tuesday, July 13

- **SHPOA General Meeting - Sam Alavi from Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Engineering Service Division.**
Topic: Septic Tanks - Tierra Del Sol - 7 pm

1st Tuesday of Every Month

- **FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting**
9749 Wheatland - 7 pm

3rd Tuesday of Every Month

- **Neighborhood Watch**
North Valley Municipal Building - 7 pm

4th Tuesday of Every Month

- **Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board**
Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center - 7 pm

3rd Thursday of Every Month

- **FTDNC General Meeting**
Check website for location www.ftdnc.org - 7pm

4th Wednesday of Every Month

- **ETI Corral 20 Meeting - Becky Borquez - 818.352.3634**
Stonehurst Park, Rock Building - 7pm

Oct. 18th

- **ETI Corral 20 Harvest Moon Dinner Dance**

Important City Numbers

Dial 311 for Information on all City Services
Dial 511 for Freeway Information
Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power: (800) 342-5397
Street Service: (800) 996-2489
Large Item Pickup (800) 773-2489
Abandoned Car: (800) 222-6366

East Valley Animal Shelter

East Valley Animal Shelter is now located at 14409 Vanowen in Van Nuys, 1 block east of Van Nuys Blvd. at the corner of Vanowen and Lennox. Toll free 1-888-452-7381 (menu option 1 then 4 then 5) inside line 1-213-485-8613 or 1-818-756-9323.