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Preserving Equestrian Zoning in Shadow Hills

By SHPOA Board of Directors



You've heard this before. Shadow Hills will be the last equestrian community in the City of Los Angeles. Why is that?

Shadow Hills is leaking. It's bleeding. One by one, we are losing equestrian properties much like other areas in the City. We are like a checkerboard on the verge of becoming a sieve. If we lose the contiguous nature of our equestrian properties we will lose what defines Shadow Hills and we will never get it back. Some are oversights, some are complicated legal/property matters and some are due to people not caring. The fact is, it's happening and it needs to stop.

SHPOA is working with the Equine Advisory Committee, Councilman Felipe Fuentes (pictured above) and our Neighborhood Council to deal with this long-standing problem. Together, we've created a motion under review by the City's Planning and Land Use Management Committee that seeks to close loopholes that lead to the loss of equine properties. We're trying to have equine rights "run with the land." Learn more about this issue and Motion at our May meeting, in Daily Fodder and upcoming newsletters. 🐾



The Last Equestrian Community in Los Angeles

By Dave DePinto

It's not easy being the last equestrian community in Los Angeles. And SHPOA is fighting along with leaders in neighboring communities to preserve our lifestyle.

2014 has been a challenge for Shadow Hills and our "communities of interest" such as La Tuna Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Sun Valley, Sunland and Tujunga. Just when we were getting the upper hand on speeders, mail box theft, recycling bin scavengers, homeless, street paving and illegally parked vehicles and trailers, things got crazy.

March did not just come in like a lion...it came in, literally out of nowhere, with a brand new cement mixing plant on the corner of Wentworth and Foothill along with a "solar farm" proposed for an empty lot across the street from All Nations Church. There could be as many as 20 or more similar solar farms proposals in Council District 7.

(See *Last Equestrian*, p.3)

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It's The Meeting You've Been Waiting For!

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- ***Horse Licensing***
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2014 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER! Help Shadow Hills! Join SHPOA Today!

by Eric Stein

Residents will receive a membership reminder in the mail. While we are thrilled that our membership has nearly reached 400 members, remember Shadow Hills has over 2,200 households and more than 6,000 residents.

It's easy and inexpensive to do your fair share. SHPOA's services and benefits are provided by volunteers at no cost. Please join TODAY! Thank you. **See page 3, right column.**

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LAPD Update

By Sue Mansis

LAPD Officer Rich Wall has been named permanent Senior Lead Officer (SLO) for Sun Valley and the east and south side of Shadow Hills. He is replacing long time SLO Michelle Rodriguez. We are very familiar with Rich, as he's been SLO up on "The Rock," as LAPD calls Tujunga, for the past 6 years, and stood in faithfully when Sunland and Shadow Hills were in between SLOs. Rich has been with LAPD for 23 years and knows the ins and outs of every nook and cranny of these hills, so we feel confident that we are in good hands!

LAPD divides Shadow Hills into two "Senior Lead" areas - Rich's section of Shadow Hills will cover south of Stonehurst to Glenoaks, and all streets east of Sunland Blvd, which include Sunland Way, Green Verdugo Road, Shadow Island Drive, Teazole Canyon Rd, Sombra Valley & Sombra Terrace, Catskill Rd, Shadow Island Drive & Way, (short) Wornom, Rotta Ave, Sunland Place and all streets off East Wheatland Ave. While we say a sincere and grateful farewell to Michelle, we extend a hearty welcome and wish for many successful years ahead with SLO Rich Wall. Please note Rich's contact info in the column at left. 🐾

Horse Vaccination Special at SHPOA Meeting!

Dr. David Robertson, DVM, will be hosting a vaccination clinic at the SHPOA Equestrian Meeting at Stonehurst Park, Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 to noon. He will be offering a discount on vaccinations and there will be NO call charge. Bring your horses so you can save money on your spring vaccinations!

Musings of the Past and Future

By Sue Mansis

Every residential landscape ambles in its past, but architecture can often be a hint to understanding its future. Like most communities, Shadow Hills architectural 'landscape' boasts its traditional and modern; its eclectic and eccentric, its overbuilt and understated.

With all the new construction that's going on around here these days, it seems that anyone who's lived here more than 20 years prides their home as being a piece of Shadow Hills history. I've lived here only 14 years - merely a child in terms of legitimate "old timer" residency - but through these years, I've come to appreciate those properties that I feel characterize the original and unique landscape of Shadow Hills.

The river rock homes (those are super cool - literally!) are wonderfully insulated bungalows of boulders reminiscent of "Flintstone" architecture and constructed from what was naturally abundant here in the early part of the century. Simple, yet strong, these homes echo a time of uncomplicated pleasures and friendly neighborhood interdependence where I can imagine lively conversations over the back wall while hanging out clothes on a fresh spring afternoon.

(See **Musings** on page 4.)

(*Last Equestrian*, cont'd from p.1)

Readers of Daily Fodder are well aware of what has followed as our daily email has kept everyone up-to-date. (You may subscribe for free by emailing shpoa@shpoa.us).

Cement Mixing Plant in Shadow Hills?

While we love newly paved freeways, we don't want a cement mixing plant near the entrance to Shadow Hills. Especially one which was placed on property that CalTrans and/or its contractors had no right or permission to occupy, and no permits to conduct grading or all the other activities of a cement mixing plant.

Fortunately, with the help of SHPOA and other vigilant community members, swift action from Councilman Fuentes and fast work by the LA Department of Building and Safety, that sizable nuisance has gone away. Many of you may have seen the original location of the CalTrans contractor's equipment off the side of the 210 Freeway. Turns out they should not have been there either and were forced to leave. Whenever you see strange activity on any property – occupied or vacant, please let us know.



3,500 Panel Solar Farms on Empty Residential Lots?

Turns out the cement plant was just a warm-up. Next came a stealthily marketed solar energy project right in the middle of a Lake View Terrace residential neighborhood, across the street from All Nations Church, fronting our Foothill Blvd. Scenic Corridor and visible to many hillside homes in Shadow Hills. The picture above shows the residential property in Lake View Terrace where the solar farm is proposed – that is not an appropriate land use. In the picture, local leaders are being interviewed by the press. Below, you see a solar farm in Palm Springs, near windmills and a power plant, where it is an appropriate land use.



Nearly everyone in Shadow Hills supports solar energy
(See *Last Equestrian* , p.5)

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Membership Form

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

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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
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(Musings cont'd from page 2.)

Then there's the "cowboy" flats - those which were likely seasonal hunting cottages or cabins, nestled in the wild outback of Los Angeles back then, but now remodeled and updated to accommodate 20th century lifestyles. Clapboard shingles, slightly sagging wood porches and usually with a rocker or wooden seat out front, these homes beg you to slow down, rest a while and enjoy the sounds of unspoiled nature or views of native red tailed hawks gliding over distant hills. I'm sure those houses must've been gathering spots for impromptu game nights or warm summertime cookouts while horse tails swished away the flies in a corral out back.

Lastly we find the true 'ranches' - those which were built on ample acreage with a vision of horses roaming free and gracefully fading into the landscape. Wood pole fencing (complete with gnawed teeth marks) and beautiful expanses of rugged Shadow Hills 'prairie pasture' with a long trail-like driveway arriving at a stately, but humble entrance. Homesteaded by ancestors or modern pioneers of their day, these ranches reflect the true spirit of the Wild West and often parallel a time we only read of in dusty leather-bound books tucked into forgotten shelves. The bigness of these ranchers' hearts and generosity of their land produced a legacy that crowned Shadow Hills as the equestrian dream it still strives to be today.

Many residents stay true to the nature, spirit and roots of these old Shadow Hills homes when remodeling their properties and I genuinely salute that. The longer we live here and share in the passion of this community, the more I believe we are naturally adopted into the 'history of the future' of Shadow Hills and I find it very comforting to be a small part of that landscape: stuck in time, yet ever changing. 🐾

Parking Improvements in Shadow Hills

By Sue Mansis

The front page of our March-April issue featured a story outlining rules for parking vehicles, including trailers, campers, RV's and trucks. Since the publishing of that article, we have heard from a number of our residents - some very pleased about the information and some who questioned its accuracy and the veracity with which the City and SHPOA wanted to see the rules enforced.

Based on the feedback, we and a number of our residents have been talking to city parking officials trying to get to the bottom of both the rules and the enforcement priorities. We've learned the rules are ambiguous at times and unclear at others. We've also learned it depends who you talk to in the City as to what certain rules or definitions are, and what will be enforced. We want to provide you with the most accurate, "real world" information possible.

We've also learned about what are known as the City's "Good Neighbor" laws. What we wish to convey first and foremost is the emphasis on "Good Neighbor" and that is the spirit in which we encourage awareness and cooperation with codes that enforce illegal OR inconsiderate parking of any type of vehicle. Our SHPOA President, Dave DePinto, uses the tongue in cheek example of "if you park your RV on your roof, and refuse to do anything about it when asked properly, you deserve to hear from SHPOA or from the City as that's an obvious (See **Parking** on Page 6)

(Last Equestrian, cont'd from p.3)

on rooftops and in appropriate locations. The problem is that City Planning approved the solar farm project at that location due to a loophole in the state law that allows such development to occur without any local review or transparency, and state law supercedes City law in many circumstances. In addition, the locations of proposed sites are very difficult to obtain due to state law, so many people are not aware of projects pending in their neighborhood. Hard to believe, isn't it!

That led to an appeal to the Area Planning Commission, spearheaded by Nancy Woodruff of Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Lyles Perkins of Courtship Ranch, SHPOA and other community leaders. We've been joined by Councilman Felipe Fuentes and have broadened our efforts to reach out to the Board of DWP Commissioners, Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, and the Sierra Club.

Good news – in early May, the Area Planning Commission voted to support our appeal, meaning the proposed project is denied, pending further appeal or lawsuit by the developer. Our vigilance must continue, however, as there are dozens of similar proposals in our area...and we don't know many of the locations of such projects. We all should be vigilant – what do you think the effect of a solar farm on a property near you will do to you health, safety, aesthetics and property values?

We will keep you updated on this project both on Foothill Boulevard and other locations as soon as we get more information. Look for updates on Daily Fodder. 🐾

Voluntarism is an essential part of our plan to give the government back to the people. I believe the people are anxious for this responsibility. I believe they want to be enlisted in this cause.

RONALD REAGAN

10/5/1981



Voluntarism Lives at SHPOA! THANKS Volunteers!

We all owe thanks to SHPOA Volunteers who cleaned weeds and debris along Foothill Boulevard on Saturday, May 3. Volunteers included from left to right: Marty & Suzanne Devega, Jane ElFarra, Ina & Anton Bosch, Gail Wilke, Andrea Gutman, Terri Ortiz, Kathy Davis, Dave DePinto (behind the camera) and Chuck Lamm (not pictured).

Volunteer a Project for SHPOA's Volunteers!

By Anton Bosch

The idea of a volunteer corps doing various cleanup and beautification tasks around Shadow Hills goes back at least twelve years. The Krugers and Gutmans were part (See **Volunteer a Project** on Page 7)

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parking violation and blight in our neighborhood."

Already neighbors have written to let us know they're calling Parking Enforcement, Building and Safety or Dept. of Transportation about illegally parked situations they've 'put up with' until recently. And many residents have thoughtfully responded to requests from neighbors to address obvious violations and eyesores. We are all better off for these actions. We are grateful that most residents support these "Good Neighbor" laws and understand the greater good the enforcement of them brings to the community.

The primary contact numbers to call for abandoned or oversized commercial vehicles, those parked on the street for more than 72 hours, and those parked on front lawns or blocking driveways, alleys, trails, etc. are:

- Parking Enforcement (818-374-4823)
- Dept of Building & Safety:
 Inspector, Craig Davis 818-374-9858

Vehicles may never be parked on front lawns, grass or 'dirt'. If there are any doubts, you may contact the above numbers and a representative of the departments will come out to determine the legality of the situation. Being a 'good neighbor' raises property value, furthers pride of ownership, creates peaceful living and emotional harmony. Being proactive about your own parked vehicles helps us all to be a good neighbor!

We still have some questions that we need answered by the City. We are in communication with the proper officials to tour our neighborhood to point out special situations and explain their interpretations of codes and ordinances. Once we get the scoop "straight from the horse's mouth" and are 100% sure of the rules and enforcement provisions we will communicate further on this topic via our meetings, Daily Fodder and our newsletter. 🌳



Help the Trees! (A Worthy Volunteer Project!)

By Andrea Gutman

A few years ago the Hollywood Beautification Team helped plant trees along Wentworth and near the tunnel that connects Shadow Hills to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area. Due to our severe drought, a dry winter and a hot spring, many of those trees are struggling to survive. SHPOA is trying to help out by purchasing water tanks and enlisting volunteers to help water the trees occasionally until they recover.

We are tackling this project under the umbrella of the Volunteer Committee but it may need even more tender care and watchful eyes than our Committee can regularly provide. The work involved requires folks who can lend us a golf cart, help us water the plants and help us fill the water tanks.

If you are a tree hugger, you can't let this project pass you by. Please contact either Anton Bosch (anton@ifcb or 818-823-8588) or Andrea Gutman (jgutman1@ca.rr.com or 818-353-5974). 🌳

(Volunteer a Project cont'd from Page 5)

of that original group and they still faithfully work towards the goal of improving our environment. But over the years it fell to a very small group to carry this burden.

At a SHPOA board meeting in September 2012 it was agreed that the idea of a volunteer corps or committee should be revived. The board, with input from all the people at that meeting, envisioned doing cleanup projects, tree plantings, litter cleanup, etc. The intent was twofold:

- Public locations which needed fixing (such as we've done to date)
- Private properties of people in need - elderly, disabled, etc.

We want to balance projects in public locations with projects designed just to be good neighbors to those who need our help. Our goal is to help someone who is in need with some general cleanup (preferably the front yard) or even repair a fence, gate or mailbox or even do a bit of painting.

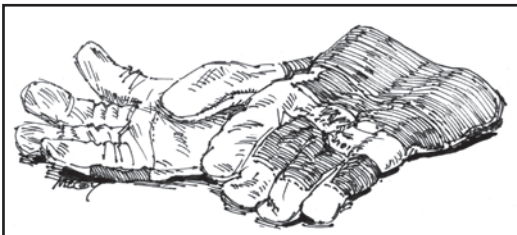
Our challenge is to find "deserving" candidates. The ideal candidate(s) would be elderly, the disabled, a serviceman overseas or anyone who has fallen on hard times. We prefer to do the front yard rather than the back which will benefit not only the property owner, but also the rest of the community.

Maybe you have first-hand knowledge of someone who fits the profile and who would appreciate our assistance. Every street in Shadow Hills has several properties that need help but we are not asking for suggestions based on properties just being an eyesore. We need to know that the owners cannot do this for themselves AND that they will not be offended by the offer to help.

If you know someone who can use our help, then please send me the address as well as contact details (**Anton Bosch, Volunteer Coordinator, Anton@ifcb.net**). 🐾



This new banner (in real life, it's 4' x 8', and printed in colors of green and red) will be displayed when the volunteer committee is at work on a project. It's a visible reminder that SHPOA is actively engaged in maintaining the character of the Shadow Hills area that we know and love. We invite you to lend your hands! 🐾



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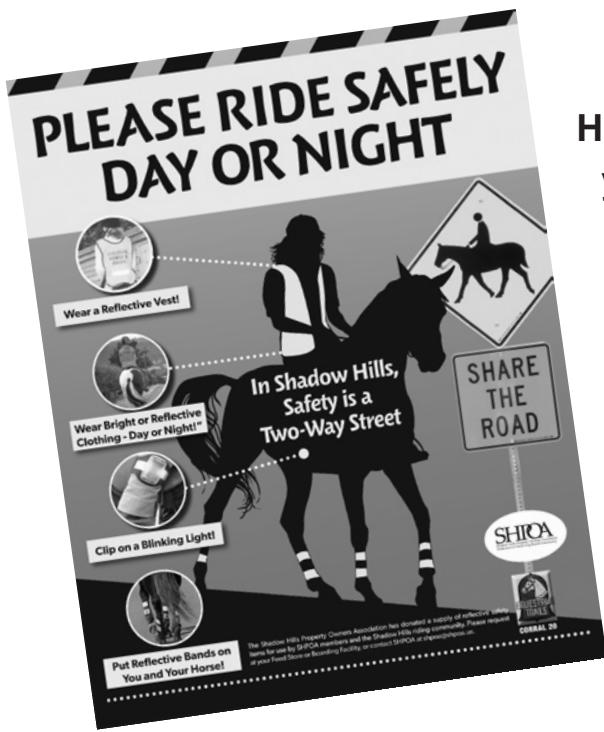
The "Johnny Carpenter" Film Festival is coming! It's tentatively scheduled for Friday June 27th and Saturday June 28th. Friday will begin with a pre-viewing reception from 6-7 p.m. with the show to begin 7 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. Saturday will be a matinee, with the show beginning 1 p.m. and concluding at 3 p.m.

Several rare movies featuring Johnny Carpenter will be presented for the first time together in many years. Johnny was a stuntman, actor and cowboy whose original "Heaven on Earth Ranch" was located on Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace. Johnny built an authentic western town and taught physically and mentally challenged children and young adults to ride horses.

Admission will be \$20 per day or \$30 for both days. Sponsorships begin at \$100. There will be a silent auction. Snacks and drinks will be sold on site. The location and titles being shown will be announced soon. You can visit our website: www.NHOER.org for further updates.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, learn more about NHOER, please call 818 470-5235 or email: lamikec@yahoo.com. Proceeds will benefit the ongoing operation of the new "Heaven on Earth" Ranch including the "Randy Horton" Riding Program and the preservation of the legacy of Johnny Carpenter.

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New Horse Safety Posters!

by Dave DePinto

Along with the new equestrian crossings on Wentworth Street and the many "Share the Road" signs throughout the community, SHPOA is working with ETI Corral 20 to support safety for horses, riders and cars with this new "Safety is a Two-Way Street" poster. The poster encourages equestrians to ride smart with lighting or reflectors at night, and has been printed in both English and Spanish. The poster will be hanging at local barns and stables, feed stores, trail junctions, trail entrances and more. 🐾



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Pet Disaster Preparedness

By Denise Fleck, www.sunnydogink.com

Hopefully you will never experience a fire destroying your home, yet you plan ahead -- install fire alarms, smoke detectors and purchase insurance. You certainly hope never to be involved in a car accident, but you have airbags and wear a seat belt (and should safely restrain your dogs/pets as well). Being prepared makes sense as we can minimize potential injury to those we love. However, most people are not prepared for a major disaster.

At The Very Least

1. Place a Pet Alert Sticker near your home's front door recording how many and what type of animals live there. If you aren't home when tragedy strikes, trained professionals will seek out and help your pets.

2. Designate a Pre-Arranged Meeting Place for your family and identify several Places That Can Take Your Pets such as the So Cal Animal Response Team, American Humane Association, the Humane Society of the United States and your local Animal Control. They are working hard to train communities to set-up temporary animal shelters, but it could still be days before these facilities are in place. Making arrangements ahead of time with out-of-town friends and relatives is your best bet, but have a "Plan B." Susan Keyes, President of the So Cal Animal Response Team says, "Long-term housing and care for pets is the area we have found people to be least prepared." Check with pet day care and boarding facilities as well as your Veterinarian to see if they will accommodate during a disaster. Compile a list of hotels where pets are welcome and set aside one credit card just for emergency use. It's also a good idea to have cash (in bills smaller than 20s) easily accessible as ATM Machines will not be working.

3. Stash the following for each pet in an easy-to-carry backpack or crate (that way you'll have the carrier to evacuate in):

- A two-week supply of food & medication stored in an airtight container with a manual can opener; water (for medium to large dogs, one gallon per day). Exchange these items regularly so they are fresh when needed.
- A water-proof container with vaccination and micro-chipping records and photos of your pet with your family as proof of ownership.
- Treats, toys, bedding, food and water dishes; collars/harnesses and leashes; litter, scoop and boxes for kitties; specialty items for pocket pets, birds, reptiles and amphibians; disinfectant for cleaning crates, paper towels, flashlight with batteries, zip ties, duct tape, garbage bags and a well-stocked Pet First-Aid Kit.

Where To Put It All

Consider storing your goods in several locations if disaster strikes. Positioning items close to an outside wall in your home will allow easier access should buildings collapse and you need to rummage through rubble to get to your supplies. Also, stowing duplicate items in your car is a good idea.

Specifically for Earthquakes

Unlike most natural disasters, there is no advanced warning for an earthquake allowing no time for last minute precautions. In addition to the steps above:

- Never position dog runs, crates or enclosures underneath objects that could fall during a tremor.
- Add a pair of bolt cutters to your disaster kit in case damaged cages or fencing need opening.
- Know where to turn off the gas to your house, barn or kennels.
- Include your pets in the family earthquake drill and make sure all family members know how to handle them realizing that a frightened pet may bite or scratch.
- If you board your pet, make sure the facility knows of your earthquake preparedness plans.

Should an earthquake occur, confine your pets. Dogs that escape sometimes return at mealtime, but there are no guarantees! Be prepared to handle cut and burned paws, splint broken bones, and stop bleeding in humans as well. Update your pet and human first aid training before you wish you had.

Preparing for the worst may just prevent the worst from happening! 🐎

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Annual Rummage Sale

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, 10158 Johanna Ave, Sunland, will host its Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 7, from 8am – 3pm. Join us for a day of shopping in our large Parking Lot. Check out our treasure room and find jewelry and vintage items. Show up early (Early Bird Special - 7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. - \$5) and be first to buy all these great items in the parking lot or treasure room.

For more information, please call 818-353-2500.

Removing Dumpsters from Public Right-of-Ways

by Elektra Kruger

Since 2007, the City Council has introduced several Motions asking to regulate and enforce placement of dumpsters and large storage containers in City Streets. Each Motion called for amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to protect against conflicts with vehicular traffic and other public safety issues especially in our narrower hillside substandard streets. No finalized action has ever been taken since 2007.

There are some regulations regarding placement of dumpsters and trash containers, however the City lacks sufficient resources for proper enforcement of those regulations. There is an on-going proliferation of containers in the public right-of-way including such things as portable on-demand storage containers referred to as PODS. Non-permitted bins or dumpsters on City streets continue to block the flow of general traffic not to mention that of emergency vehicles.

Councilmember Bernard Parks feels it is imperative
(See ***Removing Dumpsters*** on page 12)



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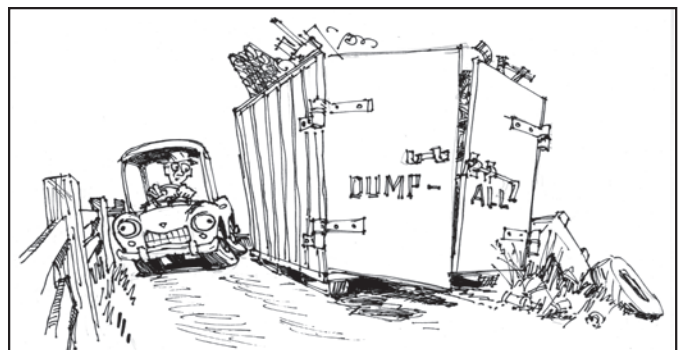
that the City finally moves forward with some form of comprehensive enforcement program. In late January 2014, the Councilmember submitted a Motion asking that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services and the City Attorney to develop a program to regulate dumpsters and storage containers illegally placed in the public right-of-way as well as require that every container be equipped with appropriate reflectors or other safety markings such that drivers may be cognizant of their location.

Back in 2007 it was Councilmember Tom LaBonge that submitted a Motion asking that the Bureau of Street Services report with recommendations relative to laws, rules and regulations surrounding the placement of construction dumpsters and trash bins on substandard hillside streets in order to remove any impediments to emergency response vehicles. The Council's Public Works Committee recommended that the City Attorney prepare and present an Ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to authorize impoundment of bins placed on public right-of-ways for more than 72 hours - just like vehicles being parked on the same spot on the street without being moved for 72 hours.

The City Council adopted the recommendation, but there was no further action on this Motion and in 2008, SHPOA submitted a letter to the Public Works Committee and the City Attorney urging the City to resurrect consideration of this Motion, but no Draft Ordinance was ever prepared. Shadow Hills has many hillside substandard streets often with dumpsters parked in them creating a serious hazard.

In 2009 it was Councilmember Tony Cardenas' turn to submit a Motion asking the City Attorney to prepare a Draft Ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code as necessary to implement a dumpster enforcement program that would monitor and remove illegally placed dumpsters from the City's public right-of-ways. In 2011 the City Attorney did in fact prepare and present a Draft Ordinance which subsequently expired in a pile of dust from inaction in 2013.

It is City policy to deem expired any Motion seeing no action for a period of two years. Councilmember Parks fared a bit better with his 2014 Motion. The Public Works Committee approved the recommendations contained in the Councilmember's Motion at their March 5, 2014 meeting. At the March 18 City Council Hearing, not only was the initial Motion adopted but a couple amending Motions were added, one being that illegally placed dumpsters and storage containers be impounded if they are solely being used for advertising and to add clothing collection bins to the regulation program. 🐾





EQUESTRIAN BILL OF RIGHTS

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

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

- I. Equestrians shall have the right to staff representation within government agencies including, but not limited to, Planning, Transportation and Building and Safety to develop and promote equestrian uses, activities and businesses.
- II. Equestrians shall have the right to an Equestrian friendly Trails Master Plan as part of the General Plan Framework.
- III. 3. Equestrians shall have a right to horse keeping as an agricultural use, zoning for which will be protected and expanded in Los Angeles Community and Specific Plans.
- IV. Equestrians shall have equal rights to use of parks and public facilities.
- V. Equestrians shall have the right to an equine census as well as recognition and representation of the LA equine presence.
- VI. Equestrians and equines shall have the right to expect that those who endanger, injure or kill equines or equestrians be dealt with to the full extent of the law.
- VII. Equestrians obeying rules of the road retain legal right of way when encountering all vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.
- VIII. Equestrians shall have the right to expect government agencies to address equine issues using existing laws of the city, county and state and to expect correction of all contradictions and removal of anomalies in the LAMC.
- IX. Equestrians shall have the right to traffic signals, signage, crosswalks and also trail maintenance standards that enable and support safe riding and carriage driving.
- X. Equestrians shall have the right to be actively engaged as a constituent group in the organization and administration of Los Angeles communities with respect to horse keeping and trails.



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Critical Firefighter Hiring Needs

by Elektra Kruger

There is currently a major imbalance between firefighter hiring and attrition within the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) causing the Department to begin depending on its "Recall System" to fill even daily staffing requirements in the City's 106 fire stations and has made it difficult to staff existing fire companies and rescue ambulances. The LAFD has not hired a single firefighter in over five years and the last recruit training class graduated in February 2009. In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the LAFD had roughly 3,600 sworn members on its payroll - by late

2013, through attrition, that number dropped to around 3,100.

Further, in the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, the LAFD is scheduled to hire one recruit class of 70 firefighters which, based on a historic 20% attrition rate, will result in approximately 55 actual recruits that will continue on to become members of the LAFD and these will not enter the field until June 2014. At the same time, there are 60 current sworn members who MUST exit the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) before June 30, 2014 - a plan initiated to retain as many existing firefighters in the field as possible. This will leave us with even fewer firefighters on the payroll than we have today. Mandatory retirements via the DROP program will continue with 120 anticipated during Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and another 178 during Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Shockingly, it would take the LAFD academy running continuously for the next four-and-a-half years - to April of 2018 - just to hire enough firefighters and paramedics to bring regular staffing levels to it's minimum capacity.

Generally a "Recall" is something saved for emergency situations like earthquakes or major fires in which a larger than normal deployable field force is needed. To have to depend on the "Recall System" to fill minimum daily staffing requirements suggests the LAFD is facing a severe staffing crisis. Why? This was a question on the mind of Councilmember Mike Bonin when he submitted a Motion to City Council in mid-October 2013, asking that they instruct the LAFD, the Office of the City Administrative Officer and the Personnel Department to report on:

- How the Fire Department ended up in this situation in the first place and what processes should have been in place to catch this staffing imbalance (the Councilmember is new to Los Angeles and obviously is not familiar with the City's stringent hiring freezes not to mention the recent mandatory furloughs of active firefighters)
- Options for increasing the number of Drill Tower (academy) classes.
- Staffing needs of the Recruit Training Section to possibly open a second Drill Tower (academy)
- Staffing needs of the Public Safety Division of the Personnel Department to assist with potentially processing additional firefighter applicants.

The Motion was referred to both the City Council's Public Safety Committee and Personnel Committee for their review and recommendations. In late January 2014, James Featherstone, the Interim Fire Chief, and Margaret Whelan, the General Manager of the City's Personnel Department submitted a joint report to the City Council in response to the points noted above. SHPOA will present an overview of this report in a future issue of the SHPOA Newsletter. 🐾



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Calling All Equestrian Service Organizations!

by Dave DePinto

We have added a new, free and ongoing reference section to the SHPOA newsletter that provides a brief description and contact information for non-profit and charitable organizations serving equestrian needs and interests in and around Shadow Hills. If you would like your organization to be listed here, submit information about your group or a group you are familiar with to Dave DePinto (7daviddepinto@ca.rr.com; 818-352-7618). If we missed you in this issue, or if any the information we've listed needs updating, we'll get that information into the September newsletter and continue forward from there. **Thank you.**

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Blue Shadows and California Rangers at MonteVerde Trails Ranch

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The California Rangers is for youth from 9 to 18 years of age with a desire to ride horses and be a part of a team. No previous riding experience is necessary, nor does one need to own a horse. The only requirement to join is a willingness to learn, a lack of fear and the ability to participate in weekly practices and annual events.

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E.T.I. holds events such as Trail Rides, Gymkhanas, Trail Trials and Horse Shows. These are organized by local Corrals located throughout California. The national E.T.I. organization oversees each Corral and the area which it serves.

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Special Spirit Inc. helps people with all forms of special needs and promotes autism awareness in the greater Los Angeles area.

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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/Sunland Blvd. intersection);
 Pastor Rebecca Prichard (818-353-2500)
Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)
Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley
Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills (818-352-1419)
Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley
North Valley Neighborhood/Office CD7: Councilmember Felipe Fuentes
 7747 Foothill Blvd., Sunland (818-352-3287)

Community Calendar

LAPD Community Coffee

1st Tuesday, Every Month
 • 8 a.m.–10 a.m.
 • Albertson's/Starbucks, 6240 Foothill Blvd.

FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

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

Neighborhood Watch

3rd Tuesday, Every Month
 • 6:30 p.m.
 • East Valley Municipal Bldg.

Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

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

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

3rd Thursday, Every Month
 • 7 p.m.
 • Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
 • www.ftdnc.org

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4th Wednesday, Every Month
 • Call Becky Borquez, 818-352-3634

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IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

Dial 311 – Info on all City Services
 L.A. Dept. of Water & Power (800) 342-5397
 Street Service (800) 996-2489
 Large Item Pickup..... (800) 773-2489
 Abandoned Car..... (800) 222-6366