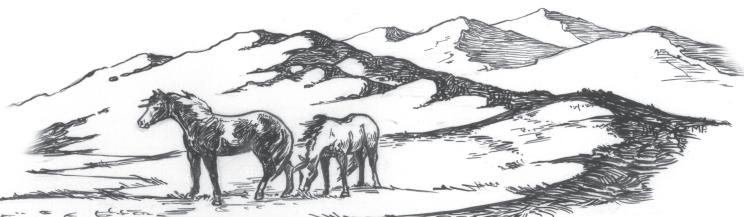


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## SHPOA Recap And Minutes of Nov. 11, 2025 By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) had their November 11, 2025, 7:05pm, General Meeting at Tierra Del Sol. The well attended meeting was held in the Dining Room and pizza was served.

The annual SHPOA Election for next year's Board of Officers was conducted by Susan Wong. The results of the election for 2026 SHPOA Board of Officers are as follows:

Tina Eick	President
Jacqy Gamble	Vice President
Susan Wong (vacant)	Executive Secretary
Treasurer	Recording Secretary
Membership	Michael Stein Thom Despres

If you are interested in volunteering in our organization, please refer to the list of SHPOA Committees, found in this newsletter. I'm sure there is a committee which will perk your interests. We need you to join us in our goals to protect and preserve our community of Shadow Hills.

Following the 2026 elections, our guest speakers were Solomon Bothwell and Elizabeth Weinberg who introduced their application for a non-profit broadcasting station, KPJB for Shadow Hills. (See detailed presentation in the article "Radio Station KPBJ - Shadow Hills"). The discussion which followed was enthusiastically received by the attendees. We look forward to updates from Solomon and Elizabeth in January.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



**Oil And Gas Exploration Off The California  
Coastline**  
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In early November, 2025, Councilmembers Traci Park, Tim McOske and Adrin Nazarian co-presented a Resolution to City Council asking that by its adoption the City of Los Angeles would include in her 2025-2026 Federal

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**General Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
Tierra Del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.,  
Shadow Hills**

### Lots of Land Use Issues

- Speeding on Sunland Blvd.
- Effects of SB9 on housing construction in Shadow Hills
- 9732 Orcas construction project
  - SB 79 Update
  - SB 9 Update

Our Shadow Hills Deputy, Arthur Javadyan from CD7, will be our guest speaker  
And Refreshments provided by our  
Hospitality Committee

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Legislative Program opposition to any action by the United States Department of the Interior to open or expand oil and gas exploration, leasing or drilling in federal waters off the California coastline as well as the Atlantic coastline. Los Angeles relies on a healthy coastal and marine environment to sustain such critical industries as tourism, recreation and commercial fishing. Clean water, thriving ecosystems and intact coastal habitats are vital to the overall quality of life in Los Angeles. In addition to increased carbon emissions and long-term pollution that threaten both human and environmental health, offshore oil exploration and drilling carries with it the risk of spills, leaks and habitat destruction. The National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program is a federal, five-year schedule of off-shore lease sales that the Secretary of the Interior must prepare under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to guide which parts of federal waters are to be offered for oil and gas exploration and production. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) develops the program balancing

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national energy needs against environmental protection, coastal zone management with input from States, industry and the public. The current 10th program (2024-2029) was finalized under the Biden administration and authorized only three lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, the fewest since the modern OCS program began reflecting a more restrictive leasing posture. In 2025, pursuant to new directives of the Trump federal administration, the Department of the Interior initiated work on a new 11th National OCS Program to dramatically expand offshore leasing identifying up to 34 potential lease sales across 21 of 29 OCS planning areas including areas off Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico and for the first time in decades multiple sites off the Pacific coastline, specifically the California and Los Angeles City coastlines. The projected environmental impact of expanded OCS leasing would include the increased risk of large and chronic oil spills that can smother California's coastlines killing seabirds and marine life as well as forcing the closures of beaches and fisheries. Protection of California's coastal ecosystems and land economies as well as the long-term public interest of Los Angeles residents must take precedence over the short-term private industry gains from this expanded offshore drilling. The Resolution was referred to the City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee for their review and recommendations.



**TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR SHPOA  
MEMBERSHIP**

SHPOA volunteers work for residents of Shadow Hills to preserve our country lifestyle, protect public safety, the environment, and property values, and to promote Shadow Hills.

**SHPOA volunteers:**

- Run an updated website with information and local resources
- Hold bi-monthly membership meetings with guest speakers, helpful information, entertainment, and refreshments
- Publicize membership meetings
- Fight for Code Enforcement to protect residential zoning
- Expand the trail system, open space, and wildlife corridors
- Support equestrians and equestrian organizations
- Advocate for Shadow Hills' interests with

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- government organizations
- Advocate for Shadow Hills' interests during the redistricting process
- Advocate for Shadow Hills' interests with law enforcement agencies
- Advocate for Shadow Hills' interests during development projects with City Planning. A few years ago, SHPOA kept abreast of issues around the Soundstage Project, and organized and fought to keep their traffic out of Shadow Hills. In addition, during a SHPOA meeting with a developer who wants to build 90 senior housing units at 9528 Sunland, Shadow Hills members gave the developer loud but civilized feedback about this idea.
- Organize letter-writing/email campaigns. These campaigns allowed us to influence SB 79, which now has a provision to allow cities to exempt very high fire areas from higher density developments.
- Liaison with local police and fire departments
- Assist families impacted by fire and other natural disasters
- Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- Assist in reuniting lost pets with their families
- Assist in animal health and care
- Promote equestrian safety
- Work to reduce speeding, unsafe driving, and truck traffic (Recently, SHPOA worked for and got new horse crossing signals, guard rails, and speed feedback signs)
- Keep abreast of other possible developments and their plans.
- Carry out community beautification and cleanups
- Partner with the real estate community
- Lead in the fight to defeat damaging High Speed Rail proposals
- Promote the Shadow Hills lifestyle
- Conduct membership drives
- Send out news updates, event information, and member's ads, through the 5-days a week Daily Fodder email.
- Distribute timely alerts through emergency emails
- Put out a bi-monthly newsletter, and provide opportunities for neighbors to write many of the articles.
- Sponsor social events that brings members of the community together (Ice cream/rootbeer social, pie a-la-mode outdoor summer meeting with a sing-a-long, St., Patrick's Day party, a Barn

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## Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

# SHPOA

## Membership Form

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

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### Benefits and Value of SHPOA Membership

#### Preserve Country Lifestyle

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

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

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

#### Promote Shadow Hills

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

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# SOLD!

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Dance, last week's Holiday festival)

What do SHPOA volunteers need in order to do all of the above?

They need our Shadow Hills neighbors to JOIN SHPOA!

What does your \$30 annual SHPOA membership fee pay for?

- The platform for the website
- The platform for membership dues
- The platform for emails (Daily Fodder and urgent notices)
- Bi-monthly newsletter
- Meeting venues, refreshments
- Zoom fees
- Signage for meetings and events
- Special events (neighborhood clean-up supplies, Spaghetti Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, St. Patrick Day celebration, etc.)
- Insurance premiums for general operations
- Insurance premiums for events
- Legal representation for SHPOA
- Chip Reader to help find pets get home safely

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- Safety gear for equestrians and horse

Ways to JOIN:

- Pay online through our website: [www.shpoa.us](http://www.shpoa.us).
- Send in your check and SHPOA Membership Form (Can be found January SHPOA Newsletters that are delivered to your physical mailbox.). Mail the \$30 check to SHPOA, P.O. Box 345, Sunland, CA. 91040-0345.
- Bring your check to the next SHPOA meeting.



Speeding on Sunland Blvd.  
By Shadow Hills Resident

I have to say that as a 30 year resident of Shadow Hills the only time I have ever seen a problem on Sunland Blvd. it has been as a result of speeding and/or reckless driving. There is nothing wrong with the road itself and I don't believe that anyone who actually obeys the existing traffic laws would disagree with that. Do you really think that putting up a couple of more signs or reducing the speed limit is going to impact the way these jerks drive? That would be delusional. Sadly, what is not delusional is the fact that this issue has gotten much worse over the last few years concurrent with the changing demographics of our neighborhood, which was not long ago much more peaceful, friendly and safe. I know it's unlikely to happen, but it seems to me that a much more effective approach to solving the problem would be a consistent campaign of traffic enforcement. It doesn't matter what the signs say or what the laws are if drivers don't obey them. And that is why people are getting hurt or killed on Sunland Blvd.



I'm Lost! Please Call My Humans  
By Susan Wong, SHPOA Board

I am writing this as the person responsible for going through the [shpoa@shpoa.us](mailto:shpoa@shpoa.us) email box each day. It is where we hear about events and news to put in the Daily Fodder and how we hear about and post about lost or found dogs.

Two messages to all dog owners:

1. PLEASE PUT A COLLAR AND TAG ON YOUR DOG. If you don't like tags clinking on food bowls, get a curved one that slips through the collar and makes no sound. Or get a personalized collar with the dogs name and

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your phone number on it.

The DIFFERENCE IT MAKES when one comes across a loose dog with or without a collar and tags is vast:

-If there is no collar, it is almost impossible to grab the dog.

-If there is no tag on the dog, then one must find someone to see if the dog is chipped, and that takes time.

-If there is no chip, then one must take the dog to the East Valley Animal shelter OR

-One must report the dog and register it with the shelter so their owner can find it on their website. One should take and send a photo with the info.

-AND one usually takes the time to post the lost dog on social media and to SHPOA. SHPOA takes the time to send out an email to 850+ Shadow Hills neighbors.

-One may need to find someone to keep the dog for an indeterminate time (until the owner comes forward? Until you need to take it to the shelter?), and that takes time.

And this often happens while the person is on their way to work or a doctor's appointment, etc. Besides thinking of your dog and getting your dog home to you if the dog gets out, please also think of your neighbors and their time. I am often heartened at the amount of time people spend trying to get dogs back to their owners. And they miss their own appointments.



And if the dog HAS a collar and tags? Well. BIG DIFFERENCE. Recently, we found a dog on our street with a collar and tags. We were able to hold him by the collar. He was friendly and wiggly, and it took two of us to read the name and phone number and the other person to call the number. The owner came right away, and the dog was back home within 10 minutes. One of us was still late for work, but not by much.

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Please consider your dogs’ welfare and your neighbor’s time and put a collar and tags on your dog.

2. OF COURSE YOU MUST CHIP YOUR DOG, TOO. Collars can fall off or be taken off, and a chip that is registered is the best way to get your dog home to you eventually. A collar and tags do that quicker.



### A Journey of Challenge, Community & Resilience By Eva Lund, Resident

2025 began with uncertainty following the devastating Pasadena and Pacific Palisades fires. These early challenges reminded us how essential safe and supportive spaces are, physically, emotionally, and in community.

According to the Chinese calendar, the coming year is the Year of the Fire Horse, a rare symbol of grounded movement, strength, intuition, and transformation. It feels deeply aligned with the mission of Special Spirit, where horses help heal, empower, and connect.

As we enter this auspicious year, we are inspired to grow our programs, serve more clients, and deepen our commitment to resilience, wellness, and community connection.

By summer, Special Spirit hit its stride with renewed energy and momentum. Thanks to Elizabeth, our exceptional Barn & Program Manager, our rider count nearly doubled. Two new rehab groups were added, along with two additional instructors to support our growing adaptive program. Elizabeth has been a game changer.

We hosted our first Qigong Meditation session,



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blending mindful movement, breathwork, and guided meditation, beautifully supported by Utah and Darby. This restorative program officially launches in the new year.

Our new Art Program, led by Charlene, debuted with the Maker’s Workshop, an evening of crafting, wine, hot cider, and holiday garlands. Additional workshops are already in the planning.

Ambré, an American singer-songwriter, filmed her music video She at our ranch, with Apache taking a starring role. Meanwhile, our dedicated farmers and supervisors ensured all the barn animals, along with Christopher Pine, one of our beloved horses, stayed healthy, happy, and thriving.

Here’s to possibility, inspiration, and community as we enter the Year of the Fire Horse. May the coming year bring movement, healing, and connection to all who enter our barn.

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- Introduce a school, clinician, or family to our programs
- Share our mission within your community and online



**Rules Regarding Days/Time City-Issued Trash Bins May Remain Curbside**  
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Currently the City requires residents with City-issued waste bins to remove their bins from the curb by 8:00pm on their respective collection day. It is not unusual for some to leave their bins on the curb well past this time limit which takes up parking spaces or the bins are simply moved onto the adjacent sidewalk which limits pedestrian access. Per City Municipal Code, the Board of Public Works sets the rules, regulations and violations related to solid waste services provided by the City. However, enforcement of these City Codes is ambiguous and the Bureau of Sanitation and Bureau of Street Services have varying authorities to enforce said current Codes. In early August 2025, Councilmember Heather Hutt presented a Motion to City Council recommending that the City up-date its rules and regulations, clarify its code sections regarding violations, designate which Bureau is to have primary enforcement responsibility and clarify the enforcement process and penalties including the possibility of including fines for violations on resident's utility bills or other options beyond the City's Administrative Citation Enforcement Program. A clearly defined and easily understood enforcement process should help prevent violations and better ensure that bins are promptly removed from blocking the road or sidewalk. Councilmember Hutt's Motion asks that the City Council instruct the City Attorney along with the Bureau of Sanitation and the Bureau of Street Services to prepare and present a report with recommended changes to the City Code to clarify City agency responsibilities of their enforcement duties for trash bins left in any public right-of-way outside of allowable hours. The Motion was referred to the City Council's Public Works and Energy & Environment Committees for their review and recommendations. At its September 2, 2025 meeting, the Energy and Environment

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Committee agreed with the Motion as written and at its September 10, 2025 meeting, the Public Works Committee concurred with the findings of the Energy and Environment Committee. At its October 3, 2025 session, the City Council adopted the findings of its Public Works and Energy & Environment Committees. We now await the report with its recommended changes



### Artificial Turf – Yes Or No? By Elektra Kruger, Resident

An organic and soils specialist submitted a Public Comment relative to the Los Angeles controversy as to whether to increase or decrease the use of artificial turf in the City. It was from the lens of having conducted her fair share of environmental impact analyses on various park improvement projects that she wished to share some insights into the use of artificial turf. First, the Mirage of Water Savings. Artificial turf is often marketed as a water-saving product, particularly in drought-prone regions such as California. While it is argued that synthetic grass does not require regular irrigation, it actually still does – to keep it cool, to keep it clean, to prepare it in the first place and to dispose of it. Before preparing any LAMC Ordinance relative to the use of artificial turf, she urged the City Council to conduct a thorough Environmental Impact Analysis under CEQA comparing plastic turf with natural turf. Such an Analysis should disclose impacts related to energy consumption, water use, heat inducing potential, greenhouse gas emissions, carbon sequestration and the overall health and safety of sensitive users thereby providing support of/opposition to the use of artificial turf. Without such an analysis, without such a public disclosure of impacts both adverse and positive from either alternative, the City may run the risk of not meeting its Climate Action Plan goals, of violating the law under CEQA and exposing itself to possible legal consequences as a result of said non-disclosure. It is falsely assumed that artificial turf ensures more playtime for our children, however if either the plastic turf itself gets too hot or there is an increased ambient temperature from the heat island effect of the artificial turf, there would likely be far less playtime. Natural turf has a cooling effect and can draw down greenhouse gases helping the City meet its Climate Action goals. At its September 17, 2024 session, the City Council adopted the recommendations of its Energy and Environment Committee which included such

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things as Instructing the City’s Chief Legislative Analyst to:

- Call upon the City’s Chief Heat Officer and the Climate Emergency Management Office to prepare and present a report summarizing policies regarding synthetic grass or artificial turf in jurisdictions having climate and water supply issues analogous to those of Los Angeles and their impacts citywide
- Provide recommendations to effectuate a transition away from future installation of synthetic grass/artificial turf citywide.



Ordinance 188755 - Metal And Wire Theft  
Reward Fund  
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Section 1. Article 2.4 has been added to Chapter 12, Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

**Sec. 129.19 Creation of Fund**

- Establishes a trust fund in the City Treasury entitled “Metal and Wire Theft Reward Program Trust Fund to be administered by the City Clerk in which monies are to be deposited for, and from which payments of rewards are to be made to, persons who, in response to an offer of reward, have provided information resulting in the identification, apprehension and conviction of persons who have committed acts of metal/wire theft.

- The City may provide an appropriation to the Fund in the budget each year as part of the appropriations to the Special Purpose Funds and the City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor, may appropriate other money occasionally during the year as needed to accomplish the payment of rewards.

- All gifts, contributions or bequests of \$10,000 or less to the Fund may be accepted or rejected by the City Clerk. All monetary gifts, contributions or bequests to the Fund which exceed \$10,000 shall be submitted to the City Council for acceptance or rejection.

**Se. 19.129.20 Procedure for Establishment of Eligibility to Recover Reward**

- For purposes of this Fund, “metal and wire theft” refers to the theft or removal of metal or wire owned by the City or located on/attached to City property including, but not limited to, plaques, tombstones, statues, light standards, posts, railing and copper wire linked to the 6th Street Bridge without first having to obtain

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written permission to do so from the City

- The City of Los Angeles may pay a reward of \$1,000 for information resulting in the identification, apprehension, conviction or final adjudication of any person/persons who has/have committed acts of metal/wire theft amounting to a misdemeanor.
- The City of Los Angeles may pay a reward of \$5,000 for information resulting in the identification, apprehension, conviction or final adjudication of any person/persons who has/have committed acts of metal/wire theft amounting to a felony.
- Any person providing information as to the identity of a person/persons who has/have committed acts of metal/wire theft shall complete an "Information and Application for Reward" form prepared by and available from the Office of the City Clerk. Upon completion, the applicant shall mail the form to the Los Angeles Police Department at the address indicated on the form. All applications must be submitted within 60 days of the act referred to in the application.



Zone "0" Regulations  
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

On May 7, 2025, City Council requested the City Attorney, in collaboration with the LAFD and Cal Fire, to draft an Ordinance adopting changes to our annual wildfire brush clearance requirements such that they comply with the State's updated wildfire protection regulations. In response to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-18-25 which aims to accelerate the rulemaking process for "Zone 0" regulations, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is currently holding public workshops to discuss "Defensible Space Regulations". Zone "0" regulation aims to create an ember-resistant zone within five feet of structures in high fire severity zones. The City's Community Forest Advisory Committee which has expertise that could be valuable in shaping the State's proposed regulations is monitoring these workshops. In late May, 2025, Councilmember John Lee presented a Motion to City Council asking that they instruct the LAFD and the City's Community Forest Advisory Committee to report to Council on the State's proposed regulations and to request recommendations as to how to better tailor those proposed regulations to allow for better integration of biodiversity and ecological health in fire mitigation planning. The Motion was referred to the City Council's Public Safety Committee

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for their review and recommendations. At its June 4, 2025 meeting, the Public Safety Committee reviewed and approved the Motion as written. At the July 1, 2025 Council session, Councilmember Lee amended his Motion to read "Instruct the LAFD and the Community Forest Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Bureau of Street Services, to report to Council on the State's proposed regulations and recommendations to better tailor those proposed regulations to allow for better integration of biodiversity and ecological health in fire mitigation planning". The Motion was adopted by City Council as amended. In their Community Impact Statement, the Palms Neighborhood Council agreed with the opinion expressed by a member of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety that synthetic or artificial turf should not be allowed in the designated Zone 0 (5 feet from all structures). The Palms Neighborhood Council urged the Los Angeles Board of Forestry to go a step further and ban use of Artificial Turf from all defensible space. The Board's current revision of "Zone 0" regulations has been written at the direction of Artificial Turf lobbyists with the words "Combustible Petroleum-Based Products". The Palms Neighborhood Council urged that Artificial Turf be banned by name, otherwise there is concern that the Artificial Turf industry will respond to the use of the term "combustible" by selling Artificial Turf soaked in toxic flame retardants that could leach into the watershed over the lifetime of the product or may expose first responders to toxic gases released by melting or burning Artificial Turf during a fire event.



Support Inclusion Of The Rim Of The Valley Corridor In The MNRA  
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

The Rim of the Valley Corridor is a network of parks and trails connecting the Santa Monica Mountains to all the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, Simi, Conejo and LA Crescenza Valleys. In 2018 the National Park Service conducted a resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating all or a portion of it as to how it could be better managed and preserved as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (MNRA). The study determined that including the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the MNRA would

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increase opportunities for public enjoyment and further protect significant natural resources. The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act which is currently pending in Congress (H.R. 3874 – Representative Friedman, S. 1870 – Senator Adam Schiff) would, by inclusion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor, adjust the boundary of and add 118,000 acres to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act was first introduced by Senator Adam Schiff and the late Senator Feinstein in 2017. Approval of the Bill would grant the National Park Service the authority to improve access to, to study the wildlife of and to coordinate the conservation efforts of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. In early November 2025, Los Angeles Councilmember Nithya Raman presented a Resolution to the City Council that, by its adoption, the City of Los Angeles would include in its 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program support for H.R 3874/S. 1870. The Resolution was referred to the City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee for their review and recommendations.

Up-Date: On November 25, 2025, the Los Angeles Chief Legislative Analyst submitted a report to the Los Angeles' City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommending that the City of Los Angeles adopt the Resolution to include in the City's 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program support for H.R. 3874/S. 1870, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. The status of the Bill in the Federal Senate as of May 22, 2025 is that the Bill has been read twice on the Senate floor and has been referred to the Federal Senate's Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for their review and recommendations. The status of the Bill in the Federal House of Representatives as of June 10, 2025 at which time it was initially introduced in the House, was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources for their review and recommendations.



Hansen Dam Aquatic Center Pedal Boats  
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

At its November 20, 2025 meeting, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners is scheduled to take into consideration approval of a Pedal Boat Rental Program at the Hansen

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Dam Aquatic Center. The Board will consider authorization of the implementation of a year-round recreational pedal boat program designed to expand recreational opportunities at the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center. The program will feature eight pedal boats, each with a capacity of up to four individuals. The program was developed by the Department of Recreation and Parks in partnership with the Office of Councilmember Monica Rodriguez. The program will be operated by Recreation and Park staff and will include mandatory use of life jackets. There will be no impact on existing trees and/or shade at the facility. SHPOA will update Shadow Hills residents as to the progress of the implementation of the Pedal Boat Program.



Radio Station KPBJ - Shadow Hills  
By Elizabeth Weinberg & Solomon Bothwell,  
Resident

Imagine driving through Shadow Hills and tuning your radio to 95.9 FM. You hear local news, opinion, eclectic music, and community-driven storytelling, all beamed from a tower on a local hillside. This possibility is closer to becoming a reality than ever: enter KPBJ, a freeform radio station giving a voice to Shadow Hills and beyond.

Supported by a core group of fiercely committed volunteers with proven experience in local radio—including KCHUNG, KCRW, and Dublab—KPBJ aims to provide a voice for local residents and business owners. KPBJ acquired a rare low-power FM license in 2024, allowing for a broadcast that will encompass Shadow Hills, Sun Valley, and Sunland-Tujunga, including parts of Glendale, Burbank, and the eastern San Fernando Valley. About 500,000 people fall under this jurisdiction. We invite Shadow Hills community members to support and contribute to the station.

KPBJ has so far completed two fundraising events: a concert and community tabling fair at Burbank’s 2526 Studios in September, and a holiday variety show at Sun Space in December. There will be many more to come. The station plans to start streaming online at [www.kpbj.fm](http://www.kpbj.fm) in early 2026, but needs the community’s help to fund the installation of a tower, create a live studio, and get up and running on the airwaves.

There are two main buckets for fundraising at this time: *infrastructure* and *operating expenses*. *Infrastructure* is more of a fixed cost, and includes broadcast equipment, studio build-out,

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studio equipment, and the construction of the tower itself. Fundraising needs for infrastructure are about \$32,000, **not** including the tower, which is a cost to be determined. The second bucket—*operating expenses*—includes costs for web hosting, music licensing, insurance, studio rental, and maintenance. These come to about \$38,000 per year. A more granular scope of budget and costs is available upon request at [contact@kpbj.fm](mailto:contact@kpbj.fm).

KPBJ is operated by Sun Valley Arts and Culture, a 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. We are thrilled to be given this platform with the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association, and look forward to collaborating with stakeholders to create a local radio station that reflects the richness, history, and diversity of the community.

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A VERY BIG THANKS  
to All the Volunteers that Made  
the SHPOA Holiday Party a Huge Success!

Set up took 4-5 hours on Friday, and several more hours on Saturday. Thanks to all the organizers, the decorators (many of whom who brought their own decorations), the folks who helped set it all up, those who made tamales, those who picked out and brought in some of the specialty foods, those who bought and wrapped the toys for the kids, the folks who took a shift to sit at the check-in table, Santa and his assistants, Santa for organizing and leading the sing-along, and those who cleaned up, took down the decorations (finishing up today), those who dropped off a carload of non-perishable food at Making it Happen (they were very appreciative).

Thanks to all who brought non-perishable food to donate.

A very special thanks to Nancy Kwong, who hosted the buffet and venue.

Here are the neighbors we thank:

Cindy Bloom  
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## SHADOW HILLS TRIVIA

### Early History & Naming

From Hansen Heights to Shadow Hills: The community started as Hansen Heights in 1907, with early promotional efforts highlighting "little farms" and beekeeping.

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Lake View Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd.,  
Lake View Terrace  
Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd.  
intersection); Pastor Doug Nason (818-353-2500)  
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## Community Calendar

### Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC)

- 4th Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
- [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org)

### FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

- 1st Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Via Zoom (see [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org) calendar)

### FTDNC Equestrian Committee meeting

- 2nd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Via Zoom (see [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org) calendar)

### FTDNC Public Safety Committee meeting

- 2nd Tuesday, Every Month 6 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

### LAPD Community Coffee Time

- 1st Thursday, Every Month 9:00 a.m.
- SVANC Office, 8720 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley

### Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

- LAST Tuesday, Every Month 7 p.m.
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