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Recap of General Meeting of SHPOA By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board

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The SHPOA General Meeting for MARCH 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm by Zoom was called to order by Tina Eick. The meeting started off with the The Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a welcome to the general membership and guests. Vice President Jacqy Gamble introduced our guest speakers for the evening. Our new Senior Lead Officer for Shadow Hills and surrounding communities is Officer Violet Potter. Officer Potter has been on the force for the past 23 years. She worked in the gang detective unit for many years; worked night detectives, graffiti task force, media relations and in the community relations office. As the temporary Senior lead Officer. Officer Potter's area covers the areas from Pacoima to Lake View Terrace and Shadow Hills. She recently passed the exam for Sergeant so there is a possibility that she will be assigned to a new position in the future. But for now. Officer Potter is eager to meet with us on an individual basis to learn of our concerns. Officer Potter took questions from the membership and as time was limited, she invited the membership to write their questions to 35464@lapd. which she will then respond at com a later time. There was a question of speeding on Sunland Blvd. Officer Potter said that the Valley Traffic Division has special details with extra officers to ticket speeders. Another question related to reporting collisions which cause damage to city property (specifically the white horse rail fencing on Sunland Blvd.) and is necessary in order to put in an Join us for our IN PERSON Meeting! Tierra del Sol, 9919 Sunland Blvd.

May 17 - 7:00 pm

* CindyBloom and Bill Eick: High Speed Train Update (refresher on the history and what to expect this year)

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insurance claim, Officer Potter said that an officer should be called to make the report if there is damage to city property.

Eve Sinclair, Area Director Councilwoman Rodriguez's office (818-352-3287) was the next guest speaker. She announced that the Councilwoman put through a motion for funding and installation of 4 Speed Feedback signs for Sunland Blvd. Two of the signs at each entrance of Shadow Hills (one entering Shadow Hills going east from Sun Valley and the other coming west from the #210). The other two signs will be near La Canada Way; the other near Wornom. Additionally, Eve Sinclair announced that the new Hawk Beacon light for Sunland Blvd. and Johanna is currently being designed and will be installed by early 2023. Finally, Sinclair stated that State Assembly Bill (AB) 43 which recently passed, will allow cities to reduce some of the speed limits by 5 miles per hour - in our area sections of Foothill Blvd. New traffic signs will be posted soon to reflect the reduced speed limits. In the past, the State used the 85% law which stated that speed limits could not be set lower than at what 85% of the drivers were traveling in order for

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law enforcement to issue citations. The Council office will look into the history of Sunland Blvd. to determine if AB43 can be applied to Sunland Blvd. The Council office will also check on Stonehurst Ave as well, to see if the speed can be reduced.

There is a new Therapeutic Van pilot program which will be citywide. It is an unarmed emergency response alternative for those experiencing a mental health crisis. Our local Fire Station 77 will provide one of these Therapeutic Vans for local needs. Additionally, the new construction of Summit View in Lake View Terrace to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) for homeless veterans is 90% complete and will be in operation in the near future.

As part of Operation Bright Spot, the Council office has purchased its own tree stump grinder in order to assist in dead tree removal on public property. The council office has invited the public to notify them of dead trees or tree stumps which need to be removed.

Regarding the proposed city legislation to ban rodeo competition, the Council office is waiting for the draft ordinance to be completed before taking a position on the ordinance.

Finally, as part of the conditions for approval, the Angeles Golf Course donated \$250,000 for trails in the Lake View Terrace area. This money, along with funding from the Rim of the Valley Corridor program is being used to create a full bridal trail on the east side of Foothill Blvd, throughout Lake View Terrace. The Council office recognizes that it's a complicated but a much needed project which will take time to complete.

Teresa Lamb Simpson, Deputy for Congressman Adam Schiff reported that the Congressman nominated 9 local students to the U.S. service academies for their outstanding merits. Additionally,

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Deputy Lamb Simpson invited members of the public to submit nominations for "Woman of the Year" to their office. (teresa.lamb@mail.house.gov commendation is for extraordinary women who have improved the quality of life of our community. Finally, the Congressional Art Competition has resumed and the Congressman's office inviting artwork submissions for students 9 - 12. If you would like to make a submission, you can do it through the Congressman's office or through your local school (Verdugo HS).

Vice President Jacqy Gamble then introduced our main guest speaker for the evening, Johnny Higginson, Johnny is a longtime Shadow Hills resident and activist for the equestrian lifestyle. In 2012 Johnny created 3 organizations (1) The Shadow Hills Riding Club to provide therapy with horsemanship for special needs children and adults with mental and/or physical disabilities and (2) Saddles For Soldiers to assist States United Veterans and responders and their families who live with emotional or physical disabilities. (3) Saddles and Serenity is a modality based on the 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and "the use of horses as healing, self-awareness, empowerment and transformation for sobriety and other addictions". A licensed mental health professional assists with all the programs offered. There are 3 volunteers to assist each student through the class as well. As part of his program, Johnny included a beautiful video showing the extraordinary facilities, volunteers and staff as well as individuals in the classes. The stated goals: to improve the trunk control, stamina and core strengths of riders of all disabilities. The mission is to offer therapeutic relief and develop skills using the horse as a tool for individuals with special needs. The video included grateful testimonials and how to contact or make a tax deductible donation to The

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- Advocacy with government and law enforcement agencies
- $\sqrt{}$ Assisting families impacted by fires or other natural

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- √ Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- $\sqrt{}$ 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
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- √ Daily email outreach and information
- √ Website information
- √ Special events and signage

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Shadow Hills Riding Club - a 501 C3 entity. info@ShadowHillsRidingClub.org

Following the guest speaker, the General meeting committee reports as follows:

The minutes from the January 11, 2022 General were unanimously adopted as submitted in the Daily Fodder.

Treasurer's Report - Michael Stein stated that \$31,329.15 in the checking account; there is \$10,052.79 in the savings account which gives us a total of \$41,382.34. We have restricted funds of \$10,000. Our trails fund has \$9,138.00. So the cash on hand to pay our bills is \$21,190.77. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the report as given.

Jo Rich membership Chair was unable to attend. However, Jo has been consistently working at increasing membership by setting up a booth at East Valley Feed on the weekends to solicit new and renewal memberships.

Rosey Payne, Trails Committee reported that SHPOA has a new Trails member, Robyn Phipps. Robyn is eager to help identify and protect our trail system throughout Shadow Hills. She is also interested in joining Councilwoman Rodriguez's Equine Advisory Committee. Welcome to the SHPOA Board.

Daily Fodder contact information is shpoa@shpoa.us For a daily update on local events, issues and lost or found animals, please contact the Daily Fodder. The SHPOA is grateful to Susan Wong, Daily Fodder Editor, for her hard work and commitment to the community.

The Webmaster, Michael Stein announced to the membership to send items of interest to the Website at www.shpoa.us for posting. Our thanks to

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Michael for all of his hard work as both Treasurer and Webmaster.

Gerardo Barrientos is our new Hospitality Chair and we are so happy to have him take over these duties.

Finally, under new business, the following announcements were made:

- 1. Councilwoman Rodriguez has approved the installation of 4 Speed Feedback signals on Sunland Blvd. (see above).
- 2. The topic for the next General Meeting May 17,2022 will be an update on the Bullet Train (HSR) presented by Cindy Bloom and Bill Eick.
- 3. The city is in the process of writing a Maintenance Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and SHPOA which will indemnify volunteers from liability on works on Sunland Blvd, Stonehurst Ave. and Wentworth.
- 4. The Councilwoman's office has asked SHPOA to identify sections along Sunland Blvd as high-accident locations in order to install 300' of metal guard rail.
- 5. There is a very contagious equine herpes currently in our surrounding communities (Hansen Dam, Middle Ranch in Little Tujunga Canyon). Please keep your horses separated from close contact with unknown horses until this virus is under control

With no new business, the SHPOA General Meeting for March 8, 2022 was unanimously approved to adjourn.

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Ahead With Horses By Michelle Newman, Resident

Ahead With Horses Inc. (AWH) was founded in 1968 by the late Liz Helms, an equine enthusiast who firmly believed that everyone can learn and achieve. As she was serving many healthy young children at her established riding center "Tally-Ho," Liz came across disabled, disadvantaged, and special needs kids. She worked closely with one boy in particular, a young man with shallow hip sockets who required hip surgery each year. Liz and the boy's father, a heart surgeon, decided that the horse-riding



program may maximize the effect of the surgery. They were right—the young boy did so well that he required less and less surgery and later traveled to Saudi Arabia to ride real Arabian horses!

With vaulting (gymnastics on a moving horse) making its way to the States from Germany, coupled with Liz's vision to serve children in need, AHEAD With Horses was born. Liz and team began

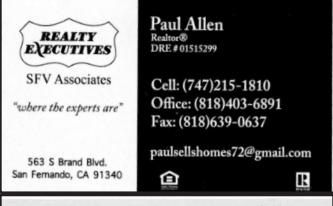
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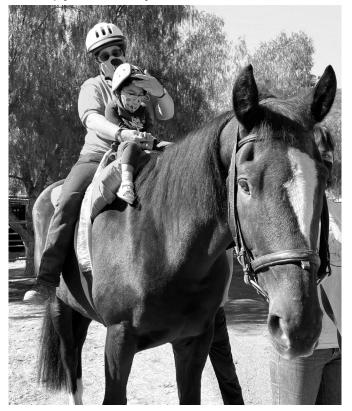
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working with more severely handicapped children, developing individualized programs to meet each student's needs. She felt it was the horse's movement that changes the human brain, which in turn improves motor skills and sensory input. And, emotionally, the children can achieve a sense of success each time they ride. More than 50 years later, Liz's theory continues to be proven time and again as we witness the effects of horse therapy each day.



On Saturday, June 11th, 2022, we will be holding our 41st Annual Children's Demonstration and Fun Day. This special event provides an opportunity for each child in our program to showcase all the wonders they have accomplished while riding a horse—with friends and family cheering them on. Achievements can range from being able to lift one's head, use one's hands and arms, move one's legs, walk, communicate, or speak. These might seem like simple tasks to you, but to these children and their families, they can be life changing!

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We invite you to come and join us. See the smiles on our students' faces, bid on some silent auction items, bring your kids to play some carnival games – visit our website AWHLA.org for more information. See another photo on p.14.

Celebration of the Passing of the Laurels By Marlene Hitt, Resident

This story is about a beautiful place in our neighborhood, so much appreciated by those of us who live here. I experienced the true spirit of Shadow Hills on April 9, 2022. A group of 60 or so attended an event unlike most of our others. Under a gorgeous, enormous oak tree, in a field of waving green grasses, were tables full of food, books, sponsors, volunteers and eager listeners to witness the Celebration of the Passing of the Laurels. What might this be?

Sunland/Tujunga formed a program in 1999 which was part of the statewide Poet Laureate Small Town program. There are at least 200 poet laureate programs throughout California.

This was exactly what the Chupa Rosa Writers wanted, who were originally a part of the J.S. McGroarty Art Center.

Some may wonder at what some might say is unnecessary and even weird. However, as our local dignitaries noted, this poet laureate program is worthy and full of importance in a world like ours today.

In that peaceful setting, the group heard magnificent violin music (great outside), the joyful emcee's presentation and wonderful poetry that conveyed the majesty of this world and the interpretation of it.

Our experience, at that place, was thankfully far from misery and war. Sometimes we need our brotherly/sisterly love to inspire us. The place of which I speak, is on Art Street at the Dayton Sculpture Garden.



Did you know that it's easy to join SHPOA? See p. 3 for details. Or go online to www.shpoa.us. 'We accept Paypal, credit cards (via Paypal), checks, and even cash!



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Who were these esteemed individuals who were so honored? To find the information about the Village Poets, check the Sunland/Tujunga Village Poets website for a sparkling history of local poets and writers here in town. For this occasion, the Passing of the Laurels Ceremony was to transfer, by the placing of a laurel crown, to the newly elected Rare Alice Pero, who will serve for at least two years and who will be welcomed by the exceptional poet number nine, Pam Shea. The title of poet laureate dates from Ancient Greece, when the laurel was used as a crown to honor poets and heroes. The crown used for our celebration was crafted by local artist. Helio Prado.

Much can be said about the laureates (now numbered ten). To accept the office one must be a person of esteem, of good reputation, an exceptional poet and reader of poems who is dedicated to the community and who will be the "cheerleader" for the creative inspirations of the foothill communities.

What a thrilling time we had under the oak, watching the grasses wave in the wind and listening to the carefully crafted words. Are there any poets out there who would like to join? Where else can such a day be found? In the words of Alice Pero, "A poet feels the pulse of the city, the people and all of nature. The program elevates the cultural level of the people it serves and honors the poet who has the traditional role of lifting hearts and soothing souls."

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Prohibit Bicycle "Chop-Shops" On Public Right-Of-Ways ? By Elektra Kruger, Resident

Bicycle theft is an on-going problem across the City of Los Angeles, the majority of which are never recovered due in large part because thieves run bicycle "chop-shops" taking apart stolen bicycles and either selling bicycle parts

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or reassembling bikes often right in public right-of-ways. In early October 2021, Councilmember Joe Buscaino presented a Motion to City Council asking that they request the City Attorney to prepare and present a Draft Ordinance prohibiting the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale, distribution of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property or on any public right-of-way. This led to a very interesting public response beginning with the Motion assuming all bicycle repair or storage in public to be criminal and further any existence of unhoused people and their associated activities necessary for survival to be criminal. That banning the repair and storage of bicycles would criminalize unhoused people causing them unreasonable harm by making a critical activity for survival illegal, that activity being the ability to store, repair and sell bicycles which is a critical function of transportation and thus access to services as well as finance for said unhoused individuals. While being sympathetic to the need to address bike thefts, a better alternative might be to provide our unhoused community who are trying to earn an income through such things as bike repair with adequate storage options. If we don't want bicycle repair to occur in the public right-ofway, let's explore options to solve the question of location making the need to engage in survival activities irrelevant. Criminalization just continues the cycle of homelessness and fails to address the problem. Somehow I do not see how this opinion addresses the issue of bike thefts and its subsequent chopshops. Despite this unusual view, most Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils supported the Motion and at its February 8, 2022 Hearing, the Los Angles City Council adopted the Motion asking that the Office of the City Attorney prepare and Present a Draft Ordinance to prohibit the assembly, disassembly, Adrian Vargas

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sale, offer of sale, distribution of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property or on any public right-of-way which the Office of the City Attorney did on February 28, 2022. To be up-dated in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.

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Foodware Accessories Upon Request Only? By Elektra Kruger, Resident

On December 2, 2021, the Los Angeles City Council's Environmental Justice and River Committee reviewed the November 2021 Bureau of Sanitation's report relative to the reduction of singleuse plastics including their reusable alternatives and funding to implement any such reduction. The Committee recommended that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation, the City's General Services Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Office of the City Attorney report on steps necessary to implement and transition an effective phase out of the purchase and use of single-use plastics with a specific focus on Policy Options as well as creating zero-waste for city facilities and City-Sponsored Events. The Committee also recommended that the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to gather feedback from a variety of small and minority-owned businesses that may be impacted by these proposed policies. the General Services Additionally. Department, Department of Water and Power and the Department of Recreation and Parks are to report on the feasibility of deploying drinking fountains, portable hydration stations and the needed funding to provide them throughout all City facilities so as to replace use of single-use plastics. A Public Comment at the Committee's Hearing stated that policies that focus on transitioning from single-use to reuse and refill are far and away the most effective and equitable policies to reduce plastic pollution that ("Foodware" cont'd from p. 10)

burdens our environment. Another Public Comment requested that the plastic bag ban be removed and be replaced with stores being required to sell reusable bags in lieu of providing plastic bags for those who forget to bring their own reusable bags. Another Public Comment suggested that residents be allowed and encouraged to bring their own containers and disallow the Department of Public Health's ability to override this ability as the Department of Public Health has used Covid as an excuse to disallow Californians their right to bring their own containers through AB 619 for too long, while knowing Covid is not transmitted through surfaces. This must stop for the sake of the planet. Another Public Comment suggested the City Council consider mandating reusable foodware and a fee for providing disposables. This issue will be up-dated in future issues of the SHPOA Newsletter.

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More Effective Notification Of Land Use Actions By Electra Kruger, Resident

In late November 2021, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield presented a Motion to City Council asking that the Council instruct the Planning Department in consultation with the City Attorney to report with recommendations for more effective requirements for on-site posting and mailed notices of proposed discretionary land use actions including larger sizes, longer posting periods, renderings where and when appropriate and use of plain language and to base those recommendations on notices and procedures already established in other jurisdictions such as Glendale thereby providing all interested stakeholders with fully transparent notification. At its 2-15-22 meeting, the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee approved the items presented in the Motion and forwarded their recommendation

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for City Council to approve the Motions items. At its March 4, 2022 Hearing, the City Council did adopt the PLUMs recommendation.

Volunteer Service In Our Community By Gerardo Barrientos, SHPOA Board

As a concerned neighbor, I feel the need to participate in the service of my community. It is this fact which explains why I got involved on the Board of SHPOA. This was a few years ago and ever since then it has been a learning process ... an adventure that I wish more neighbors would want to experience.

I feel grateful to live here in Shadow Hills regardless of some of the inconveniences that are part of it. For instance, the traffic on Sunland Boulevard, the fires and the horse poop on the street! Not to mention the challenges of different cultures coming together in our community. We, as humans, feel the attraction and need to live in beautiful locations in Los Angeles, and yet close to where we work and pay our taxes.

Of course we don't think that this can change even with development and progress. Progress we cannot stop, (if you think different, get in touch with me and we can chat about it) but Development we can control and keep in check. This is the purpose of SHPOA and it is not an

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Concerns Over The Well-Being Of Griffith Park Pony Ride Equines By Elektra Kruger, Resident

In late 2021, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks received a number of concerns regarding animal welfare of the equines participating in the Griffith Park Pony Ride concession from both the general public and animal rights groups. The Pony Rides have been a concession at Griffith Park since the 1940s. As a result of these concerns. the Department retained an equestrian veterinarian to perform an independent, third-party assessment of the operation. The veterinarian inspected the facility, observed the working conditions of the animals and reviewed all veterinarian records and charts of operation. The ponies' working conditions were assessed to be satisfactory with no gross violations related to animal care and treatment although issues requiring attention and improvement were identified, most notably that some ponies were in need of veterinary care for saddle sores, farrier care or dental care. Additionally, violations of California Health and Safety Codes were found associated with respect to animal identification protocols and record keeping as well as fence enclosure disrepair. Based on the veterinarian's findings, the Department of Recreation and Parks notified the concessionaire to implement the following:

- Maintain proper records for each animal including identification of each animal with respect to name, breed, color, markings, size, age, sex and photograph
- Update policies and procedures for the care of the animals in times of extreme temperatures
- Make facility improvements for better protection from environmental elements
- Provide improved pony access to water
- Implement greater public

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are often "first responders" on matters of concern to you. We have none of the required fees and enforcement powers of a typical HOA. And we are not city employees. We are volunteers. We follow our hearts to serve our community and we are not perfect, we are only humans. We don't read minds, come and tell us. You want your voice and opinion to count, then it's time to get involved. We have open positions, and opportunities to participate at the general meetings!

I love my community and I want my opinion to count. It took me a while to find the place for me to serve and express it. I hope I can be of service to you as well. You are always welcome to join with us.

For oodles of information, check out the "Community Info" tab of our website at www.shpoa.us

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transparency for pony care

- Provide annual veterinarian and dental exams/care along with records showing proof of good health including vaccinations, deworming, diet, workload restrictions, farrier care, etc
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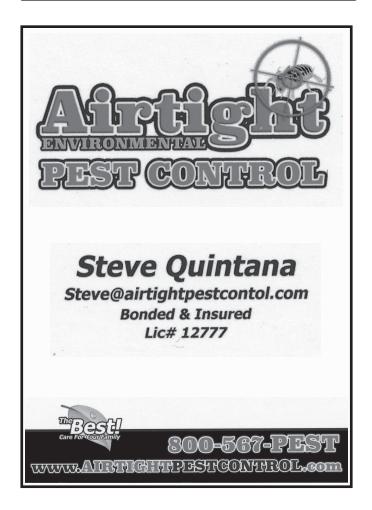
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A joyful child enjoying his horse experience at Ahead With Horses

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Worst Water Emergency in LA's History
This is Not a Drill!
By Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board

We need to cut back. Drastically. Now. We are living through the driest 22-year period in over 1,200 years. In other words, it goes back as far as records have been kept, in the year 800. To put this into perspective, the world was 300 years into the Middle Ages, it was decades prior to the Black Death, and Charlamagne was crowned Emperor of the West. In other words, this is a long time.

Is it a megadrought, or is this our new climate? Southern California is a semi-arid area (fancy name for desert) but we managed to thrive because we had the ability to get our water from other areas. One of our main sources, the Sierra Nevada snowpack, is now unreliable. The snowpack (our "reservoir") is now melting too quickly, so instead of trickling into streams and lakes, the snow goes into the ground. On April 1, the snowpack was 41% of normal,

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however less than two weeks later—on April 12—readings from LADWP's Eastern Sierra snow measuring stations showed the snowpack had melted to 22% of normal, the equivalent of 4.9 inches of water content. This precious snowpack is the Metropolitan Water District's main source of water, so it's imperative that the snowpack is robust and long-lasting. Other sources like the Colorado River are also at record lows.

In late April, MWD issued emergency restrictions that will affect Southern California, including DWP customers. The City of Los Angeles relies mostly or entirely on MWD for its source of water.

Effective June 1, outdoor watering is restricted to 1 day per week. This should be easy for residents to do. Please comply!

LADWP recently boosted rebates for water-efficient devices, appliances and other measures for residential and commercial customers. Residential customers can reduce their water use with a 25% increase to its high-efficiency clothes washer rebate, from \$400 to \$500, as well as a more than 65% increase to its water-efficient toilet rebate, from \$150 to \$250. For business customers, rebates for qualifying water-efficient toilets increased from \$250 to \$300.

To help customers reduce their outdoor water use, LADWP offers rebates for replacing thirsty lawns with sustainable and drought tolerant landscaping. Residential and commercial customers can receive \$3.00 per square foot of turf. LADWP and MWD recently increased turf replacement rebates for public agencies to \$4.00 per square foot for up to 200,000 square feet. Single-family residential customers can also take advantage of free landscape design services to help swap out their turf.

For those households who don't care about simply paying Tier 3+ rates, you are selfish. We cannot manufacture water (desalination is not an option currently) and you are taking away water from all of us.

Visit LADWP.com/save for a complete list of residential water conservation and energy efficiency rebates. For commercial rebates and programs, visit ladwp.com/CWR.



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Key Community Locations & Contact Info

All Nations Church: 10000 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace

Bolton Hall: 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga (818-352-3420) Lake View Terrace Recreation Center: 11075 Foothill Blvd.,

Lake View Terrace

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church: (Johanna/Sunland Blvd.

intersection); Pastor Arlo Tysinger (818-353-2500)

Stonehurst Park: 9901 Dronfield, Stonehurst/Shadow Hills (818-767-0314)

Stonehurst Elementary School: 9851 Stonehurst Ave., Sun Valley (818-767-8014)

Tierra del Sol: 9919 Sunland Blvd., Shadow Hills (818-352-1419)

Village Christian School: 8930 Village Ave., Sun Valley (818-767-8282)

City of LA North Valley Neighborhood City Hall/Office: Council Member Monica Rodriguez, District 7, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 209, Pacoima, CA 91331 (Tujunga location being renovated) same phone number: (818-352-3287)

Community Calendar

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC)

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

FTDNC Land-Use Committee meeting

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

FTDNC Equestrian Committee meeting

- 2nd Thursday, Every Month 7 p.m.
- Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center

Neighborhood Watch

- 3rd Tuesday, Every Month 6:00 p.m.
- Sunland-Tujunga Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd

LAPD Community Coffee Time

- 1st Thursday, Every Month 8:00 a.m.
- Rise n Shine Cafe, 9685 Sunland Blvd.

Hansen Dam Park Advisory Board

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

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- 1st Monday, Every Month
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