

Neighbors Fear Hillside Sliding

Builder is out of Control say Neighbors

by Nina Royal

Residents living in the area of the property known as 11360-11380 Mount Gleason Avenue in Tujunga are furious that Zin Construction continues to grade the land and build on the property without a permit. It appears to them that not enough is being done by the city to end the illegal work by the owner that has been in process since March 2005. They live in fear that the grading will cause a severe mudslide into their homes when the seasonal rainstorms begin. The hill had been previously declared unstable according to of the neighbors who are directly affected. Other owners had difficulty getting permits, which is why the property has been turned over. According to Jackie Keene from Councilmember Wendy Greuels' office, "No permits have been issued and the owner is under investigation."

The neighbors are hesitant to give out their names publicly because of what happened to their neighbor Michael Lucas who filed an assault charge against the owner. According to Mr. Lucas, who lives in close proximity, he approached the owner and asked if he had permits and if the City had analyzed the soil. He could not believe the owner was given a permit to build 3 houses because he knows the history of the property. The owner's response was "I can do whatever I want." Mr. Lucas left and returned



Neighbor say that the driveway has been graded into the hillside without permit or soil samples

with his camera and began taking pictures from the middle of the street on Mt. Gleason. The owner proceeded to approach him and according to Mr. Lucas, he said, "you are trespassing on my land." Mr. Lucas replied "the easement is not in the middle of the street". His reply was

"you don't know anything about construction" he then said "get the "expletive" out of here". According to Lucas the owner proceeded to push him and kept trying to pull him to the side of the road. Another people passing though as well

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Residents of Woodard Street do not look forward to Home Depot as neighbors

Appeal Filed With Planning to Stop Home Depot in Sunland-Tujunga

by Nina Royal

The "No 2 Home Depot Campaign" of Sunland-Tujunga is holding City Planning Director Gail Goldberg to her words. At a Sylmar Chamber of Commerce Meeting held on August 23. Goldberg was quoted as stating the following: "You (the public) should be par-

ticipating as well as protesting at the public hearings. We need to have higher expectations and communities should not stand for bad decisions. They (the City) are not looking at the cumulative impact and traffic studies are not adequate. Los Angeles has low expecta-

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the owner's own hired help, showed up just in time to keep the situation from escalating out of control. That is when Lucas determined that he should file assault charges against the owner.

The neighbor's problems began in March of 2005 when the owner began what appeared to be illegally grading his property after dark. They decided to take the situation to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's DAC (land use) committee in hopes of resolving their plight. They then followed up with a letter to Dale Thrush, Wendy Greuels Planning Deputy, questioning the issuance of grading permits, the quantity of homes to be built, soil conditions and if it was legal to do grading at night. They wanted assurance that the property was being engineered properly and retaining walls would be built where necessary. According to the neighbors, the timeline regarding the property is as follows:

- Feb, 2005 - DWP approved a permit for

power. Owner proceeded to grade with heavy equipment and pushed all the material from the grading to the edge of the canyon across Mt. Gleason and over the canyon edge.

- April, 2005 - Neighbors attend STNC/DAC meeting to discuss the problem
- May, 2005 - They submitted a letter to Dale Thrush
- July, 2005 - Owner tapped in to power with an expired permit. Set trailer on the property.
- July, 2006 - Neighbors complained about Trailer on lot and illegal grading, owner cited. Installs flimsy fence that will not hold up in high winds
- Sept. 2006 - Jackie Keene called, she and inspectors were not allowed on property
- Oct. 2006 - 15-day laborers put in cement drive by hand over neighbor's driveway. He hung electrical light from neighbor's property

without permission and destroyed recently planted garden put in for water retention.

Upon contacting Bob Steinbach with the Building and Safety Department, it was learned that there are 3 parcels involved along with other owners and it is now under investigation with the District Attorney's office. He stated that inspectors will be keeping an eye on the property and if there are any changes from the last time, they will be dealt with. However, the problem is the work is being done on the weekends when the inspectors are

not available. Mr. Steinbach says that problem can be eliminated with a call to his office and he will handle it. The neighbors hope it will not be too late to save their homes and possibly their lives. They believe that if the owner is only fined for his illegal work, he will pay the fines from the huge profits

on the homes and continue to build. He will sell them and they will be left with the aftermath when he is no longer accountable.



Residents hear pebbles bouncing down the hill at night



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Interim College President Introduced

by Nina Royal

They Sylmar Chamber of Commerce introduced Mission College President Ernesto Moreno during their luncheon on October 12. at the China Town Buffet in Sylmar.

Mr. Moreno served as President of East Los Angeles City College for 12 years and is at Mission on a temporary basis to help oversee it's restructuring and the hiring of a permanent President.

While at ELA College Mr. Moreno's leadership transformed it into one of most dynamic colleges in the nation. It grew from a modest 13,000 to more than 30,000 students. He also served as Dean of Academic Affairs at West Los Angeles College from 1986 to 1990. He coordinated the Program for Adult College Education (PACE) and programs for Legal Assistant/Paralegal, Small Business Management, Real Estate, Outreach and Accelerated Mathematics for Engineers. He was also a Trustee on the Board of College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita.

Mr. Moreno is also a member of many professional associations which include the Association of California College Administrators, National Community College Hispanic Council, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and the American Association of Community Colleges.

During his speech Mr. Moreno portrayed his vision of what he expects to accomplish before the college changes leadership. He is looking at other communities in the region for additional satellite classes. He wants to increase the enrollment of male students because Mission College enrollment is currently 70 per cent female and men are not moving on to a higher education.

He plans to build a partnership with higher education, USC and UCLA in the area of healthcare to feed into hospitals. He wants to bring back pre-nursing programs toward a Bachelors Degree in Nursing and add Administration of Justice and Police Science studies. He wants to make Mission College more student friend-



ly and build a better relationship with its neighbors. They have started by building a double structure parking lot to improve accessibility and eliminate some of the parking in front of neighbor's homes.

Moreno stated that colleges are neglecting vocational programs and our labor is being sourced out to other nations. He wants students to know that it's okay to go to a vocational school. He said the most complex book to understand is an auto tech one. He believes students are foolish to go a four-year university to take their general education classes went they could go to a community college to take those courses for a much more reasonable fee. He doesn't understand why High Schools do not invite Community Colleges to also visit and present their program. He is looking forward to inviting himself to all local high schools to remedy that situation

Home Depot Appeal

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tions around planning. I am shocked when I hear people say nothing is going to happen. We should demand better service" Goldberg said that she believes in the integrity of a community and that the "cookie cutter" concept does not fit all. She said she will listen to everyone, community members, neighborhood councils and developers during the decision process. Also, she will make whatever decision is proper per good planning concepts regardless of special interest requests.

The Sunland-Tujunga Community is banking on Goldberg to live up to her words. They are participating as she suggested, and are not settling for what they believe is a bad decision. They filed an Appeal to the Planning Department on Friday, October 20th. to demand compliance with the Foothill Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. They want the "Tenant Improvements" permits that were issued to Home Depot to be revoked. The No 2 Home Depot group believes that, according to their community's Specific Plan, Home Depot's improvements should be designated a "Project" and require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The structural work permit-

ted actually extends the life of the building and is more than 46% of the building's replacement value. Home Depot has also applied for additional permits that may increase the improvements to 50% of the replacement value, a threshold that would trigger the "Project" designation and require Home Depot to undergo an EIR. The proposed Home Depot also is in conflict with the Specific Plan because of the type of business it is, and that it does not serve the neighborhood's general retail need.

According to the No 2 Home Depot Campaign, the community is clearly against Home Depot for the following reasons: The industrial traffic, 18 - 20 daily semi truck deliveries that Home Depot expects to receive, will burden their streets, pollute their air, and present a safety risk to their residents. The close proximity of homes and a school especially presents a safety risk to their students and elderly residents. It will clog their single 4-lane road through town, as well as the surrounding residential streets. Their residents must currently travel to other neighboring cities such as Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank for basic household goods and clothing. It increases their

transportation costs, creates more traffic, is extremely inconvenient and drains tax dollars from Los Angeles. Home Depot's pricing will cause many local small businesses to go out of business. They believe the Home Depot already on Foothill Blvd, which is only 7 minutes away, serves the needs of their community. The plan for another Home Depot in Sunland-Tujunga prevents their community's ability to have a much-needed general store on the former Kmart property. It is the only commercial lot left large enough that can accommodate a general store.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council has also taken a stand to oppose Home Depot. Councilmember Wendy Greuel will be joining them at a joint public meeting with their Design Advisory Committee (Land Use) and the No 2 Home Depot Campaign Committee to discuss Home Depot on November 6th at 7 p.m. at the North Valley City Hall. For further information regarding Home Depot, visit: www.homedepot.com. For further information regarding the No 2 Home Depot Campaign visit their website at www.no2homedepot.com.

Join the 3rd Annual Veterans Day Parade

Rear Admiral Joseph Maguire, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command will lead the 3rd Annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade as Grand Marshall. The celebration is being held on the actual date, Saturday, November 11 and is co-sponsored by U.S. Congressman Howard Berman and L.A. City Councilmember Alex Padilla, and supported by Volunteer Planning Committee members from the San Fernando Valley area.

This new tradition pays tribute to, expresses our patriotism and respect for veterans, their families and the sacrifices that they have made for our freedoms. As this year's parade falls on a weekend, we expect the crowd to be bigger than ever.?

Veterans Day festivities will take place between 11 a.m. and 4:30 pm. The Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and San Fernando Mission Boulevard. It will proceed down Laurel Canyon Blvd for 1.1 miles and culminate at the site of the Street Fair at Ritchie Valens Recreation

Center and Park, 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd., at the corner of Laurel Canyon Blvd and Paxton Street in Pacoima. Anyone wanting to participate in the parade must contact either Berman or Padillas' office for an application form before October 27.

If you have a family member serving in the military Blue Star Families invite you to participate in the Parade with them. You are invited to ride on the Blue Star Families Float and each family will receive a Blue Star Window Flag, Parade T-Shirts, Parade Pins, Free Hot Dogs and a family photo. Registration must be completed by November 1st. To register by email: blue_star_parade_float@usa.com or call 818-365-4006 for information.

The Blue Star idea began during World War I. Families who had a loved one in the military placed a Blue Star Flag in their window. The Blue Star Flag stands for hope and pride. Hope that loved ones will return and Pride in their service to the country.

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We are holding our elections on November 4, 2006, at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, 10158 Johanna St. located off of Sunland Blvd. in Shadow Hills. If you live, work, or own property in the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC) boundaries, then YOU are a stakeholder and can vote in the election and run for a seat on the Board of Directors. The date for Candidate Registration has passed; however, you can still register to vote.

You can be a leader in our community. Be a part of a historic moment and contribute to the betterment of our community. Help make sure the voice of our community is heard and help us decide the best way to spend our \$50,000 per year funding. We invite and

encourage you to attend our Candidate Forum on October 27, 2006 at Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd in Lake View Terrace. Any stakeholder who is 18 years old or older may register and vote on Election Day.

The Boundary for FTDNC is Lopez Canyon Landfill south to Foothill Blvd., east to Pierce St. Pierce St. west, Foothill Blvd. south, Lopez Canyon Rd east. Lopez Canyon Rd west, Christy Ave east, Big Tujunga wash south. Hansen Dam Recreational Area south to Stonehurst St, to Foothill Fwy. La Tuna Canyon area north, LA City Boundary south.

Our district is a mostly Equestrian Rural area. We have six representative districts in order to cover our

large area. We rotate our monthly meetings between Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon in order to accommodate our stakeholders fairly. Our General Meeting is held the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be October 19 at 7 pm and will be held at Stonehurst Recreation Center, 9901 Stonehurst in Shadow Hills.

If you are interested in Land Use, Safety and Quality of Life issues and how they affect your neighborhood and our city, we encourage you to attend the meetings and participate in helping to make a difference. We look forward to seeing you! If you have any election questions contact Mary Ann Geyer, 818-607-8536 or Margie Beeson, 818-694-9266.

Art and Culture is Present in Lake View Terrace

by C. Turner

The Lake View Terrace Friends of the Library's "Arts, Crafts, Books and Music Fair," Saturday, October 14, 2006, was quite a success and added a festive touch for the patrons at the Lake View Terrace Library. It was a special treat



for the Community to be able to buy books at fantastic prices. They were also invited to purchase beautiful, one of a kind works of art from artists, Chris Baldwin, Anita Jesse Laurie Ledbetter and Jan Sheppard, who all pledged one of their fantastic creations to the silent auction.

The audience was entertained royally with musical performances that included Russell Chan, a classically trained harpist and professionally trained vocalists, such as Marilyn Miller and Tim Hou. Tim Hou is also the Children's Librarian at the LVT Library. Tim donated three of his beautiful floral photographs for the silent auction. Gregg Nester, who hosted last years festivities, was also in attendance charming us all with a highly skilled guitar performance. Cile Borman, who is a member of the "Tropical Punch" band, and also the Event Chairperson for the Lake View Terrace Friends of the Library, was the mistress of ceremony and contributed her original music throughout the day.

No one should have gone home hungry. The "Friends" prepared a bountiful open buffet. Mali Bakhtar, from Prudential Real Estate provided tea and coffee. The event

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They Partied all Day at Tierra Del Sol

The lack of a rising sun at the start of the day indicated that there would be a good chance that rain would come as predicted. However, Saturday, October 14 proved to be anything a beautiful sunny day and perfect for the participants and administrators who worked so diligently to make Tierra Del Sol's Fall Festival and Bar-B-Q fundraiser a smashing success.

Those who attended enjoyed great food, live entertainment, games for children and a petting zoo which appeared to everyone's favorite. Tierra Del Sol in Shadow Hills provides support services for men and women with development disabilities. They estimated that about 1,000 people attended, and they raised more than \$30,000.



Child Health & Safety Fair Brought Large Turnout

Second District Councilmember Wendy Greuel and her staff did it again this year. They successfully put on their 4th Annual Health & Safety Fair for children on Saturday, October 7, at Valley Plaza Recreation Center in North Hollywood.

Greuel gave away 400 bicycle helmets to the first attendees and also raffled on off a bicycle toward the end of the event. They had live entertainment and plenty of food and drinks. Also arts and crafts, child fingerprinting, bicycle and traffic safety tips and car seat inspection. They also provided for free medical and dental screenings and immunizations. The turnout was quite surprising because of the many other events that were taking place around the valley during that day.

New LAUSD Superintendent Visits the Valley

by Nina Royal

Admiral David Brewer III, recently appointed to the position of LAUSD Superintendent, made his first appearance at a Meet and Greet at the Beverly Garland Holiday Inn on Tuesday, October 17. He appeared to be very calm, self-assured and comfortable in his new surroundings. He is a recently retired Vice Admiral and obtained his extensive management experience from his 30 year tour of duty in the United States Navy. Current Superintendent Roy Romer was also in attendance and in a jovial mood as he explained the selection process of a new Superintendent. He expressed his confidence in Admiral Brewer and that he believes he is leaving the LAUSD in good hands when he retires in November.

Admiral Brewer spoke about some of his plans for the future. He intends to work at involving children's parents. He wants mentors to help the parents relate to the school system so they can participate in their children's education. He has some first hand knowledge because his wife and daughter are schoolteachers and he spoke candidly about their experiences. He also stated that we have to compete on a global level, we cannot do the same things and get the same results of past times. We have to be educated on a global level in order to compete. He stated that he intends to turn to business and community groups to help fund education programs that are not covered by taxpayer funds. He also plans to be highly visible and available throughout the District and he is eager to get started.

There was no mention of the pending lawsuit filed in Los Angeles on October 10 challenging the constitutionality of Assembly Bill 1381 signed by Governor Schwarzenegger. The Bill gives the Los Angeles City Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa, partial control of the Los Angeles Unified School District. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Board of Education, the League of Women Voters, and LAUSD parents and students. Together, they are hoping to have the Bill overturned because they believe it violates voter's rights. The trial date is set for December 15th in the Superior Court of Los Angeles. Admiral Brewer believes that he and the Mayor will work well together regardless of the outcome.

Mission Hills NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

by Betty Ley

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council monthly meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of the month. We look forward to your attendance at our November meeting that will be the 14th at San Jose St. School, 14928 Clymer St. The Board of Governors begins at 6:00 pm and the Presentation begins at 7:00 pm.

The Living Stone Christian Fellowship will be hosting their annual Harvest Festival on Halloween night, October 31st. It starts at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. They are inviting everyone to enjoy their Music, Food, Games, Rides and Prizes. Also on December 9th, they will be hosting their 2nd annual Snow Day. You won't want to miss these events. Contact information is Pastor David Leon, 818-365-7789. The address is 10925 Columbus Ave, Mission Hills.



This is a Public Safety note. It has come to my attention that Parents at many of our local schools are illegally parking while dropping off or picking up their children in order to save transportation time. Parents are double parking in front of residential homes and they are also blocking the homeowners access to their driveways. It has been noted that parents have been seen yelling and screaming at each other over who has the right

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meeting neighbors in the immediate area voice concerns for public safety and traffic along this heavily travelled artery in and out of Sunland-Tujunga. Several development projects are either approved or in the planning stages. The STNC/DAC has requested a thorough review including real-life traffic counts, consideration of already approved and future development as well as other studies that the Department of Transportation (DOT) oversees. It is important that the community's concerns be addressed before future development begins.

At the **Tujunga Watershed Workshop** held on Oct. 9th, community members identified key potential projects, problems, constraints and opportunities in our Tujunga Watershed. Concerns about flooding, opportunities to create and preserve open space and increase trails were also addressed. To read the complete report as prepared by Zack Freedman with **The River Project**, visit the STNC web site

The STNC's Design Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th, 2006 with our **Councilmember Wendy Greuel** attending. The Sunland-Tujunga community has been very active in opposing a proposed Home Depot at the site of the former K-Mart store (8040 Foothill Blvd.). Two years ago K-Mart closed as part of a 24 store acquisition by Home Depot. Councilmember Wendy Greuel and the STNC have consistently supported the **community's opposition** to Home Depot. Join us at this important meeting.

Thank you to Councilmember Wendy Greuel for submitting a motion before City Council to study the **traffic impacts along Tujunga Canyon Boulevard**, from Foothill Blvd. to the 210 Freeway. At each DAC

at www.stnc.org. The STNC has until Oct. 31 to submit priority projects.

Wednesday November 8th will be the next monthly STNC meeting at Mt. Gleason Middle School. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Join us for updates on the STNC's upcoming outreach activities including the STNC board elections, local land use and community improvement topics. The Public Comment time is your opportunity to announce local community events or bring issues (within our jurisdiction) to the attention of the board, local residents and city department reps --- all in one place. If you'd rather not speak, your comments can be submitted in writing. Tell

your friends and neighbors -- meetings are for everyone!

Volunteers Needed - The STNC is looking for volunteers to join the DAC. If you have interest, expertise and a willingness to participate, we need you. Contact the STNC office at 951-7411 for more info.

Welcome -- Lydia Grant has been appointed as District 4 representative on the STNC board. District 4 covers the area south of Foothill Blvd. from the 210 Freeway to Lowell.

November 7, 2006 General Election - is almost here. City of Los Angeles Measures on this year's ballot are: Measure H - Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds; Measure J Technical changes for

Proposition F Regional Fire Station; Measure R Term Limits of Three Terms; City Lobbying, Campaign Finance and Ethics Laws.

How to Contact the STNC - The STNC meets every second Wednesday of the month at Mt. Gleason Middle School at 10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue, Sunland at 7 p.m. All stakeholders are welcome and meetings operate under California's open meeting rules (the Brown Act). Agendas are posted on the STNC web site and also at the S-T Chamber, 8250 Foothill Blvd., Unit B; the Sunland Senior Center, 8640 Fenwick, Sunland and North Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill, Tujunga. Agendas are also posted at local businesses in Sunland-Tujunga. You can also sign up to receive STNC News via e-mail through the STNC web site at www.stnc.org

November 6	Design Advisory Committee (DAC) with Councilmember Wendy Greuel- 7:00 p.m. at NVCH
November 7	Election Day -- Vote!
November 8	Monthly STNC meeting - 7 p.m. - Mt. Gleason Middle School
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 18	Outreach Committee - 1 p.m. at Joselito's
November 29	Executive Committee - 7 p.m. at NVCH
November 30	Budget Committee - 7 p.m. at NVCH

Meeting times are subject to change. Check the STNC web site for updates and other committee meetings. Call the STNC office to verify meeting time and location. Thank you to The North Valley Reporter for providing space for this article.

NVCH = North Valley Neighborhood City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

STNC Office: Contact Ed Rock, Office & Logistics Manager, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Room 101, Tujunga, CA 91042. (818) 951-7411 FAX (818) 951-7412 Please visit the STNC web site often for new updates and information at: www.stnc.org

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Pacoima NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

by Edwin Ramirez
President

I'd like to share some of our successes of the past and present with you

We established a major task force in collaboration with the office of Alex Padilla, the Los Angeles City Council and seven City Departments. As a result many abandoned cars were removed, building codes are being enforced and blight around Pacoima continues to be addressed.

We invested \$20,000 to provide a summer institute for the Senior Class of Discovery Charter High School in Pacoima. Students attended a six-week training class on environmental and socio-economic issues in our community, interacted with elected officials, business people and community lead-

ers. This helped students to learn from their community and become productive citizens and ultimately achieve a pro-active positive civic engagement.

We raised \$300 for the Red Cross (disaster relief) and participated in Officer's Appreciation Day at Foothill Div.

We worked with a Charter School Developer, the Sylmar Neighborhood Council and the Office of Alex Padilla towards the opening of two new charter high schools and one charter middle school in Pacoima.

We adopted sixty Pacoima families and provided them with Christmas gifts for their children.

We contributed to the monument of fallen Officers

at the entrance to the Foothill Station.

We collaborated with Sun Valley Beautiful on the gateway project at Glenoaks and Branford. We also collaborated with the LakeView Terrace Association on the gateway project at Foothill and Osborne.

The PNC looks forward to continue working to improve the quality of life in our community. We continue to become a safer and cleaner community. We encourage and welcome your participation.

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S-T Chamber Welcomes Mission Bank

The Sunland -Tujunga Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Mixer on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The host was Mission Valley Bank who provided wonderful catered food and café tables and chairs. President Elect Phil Tabbie, President of the Chamber presented Bank President Tamara with their membership plaque.



Cile Borman of "Tropical Punch" kept the night swinging

An Evening in Havana!

Guests shared a spectacular "Havana Night" fundraiser evening that was provided by the Sun Valley Area Chamber of Commerce on October 14. Sun Valley "Connoisseur" Jesse Dizon, dressed to the nines in his formal black tux and black patent leather shoes, formally greeted guests at the door of the Fairways Restaurant in the Hansen Dam Recreation Center, Pacoima. His purpose was to help you relax. He presented a packet with \$500 of Chips, gently directed guest to the buffet, and pointed out the No Host Bar. As guests entered the "Casino" they were drawn to the catchy rhythm of the Caribbean music played by Mike and Cile Borman of "Tropical Punch." While singing and dancing, Cile kept everyone's attention by integrating the names of the guests into the words of her songs as they entered the room.

Even Councilmember Alex Padilla dropped in for a short time to greet everyone and thank them for coming and supporting the Chamber and the community. At the end of the night, everyone dropped their tickets into the container next to the prizes they hoped to capture. Even if anyone was not lucky enough to win a prize, they did not leave empty handed. They were presented with a Tee Shirt in remembrance of the evening as they were departing.

The Co-Chairs of the successful evening were Jon Eshbach and Ted Bradpiece.



Pancake Pig-Out

Scout Master Bob Peters and Assistant Scoutmaster Dave Coorough led their Scout Troop #307 in the cooking and serving at their Pancake Breakfast fundraiser held Saturday, October 14 at Tujunga United Methodist Church. They served 80 persons and considered it a tremendous success

Sun Valley NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Sun Valley Neighborhood Council coordinated and spearheaded convincing other Neighborhood Councils to join them in the purchase of two License Plate Readers to assist in the recovery of stolen vehicles.

During his rounds visiting each Neighborhood Council in both the Foothill and North Hollywood Divisions, Board Member Michael O'Gara was able to convince each Council to contribute \$4000 to share in the cost of \$20,000 for each Reader. Officers from the CECATS unit under the direction of Deputy Chief Michael Moore were responsible for testing and selecting the models produced by various manufacturers that best suit the departments needs. They were able to take a unit for demonstration to each Neighborhood Council he was soliciting to participate in the purchase.

The Officers demonstrated how the camera is placed on top of the police vehicle and when traveling down the street, how it is able to read the license plate numbers of parked cars or those approaching in front

of the police vehicle. One camera is capable of identifying 5,000 to 6,000 plates per day. As the camera captures a picture, the software converts the picture into numbers and compares them against a database.

Currently, the LAPD is only using information provided by the Department of Justice, which includes information on stolen cars, warrants, etc. The new software purchase now gives the Officer a GPS location, date, time, description of the car and description of the driver/felony, etc. Although the technology is in its infancy; it is an excellent tool that will complement the efforts of officers patrolling the streets. It has already helped in taking criminals off the streets.

The Neighborhood Councils that contributed in the Foothill Division are Arleta, Foothill Trails, Pacoima, Sunland-Tujunga and Sun Valley.

The Neighborhood Councils that contributed in the North Hollywood Division area,

Greater Valley Glen, North Hollywood, North

Hollywood, Sun Valley, and Valley Village

The Sun Valley Neighborhood is served by both Divisions, therefore contributed money to both.

There has been a delay in the process and we have just received word that the Readers will be installed in the Police vehicles on November 6th.

The Sun Valley Neighborhood Council believes that the future of Councils lies with the Neighborhoods working together in our planning district to achieve common goals. This joint effort will set an example for other areas in the City and show that Neighborhood Councils can truly make a difference in the quality of life of our stakeholders. It is hoped that the Auto Insurance for stolen cars will be greatly reduced because of the rapid rate of recovery.

Reminder, our Neighborhood Council Elections are in December. Watch for the date.

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SUN VALLEY CHAMBER

MEET GAIL GOLDBERG
Indust. Metal Supply
San Fernando Rd. S.V
5-7 pm

ROTARY CLUB

Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 am 951-5299

FOOTHILL OPTOMIST

Fairways Restaurant
Hansen Dam Rec Center
10400 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

WORKSHOP, ART GRANT

500 W. Temple Rm 374A
10 am -12 pm Reg. on line
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COLLEGE & CAREER CONVENTION

L.A. Convention Center
1201 S. Figueroa L.A.
South Hall
6-9 pm 562-458-9372
scannon@lachamber.org14

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

HALLOWEEN MIXER SYLMAR CHAMBER

Pioneer Mem. Cemetary
Foothill & Bledsoe, Syl
Costumes optional
6-8 pm 367-1177

YOUNG ADULT COUNCIL

Sylmar Library
14561 Polk, Syl
3:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

HALLOWEEN CONTEST OPEN HOUSE

LAPD Foothill Station
12760 Osborne
11 am-3 pm 756-8866

HAUNTED HOUSE

LAPD Mission Station
11121 Sepulveda, M.H.
5-9 pm

SPAGETTI DINNER

Our Lady of Lourdes
7355 Apperson, Tuj
Adults \$6, Child \$3
4:30 - 7:30

TREE PLANTING WORKSHOP

Spanish
13605 Van Nuys, Pac
11 am-1 pm 1-800-GreenLA

SUNDAY, OCT 29

RE-SET CLOCKS STANDARD TIME BEGINS

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM

10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

SYLMAR N/C

LAMC Ad Hoc
Committee Meeting
13515 1/2 Hubbard, Syl
7 pm 833-8737

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Sunland Rec. Center
8651 Foothill, Sun
5-9 pm 352-5282

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM

10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

ADULT COMPUTER CLASS

Pacoima Library
13605 Van Nuys, Pac
12-1 pm 899-5203

S-T KIWANIS

Joselitos Restaurant
7308 Foothill, S-T
6 pm 352-4857

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

FOOTHILL OPTOMIST

Fairways Restaurant
Hansen Dam Rec Center
10400 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

ROTARY CLUB

Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

1ST TIME HOME BUYERS, LA NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING

Sylmar Library
14561 Polk, Syl
Free 367-6102

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

SYLMAR CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Denny's Restaurant
13201 Gladstone, Syl
7:30 am 367-1177

MHNC BEAUTIFICATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COM.

10161 Sepulveda, MH
6:30 pm

NET WORKING BREAKFAST

Denny's Restaurant
13201 Gladstone, Syl
7:30 am 367-1177

S-T ELKS LODGE

10137 Commerce, S-T
8 pm 352-2098

BICYCLE PATH DEDICATION

San Fernando Rd.
Truman between Hubbard & Blecker Sts, Syl
10 am

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

WE TELL STORIES

SPIRIT OF BLACK FOLKLORE

S.V. Library
7935 Vineland, S.V.
4 pm 367-6102

POKEMON LEAGUE

S-T Library
7771 Foothill, Tuj
4-6 pm 352-4481

FREE FOR TEENS

ANIME & MANGA OTAKU

Club & Games
Sylmar Library
14561 Polk, Syl
3:30 pm

YOUNG ADULT COUNCIL

Sylmar Library
14561 Polk, Syl
3:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

TREE PLANTING COMMUNITY GREENING KICKOFF

Hansen Dam Rec Area
8:45-1 pm 623-4879

TEEN YOUTH OUTREACH

MHNC Office
10161 Sepulveda, MH
6:30 pm

SYLMAR NC LAND USE

SNC Office
13515 1/2 Hubbard, Syl
6:30 pm 833-8737

PACOIMA N/C BOARD ELECTIONS

Pacoima N/C
11243 Glenoaks
10 am - 2 pm
298-1853 or 384-6100

FOOTHILL TRAILS N/C BOARD ELECTIONS

Foothill Trails N/C
10158 Johanna, S.H.
10 am - 2 pm 607-8536

VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR MEND

13460 Van Nuys, Pac
8:30 am- 2:00 pm
www.mendpoverty.org

SUNDAY NOV. 5

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM

10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

MONDAY, NOV. 6

MHNC ZONE & LAND USE COM.

10161 Sepulveda, MH
6:30 pm

ANDRES PICO ADOBE

10940 Sepulveda, M.H
Tours 1 pm-4 pm
365-7810

WENDY GREUEL/STNC/DAC NO2HOME DEPOT TOWN HALL MEETING

NV City Hall
7747 Foothill. S-T
7 pm 756-8861

REMINDER NATIONAL ELECTIONS BE SURE TO VOTE



BOLTON HALL MUSEUM
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

MHNC OUTREACH COM.
10161 Sepulveda, MH
6:30 pm

STNC GENERAL MEET.
Mt. Gleason Middle School
10955 Mt. Gleason, S-T
www.stnhc.org
7 pm 951-7411

FOOTHILL OPTOMIST
Fairways Restaurant
Hansen Dam Rec Center
10400 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

ROTARY CLUB
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

SYLMAR WOMEN'S CLUB
Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odssey, G. H.
\$20 833-8033

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

FOOTHILL CPAB
(Comm Police Advisory Bd.)
10631 Vinedale, S.V
6 pm 756-8866

SYLMAR N/C MEET.
Hubbard St. Elementary
13325 Hubbrad St.
6:30 pm 833-8737

STNC BYLAWS COMMITTEE
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
3 pm 951-7411

S-T LIONS CLUB

Joselitos Restaurant
7308 Foothill, S-t
6:30 pm 353-5420

S-T COORDINATING COUNCIL
Joselitos Restaurant
7308 Foothill. S-T
11:30 am 353-7056

ANDRES PICO ADOBE
1 0940 Sepulveda, M.H.
Tours 1 pm-4 pm
365-7810

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

FREE FOR TEENS ANIME & MANGA OTAKU CLUB & GAMES
Sylmar Libfary
14561 Polk, Syl
3:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PASTA & KARAOKE NIGHT
Olll Parish Hall Center
10275 Tujunga Cyn, S-T
\$10 7 pm 352-3218

MEET & GREET NEW OFFICERS
S.F. Valley NAACP
11300 Glenoaks, Pac
Reservations
1-4 pm 877-245-9381

POKEMON LEAGUE
S-T Library
7771 Foothill, Tuj
1-4 pm 352-1419

VETERANS DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL
San Fernando Valley
Laurel Canyon &
San Fernado Mission, Pac
11 am

STNC OUTREACH COMMIT
Joselitos Restaurant
7308 Foothill, S-T
1 pm 951-7411

VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR MEND
13460 Van Nuys, Pac
8:30 am- 2:00 pm
www.mendpoverty.org

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

MONDAY, NOV. 13

ANDRES PICO ADOBE
10940 Sepulveda, M.H.
Tours 1 pm-4 pm
365-7810

AARP #140
Senior Center
8640 Fenwick, S-T
1-3 pm 353-9571

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

MHNC BD OF GOVERN. & STAKEHOLDERS GEN. MEET.
San Jose St. School
14928 Clymer, M.H.
Board 6 pm General 7 pm

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

SHADOW HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. (SHOPA)
Tierra del Sol
9919 Sunland, S.H.
7 pm

S-T KIWANIS
Joselitos Restaurant
7308 Foothill, S-T
6 pm 352-4857

ETI CORRAL 12
Sylmar Chamber Office
13867 Foothill, #104, Syl
7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

SYLMAR CHAMBER LUNCHEON DEPUTY MAYOR BUD OVRUM
Housing & Econ. Develop.
China Buffet
13760 Foothill, Syl
11:30 am 367-1177

FOOTHILL OPTOMIST
Fairways Restaurant
Hansen Dam Rec Center
10400 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

ROTARY CLUB
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

PACOIMA N/C
Pac Youth & Family Cent.
11243 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm 590-4792

S-T LIONS CLUB
Joselitos Restaurant
7308 Foothill, S-T
6:30 pm 353-5420

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

SNC LAND USE
SNC Office
13515 ½ Hubbard, Syl
6:30 pm 833-8737

S-T ELKS LODGE
10137 Commerce, S-T
8 pm 352-2098

STNC SAFETY COMMIT
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
6 pm 951-7411

ST-SERVS/CERT
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
7 pm 352-5504

FOOTHILLS TRAILS N/C
Village Christian School,
8930 Village Ave., SV
7 pm 601-4407

FRIDAY, NOV 17

THANKSGIVING DINNER & KOREAN BBQ
All Nations Church
10000 Foothill, LTV.
Reservations 470-5235.
Free 6 pm

S-T CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS INSTALLATION
S-T Chamber of Commerce
10137 Foothill, Tuj
RSVP 11/14 352-4433
\$20 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

SAN FERNANDO PIONEER MEMORIAL CEMETARY
Foothill & Bledsoe, Syl
9 - noon 365-5860

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

BREAKFAST-OMLET BAR
S-T Elks Lodge
10137 Commerce, S-T
9 am 352-2098

MONDAY, NOV. 20

ANDRES PICO ADOBE
10940 Sepulveda, M.H.
Tours 1 pm-4 pm
365-7810

4H CLUB MEET.
Shadow Hills Pres. Church
10158 Sunland, S. H.
7 pm 352-0864

TUESDAY, NOV 21

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
Stonehurst Park
9901 Dronefield
7 pm 768-0988

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
7 pm for info. 352-4415

ARLETA N/C
Beachy Elementary School
9757 Beachy, Arl
6:30 pm 897-9122

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

FOOTHILL OPTOMIST
Fairways Restaurant
Hansen Dam Rec Center
10400 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

ROTARY CLUB
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

Spooky Spots & Fall Festivals

FRIDAY, OCT 27

Fun for Kids

Scary Stories & Making a Monkey Mask

Sun Valley Library
7935 Vineland, Sun Valley
Free 4 pm 764-1338

Saturday, Oct. 28

Haunted House

Fun, Food, Games

LAPD Mission Station
11121 Sepulveda, Mission Hills
FREE 5 pm -9 pm 838-9860

Halloween Costume Contest

Childrens Activities, Fingerprinting
Bicycle Safety Course, Moon Bounce

Police & Fire Dept. Displays

LAPD Foothill Station
12760 Osborne, Pacoima,
Free 11 am - 3 pm 756-8866

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

Annual Halloween Festival

Sunland Recreation Center
Games, Prizes, Costume Contests, and Food
8651 Foothill Blvd, Sunland
FREE 5 pm -9 pm 352-5282

Little Landers Historical Society, Día de los Muertos

Come join us Saturday, November 11th at 1:00 P.M. for a look at Día de los Muertos, it's history, music, food, and customs. The celebration on November 1 and 2 respectfully honors one's own beloved dead and traces its origins in the ancient Aztec culture. Día de los Muertos originally celebrated in the ninth, tenth, and fourteenth months of the Aztec solar calendar.

Our speaker, Diane Correa de Rempel, a dancer and artist, studied Mesoamerica in art at her alma mater, Occidental College, and continued to pursue her interest in art history while working for six years at the Getty Art Research Institute. Diane has exhibited her art work at many galleries and many valley community fairs. The program is free.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave, Tujunga, 818-352-3420

Sunland Tujunga NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

November 6, 2006

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November 8 - Monthly STNC

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Los Angeles City Fire Dept.

Over 200 CERT trained volunteers participated in the Semi Annual Fresher for Graduates on Sunday, October 22 at Fire Station 88 in Sherman Oaks. Trained team members from Los Angeles as well as other communities in the County participated together in reviewing hands on Fire Suppression techniques, recognizing and treating life threatening emergencies, non-life threatening emergencies, search and rescue and team organization to name a few.

We are continuing to provide Division training for CERT members. The vision of the Division Trainings is to provide either new CERT-related training topics or to review existing CERT topics to increase the "Ready Responsiveness" of our CERT teams.

The plan is to offer one topic, three times, in three different locations in Los Angeles (once in each of our City Fire Di-



The next round of Quarterly Division Training will cover Fire Suppression with Live Fire Extinguisher Training. Division 3 took place on Tuesday, October 24, at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood. Division 1 and 2 will take place as follows:

Division 2

Tuesday, November 14

7pm-9pm

Fire Station 112

444 South Harbor Boulevard,
Berth 86

San Pedro CA 90731

Division 1

Tuesday, December 5

7pm-9pm

Frank Hotchkin Memorial Train-
ing Center

1700 Stadium Way

Los Angeles 90012

Sign up for Division Training
at www.cert-la.com/quarterly-trainings.htm

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visions) over a 3-month period. That way, CERT members have three different opportunities to attend the training in three different locations.

Previous topics were the The Incident Command System (ICS), Triage, Bandaging and Splinting, Traffic Control and DWP Electrical Safety.

TOWN HALL MEETING HELD BY LAPD

by Nina Royal

Tammy Flores, President of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council served as the Moderator during the Town Hall Meeting for communities served by the Mission Area Station on Saturday, October 7.

It was apparent that Saturday is a good day for such an event, they had a higher than average turnout for the meeting held in the Sylmar Park Auditorium and attended by approximately 80 people. Included in the Panel were: Deputy Chief Michael Moore of the Val-

ley Bureau, Captain Jorge A. Villegas, Commanding Officer of the Mission Area Station, Patrol Captain John N. Incontro, Mission Area Station, Deputy L.A. City Attorney, Ayelet Feinman, Tom Weissbath, Mission Area Community Police Advisory Board and Amelia Herrera Robles representing Sylmar Neighborhood Watch.

Neighbors took the opportunity to discuss their concerns regarding Graffiti, Illegal Dumping, and Loud Parties. Long time Commu-

nity Activist Joe Lozano took advantage of his opportunity to vent his frustration with his unsuccessful effort to obtain a traffic signal for Brand Boulevard at Arleta in hope mitigating the speeding problem as well as the discouraging the increase of Illegal Vendors in his area.

Area Senior Lead Officers were also in attendance and were available after the meeting to address individual concerns in their neighborhood.

Sunland-Tujunga Honors Local Police Officers

By Nina Royal

“The Above & Beyond the Call of Duty” Awards and Buffet dinner was held Saturday, October 21, at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. The annual community event is co-sponsored by S-T Safety & Emergency Response Volunteer Services (S-T SERVS) and Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge No. 2098. It was hosted by the Elks and Co-Chaired by Mark Flint, their past Exhalted Ruler and Nina Royal, Chairman of S-T SERVS. Past Elk State Vice President Earl Brouhard outdid himself cooking and serving a superb Tri-Tip Dinner.

The event honors selected Officers of the Police Department and Fire Department in alternating years, who are serving or have served the community and made a difference. During difficult years, the community now affectionately known as “The Rock” was not their favorite community to be deployed to. Most Officers chose to be transferred or “beat it down to the flatlands” at every opportunity. The community decided to show their appreciation to those who deliberately stuck around and gave their all to improve the quality of life in their community. In the early and mid 90’s, Sunland-Tujunga had the highest crime-reporting district in the Foothill Division. Today, they can proudly say they have the lowest thanks to the diligence of their officers and community member participation. Certificates of Appreciation/Recognition were present to:

Patrol Officer Robert Grant – He says he loves



“The Rock” and has no intention of leaving. He’s not highly visible because he works in the wee hours of the morning when everyone should be fast asleep

Patrol Officer Juan Gomez – He has been on the Rock for about four years and he too says he loves it and wants to stay there.

Senior Lead Officer Rich Wall – He was a former Patrol Officer on “The Rock” for several years. He did such a good job; he was recently promoted to Senior Lead Officer and assigned to the Arleta community.

Detective Travis Coyle – He is a former Patrol Officer, Property Crimes, and worked undercover on “the Rock” for many years. He is too well known now and works other areas in Foothill. However, he still assists other officers with his knowledge of everyone in the area. He was not present and will receive his awards at a Neighborhood Council Meeting.

Motor Officer Felicia McAdams – She works diligently to mitigate traffic problems in the area and was instrumental in working with the irate neighbors on Summitrose and helped get their much-needed stop sign. She was also not present

and will receive her awards at a Neighborhood Council meeting.

Senior Lead Officer Frank Avila – Although he has only been in the community a year, he is working very hard to continue to improve the area. His reporting district is high maintenance.

Captain Joseph Curreri, - Commanding Officer, Foothill Div. Although has only been in the community a short time, has proven his interest by attending their Neighborhood Council meetings and holding the LAPD Annual Division Town Hall meeting in their community for the first time, as well as re-instituting the Volunteer Surveillance Team.

They were presented with awards from: Angeles Mota, representing Councilmember Greuel, Tomi Lyn Bowing representing Assemblymember Keith Richmand, Eileen Blanchard, Elks Leading Knight, Honorary Sheriff Pat O’Brian, Lloyd Hitt, President of Little Lander Historical Society, Phil Tabbi, President Elect of the S-T Chamber, Cindy Cleghorn, Chairman of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and Nina Royal, Chairman of S-T SERVS.

We’ll Be Watching You

by Captain Joe Curreri

Although this article will most likely be read by the law abiding people of the community, my target audience is actually the predators among us; those who prey upon the innocent. I want to let the predators out there know that we have yet another tool in our arsenal of tactics to catch them, arrest them and prosecute them for victimizing those who seek to live in peace in a crime free environment.

The personnel assigned to the Foothill Community Police Station have been worked very hard to reduce crime in our area. Our efforts have paid off. Year-to-date, Foothill Area has the lowest number of reported crimes than any other Area within the City of Los Angeles. However, we will not be satisfied as long as there are people in our community who engage in criminal activity.

For many years, the sworn and civilian personnel of Foothill Community Police Station have had a good working relationship with many community members throughout the Area. We have now established, yet another partnership with the community in an effort to further reduce crime throughout Foothill. I would like to introduce the predators among us to



Foothill’s new crime fighting partner, Foothill Areas Volunteer Surveillance Team.

The Volunteer Surveillance Team, (VST), is comprised of a group of dedicated, well-trained and very disciplined community volunteers who work as partners with our officers. Our VST members are placed at strategic locations to observe criminals in the act of committing crime. When observing criminal activity, or suspected criminal activity, the VST “calls in the troops” who are waiting close by to swoop in on the surprised criminal.

I have worked with a VST in my previous command. The VST has proven to be a valued partner and tremendous asset in reducing crime. VST members gain a great deal of satisfaction and sense of accomplishment knowing that they are making an active contribution in making their neighborhoods safer places to live, work, play and visit.

By the time you read this article, Foothill Area’s VST will be operational. Our members will have been trained and participat-

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Mission Hills Neighbors said Thank You

Communities in the LAPD Mission Area Station went all out to show their appreciation for their Officers. Many neighbors and Organizations participated under the chairmanship of Melanie McShane. Together they transformed the “Tim Falco Community Room” to resemble a Hawaiian Isle. Volunteers started feeding Officers starting at 6:30 am and continuing until 9 pm. Each Officer was given a Lei and a hug as they entered the room to eat. They knew they were special that day because a huge thank you card signed by local elementary school students was on display by the food tables.



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Haines Pond... My two cents worth!

I'm Barbara T. who was mentioned in both Haines Pond articles, see the Sept. 6th issue & the Oct. 11th issue (2006).

After reading the article in the Oct. 11 issue by Donna Danielson titled "Haines Pond What's Really Going On?" I too felt I had no choice but to respond to the article.

Donna states that she is one of the neighbors with large pools of non-moving water. One of the reasons that Donna Danielson is one of the neighbors with large pools of water is because there is a rock dam in the creek right there by her property and it is obstructing the flow of the creek. The rock dam was, as she said to me, "made by my grand children,"

Major clean ups were not done by County Flood Control. If it had been so, then how is it that I was able to pick up trash for 8 to 12 hrs every day for 7 days in a row? And came up with 35 (45 gal size) trashbags full of trash? And how is it that after the 2nd major clean up (3 weeks later) on Coastal Clean up Day September 16, 2006 we picked up approximately one ton more of trash (see pg13 in the Sept.27th issue). The statement "It took many men filling dump trucks full of" is false! Yes, it did take many men and many



Twenty-one bags, count them

women and not one of them was from County Flood Control.

The trash that ends up in the channel and creek and the nasty arundo donax are most of the cause for the formation of what I call "trash dams." These trash dams are a major cause for obstructing and restricting the flow in any moving body of water. Flow can be restricted so severely that eventually the large pools of water that were created from this process will become ponds. This is precisely what had happened in the area of the Haines Channel Outlet that is "maintained" by County Flood Control. The Dump truck (not trucks) that Donna Danielson saw being filled with trash was the ton of trash that we picked up on Coastal Clean Up Day. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works arranged for the final pick up of the collected trash. The statement "Nobody single-handed could have made it flow" is false. Because I, and myself and me did exactly just that by eliminating the causes

of no flow therefore creating flow. When the causes were removed it dried up the large pool of water right where the storm drain lets out into the channel/wash and left only a stream of water which proceeded with a strong restored flow all through out the Flood Control Maintenance Site. I admit there was a back hoe there for about 3 days. It was scooping up the left over mud from the dried up pool. The back hoe was also scooping up the huge cut branches that were left in the water by County Flood Control which I dragged out and moved to the edges of the large pool when I first came to the site.

In case anyone is ever interested in restoring the flow in a wilderness area please be aware that permits are usually required. I must stress acquiring knowledge of which plants are invasive non-native species and which are native to the area before attempting this feat is important. Also, learn the correct method for removing rock dams from water bodies and the proper way of removing trash from water bodies so the balance of macro-invertebrates and other aquatic insects that inhabit the water is maintain. Your actions must never have a negative affect on the environment and GOD's critters that live there.

I would like to mention that I was not bitten by one mosquito the whole time I was at the Haines Channel Outlet.

So there you have it,.... my two cents worth. Thank you!!

Barbara Tarnowski
Tujunga

Neighborhood Councils/No Home Depot

The previous mayor started the certification process for the neighborhood councils. I think it was clear to him that the communities were getting active and that they wanted to have a medium between the mayor's office

and them. They wanted their voices to be heard. A means to an end came in the form of a direct line from the community to the council office who would then communicate to the mayor.

It was the cherished baby of the previous mayor, who valued an "in the trenches" look at what his constituents wanted and were thinking. He supported the activity and created the certification process whereby the community could actually receive very much needed funding for their works previously attained only by volunteer funding and community donations.

The current mayor does not share the same views about our Neighborhood Councils. Since the induction of a new mayor our influence as a NC has been slowly diminishing. As I have been actively involved in the community for over one decade and always a player in the Neighborhood

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Council both before and after certification I can assure you, our importance as a group is diminishing.

As a non stop member of the Design Advisory Committee since its inception and addition to the Neighborhood Council I can say that all projects we review used to result in city officials listening and taking action accordingly. That is not the case any longer. Projects we wholeheartedly opposed, because the community opposed them, have been allowed behind our backs, witness the cell tower project that is currently sailing through our planning de-

partment. Again, the Home Depot becomes the focus of attention as well. The frustration that has created at the NC level is unbelievable. Notable resignations because of this frustration have occurred this year.

If you write to the current mayor about this issue you will quickly see, he is not listening. He kept the NC program going because he knew the abolishment of it would create distention among his voters. He underestimated this by and large. He does not get it. He does not support the NC to any marked degree.

The letter from the previous mayor, to Home Depot and a cc to our council office, stated under no uncertain terms his opposition to the taking over of our only general store by an unwanted and unneeded Home Depot and its corporation. Our new mayor has not been willing to do anything of the sort.

There are roughly 66,000 voters up here. An overwhelming majority of whom want a Sunland Tujunga place to buy towels, clothes, pots and pans, silverware, Tupperware and toasters, all in one place. I think you can safely estimate thousands of dollars per year, per family, would be spent in such a place. Apparently the weight of our voters is not important to the current mayor who has snubbed both our areas and the neighborhood councils in a very BIG way.

My personal opinion is that the Home Depot issue is the single largest and most important issue our community has ever faced. Not one day goes by that someone does not ask me, "what is going on?" and "what do we have to do to make them leave our community alone so that we can get our needed department store here?". Not one day goes by. Perhaps the audience of this letter should be required to drive to a nearby town for towels or other supplies twice per month to grasp the magnitude of this devastation. I have never seen an issue that captured so much of our community's attention.

There have been other topics and issues but I have never seen one like this one where virtually everyone speaking agrees and wants the same thing. NO HOME DEPOT in Sunland Tujunga!

Tomi Lyn Bowling
Sunland-Tujunga



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Can We Save the Plants From Canyon Hills

Many kind people have been generously offering to help save the plants threatened by the development of the Canyon Hills site, now an unspoiled wilderness, but there is no avenue to channel their efforts. No city department is considering utilizing this powerful untapped resource! Many times I have offered to help city agencies by guiding them to places, or to plants, or to animals & trails, only to find, after receiving no response, they sent someone to investigate that could not even find the Upper Hansen Heights Channel for instance (it's a blue line stream in "missing



linkage # 27"), The stream is on the USGS map and in the Thomas Guide! So obviously they would have benefited from the expertise I offered along with my home telephone number and address (right next door to the channel), Instead they wasted their time wandering around my neighborhood all afternoon one day and did not finding their objective!

The volunteers that have offered to help are mostly educated, conscientious, capable professionals whose valuable time is already stretched thin by the day to day demands of careers, families and homeownership. Our communities need capable people like them attending to things that city staff can not give enough attention, funds, or time required to resolve them,

A chain of community owned, volunteer run, Native Plant Rescue Nurseries could be created and this could be the first, Collecting and propagating natives plants that would otherwise be destroyed, in this case, is absent here in Los Angeles, and that is a major part, if

not the cause of the deteriorating civility and general malaise so prevalent here. Perhaps most importantly, fostering an affinity for nature to those born and raised in the concrete jungle brings empathy for disenfranchised and downtrodden diminutive living creatures now absent from their homes, streets, schools and work.

What purpose can it possibly serve to so completely destroy our natural world and utterly exclude any trace from it in our homes and yards? This exhibits an ignorance of homebuyer's wishes. We appreciate an areas natural attributes! Lawns and grass now represent the largest crop (by total acreage planted) grown in the US. It's also the most labor intensive, requires more fer-

tilizer, more pesticides, and more water than any other crop grown in this country. No thank you, a lawn is just a pain and I'd rather relax on my weekends and enjoy the local flora and fauna, And when I don't water they are perfectly capable of surviving on their own, even when I'm on vacation!

Ricky Grubb
Sunland

Just My Thoughts

We hear the question, "What has happened to our town?" Why isn't there any place to shop? Why so many derelict buildings? Some, like Joe Carnes, remember the shops that were here many years ago and many of us know why they are gone. The most often asked is "Why doesn't someone do something?"

Many citizens have been trying to beautify the streets and to bring in business. Much has been attempted by groups with the help of L.A. City officials. Have you noticed flowerpots and landscaping? Results from suggestions of the Neighborhood Council Design Committee and the Commerce

Merchants Associations? It seems that everyone wants a shopping area like Montrose to browse in. Why don't we have small business any more?

To start a business it is necessary to have at least two years' worth of capital until those first bills are paid and you have a steady stream of customers. You need enough to purchase licenses, permits, and to bring your facility to code according to the City of Los Angeles. Then, money is needed to stock your place with all the materials needed to make sales. The proprietor needs enough to pay workers, their insurance (Workers' Comp is mandatory), salaries and social security. Remember display cases, merchandise, signs, telephones, cash registers, a bookkeeper or accountant, and a tax attorney. And you must work very hard and spend long and consistent hours at the shop.

If you are a shopper, you will want to park close to the place of business. Discouraging is a narrow road, too much traffic, difficult access or limited parking. As Joe DeCenzo said after the Shouting Coyote Festival, the success of an endeavor depends on three things: parking, parking and parking.

Walk, you say? Carry groceries? How far? Uphill? If your shopping corridor is too long, the business can't depend on foot traffic.

If merchants are unaware of the need for parking they and their employees take up the best spots for the duration of their shift. They close off the back parking places. Some of the merchants don't have their stores open when they say they will. A customer with a car will go on to the next place, shop, and never return to a place they can't depend upon. Of course, we all know the inconvenience of multi-stop shopping, though I enjoy that more than the confusion of too much stuff and too many people.

And what can be the appeal of a place with dirty windows and dusty merchandise?

To compare ourselves with Burbank and its growth, we have to contend with small family business being pushed out. Some of us are terrified of that Eminent Domain issue where property can be taken for large wealthy developers. The super structures may be good for the customers, but not

for small businesses.

The customer is the key to all town development. If we all shopped here, we would have all we need as we used to. Business could support itself as it did before warehouse stores opened. The opinion is always that at the GemCo's, White Fronts, Sam's and Costcos everything is cheaper, so you feel fine about using a gallon or so of gas and buying three times what you need.

Back in the sixties I overheard two young mothers talking about budgeting. One said to go to White Front for Similac, it costs so much less. After that, I went to White Front and to a local store to compare prices and found that the Similac at our local store was \$3 less per case. Yet, we believe completely that we get a better price on everything if the business building is big enough. It is true that the large wholesalers would rather ship 20 gross of something to a huge store than one case to a smaller place. But think about it... the warehouse store has to make money too, so they must find ways to do so.

After talking with a woman about the need to support small business, and

We have no right to complain about lack of shopping in our area. We don't shop here.

listening to all her suggestions and complaints about the lack of shopping here, I was surprised that her conclusion was "What we need here is a WallMart".

In a town that has one long corridor of small buildings with very little parking space there is not enough land for a large place like Wallmart, and of course all small stores would be pushed out by any megabusiness.

There is a situation locally with our demographics. We have a great many people with limited incomes, a lot of crime (very expensive for a small business leading to more limited access in front and back of stores, more expensive security), and several groups of people with cultural needs, as specialized foods, meet-

ing places, and competitive businesses that take very little expertise or funds to start.

We have a huge number of auto repair and body work shops, flower shops, check cashing and medical supply establishments. It is necessary to realize that too many of anything reduces the number of sales as the marketplace becomes glutted. When these quickie business fail, the buildings are left for vandals and the natural order of decay.

If we look back to the 1950's and 60s, we will remember dress shops, gift shops, drug stores, shoe stores, Newberry's, Fazio's market, Ken's Stationers, cafés, antique stores, Ros-tand's, A and J Appliance, paint and wallpaper stores, on and on. The markets, Ralph's and Von's came in with multiple types of merchandise and with pharmacies. Then came K Mart, Office Depot, the warehouse stores, and gradually there were no more specialty shops.

Because of the change in buying habits we have no right to complain about lack of shopping in our area. We don't shop here. What is to be done? I am hoping that we can identify who and what we are, what we can do best, and make whatever we are the best we can be. We may never again be a shopper's town. Could we be the most gorgeous and enticing auto repair place in California?

Several groups have been working on this issue of shopping in Sunland and along Commerce in Tujunga. With very little money, the Commerce Street Business group and the Chamber of Commerce planted flowers and trees and held a street fair. The City tried to get merchants to improve signs making them a bit less junky and more dignified. However, codes have been ignored, flowers have been left to die and flower pots have been used for sport. Signs are garish, others hand painted on every window. If the time ever comes when we can understand each other, cooperate, and shop at home, then we may see that little town we think we want. Or something better.

Marlene Hitt
Sunland Tujunga

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Water Water Everywhere

Tujunga Watershed Workshops Hope to Shape LA's Water Future

by Jeannine Crowley

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA—Where will LA's water come from in the future? Where will it go? Is the city of Los Angeles doing all it can to maximize the water that it has, or is it shortchanging its own future through poor water management?

These were some of the questions explored as The Tujunga Watershed Project held a Workshop Oct. 9 at Bolton Hall. The workshop, facilitated by Zack Freedman and Melanie Winter from The River Project, included several community stakeholders and Sunland-Tujunga neighbors, including members of Sunland-Tujunga Neighbor-



Hains Channel at Commerce and St. Estaban, is a proposed project site to create biking and walking access along the channel.

hood Council Board and its Design Advisory Committee.

Community members identified key sites in Sunland-Tujunga that are a concern to the community. Twenty-six sites were defined on a high resolution digital map indicating areas of street flooding, possible pocket parks, natural habitat restoration, catch basin improvements, large paved parking and playground areas with major water run off. The group also looked at possible open space preservation, and space for walking and biking access along Haines Channel.

The aim of these "community based" work-

shops is to develop a stakeholder-driven Tujunga Watershed Management Plan by identifying areas of opportunity within each area of the Tujunga Watershed. By improving storm water capture systems and maximizing water recharge, along with optimizing water reuse and improving water quality, Los Angeles will become less dependent on imported water. There are other benefits such as restoring wildlife habitats, and increasing park space in underserved communities.

The vast Los Angeles megalopolis uses only 12-15 percent of water from local sources, 42 percent is supplied from the Los Angeles Aqueduct and 47 percent from the Metropolitan Water District. Thus Los Angeles City is compelled to find ways to capture storm water instead of sending it uselessly to the ocean.

The Tujunga Wash has historically been a major contributor of the City's groundwater supply. The Valley sits above the San Fernando Groundwater Basin, a huge aquifer that has become depleted over the years as much of the valley floor has been paved. Rain that used to soak into the ground now runs off of concrete and asphalt and directly into storm drains and concrete flood channels.

Prior to the chanalization of our river systems and the accompanying urban development, roughly 80 percent of storm water became groundwater. Now current estimates indicate that only 8 percent of storm water becomes groundwater, the rest is lost to the ocean.

The history of Los Angeles is the history of its water.

In 1898 LA Mayor Fred Eaton, created the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, appointing his friend William Mulholland the superintendent. Both envisioned a much bigger Los Angeles, but knew that the limiting factor for growth was the water supply. Eaton set his sights on the Owens Valley in Inyo County and after a series of dubious negotiations, he acquired the water rights to over 300,000 acres of land in the valley that fed Owens River and Owens Lake. For at least 800,000 years, Owen Lake had been a perennial lake at the terminus of the Owens River. It held water continuously and at times overflowed to the south

Mulholland directed the building of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, completed in 1913; an event hailed as an engineering marvel, but one which proved disastrous to Owens Lake.

When the aqueduct project was completed, inflows to Owens Lake were almost completely diverted. By 1926 the lake was completely dried up. An extension to the aqueduct was built and completed by 1934 which also diverted creeks that fed Mono Lake.

A second Aqueduct was built by LADWP and completed in 1970. More surface water from the Owens Valley was diverted and groundwater pumped at the rate of several hundred thousand acre feet per year. Owens Valley springs dried up and disappeared, and vegetation dependent on groundwater began to die.

LADWP never completed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing the impacts of groundwater pumping. Inyo County then sued Los Angeles under the terms of the California Environmental Quality Act. Los Angeles submitted a short EIR in 1976 and a second one in 1979, but both were rejected as inadequate by the courts. LADWP was also sued in 1979 by the Mono



Zack Freedman, Tomi Lynn Bowling and others plot out possible project sites in the Sunland Tujunga area

Lake Committee and the National Audubon Society. Litigation reached the California Supreme Court in 1983, which ruled in favor of the Committee, and by 1994 the California State Water Resources Control Board ruled that LADWP was to let enough water into the Lake to raise the lake level 20 feet

In 1997, after nearly 20 years of litigation, Inyo County, Los Angeles, the Owens Valley Committee, and the Sierra Club, signed a Memorandum of Understanding that specified terms by which the lower Owens River would be rewatered by June 2003. Los Angeles did not meet the deadline and in December, 2003, LADWP once again had to settle a lawsuit brought by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, the Owens Valley Committee, and the Sierra Club. The deadlines for the Lower Owens River Project were revised with LADWP now mandated to return water to the lower Owens River by September 2005. To no one's surprise, the LADWP announced in late February 2005 that it was unlikely to meet the September 2005 deadline.

Prior to the chanalization of our river systems and the accompanying urban development, roughly 80 percent of storm water became groundwater. Now current estimates indicate that only 8 percent of storm water becomes groundwater, the rest is lost to the ocean.

Meanwhile, the Colorado River aqueduct, which was constructed from 1933 to 1941 by the Metropolitan Water District, was creating its own feuds with California's parched neighbor Arizona. Both Arizona and Nevada have had their own increasing need for a share of Colorado River water. In January 2003 three of the eight pumps were switched off, sending less water down the 242 mile aqueduct toward Southern California.

Clearly Los Angeles' need for water can only grow, as does the City.

The Tujunga Watershed Project Workshop is only one facet in developing a Watershed Management Plan. The River Project staff is working with biologists, engineers, cartographers, education specialists and developing policy through the LA & San Gabriel River Watershed Council, the county's LA River Master Plan Advisory Committee, the city of LA's Integrated Resource Plan, and the Cleaner Rivers through Effective Stakeholder Steering Committee.

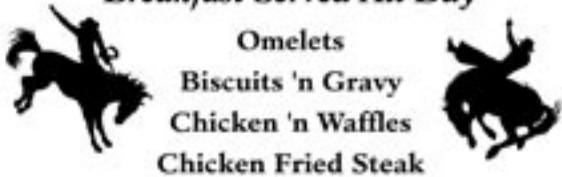
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Lake View Terrace

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Captain Curreri

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Watershed Workshops

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Dozens of project plans promoting responsible management of our watershed lands, the revitalization of our rivers, the restoration of natural habitats, and the creation of parks and recreational areas have resulted from the series of Watershed workshops.

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Trees From the Foothills to the Sea



Lake View Terrace —As part of an historic effort to plant 300,000 trees in City parks in response to Mayor Villaraigosa's Million Trees initiative, nonprofit TreePeople and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks are starting a community greening effort in the northeast San Fernando Valley. Volunteers are needed for a Saturday November 4 kick-off planting at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area.

"The northeast Valley communities understand the importance of trees and parks," said TreePeople Director of Forestry Jim Summers. "We'll launch our greening efforts by planting hundreds of trees at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area and followup with workshops that empower neighbors to organize other park plantings and green their streets and schools. Parks are the central hub from which the community forest can grow."

Volunteers will plant more than 150 trees including oaks and other native, drought tolerant trees in this hot, dry region. All trees will contribute to Mayor Villaraigosa's one million tree goal.

The San Fernando Valley planting is part of a larger goal to plant trees in parks from the "foothills to the sea." An initial planting took place on Saturday October 14 at Harbor Regional Park in underserved Harbor City with community volunteers planting more than 150 trees.

This parks partnership is based on a simple belief: that a single person planting a single tree can help curb global warming, beautify a neighborhood, clean the air, save energy, capture rainwater for reuse and build a sense of community -- IF that single act is multiplied by thousands of people and trees in every part of the city.

For more than thirty years TreePeople has been the nonprofit leader helping nature heal L.A.'s city forest. The nonprofit initiated and ran L.A.'s first Million Tree Campaign from 1981-1984 in time for the '84 Olympics.

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