

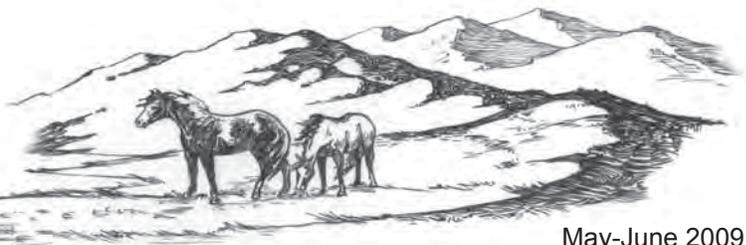
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## Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars; our annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, July 12, 2009 from 8am to 12 noon. If you have never attended, plan on it this year. We eat outdoors at beautiful Tierra del Sol underneath their tall, cool trees. Great food, juice and coffee. What better company than your neighbors and friends! It is also a great opportunity to meet others in the community and expand your interests and knowledge. Needless to say, breakfast is first rate and the price is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 kids 5 to 12. Our new Shadow Hills tee-shirts will be for sale.



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## The Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags

by Carol Roper

Is your American Flag looking tattered and worn and ready for retirement? We are lucky to have in our midst, Bud Fales, a proud member of the American Legion Post 377 Sunland/Tujunga. Every year a retirement party is held for these old flags you didn't know what to do with.



The ceremony is held at Bud's home June 13th beginning at 10:00 am. There will be a pot lunch, music and no host bar. The address is 10659 Mary Bell Avenue, Shadow Hills, (corner of Wentworth). If you are unable to attend, you may drop your flag off ahead of time.

## Letter to the Editor: Mailbox Update



At our last general meeting, we had a guest speaker from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service who provided us with helpful information and answered many questions about mail safety, mail fraud and identity theft. (We sent an email to our email tree with some of the helpful information, as well.) There were many questions about the locking type mailboxes and our guest wrote back to us. Here is her letter:

Dear SHPOA:

I spoke with Giselle Gastelum, Officer in Charge (OIC) at the Sunland Post Office, 818-951-0376 or 800-ASK-USPS (800-275-8777). Shadow Hills residents may speak with her regarding replacing mailboxes with the

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## Neighborhood Watch Update

by Susan Mansis

Be Captain of the block. Your neighborhood block, that is! Hello, I'm Sue Mansis, local resident and your new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for Shadow Hills. Like most of you, I grew up in a time when people knew their neighbors, met at the mailbox to catch up, and watched over each others' homes. That is also what attracted me to Shadow Hills eight years ago. But times, they are a changin' and many of us no longer know who lives across the street, much less around the corner.

Like everywhere else, Shadow Hills is being hit by economic challenges - and we are not excluded from crime on the move. Together with your resourcefulness and help, we want to restore neighborhood unity, teamwork and pride in our community as we stay on alert to deter crime and suspicious activities. LAPD has provided a valuable website for residents to check on local reported crimes [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) - link "Crime Maps." Please be thinking how you can get connected in a Neighborhood Watch group, as we want to work side by side with our local law enforcement to keep our streets safe and to show would-be law breakers that we are a neighborhood which stays vigilant, involved and informed! We look forward to serving alongside of you humbly and proudly.

## Please Help the Valley Food Bank

by Diana Woolley

The Valley Food Bank is collecting food to feed the hungry. A couple of months ago a friend put together a plan to help the Food Bank feed the hungry. I have joined her in this quest. We are collecting fruit or for that matter any food to help people who are hungry. If your trees bear too much fruit, if some of your canned food is close to out of date, DONATE. Donating fruit/food that would otherwise go to waste is an easy way to help others.

I am so fortunate to be living in Shadow Hills. And because of it I sometimes feel isolated from the problems around us. It is easy to think someone else will help, but we must be those people. So, I'm asking you to help in any way you can. "Give to those in need." Waste is not an option. You can donate directly to the Valley Food Bank, (818) 510-4140, [www.valleyfoodbank.org](http://www.valleyfoodbank.org) or call Diana for pick up (818)353-7843 and/or bring your donations to 10540 McBroom.

Valley Food Bank sends a truck to collect food in the Studio City area on Tuesday mornings. One of the pickup places is at my friend's home. I take all donations to her on Monday. Please be as generous as possible. This is an ongoing project. Hunger never takes a holiday.

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## **Verdugo Hills Cemetery**

by Mary Lou Pozzo

Eighty-seven years ago on April 22, 1922, Parson James Wornum became the first resident of the Hills of Peace Cemetery in Tujunga. In 1957, the cemetery became the Verdugo Hills Cemetery. The once bucolic hillside cemetery became a frequent spot for vandals, Goths and teen drinkers. The world became aware of this Pioneer cemetery after the disastrous rains and hillside collapse on February 9, 1978. In 1984, the State Cemetery Board went to court to become the conservator of the endowment care fund of the now abandoned cemetery.

In 1992, the Friends of the Hills of Peace Cemetery was formed by Mary Lou and Richard Pozzo. Yearly brush clearance became the norm. In 2005, with the help of Councilwoman Wendy Gruel, a new fence surrounded the cemetery. Yearly brush clearance continues and Boy Scout "Eagle Projects" have created a respectful resting place for the early pioneers of Sunland-Tujunga.

History was made on March 4, 2009 when Wendy Gruel presented the cemetery's nomination to become a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument to the Los Angeles City Council. The vote in favor was unanimous to name the little cemetery on the hillside Historic-Cultural Monument #946. The year-long work of Kathleen Travers and Mary Lou Pozzo, with the assistance of the Little Landers Historical Society, made the dreams of Marshall Hartranft, the developer who donated the four acres, a reality.

A bronze plaque will signify that Los Angeles values its historic heritage. Community involvement is necessary for the continued preservation of this historic landmark. Our next scheduled Spring Beautification Day is Saturday, May 2, 2009, 9 am to 2 pm. For more information please call (818) 352-3420. Richard and Mary Lou Pozzo have been residents of Tujunga, California since 1984. Mary Lou has served as librarian of Bolton Hall Museum from 1992 to present. She is the author of *Founding Sisters, Life Stories of Tujunga's Early Women Pioneers – 1886-1926*.





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## What Happened to Hathaway Home for Children in Sylmar?

by Marlene Hitt, Sunland Archivist and  
Co-Director Bolton Hall

The idyllic 300-acre Paradise Ranch belonging to Cecil B. DeMille, legendary film maker, had been the residence of the DeMilles until 1963. At that time the DeMille trust bequeathed the ranch to Hathaway to be a haven for troubled children. Hathaway Children and Family Services had started in 1919 as the Kiddie Koop orphanage in Highland Park, continuing today as HCFS with several locations listed.

Their mission is to provide a "continuum of care to vulnerable children and their families." Hathaway has been recognized as one of the finest facilities in the nation for the treatment of abused, neglected and emotionally disturbed children. Funding has come from the government and the private sector.

The DeMille ranch was a superb campus in Little Tujunga Canyon helping children develop in a healthy manner. Kind words were said by Jennifer Olsen of the Record Ledger in 1982, "More than 100 abused and emotionally disturbed children (ages 5-17) live on the movie-makers old "Paradise Ranch", a 300-acre village tucked high in the mountains about five miles above Lake View Terrace. Hathaway Home for Children is a tranquil oasis in their turbulent lives."

The stay of each child was temporary, 16 months on the average, while experts prepared them for a more permanent placement. By the 1980's the staff numbered 240 employees.

Helping in its Sylmar village were Ferdinand Mendenhall, DeMille's old friend, and Julie Andrews, who raised money from "An evening with Julie Andrews and Harry Belafonte." Many Foothill organizations pledged to the village. Governor Ronald Reagan was the keynote speaker at its opening in 1972, and other celebrities were involved over the years.

The site suffered from many of the natural disasters that have hit this area - earthquake, fire and flood. The Big Tujunga fire destroyed the beautiful lodge built in 1923 where Hollywood mementos were stored. Several buildings were lost at that time, and 1978 storms brought more destruction. The 1982 article states that DeMille's old cottage was still there.

And now, where is the Children's Village? Hathaway Home in Sylmar is closed and will not reopen. Well, not in the canyon at the Sylmar site. According to administrators today, the ranch had to be abandoned. Sewage and water facilities had to be maintained by the children's home which became expensive. The state funding had not increased in 6 years and costs had continued to rise; private funding did not provide enough financial aid. It was determined also that the ranch was too far away for parents to be involved. Hathaway Home provided care for a while in a beautiful, healing setting.

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*Editor's Note: It is sad our children and their futures are often neglected. With budget cuts looming for all local school districts and the recent abandonment of the Children's Museum project at Hansen Dam, we all should realize how important it is for citizen activism and turning out to vote to make sure our government is as responsive to us as we are to them as we make our increasingly large tax payments year after year.*

**Giardia**

by Denise Fleck

Providing Fido and Fluffy with fresh, clean water just makes good sense. However, not only can it keep them healthy, it can also prevent your two-legged family members from getting sick! Giardia are one-celled organisms (protozoa, if we all remember our Biology) that live in the small intestine of many animals. The protozoa attach to the small intestine where they produce disease by taking away nutrients from your pet. The protozoa also produce harmful substances and left untreated, can damage the lining of the small intestine and cause scaring.

The disease -- sometimes referred to as "Beaver Fever" since beavers are known carriers -- is found throughout the United States and elsewhere where stagnant water exists. A dog or cat can become infected by eating the cyst form of the parasite when he drinks from a pond, puddle or even a backyard bucket that contains contaminated water. Once the cyst enters the gastrointestinal tract of your pet it releases a trophozoite which whips its hairlike structures (flagella) back and forth to propel itself until it finds a place in your pet's intestine to attach itself to. It then reproduces by dividing, ultimately passing in your pet's feces where it can contaminate the environment and water and infect other animals and people and thus... the cycle continues.

Because Giardia is not species-specific, WE can get it from our pets or directly from contaminated water sources! Therefore, sanitation is of the utmost importance when caring for our dogs and cats. Wear gloves when cleaning up feces, especially diarrhea or vomit from an infected animal, and wash your hands frequently when around your pets. The only sure way to prevent Giardia is to eliminate the source of the infection which is contaminated water as it can survive chlorination as well as frost. Any place water collects should be alleviated if possible such as places where there are puddles or poor drainage. Concrete surface should be cleaned, dried and sealed. Lysol®, ammonia or bleach (1% bleach, 99% water) can be effective decontamination agents, but always follow instructions and confer with your Veterinarian to make sure chemicals are safe around your pets.

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## USPS Guest Speaker Letter

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locking type. I explained the gentleman's concern about stacking the boxes due to space limitations. She seemed agreeable as long as changes were within regulations (632.524 Location - the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry should be 41 to 45 inches from road surface). Before making any changes, residents must get approval from the OIC or Postmaster. I have attached the current regulations which include an address of approved manufacturers 632.511. The regulations also address the lock prohibition 632.527 Locks (the other gentleman's question).

I also asked the OIC about vacation hold mail. She said the process is now automated and vacation hold mail should be pulled out as the mail goes through automation. This process should keep mail from being delivered if a customer has requested a hold. If customers have any problems, please let her know so the problem can be addressed.

One of the residents inquired about P.O. Boxes. I went on line and it appears there are boxes available. P.O. Box information can be found on the Postal Service website <http://www.usps.com/receive/businesssolutions/poboxservice.htm> or by contacting the OIC.

Thank you for inviting the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to speak with the community. Let me know if there is anything else I can assist you with.

Renee Focht

Postal Inspector/Public Information Officer

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## The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council is an advisory body of The City of Los Angeles and strives to represent the voices of our stakeholders to the City Council as mandated by the City Charter. Unique among Neighborhood Councils, The FTDNC represents three of the last four horse-keeping neighborhoods in the city: Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, and La Tuna Canyon.

The fifteen FTDNC board members need your help to monitor the numerous challenges which impact our community. The FTDNC depends on stakeholder input to guide the board's actions in supporting positive change while retaining the unique character of our three neighborhoods. A unified Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council has made our voice heard in the City Council, and has many positive achievements to show for our commitment, cohesion and hard work.

Help us help you. Be a part of the solution. Please bring your ideas or problems to the FTDNC and let's work as one team to generate the best possible outcome. The FTDNC meetings are listed below, but always check the "Coming Events" calendar located at [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org) for actual dates, times, locations, agendas and supporting documentations.

The following meetings are usually held monthly at the Office located at 9747 Wheatland Ave., Shadow Hills, CA 91040.

- Land Use – 1st Tuesday
- Rules & Elections – 1st Wednesday
- Equestrian Committee – 2nd Wednesday
- Executive Board – 2nd Thursday
- Outreach – 4th Thursday
- Budget & Finance – 4th Thursday

Please refer to [www.ftdnc.org](http://www.ftdnc.org) for location of the General Board meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The upcoming April 16th meeting will be held at Village Christian School in La Tuna Canyon at 7 pm.

## Excessive Brush Collection

The City offers one annual brush collection, free of charge, to all households serviced by the Bureau of Sanitation, especially to residents required by the Los Angeles Fire Dept. to clear their lots of brush. Residents may also drop off their yard trimmings from 9 am to 3 pm on weekends at 11300 Randall St., Sun Valley.

## OLD PHOTOS WANTED

We are seeking any old photos of the neighborhood you can contribute to a Shadow Hills history album for display at SHPOA meetings. Also, any suggestions on people, places, events or personal knowledge, memories, stories or contacts for future articles are appreciated. Please call Carol at 353-5534.





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**3-1-1 Needs Overhaul?**

by Elektra Kruger

According to Councilmember Jan Perry, the conceptually brilliant 3-1-1 “One Call to City Hall”, a means to access any department or any office of the City, has proven itself inadequate in practice especially when it comes to handling requests for service about illegal dumping. The reporting system is not streamlined and that makes it frustrating for LA residents and creates a situation in which the system is not as likely to be utilized.

For example, once reaching the primary 3-1-1 operator, the caller is referred to other City numbers - and those differ as to whether the dumped material is general debris or whether it is items of furniture. Debris is handled by Street Services, furniture by the Department of Sanitation. If the illegal dumping is a mix of the two, both departments need to be contacted.

Another major problem is that although 3-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, these departments are open for taking reports only during business hours and not on a 24/7 basis. This makes it difficult for the public to report instances of illegal dumping. With this understanding, Councilmember Jan Perry presented a Motion to City Council asking that the Bureau of Sanitation, the Bureau of Street Services and the Information Technology Agency be directed to work together to come up with recommendations for establishing a functioning 3-1-1 “One Call to City Hall” illegal dumping reporting system which will operate on a 24/7 basis.

Now, I have to assume that this Motion arose from the fact that residents are not familiar with using the 3-1-1 system. If you call 3-1-1 during business hours, ask the primary 3-1-1 operator to transfer you to the Department of Street Services. They will do this for you - you do not have to hang up and dial it yourself. The operator will ask you if you would like them to give you the number for the department - just politely say “No Thank You”. Transferring you to the proper department is their job. It only takes a moment and you will be connected with the operator in the Street Services department. Tell him/her that you wish to report an illegal dumping. They will request a description of the material dumped and the address.

Out here, a lot of dumpings take place where there is no address - be prepared to give the nearest intersection and estimated distance in the N-S-E-W-erly direction from that intersection. If you wish to contact ANY other City department or office, for example, Councilmember Greuel’s office that same day, simply ask the operator of Street Services to return you to the 3-1-1 operator and ask the 3-1-1 operator to transfer you to Councilmember Greuel’s office. You NEVER have to hang up and dial any number other than that first 3-1-1.

If you are reporting the dumping after hours, the primary 3-1-1 operator is supposed to take the report. I admit, that doesn’t always happen, but

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many are professional and courteous enough to do their job. Please, never be afraid to report an Illegal Dumping. It is not difficult and the more people that call, the sooner it will be taken care of. BTW, large furniture and debris items placed on the street with your regular Monday trash will NOT automatically be picked up. Regular pick-up handles only your trash bins. You must call 3-1-1, ask to be transferred to the Bureau of Sanitation and request a Bulky Item Pick-Up to the Bureau's operator. The Bureau sends out a separate truck to handle Bulky Item pick-up on trash day.



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- I would not be on a first name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.
- The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her ALONE
- My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
- My house would not look like a day care center with toys everywhere.
- My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.
- I would no longer have to spell the words BALL, FRISBEE, WALK, TREAT, BIKE, GO, RIDE.
- I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
- I would not look strangely at people who think ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.
- I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading "mud" season.
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## LADWP Approves Shortage Year Water Rates Effective June 1

Department Seeks 15% Reduction in Water Use Across All Customer Sectors

News Release reprinted from Neighborhood News and Information Alert by LADWP

Editors's Note: This action required City Council approval, which was denied, at least temporarily on April 9, 2009. SHPOA will update you on this important issue.

LOS ANGELES -- The Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) has unanimously approved instituting shortage year rates for all Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) water customers effective June 1, 2009, citing reduced water supplies due to drought and regulatory restrictions imposed on the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. Shortage year rates are designed to send a strong price signal to customers to conserve water or pay a much higher price for excessive water use.

"We did not make this decision without very serious consideration, but Los Angeles is facing a dire water shortage and conservation is absolutely imperative," said Board President Lee Kanon Alpert. "We take the matter seriously and need to act now to give our customers notice that mandatory water conservation is needed. In fact, it is becoming increasingly clear that this is not a short term problem and unfortunately will require a more significant change of lifestyle on a long term basis."

"With our water supplies significantly reduced, we must adjust our consumption to fit the times," said David Nahai, LADWP CEO and General Manager. "We are experiencing both a natural drought and a regulatory drought due to restrictions placed on the importation of water from the Delta, and though our customers have cut their use, we believe that significantly more conservation will be needed. Simple steps such as reducing outdoor watering to only two days per week are relatively effortless, but add up to big savings."

Shortage year rates seek to achieve 15% water savings citywide and in all customer sectors -- single-family, multi-family, commercial, industrial and governmental. Under shortage year rates, the current Tier 1 water allocation, which is the standard allocation every customer gets per billing cycle, will be reduced by 15%. A customer's allocation is based on number of family members, heat zone and lot size. Customers whose water use remains within their reduced allocation will actually see their bills go down. Customers who usually stay within their regular allocation and do not reduce their water use by 15% will pay a premium rate for each gallon they use beyond their new reduced water allocation. Customers who today exceed their regular allocation and pay Tier 2 rates routinely, and do not significantly cut their water use under shortage year rates, will see their water bills increase substantially.

Please see chart on page 11 ...

**Water Rates**

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An example of an LADWP residential customer under shortage year rates in June 2009: (HCF = hundred cubic feet)

	Before Shortage Year Rates	After 15% Shortage Year Rates Allocation	
		Without 15% Conservation	With 15% Conservation
Customer Use	28 HCF	28 HCF	24 HCF
Applicable Rate	28 HCF @ Tier 1	First 24 HCF @ Tier 1	24 HCF @ Tier 1
		4 HCF @ Tier 2	
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$83.52</b>	<b>\$92.35</b>	<b>\$71.59</b>

The Board action is subject to review by the Los Angeles City Council and will stand approved unless disapproved by April 9, 2009. More information about LADWP's water rates can be found on the Department website at [www.ladwp.com/waterrates](http://www.ladwp.com/waterrates). For information on water conservation and prohibited water uses, water conservation tips and more, please visit [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com) and click on "Water Conservation."



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## Community Beautification Grant Awarded for Phase 2 of "Stonehurst Pathway Through the Community"

by Linda Deckard

"More Friends of Historic Stonehurst" has been awarded a new \$10,000 Community Beautification Grant from the City of Los Angeles to complete Phase II of the "Stonehurst Pathway Through the Community." Phase I of the project was funded by a City of Los Angeles Community Beautification Grant in 2006. The first grant provided funding to complete a 2-block long (approximately 11 houses), multi-use pathway on Stonehurst Avenue bordered by rustic, wood log fencing, and landscaped with trees and native plants. The Phase I project transformed an unsafe, unsightly route into a safe pathway for children walking to school, for residents seeking exercise, for bikers, and for equestrians to access Hansen Dam trails.

Phase II, designed and constructed in the same manner as Phase I, will complete a multi-use pathway on Stonehurst Avenue connecting Peoria Street to Art Street. The new Phase II pathway will provide additional safe access to Stonehurst Avenue Elementary School, located between Art Street and Fenway Street. Phase I currently provides safe access from Fenway Street to Wicks Street. Phase II will also include a multi-use pathway in front of the three houses between Allegheny Street to Thelma Street. The entire project, which utilizes the public right of way in the front of nine houses, will be constructed with six inches of decomposed granite and multi-use trail tread, is approximately 6-8 feet wide, and includes a three-foot setback from the curb line for fencing and landscaping.

The "Stonehurst Pathway Through the Community" project has provided motivation and pride of ownership for property owners to maintain their own properties as well as the pathway. Implementation of the project has united diverse community organizations that have all contributed their time, treasure, or talent to bring the vision of an inter-connected community trail system to Shadow Hills. Many volunteers will be needed to help complete Phase II. If you are interested in helping "More Friends of Historic Stonehurst" complete this vital community project, please call the Project Manager, Andrea Gutman, at (818) 353-5974.



### If You're not Buying Recycled, You're Not Recycling

Collection, manufacturing and buying makes the "recycling loop" go around. Three steps are necessary for the recycling process to succeed. It's critical to think of such materials as "resources" which may be used again.

These steps are:

1. Consumers take recyclables to recycling centers or place them curbside for collection. Processors sort, clean, and prepare the collected materials for sale and use by manufacturers.
2. Manufacturers make new products and/or packaging from the recycled resources.

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## Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Pre-School Update

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Pre-School would like to extend an invitation to attend our annual Open House on Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm. This is a wonderful time to come and see what we are all about. At Open House we display student's artwork and craft projects created through the year. Learning aides, books and classroom activity items are also on display. Come by and see what a quality school looks like! Then on June 17 we will present our Year-End Program and Graduation of our Pre-K students. This is always a fun presentation as all our students perform favorite songs and our graduating Pre-K class receives recognition and preschool diplomas!

Currently we are accepting registration for the upcoming Summer Session. Our Summer Session will begin on June 29 and run for six weeks. Hours are Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9 am until Noon. We are also accepting registration for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child, or perhaps you know someone else who might be interested, simply contact the school office at 353-7554 for more detailed information. We will gladly give a personal tour of the school and answer any questions.



### Buying Recycled

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3. Consumers buy recycled-content products and/or packaging, and instead of discarding these materials after use, put them back into the recycling process. Such materials are called "post-consumer" materials.

Read product labels and look for products made from recycled materials. Although many products are recyclable, not all have been made with recycled materials. The recycling-arrow logo signifies that a product is recyclable or has recycled-content. By looking for information on product labels and packaging, consumers can determine if products and packaging are actually made with recycled materials.

Post-consumer materials come from items that have already been used by consumers for their intended purpose and then collected for recycling. Instead of being discarded, or ending up in landfills or as litter, these materials can be used to manufacture new products.

Pre-consumer materials are materials such as magazine over-runs that have not been purchased or used by consumers but are recycled at the manufacturing plant.

Manufacturing waste includes scraps, trimmings and over-runs from the manufacturing process that is recycled.

By purchasing products and packaging with a high post-consumer recycled content, consumers are helping to support the manufacturing of recycled-content products, strengthen demand for recyclable materials, and assure the ongoing success of recycling. There are hundreds of high quality products made with recycled-content.



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## Update on Green Alleys/Streets - Part 2

by Elektra Kruger

As the heavy rains come, our streets & alleyways show signs of surface distress such as severe cracking and formation of pot-holes. Councilmember Tom LaBonge asked that the City look into the feasibility of introducing the use of alternative street surfacing materials that are more environmentally friendly such as permeable concrete or porous asphalt that would allow rain water to percolate through the surface, be filtered through a stone-bed layer below and ultimately end up recharging the underground water-table rather than becoming polluted run-off entering our rivers and streams.

The issue came before City Council in early December 2008. Subject to vote were such things as calling for the DWP to develop an array of design options utilizing "Green Street" elements in all street, parkway, sidewalk and median designs as part of planning design approvals which would be presented to the Public Works Committee for their review after which the Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Engineering would introduce these elements in all new & pending street capital improvement projects including any parkways, sidewalks or median construction/reconstruction that might be part of these projects. The Street Standards Committee would be called upon to create standards requiring addition of parkways capable of infiltrating run-off from adjacent sidewalks and local streets along major and secondary roads.

The Port of LA, the DWP themselves, and LA's numerous Airports would be called upon to participate in the Green Streets Committee to consider utilization of permeable pavement systems as they further develop their individual facilities including roads, parking lots, sidewalks, pathways, medians and other landscaped areas. City Departments would be called upon to maximize water infiltration systems & utilize permeable pavements for projects under each of their respective jurisdictions including such things as bikeways, parking lots and driveways, recreational and golf course pathways, trails and landscaped areas, etc. Planning would be called upon to revise Zoning Codes to require yard set-backs to apply stormwater mitigation plans to include infiltration systems and the use of permeable pavement in parking lots, driveways, walkways as well as hardscaped and landscaped areas (more to follow in future issues).



## City Council Passes Equine Advisory Committee

by Elektra Kruger

At its February 6, 2009 session, the Los Angeles City Council approved formation of an Equine Advisory Committee which will work with City Departments to address equine issues in the City of Los Angeles. The Committee will be convened and chaired by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and will be comprised of one representative appointed by the Councilmember of each Council District and one representative appointed by the Mayor. The various horse-related issues in the City fall into five general categories: licensing, resource needs, planning, trails and manure.

## NC MOU for Planning?

by Elektra Kruger

In June 1999, LA City voters approved a charter reform measure that created a citywide system of Neighborhood Councils (NC). The charter change also called for the creation of an Early Notification System serving to notify NC's, as soon as possible, of pending Hearings providing them with a reasonable opportunity to provide input. In further promoting this same goal and to facilitate communication between the City and the NC's, there have been Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) formed between NC's and certain City Departments such as the DWP, Public Works and Cultural Affairs.

There is currently an MOU being drafted between the Department of Transportation and 4 NC's. In mid-January 2009, Councilmember Janice Hahn presented a Motion to City Council urging that it is also time to look into developing an MOU with the Department of Planning to help our community activists get early and first-hand involvement with development projects in their area. Councilmember Hahn asked that the Department of Planning work with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to create a task force with interested NC's to draft an MOU that will outline communication alerts pertaining to planning cases in each district in the City. SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this Motion.

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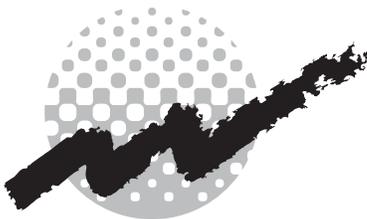


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**Saturday, June 6**

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church  
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**Saturday, June 13**

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