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LVTIA'S DECEMBER 2011 GENERAL MEETING

LVTIA's Vice President Mali Bakhtar chaired the December 5, 2011 General Meeting. LVTIA generously sponsored the evening's light snacks and Starbuck's coffee. The followings are highlights of the General Meeting.

Emergency Winter Shelter

Mr. Tim Davis, executive director from the nonprofit Bridge To Home, headquarters in Santa Clarita, was the main guest speaker of the evening. The Bridge To Home, a nonprofit of over twenty years, located in Santa Clarita has been operating a satellite Emergency Winter Shelter in Sylmar, CA for the past five years. The Sylmar Emergency Winter Shelter is located at the California National Guard Armory, 12860 Arroyo Street, Sylmar, CA 91342 (Hotline: 661.388.0087 / Security Office: 661.388.0085). The shelter's hours of operations are 6 PM to 8 AM daily from approximately December 1 through March 15 each year. Presently, the Emergency Winter Shelter's San Fernando Valley shuttle bus pickup locations are in Van Nuys and North Hollywood with a suitable pickup location near Hansen Dam in the planning stages.

The check in time is from 6 PM to 10 PM only, but the shelter will intake those brought in by the sheriff department at any time during the operating hours. There is a special program for homeless families with children that allows for a nights stay in a local motel, as minors are not permitted to stay at the shelter.

The Sylmar Emergency Winter Shelter is well supervised by trained volunteers and security personnel. Everyone spending the night in the shelter must adhere to rules that include zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, smoking, aggressive/violent behavior, disrespectfulness, and all acts of theft and possession of a weapon.

The homeless people staying the night in the shelter are able to take a hot shower, given bedding and are provided with a case manager. A hot nutritious dinner meal is served daily. Everyone exiting the shelter in the morning receives a fine brown bag lunch. The shuttle bus then takes the homeless people back to their original pick up locations.

As we all can attest to the current near freezing temperatures during this winter season, it's comforting to know that the many homeless ones living on the streets and in the parks of our communities have an outstanding warming shelter in the area available to them.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.btohome.com or call Mr. Tim Davis at 661.618.2978 or email him at tim.davis@btohome.com.

Phoenix House

Lake View Terrace Phoenix House maintenance manager Mr. Lee Shapiro addressed the audience to introduce his self and convey Phoenix House's eagerness to be a good neighbor. Phoenix House is committed to maintaining the facility's grounds as well as beautifying the area surrounding the facility. Mr. Lee Shapiro requested that he be contacted immediately should the neighboring Lake View Terrace residents' find any blight like graffiti, litter, broken items, outages around the Phoenix House property or to make suggestions or comments.

Updates from Paul Krekorian's

CD2's Senior Community Representative, Mary Benson, addressed the audience on the behalf of the councilmember, Paul Kerkorian.

Urban Waters Small Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency has nearly \$2 million for the revitalization of the "Urban Waters" across the country. This advances the work of President Obama's "America's Great Outdoors Initiative". Urban waterways have been severely polluted from years of illegal dumping, contaminates from city street runoffs and industrial waste. The audience was encouraged to apply for a grant if you feel you have a winning method and the wherewithal for the cleaning up and improvements of the urban waters in the community. Information about urban waters small grants and registration for the webinars, visit <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding> or contact Enesta Jones, at jones.enesta@epa.gov.

Los Angeles Student Media Festival

High school student filmmakers have the opportunity to submit a seven-minute film showcasing their talent by January 20th 2012 to the Second Annual Los Angeles Student Media Festival. Your film must meet one of the following categories: animation, comedy, commercial, drama, documentary, general, newscast/public affairs and narrative series. This could very well be the launch of an up-and-coming career for that extremely exceptional individual. Nothing ventured nothing gained!

The festival is scheduled for March 2012 at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood, CA. For

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more information visit www.lasmf.lacity.org.

Angeles National Golf Club Donate 277 Acres

The legal paperwork is final for the official historical transfer of the 277 scenic acres to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. This land, adjacent to the golf course, is dedicated for open-

space uses only, which protects the land from future development. A ribbon cutting celebration was scheduled for December 19, 2011. The Foothill Communities are grateful for the very benevolent gift that is sure to offer a lifetime of outdoor pleasure.

~ By *Cris Hughes*

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

The holiday festivities in our neighboring communities leading up to Christmas were plentiful. The Rotary Club of Sunland Tujunga and Shadow Hills sponsored a tree lighting ceremony at Bolton Hall, with booths selling gifts; the Verdugo High School's glee club, the New Hope Church band, the Dickens Carolers and other singers including LVTIA's own Cilé Borman entertained the crowd with Christmas carols. A snow blower was on hand to supply tons of snow for kids young and old alike to play in and Santa Claus stopped by to take orders for his Christmas list.

The 44th Annual Pacoima Christmas Parade had over 150 entries this year. There were high school marching bands, beauty queens and debutantes, equestrian entries, car clubs, motorcycle clubs, community organizations and local business floats, and clowns. There were celebrities and government officials on hand to greet, cheer and celebrate with the thousands of spectators along the parade route. The parade ended at the David Gonzales Park on Herrick

Ave., in Pacoima where a music festival and toy give a-way to the children in the community closed out the day. The Pacoima Chamber of Commerce, who has been facilitating this parade for 44 years awarded their 2011 Spirit Awards to, in the senior category Elaine Winn who will be celebrating her 105th birthday in 2012; Paulo Rodriquez, Youth Activists; Debra and Norm Greenfield, from ABC Learn Inc., for their work in education; Community Activist Al Piatanida, VEDC Corporation for their active community support; local Small Business owner John Hernandez from State Farm Insurance; Non Profit Heroes Of Life for their work in steering our youth back to education and the LAPD Foothill Hill Division, congratulated them for their 50th Anniversary. Bruce Holloway of Total Patrol Services, who has been active in Lake View Terrace concerning the implementation and maintenance of our "Cultural Vista" corner located at Foothill Blvd. and Osborne St. in Lake View Terrace, also took part in the parade.

~ By *L. Turner*

9TH ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF JOHNY CARPENTER" AWARDS

The 9th Annual "Spirit of Johnny Carpenter" Awards were presented Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 by the New "Heaven on Earth" Ranch to Nancy Woodruff, Susan Bartlett and Robert Stephens. The Reel Cowboys hosted the event at their weekly meeting at Big Jim's Family Restaurant in the Banquet Room. OK Trophy of Sunland donated the plaques.

The "Spirit" award was created in 2003 by All Nations Church (which hosted the event and their Thanksgiving Korean BBQ from 2003-2010) to recognize those individuals and groups whose works best reflect the spirit of Johnny Carpenter. Johnny was a stuntman, cowboy and actor who's original Heaven on Earth Ranch stood on Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace for almost 25 years. Johnny taught physically and mentally challenged children/young adults how to ride horses.

Council Member Paul Krekorian, 2nd District, City of Los Angeles, presented certificates of recognition to each honoree. Also presenting certificates, were

representatives from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Council Member Tony Cardenas, 6th District. Certificates were also received from U.S. Representative Brad Sherman, 27th District, State Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes, 39th District and L.A. County Board of Supervisor Michael Antonovich, 5th District.

Past honoree's present at the ceremony were Richard Troy 2010, Royan Herman 2009, Phyllis Hines 2007, The Reel Cowboys 2005, Lee Diebold 2004, and Phoenix House 2003.

The New "Heaven on Earth" Ranch (NHOER) is a CA based 501 c (3) public charity based in Lake View Terrace, CA. Dedicated to the building and operation of the "Johnny Carpenter" Arena and Riding Program. The boards of directors meetings are the last Thursday of the month at Cocos Restaurant, 10521 Sunland Blvd, Sunland. 7:00PM. To learn more about NHOER, visit their website at www.NHOER.org or call 310.538.3694. You can also email Michael at: lamikec@yahoo.com.

LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART-17 A TECHNICAL ARTICLE FROM LVTIA/GC

Spray or sprinkler system: A sprinkler system is a system that receives water from the water source and applies it to a target zone. A sprinkler system composes of (1) a backflow preventer, (2) automatic controller, (3) proper number of remote control valves (RCV), (4) PVC and/or galvanized water pipes, (5) risers and/or

sprinkler bodies, and matching nozzles.

(1) A back flow preventer is a unit that prevents the water from returning from the irrigation system to the city water pipes. A Backflow preventer might be install to serve the entire house, or a commercial or public landscape site.

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(2) A controller opens and closes RCVs, or simply schedules the watering of plants, timely and quantitatively. A controller opens and closes RCVs per a pre set program.

(3) A remote control valve is a manually or electrically controlled unit that controls the water delivery to a certain zone within a landscape or farming area. The purpose for zoning is to water the entire landscape area in each zones independent of other zones, upon the plant requirement, changes in soil properties, slope etc. RCVs may install "online" or "inline". RCVs that install "online" include anti siphon component that prevents the water from returning to the public source of water. Installation of "inline" RCVs requires the installation of back flow preventer accordingly. Selection of backflow preventer unit and its installation must be in accordance with the local water authority's regulations.

(4) The conveying pipes might include PVC and/or

galvanized iron, copper, or polyethylene pipes. Today, the most common pipes are PVC pipes. These pipes are durable, impermeable, rust free and relatively inexpensive. PVC pipes are available in different sizes from " to 4" for residential and small commercials, and much larger in diameter for farms and public entities.

(5) A Sprinkler body is a plastic cylinder that includes a moving riser sitting on a spring inside the body. The moving riser pops up upon the exertion of hydraulic pressure on the bottom side of the movable riser.

(6) An Irrigation nozzle simply converts the stream of water into drops and shoots the drops to the distance that they designed to throw. Each nozzle sits at the tip of the moveable riser inside the sprinkler body. Sprinkler bodies are steady and do not rotate. Each body can accept variety of nozzles that throw water in certain angles like 90, 135, 180, 270, and 360 degrees.

~ By Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., Soil-Water-Plant Specialist

LVTIA's GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS TARRAGON

Family	Botanic Name	Common Name
Compositae	Artemisia Dracunculus	Tarragon

Tarragon originates from the Middle East. It also grows wild by rivers and streams in Central and Southern Europe and in parts of North America. French or 'true' tarragon (*A. dracunculus*) is common in the United States. French tarragon is a perfect addition to many culinary dishes, which is particularly worth growing. It easily differs from Russian tarragon by its strong fragrance and its shiny olive-green, rather than bright green, leaves. French tarragon is the variety generally considered best for the kitchen.

Cultivation: French Tarragon is difficult to grow from seed. It is best to cultivate by root division. Normally it

is good to purchase this herb as a plant in 4" containers or bare roots, and then plant in planters or large containers permanently. French tarragon is a perennial plant, which normally goes dormant in winter. It likes a hot, sunny spot, without excessive watering. Plant bare roots in the spring or early autumn when there is no danger of frost and always select the sunniest spot available. The type of soil does not matter - tarragon will even thrive on stony land - but the one thing the plant cannot stand is having wet roots, so heavy clay soils.

~ By Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., Soil-Water-Plant Specialist

JANUARY 16, 2012 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

LOOKing for
volunteers to join the
LVTIA Board. Several
executive positions
open. Meeting
January 16, 2012

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012
MONTHLY BOOK SALE
10 AM to 2 PM
MONTHLY MEETING
2 PM to 2:30 PM
Lake View Terrace Library
12002 Osborne St.
Lake View Terrace CA

LAKE VIEW TEARERS
Senior Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
LVT Recreation Center, 11075
Foothill Blvd.,
Lake View Terrace, CA
Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644

JOIN THE LVTIA AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.

LVTIA membership is available to all who live in Lake View Terrace and the vicinity. The yearly membership is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Please fill out this form & mail it with your check to:
Lake View Terrace Improvement Association
P O Box 224
Sunland, CA 91041-0224

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME

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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
 Saturday, January 7, 2012
 7 AM to 3 PM
 11075 Foothill Blvd.
 Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

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LVTIA'S GENERAL MEETING
 Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 @ 7 PM
 LVT Recreational Center
LVTIA'S GARDEN CLUB
 Meets immediately after

LVTIA'S BOARD MEETING
 Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 @ 7 PM
 LVT Recreational Center

FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NC
 General Meeting
 Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 @ 7PM
 Lake View Terrace
 Recreation Center
 11075 Foothill Blvd.
 Lake View Terrace, CA

HANSEN DAM ADVISORY BOARD
 4th Tuesday @ 7PM
 LVT Rec. Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd.,
 Lake View Terrace, CA

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!
 It's that time of year to renew
 your membership for 2012.
 The yearly membership is \$10
 per person or \$20 per family.
 Use the form on page 3.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE MARKET?

With an overall look at MLS data, the housing price trend has been toward declining. Median home price of 2011 in comparison with 2010 shows home price in cities such as La Canada and Pasadena stayed unchanged, but Sunland shows 14.4% ,Glendale 11.3 % Burbank 7.9 percent decline . Zillow reports 8.1 % decline for Lake View Terrace which brings the median price to \$273,200.

HOMES SOLD IN LVT IN NOVEMBER 2011

Address	BD	BA	Area Sq. Ft.	Lot Sq. Ft.	Sold Price	Yr. Blt.	Comments
12015 Carl St.	3	2	1,090	7,500	\$277,000	1983	Remodeled , flip
11548 Bonham Ave.	4	2	2,275	9,219	\$308,000	1964	Short Sale
11426 Orcas Ave.	3	2	1,496	19,985	\$365,000	1950	Standard Sale
11442 Albern Ave.	4	3	2,258	11,002	\$409,000	1969	Standard Sale
13550 Foothill Blvd., #11	3	3	1,348	61,708	\$170,000	1990	Standard Sale
11340 Goleta St.	3	3	1,600	5,616	\$232,000	1985	Bank Owned
11821 Eldridge Ave.	4	2	1,242	7,594	\$245,000	1963	Short Sale
10678 Kurt St.	3	2	1,742	11,114	\$289,000	1964	Short sale
11700 Terra Bella St.	4	3	1,619	7,500	\$324,700	1958	Bank Owned
11707 Luanda St.	3	3	1,600	5,006	\$325,000	1984	Remodeled, flip
10320 Arnwood Rd.	3	3	1,570	11,040	\$335,000	1959	Remodeled
11662 Kismet Ave.	4	2	1,797	9,250	\$341,000	1965	Remodeled, flip
11437 Lemoncrest Ave.	3	2	1,572	10,970	\$352,000	1962	Standard Sale
12766 Glenoaks Blvd.	3	2	954	5,748	\$250,000	1952	Standard sale

Information deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

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