

LAKE VIEW TERRACE

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MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you Oscar & Sophia Williams and Debra Lynn Lawrence & Family for renewing your LVTIA membership.

Join LVTIA or renew your membership. Your yearly membership to LVTIA contributes to the Newsletter publication.

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LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS AT

Lake View Terrace
Recreation Center
11075 Foothill Blvd.
Lake View Terrace, CA

\$ SWAP MEET \$

Saturday

**October 2, 2010
6 am to 3 pm**

GENERAL MEETING

Monday

**October 4, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEETING

Monday

**October 11, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

THE FOOTHILL MOUNTED PATROL



First group photo of the Foothill Mounted Patrol, August 21, 2010

“Observe Educate Assist” is the motto of the Foothill Mounted Patrol (FMP), re-started in mid July 2010, after the community expressed concerns about various crimes, the homeless, drunkenness, litter, illegal fires etc. in the Hansen Dam area. Linda Jones of Corral 20 stepped forward to “do something”, one thing lead to another and she found Rene Herrera, of the San Fernando Valley Rangers and LA Fire Dept. Rene had the experience and knowledge for setting up an organized, professional looking mounted patrol. His arm was twisted ‘til he gave in to help form this newly energized group of concerned community members from Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, Sunland, Sylmar and other far-away places.

The first meeting was held on July 28, 2010. A great number of concerned citizens were in attendants to explore the aspects of forming a safe and sane mounted patrol unit. Many parts of the dam are inaccessible by vehicle and horse patrol provides better access to remote areas .

The first CPR class was Aug 6th to learn basic first aid, to better assist in emergencies and know who to call and how to address various issues. The first Horsemanship 101 class (Aug. 8th) with Joe Willey from the LAPD mounted patrol, prepared horses for “unusual situations” and how to stay calm.

The first group patrol was Aug. 21,2010. Riding in teams and communicating by cell phone on issues of what to do about loose dogs, illegal BBQ’s, homeless encampments, illegal swimming, hunting and fishing and where the access points for emergency vehicles were was very successful.

The plan is to have a team of 3 FMP members patrolling in the morning and another in the afternoon, Saturdays, Sundays. and holidays. The goal is to be the eyes and ears to observe, educate, assist and report to the appropriate authorities the appropriate information, which can be more easily obtained by horse-back, and to represent the communities wishes for a safer environment for everyone. The Wearing of the white hats symbolizes Non Confrontational.

http://web.me.com/mckranch/FOOHILL_MOUNTED_PATROL/HOME.html

~ by Lynda Fenneman

We're on the web!
www.lvtia.org

LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART – 4

Soil plays five crucial roles in any ecosystem, whether it is our backyard, a recreation park, a sport field, an extensive forest, a wide-ranging farm, a horse property, ..., or regional water shed. The five crucial roles of soil are: (1) Regulator and a filtering system of water supplies; clean water, gray water, and/or waste water. (2) Physical support and nutrient supplying medium for plant growth. (3) Recycling medium for the raw materials like organic residues and inorganic compounds. (4) Habitat for soil micro and macro organisms. (5) Engineering and construction ground and materials.

Water is a major component of a landscape, a farm, an orchard, ..., or a horse racing arena. The presence of water is essential for the survival and growth of plants and other organisms in the living nature including the soil. The functions of soil water are; (1) Maintaining the Plant turgidity. (2) Transporting the Plant nutrition from the organic and inorganic sources in the pores into the root system. (3) Controlling the Plant temperature. (4) Equilibrating the climatic moisture by transpiration from plant stomata and evaporation from soil surface.

In an equal air temperature, a sandy soil emanates much more water than a clayey soil. After heavy rainfall or heavy irrigation, a sandy soil drains the water much quicker than a clayey soil. Water holds in soil by two forces. First is the adhesion force that the soil particles exert on the water molecules, second is the cohesion force that the water molecules apply on each other. Adhesion force is much greater than cohesion force and is much greater in a clayey soil than a sandy soil. In the condition that a sandy and a clayey soil contain the same low percentage of water, the same species of plant wilt and possibly expires in the sandy soil much quicker than the clayey soil. This physical condition requires the sandy soils to be watered more often but with smaller quantities. Please note that for a single plant species it is the physical properties of soil that determines the irrigation practices to be healthy or harmful to the plant.

To be continued

~ *By Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., CPSS*

A NEIGHBOR TO KNOW -- VIKKI BRINK



Nestled off Christy Avenue is the bucolic Summer Hawk Ranch. It is owned by Nils and Vikki Brink. Besides providing a nice place to board large four legged friends, the ranch provides a temporary home for adoptable dogs, a horseback riding and care experience for children via its Footprints 4 Life program, and an Equine Volunteer Program for adults.

In addition to being a successful rancher, Vikki Brink is an active community member. Her civic involvement began after she attended some Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council meetings. She was soon recruited by her friend Cris Hughes to help with community outreach. Vikki then decided to forgo a position on the FTDNC's general board, but volunteered to serve on the Equestrian Committee to which she was elected Chair.

As the Equestrian Committee Chair, she has been quite effective in helping to make Hansen Dam and the Tujung Wash safer. She credits and is thankful to everyone who worked to get more Sherriff, Ranger, and volunteer patrols in these areas.

She was also instrumental in bringing about the Safe Horse, Safe Barn, Safe Rider lecture. The lecture took place August 28, 2010 at the All Nations Church. The guest speakers included Debi Metcalfe of NetPosse.com (formerly Stolen Horse International, Inc.), Sheriff's deputies, and members of the volunteer Foothill Mounted Patrol. The lecture was well attended and important information was dispensed.

If you would like to get to know Vikki better, please contact her at 818.890.3391 and/or summerhawkranch@hotmail.com or visit the Summer Hawk Ranch's website: <http://www.summerhawkranch.com>

Moreover, The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council and its Equestrian Committee are always looking for devoted and diligent participants. Be a good neighbor and get involved. For more information, please feel free to check out <http://www.ftdnc.org> or call the office at 818.353.2000. ~ *By Vanessa May*

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR OPEN SPACE UPDATE

On Wednesday, September 8, 2010 the Los Angeles Board of Public Works held a meeting where the lease agreement for the proposed trucking school at the Lopez Canyon Restoration Project site was an agenda item.

Because the proposed trucking school matter at Lopez Canyon is currently in litigation, the Board of Public Works removed the lease matter from public discussion and convened a closed door Executive Session. When the Board publicly reconvened, the Board approved the Department of Sanitation's staff report on the lease. The report can be accessed online at: <http://bit.ly/9AMFIW>

The Department of Sanitation's staff report on the lease is currently under review by the Mayor and the LA City Council. If the lease is approved by the Mayor and City Council, it will return to the Board of Public Works for execution. CA4OS is monitoring the situation and will post on Twitter and Facebook when the matter is scheduled to come before the City Council and the Board of Public Works so that community members can publicly voice their concerns.

One concern is whether Board of Public Works Commissioner and Vice President, Andrea Alarcón, who is Councilmember Richard Alarcón's daughter, should have recused herself and should recuse herself from the matter. According to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, "City and state law establishes rules and procedures to ensure that public officials are free from bias caused by their own financial or personal interests, and that they act in an impartial manner." On April 15, 2010, at the North Valley Area Planning Commission meeting where the Lopez Canyon zone variance for the trucking school was heard, Andrea Alarcón publicly stated her support for the trucking school at Lopez Canyon.

Previous public support or opposition for a project may be grounds for recusal due to this previous showing of bias, which could taint the decision maker's ability to act in an impartial manner during current and future deliberation.

Based on the aforementioned, Andrea Alarcón's participation in this matter is questionable. Please feel free to read up on recusal at <http://ethics.lacity.org/newsletter/issues/2007-2/3-recuse.cfm> and <http://www.cp-dr.com/node/450>

As always, you can stay updated on this matter by visiting the Community Alliance for Open Space on twitter <http://twitter.com/CA4OpenSpace> and/or FaceBook. ~ By Vanessa May

ANONYMOUSLY REPORT CRIME

Three ways to provide anonymous tips:
CALL: 1-877-LAWFULL (529-3855)
TEXT: CRIMES (274637) begin the message with the letters LAPD
WEB: <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=365>

**FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NC
 GENERAL MEETING
 VINEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 10150 LA TUNA CANYON RD.
 SUN VALLEY, CA 91352
 OCTOBERBER 21, 2010 AT 7 PM**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
 Community neighborhood watches meeting held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
**Municipal Building
 7747 Foothill Blvd.
 Tujunga, CA 91042**

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS
 Visit the U.S. government's official web portal at <http://usa.gov>
 You may tweet a message to your Representative at <http://2gov.org>

LAKE VIEW TEARERS
MONTHLY MEETING
 Tuesday, October 5, 2010
 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
 Are you a **Senior**? Are you looking to join an **active group** of your peers?
 Then search no more. Join the Lake View Tearers on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
 October 13, 2010 at 11 A.M.
 Location to be decided
 For more information call
 Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644

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JOIN LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
 Get involved in your local association!
 Membership to LVTIA is available to all who live in Lake View Terrace and the vicinity. The yearly membership is only \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please fill out this form and mail it with your check to:
 Lake View Terrace Improvement Association
 P O Box 224
 Sunland, CA 91041
Join the community and let your voice be heard.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Circle Your Calendar
 Saturday, October 16, 2010
MONTHLY BOOK SALE – MONTHLY MEETING
 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. -- 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
**Lake View Terrace Library
 12002 Osborne St.
 Lake View Terrace, CA 91342**
 Please join us.
 For more information call
 Phyllis Hines
 818.897.7644

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LVTIA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LVTIA invites the community to submit informative articles electronically (200 to 300 words doc with digital picture if possible) for publication consideration to articles@lvtia.org (articles may be edited).

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES IN LVT

Home owners are suffering from bad loans and price reduction everywhere and Lake View Terrace is not an exception. All homes sold in LVT in August were either a short pay off or a foreclosed home. That means that seven homeowners were forced to leave their homes and become a renter or live with a relative.

The home price in red shows that the house was sold for more than the asking price and the green means the house was sold for less.

HOMES SOLD IN LVT IN AUGUST 2010

ADDRESS	#BD	#BA	Sq FT	YEAR BUILT	SOLD PRICE	COMMENTS
9749 Foothill Blvd.	2	1/1	1,378	1943	\$255,000	Bank Owned
11715 Eldridge Ave.	3	2/2	1,215	1962	\$300,000	Short Sale
11860 Glamis St.	3	2/1	1,200	1960	\$250,000	Bank Owned
11369 Sunburst St.	3	2/2	1,568	1979	\$202,000	Short Sale
11502 Luanda St.	3	2/2	1,600	1985	\$220,000	Short Sale
11300 Foothill Blvd. 5	2	3/2	1,375	1982	\$150,000	Bank Owned
12153 Hoyt St.	3	2/2	1,188	1961	\$225,000	Bank Owned