

HHIA Newsletter



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Hacienda Heights Improvement Association P.O. Box 5235, Hac. Hts., CA 91745

President's Corner By Mike Hughes

For those of you that missed it, at the May 17th business meeting of the HHIA, we had a presentation by Veronica Siranosian from Los Angeles County Regional Planning. She gave an update on the new revised Hacienda Heights Community Plan. After years of meetings, reviews, discussions, drafts, and redrafts by a lot of your neighbors and with the assistance of the county, it is fast approaching completion. There will be a public meeting giving each of us in Hacienda Heights an opportunity to comment on the final draft plan, so keep an eye open for the place, date, and time of the meeting. A copy of the draft will be available for review at our library. The HHIA asked that a copy also be made available at the Steinmetz Hacienda Heights Senior Center. For those that are tech savvy, the draft community plan will be available on the web at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/hacienda> for review and comment. There will also be a link to an interactive mapping page that you can use to check on your own street. This is an important document to Hacienda Heights. It has not been updated since it was first adopted and approved in October of 1978.

The Hacienda Heights Community General Plan gives direction and form to the development of Hacienda Heights. It will provide guidelines for the extent and nature of growth in our community. The plan is based on physical features of the community, such as geology, seismicity, slope, and vegetation. The social environment, population density, and their relationship to these physical features are also considered in the plan. This is the plan that will help determine the kind of community Hacienda Heights will be in the coming years. It's a very important document to our community and if past experience means anything, it will be a long time before our 2010 Community Plan will be updated again. I might suggest, we all take the time to read it and submit our comments.

The HHIA has requested that there be one meeting of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Board locally before any final decisions are made by the County Board of Supervisors downtown. We have one more opportunity to critique and fine tune our new community plan before it goes to the County Board of Supervisors. I urge everyone, and not just those community members that helped craft this important plan, to read it and share your suggestions, corrections, and concerns at these upcoming meetings.

At the same meeting, we also had a presentation from Los Angeles County Regional Planning on their efforts to update the County Bicycle Master Plan. This plan seeks to expand and connect the county's network of bikeways and county maintained bicycle facilities. A prioritized list of projects and policies are being developed. As an unincorporated community, Hacienda Heights will be subject to the priorities and policies created under this updated county master plan. The HHIA specifically called out the need for the completion and improvements to the San Jose Creek Bicycle Path. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, you can send them via email to lacountybikeplan.org or bikely.com or contact Mr. Matt Benjamin directly at mattbenjamin@altaplanning.com.

The updating of the Hacienda Heights Community Plan and the updating of the County Bicycle Master Plan are taking place at this time because the Los Angeles County General Plan is also being updated. The General Plan is what our unincorporated community operates under. While the Hacienda Heights Community Plan will be a manageable 40 pages in length, the Los Angeles County General Plan will be a tome running in the thousands of pages. So when the review period for the County General Plan comes around, you're going to need to set a substantial block of time aside to wade through it.

As of today, we can be proud that Hacienda Heights' census response numbers are running higher than the national average. The HHIA coordinated a Census Community Walk in March. We visited areas that were considered hard to count neighborhoods, to encourage our neighbors to send in their census forms. If you have not yet sent in your census form, please do it! There is a lot of funding to our community that is determined by the number of residents that live here and are counted during the census.

One last comment, Hacienda Heights lost yet another of its leaders this last April with the death of **Clarence (Bud) Welch**. Bud was a past board member and president of the HHIA. He was past chairman of the Puente Hills Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee and was the Puente Hills Landfill Ombudsman. Bud also served on the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Authority Citizens Technical Advisory Committee and many other community organizations and associations. Bud was an active equestrian that many of you may remember from our Fourth of July Parade. He never missed a chance to ride. Bud's involvement in our community will be missed.



Puente Hills Landfill Native
Habitat Preservation Authority

~INVITATION~

Rededication of Hacienda Hills Trailhead Saturday, July 3, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

The Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority's (Habitat Authority) Board of Directors cordially invites you to a rededication event scheduled for July 3rd at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead. The trailhead was opened on September 22, 2005, and is being rededicated in honor of past Habitat Authority Board of Director, Vice Chair, **Barbara Lee Fish**.

Director Fish generously served 15 years (1995-2010) as a Member on the Habitat Authority's Board of Directors acting as the Hacienda Heights representative. She was a champion for the Hacienda Hills area and for the entire Puente Hills. The entrance area to the trailhead has been enhanced and a plaque honoring her service will be unveiled at the ceremony.

Directions to the trailhead: Take the 60 freeway and exit at 7th Avenue. Travel south and the trailhead is at the end of 7th Avenue. Parking is available on 7th Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue. No RSVP is necessary.

HHIA May's Treasurer's Report

By Chris Kakimi, Treasurer

Balance as of Apr. 19, 2010			\$7,504.14
Disbursements:			
April 19	Ck. #1970	Rich Kozak (Census Expenses)	54.80
April 19	Ck. #1971	4 th of July Parade Committee Entry Fee	60.00
April 29	Ck. #1972	Double Eagle Printing - Newsletter	<u>254.88</u>
Total Disbursements April 19, 2010			\$ 369.68
Deposits:			
April 30	Interest		1.56
May 15	Membership (One)		<u>75.00</u>
Total Deposits			\$ 76.56
Ending Balance as of May 15, 2010			<u>\$ 7,209.46</u>

It is Time Again for Our Annual Jim Davis Beautification Day

By Jim Snyder, Event Chairman

This year will mark the 16th anniversary of the annual Jim Davis Beautification Day, when the community of Hacienda Heights comes together to clean up the route of the annual July 4th Parade along Stimson Ave. as well as some of the surrounding streets. This event has traditionally been sponsored by HHIA in cooperation with religious and community groups throughout the Heights.

Since Independence Day this year falls on Sunday, the parade will be on Monday, July 5th, and our clean-up day will be on Saturday, July 3rd. We will meet at the Stake Center of the Mormon Church located at the intersection of Colima Road and Dawnhaven Road at 8 AM. After safety instructions and area assignments are completed, we will begin work.

Participants must be at least eleven years of age to participate. Please bring a broom, push broom, fan rake, or square nosed shovel. The County will provide gloves, safety vests and trash bags. Water and refreshments will be provided by community businesses. Work is normally completed in less than three hours.

Last year, more than 190 people representing nine different groups participated in this annual event. See you there!

SEVENTH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE HEIGHTS

By Jean Robson

HHIA Representative on Taste of the Heights Planning Committee

A larger turnout, more and better food, great music, more fun, were comments heard at the 2010 Taste of the Heights. County Supervisor Don Knabe and Field Deputy Dickie Simmons sponsored this great event. Both were in attendance the entire evening.

Photos with Supervisor Knabe were offered to everyone. Many from HHIA, both board and members were in attendance.

Music by the Hodads added to the festive atmosphere. Some danced between bites of food and sips of wine and beer. The restaurants that participated and donated "tastes" were: Banana Bay, Casa Alvarez, Casa Blanca, Chipotle, Coconut Station, Cold Stone, Costco, Hot Dog on a Stick, Lampost Pizza, Macaroni Grill, Ono Hawaiian BBQ, Panera Bread, Rubio's, Sam's Club, Speed Zone, Sunset Room, and TGI Fridays.

HHIA sold 22 adult tickets and 4 children tickets. We made a profit of \$120. We want to thank Supervisor Knabe for the fundraising opportunity and allowing HHIA to be a part of this successful event.

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Attention Members

We are trying to bring our membership communications and list into the 21st Century!

We want to start sending out HHIA information and notices to you via Email.

Please send your Email address to Adria Ybarra, Membership Chairman at Andybarra@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance!

Next HHIA Meetings

July 19th
August 16th

7:00 PM
Board Room, Hacienda La Puente
Unified School District Offices

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