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TOWN HALL MEETING ROCKED!

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Senator Portantino and Supervisor Kathryn Barger address the community issues!

Last Saturday brought out over 100 people to hear Senator Anthony Portantino and Supervisor Kathryn Barger talk about events critical to Sunland-Tujunga. Co-Hosted by the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association at the Tujunga Elks Lodge, topics were thrown out and comments solicited from

the audience.

The Verdugo Hills Golf Course was discussed and suggestions were made and examined. Supervisor Barger brought up that 1.2 million dollars has been set aside to help purchase the property if stake holders could find others that could raise the almost 12.5 million dollars that the Snowball

Development Company had previously asked for to stop development of the project.

Traffic and fire danger were the most discussed items pertaining to the project. It was stressed by Supervisor Barger that as many people as possible should go to the hearing on May 23.

NEW STNC OFFICERS SEATED



The new and old STNC members together for the last time.

A Special Board Meeting was convened Wednesday night at the North Valley City Hall and the new board members were

empaneled. The expected excitement didn't happen as the Armenian Slate (Dream Team) didn't show up to offer their congratulations.

The main antagonist Arnie Abramyan was a no show. Treasurer Sandy Capps made a passionate plea to let her be both the treasurer and the city "P" card holder.

Under normal circumstances that could work, but when the past treasurer Shooshig Avakian had both rights, she so totally screwed up the books that the city forced her to resign and froze the STNC books for about 3 months.

The Special meeting was interesting in just looking at who DIDN'T show up.

Horse and Rider Rescued In Hansen Dam Wetlands!

By David DeMulle'

After 5 hours of moving equipment, personnel and wood planking into place, the horse was successfully rescued from being stuck in three feet of mud and was moved to solid ground. The owner in trying to coax the horse named "Ziggy" became stuck in the mud also and required extrication. A second (unrelated) female patient became stuck in mud a few hundred yards away.

A portion of the rescue team redirected their efforts and coordinated the rescue

of the second patient. Both patients and horse were freed with no injury to either of them. Both female patients were evaluated by paramedics as a precaution. A veterinarian had been contacted to evaluate the horse. A third individual was reported as being missing on the scene. A grid search was conducted to attempt to locate him (a 21 year old male) but after sixty minutes of aerial and ground searching, it was determined to be a false report.

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LAFD Rescue Team from Stn. 24 and 98 get ready to slide the horse up planks of wood to safety.

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LAFD Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team leader Hugh Briefman leads the horse to a decontamination area to be hosed off and transported home.

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We were all prepared for the new members of the STNC to come in and stake out their territory.... And nothing happened. The main protagonist Arnie Abramyan who represented the Tatulian cartel didn't even send in a note of apology for not being there. The other cartel members didn't show up either. Sour Grapes? Or they just didn't care? I can't ever remember when a group of candidates acted so poorly after having lost an election. Seva-da Hemelians, Shooshig Avakian, Nancy Shannon and Rick Ramirez were all no shows. They didn't even come to get their certificates of appreciation. In fact, even Monica Rodriguez didn't even send her area rep to

congratulate the winners. I guess their feelings were hurt when their plans to sell out the community failed. Damn, and they really could have been an asset to us.

Anyway, that is all behind us and we can begin a new and directed life in the community. Once upon a time, we were a force to contend with. We stopped the Home Depot plans to come in. We stopped the Canyon Homes Project with its 200 proposed homes on Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. We are currently fighting to trim down the Snowball project with its 200+ townhomes.

Its volunteers that are making the difference here. Now if we could only stop the drunk and drug addled drivers that are killing our

neighbors AND RUNNING AWAY. There is no way that we can return to the "Good Ol' Days." They are gone and so are the people that made them great. Once upon a time we had an Easter Festival, A Watermelon Festival, a Western Day, a real 4th of July parade for the community. They are all gone now. And I don't think we can bring them back. Long before Trump, people here started the "big lie." It didn't matter what they were talking about, they had to lie about it.

When the cartel took over the ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, and did everything possible to suppress voter turnout and influence who people should vote for, that was the end of the car-

tel. It failed miserably. It failed so badly that it may never come back. And that is a good thing.

When a minority feels that they can waltz in and take over our community by just repeating lies after lies, eventually someone is going to catch them. And they did.

Nothing is simple here in Sunland-Tujunga. And every year we have the same old battle of "Are there going to be fireworks?" What was normally the realm of the chamber of commerce, is now questionable. With only eight working board



members, no funds have been raised to pay the pyrotechnics deposit. That's not good. But if you would like to contribute, you can call STNC Secretary Cindy Cleghorn @ C&M Printing (818) 353-7135, and she'll point you in the right direction. And that boys & girls is what happened this week. And yes, IT WAS THE WATER!



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Hi, this is Girl Scout Troop 516 and we would like to create a Dog Park at Sunland Park! We have noticed that the only Dog Park near is in La Crescenta Valley Park. Many people like to have a park nearby. Fortunately, around Sunland Park, there is a very big suburban area. Also there are many places available for a small dog Dog Park and a big dog Dog Park. We would love to get support. Thank you

NOW HIRING: WILDFIRE CLEAN UP CREWS TO CLEAR DEBRIS IN FIRE-PRONE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez announced new jobs to support wildfire debris clean up in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, particularly in the communities impacted by the La Tuna and Creek Fires. The jobs will be prioritized for veterans and individuals affected by these 2017 wildfires.

Councilwoman Rodriguez, in partnership with the City's Economic Workforce Development Department, secured a \$500,000 state grant to fund positions and improve the public trails and spaces damaged by the fires. This funding complements current debris cleanup ef-

orts in the Seventh Council District -- in 2018, the Councilwoman secured \$1 million to fund 70 full-time positions to remove wildfire debris, burned vegetation, and repair trails at several areas burned in the 2017 wildfires: McGroarty Arts Center in Sunland-Tujunga, Lopez Canyon Landfill in Sylmar, Hansen Dam in Lake View Terrace, City-owned land at Eldridge/Harding in Sylmar, and La Tuna Canyon hill-sides. In the 2018 program, brush was cleared along 25 miles of horse and foot trails in La Tuna Canyon, several thousand feet of burnt methane pipes were removed at

ACCIDENT ON PALI



There was a two car head-on collision on Tujunga Canyon Rd & Pali last week that left one person having to be extricated from his car using the Jaws of Life. He was sent to a local hospital for treatment. The other driver sustained only minor injuries.

Lopez Canyon, and debris was cleared in these high fire severity risk areas. "We don't want a repeat of the recent devastating fires," said Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. "This debris cleanup is one example of how we can do further preventative work to reduce

the risk of these destructive fires." For more information on the program and how to apply, please call Noel Khoshabou, Program Manager at (213) 355-5304 or Abigail Portillo, Case Manager at (213) 355-5300.



Wildfire cleanup crews at work in the NE Valley.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS! Hiring Now!!

by Amelia Anderson



Just walk in and interview. Opportunity is available for workers, with or without experience. Eager to fill positions, they are willing to train. Where? In Valencia, 25 miles up the 5.

Business is booming at the Rye Canyon Industrial Park, large enough to be a city unto itself! Exit Magic Mountain Parkway, hanging left to The Old Road, and head North. On Rye Road, double back East crossing the 5 and you'll be in the middle of the industrial park.

That's where I saw the sign at Lavi Industries. "Now Hiring" in Red, www.lavi.com "Jobs Available".

I had just dropped off my girlfriend's son at a machine shop, for a job set up by a mutual friend. Without knowing somebody, jobs are hard to get. My neighbor sent out two hundred resumes for IT and only received four calls back. He lamented, "It's impossible to get a job interview."

I squealed into the parking lot, just missing a 30's gal crossing my path, "Who do I speak to regarding jobs?" I implored. "Me," she said. It was Joanna, controller and director of HR development. Her company made crowd-controlled devices for airports. She had three positions available: Program Manager, Regional Sales and Systems Administration in the IT Department. I mentioned my neighbor, she offered her private line: (661) 219-3131.

I drove three hours locating other employment opportunities. AVK Industrial Products at 25323 Rye Canyon Road, is looking for Shop Supervisor, Heading Operator, and Tool Maker (661) 257-2329.

Tri-Tex Electronics at 25358 Stanford is looking for Assemblers, Wiring, Harnesses...Apply Within! They do cabling both for military and aerospace. Talk to Jennifer at (661)295-0020.. Three departments train for: Termination (detailed; female-oriented), Molding in Clay, Cabling Wrap. Pay is \$12.00 to start and with experience, goes up. She handed me five work applications.

Employment Opportunities are posted at Woodward, www.woodward.com, 25200 Rye Canyon Road. And at Aerospace Dynamics International, Inc., www.precast.com, 25571 Rye Canyon Road (661-251-3535). But the easiest way to get a job is to drive, bus or train out 9 am to 2pm M-F to an agency on Avenue Stanford. Coast Personnel Services is at 28159, Suite 170, Valencia, 91355, (661) 253-4466, www.coastjobs.com. And Express Employment Professionals is at 28111 Avenue Stanford, in Santa Clarita, 91355. (661) 775-2570, ExpressPros.com, Santa Clarita CA.

Liz Molina is Staffing Consultant with Express for Skilled Trades. Erika at Coast specializes in Warehouse Manufacturing and Industrial Packaging. She needs forklift and machine operators. Women, too! Bring a drivers license or state photo ID. And a secondary SS Card, birth certificate or passport. Felonies are considered. LA County Wage is \$13.29.

And if you're hungry, drive back down The Old Road. Jimmy Dean's at 28018 is hiring too. And so is Del Taco next door.

Good luck, Amelia

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the FOOTHILLS

Snake Season Slithers In!

By David DeMulle'

The warmer weather calls to outdoors enthusiasts and snakes alike, making encounters of the slithering kind inevitable. Sunland-Tujunga has a variety of snakes, most of which are harmless. The exception is California's only native venomous snake – the rattlesnake.

Rattlesnakes can cause serious injury to humans – on rare occasions even death, as was evidenced in May when a rattlesnake bite killed a Riverside County man. While generally not aggressive, rattlesnakes strike when threatened or deliberately provoked, but given room they will retreat. Most snake bites occur when a rattlesnake is handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing.

Although scary, the California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for only about 800 bites each year with about one to two deaths. Here in SunlandTujunga the rattlesnake species we can expect to find include the Western Diamondback, Sidewinder, Speckled rattlesnake, Red Diamond rattlesnake, Southern Pacific, Great Basin rattlesnake and the Mojave rattlesnake.

Just use common sense!

The possibility of finding a rattlesnake shouldn't stop anyone from venturing outdoors, but there are several precautions that can be taken to lessen the chance of being bitten when out in snake country – which

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

Is It A Rattlesnake Or Isn't It?



LAFD Firefighter removes snake from residence front porch

is just about anywhere in California.

The Dos & Don'ts When Walking or Hiking

When hiking, stick to well-used trails. Wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants. Don't step or put your hands where you can't see. Avoid wandering around in the dark. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them. Be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Always avoid walking through dense brush or willow thickets.

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, racer or other as a rattlesnake. This usually happens when a snake assumes an instinctual defensive position used to bluff adversaries. A gopher snake has the added unfortunate trait of imitating a rattlesnake by flattening its head and body, vibrating its tail, hissing and actually striking if approached too closely.

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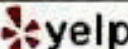
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MEETING HELD BY:
 City Planning Commission

DATE:
 May 23, 2019

TIME:
 8:30 AM*

The exact time this case will be considered during the meeting is uncertain since there may be several other items on the agenda.

PLACE:
 Van Nuys City Hall
 Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
 14410 Sylvan Street
 Van Nuys, CA 91401

PUBLIC HEARINGS PREVIOUSLY HELD:
 November 28, 2018

The recommendation report(s) with exhibits will be available on-line no later than **seven (7) days** prior to the Commission Meeting and will be accessible on-line at planning.lacity.org by selecting "Commissions & Hearings". Reports are hyperlinked to the case numbers included in the agendas.



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Original Project: The demolition of nine existing structures totaling 9,650 square feet, for the construction of 229 small lot units on a 56.7-acre site. The development will be a private community with gated access and private roads. Lot sizes will range from 2,560 to 10,720 square feet in area. Lot widths will range from 32 feet to 40 feet: 84 lots will have a width of 32 feet, 80 lots will have a width of 35 feet, and 65 lots will have a width of 40 feet. The proposed homes will range in size from 1,800 to 2,700 square feet in building area and will have a maximum height of 30 feet (two-stories). Two basic models are proposed: 137 units will have four bedrooms while 92 will have five bedrooms. Each home will have a two-car garage. The proposed 229 homes will be built in two locations. Most of the homes (211 units) will be built in the southeast corner of the Project Site on the portion of the site occupied by the Verdugo Hills Golf Course*. A further 18 homes will be built farther to the north, between the Verdugo Wash right-of-way on the west and Tujunga Canyon Boulevard on the east.

Recommended Project (Alternative 6a - Reduced Walkable Village): All residential development consisting of 215 homes on the 57.45-acre Project Site. Lot sizes would range from 2,768 to 10,530 square-feet in area. The proposed homes would range in size from 1,800 to 2,700 square-feet in building area and would have a maximum height of 30 feet (two stories). Each single-family detached home would have a two-car garage. Proposed Lot 223 would be the designated Historic Cultural Monument area.



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ANOTHER HIT & RUN IN SUNLAND



We've got to stop the carnage on our streets!

A man suspected of DUI is in custody and a pedestrian is in grave condition Thursday after a hit-and-run crash in the Shadow Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles.

The crash occurred about 10:55 p.m. Wednesday on Sunland Boulevard near the Stonehurst Avenue intersection, a Los Angeles Police Department news release stated.

A black Infiniti SUV and a black Honda Accord were traveling westbound on Sunland when the Honda, traveling at a high rate of speed, hit the SUV, the news release stated.

The impact caused the Infiniti driver to lose control and strike a curb. The SUV overturned on an unpaved sidewalk, hit a water main and struck a pedestrian Allen Ray who was walking his dog "Little Ray".

Talking about the pedestrian "He's in grave condition," Detective Fuentes said. And was later reported to be on a life support system.

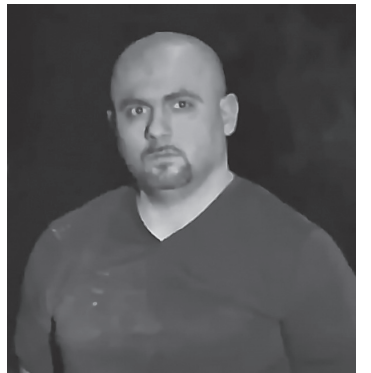
"Animal regulations responded to the scene and

took the dog," Fuentes said. But unfortunately passed away after having surgery.

The driver of the Honda attempted to flee the scene but was found by responding officers a short distance away from his vehicle, Fuentes said.

The driver was later identified by police as Grigoryan Aznaur of Tujunga. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI, according to the news release. Additional charges are also pending, it stated.

The driver and a passenger in the SUV remained at the scene and were complying with the investigation. They were not injured as a result of the crash, according to police.



Hit & Run driver Grigoryan Aznaur in custody.

OPIOIDS AND FENTANYL, "A NATIONAL EPIDEMIC" PRESENTATION



There were over 40 community members in attendance to hear the presentation and get literature.

The meeting Monday, May 13, at North Valley City Hall, was an SOS for help to prevent the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs, and for our kids who are at the greatest risk!

Produced by Phoenix House Foundation, their mission is to heal individuals, families and communities challenged by substance use disorders and related mental health conditions.

Their motto is "Prevention Starts With You."

Contact them at (818) 686-3000 ext. 4221 and they will connect you to free treatment.

Phoenix House (a 501c3) is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Departments of Mental and Public Health. They work with the L.A. Police Department, the DEAs, the San Fernando Valley Partnership and Communities in Action.

Lights dim as Stephanie Chen, Chief of Substance Abuse Prevention within the L.A. County of Public Health speaks. "People are confused because they think pain killers called Opioids prescribed by doctors are

safe. But they are not meant to be shared or recreational use. If misused, they can kill just as quickly as illegal drugs. Kids are raiding the medicine cabinet!"

Detective Art Stone, LAPD Gangs and Narcotics says "We had marijuana in the 70s, cocaine in the 80s, and ICE in the 90s. It's more sinister, heroin, narco-depressants, prescription drugs mixed on the street. A young girl who was given cocaine laced with Fentanyl died within minutes. Federal traffic fines you 20 years if you supply it to someone."

Dr. Giancarlo Di Massa, MD, Emergency Room Physician at Holy Cross,

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Ramin Amini, Pharmacy at Walgreens (818) 776, 1363, will sell locked storage boxes and provide a disposal box for dated medications. Buy Narcan for \$150, a Naloxone nasal spray antidote that can buy time and save a life. It could be your kid!

Amelia

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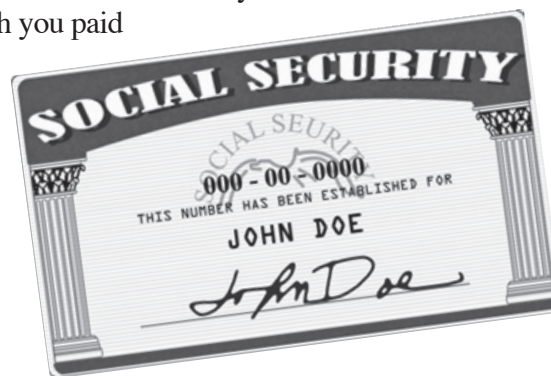
Dear Rusty: I have heard many times that what is earned the last 3 years you work before drawing Social Security benefits determines what your benefit dollar amount will be. Is this true? If not, what determines your benefit dollar amount and how is it calculated?
Signed: Working Still

Dear Working: Funny how true the adage – if you say something often enough, people will believe it is true. But I’m afraid that what you’ve heard so many times about how your Social Security benefit is determined is incorrect. While it’s true that the last 3 years you work may affect your Social Security benefit amount when you claim, those years alone are not what determine your benefit dollar amount. Rather, your benefit is determined using a formula, which includes the highest earning 35 years of your lifetime working career. Each year in your lifetime earnings record will be adjusted for inflation, the highest earning 35 years will be selected and your “average indexed monthly earnings” (AIME) will be

computed from those years. And to clarify another often-misunderstood point, you only get credit for earnings on which you paid FICA taxes, so earnings up to the annual payroll tax cap are the only earnings counted.

For most people, the latter years of their working career are the highest earning, so it’s quite likely that your last few years of earnings will be included in the 35, which are used to determine your benefit. Once your AIME is computed from your lifetime earnings record, it is subjected to a standard formula to arrive

at your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA), which is the benefit you are entitled to at your full retire-



ment age. If you claim benefits before your full retirement age (FRA) that benefit will be reduced, by up to 30% depending upon how many months before your FRA that you claim. And if you wish to increase your benefit you can wait beyond your FRA to claim and earn delayed retirement credits of 8% per year, up to age 70. Claim-

ing at age 70 could get you a benefit as much as 32% more than it would be at your full retirement age (depending upon the number of months after your FRA that you claim benefits).

Unfortunately, there are many myths floating around about how your Social Security benefit is determined, and what you’ve previously heard is but one variation of those myths. But reality is as described above – the highest earning 35 years of your lifetime earnings record are used to determine your average monthly career earnings (adjusted for inflation), and that 35-year lifetime average becomes the basis for your Social Security benefit. Anything else you hear to the contrary is simply incorrect.

Rep. Schiff Honors 2019 Women of the Year

On Tuesday, April 16th, at a luncheon in Echo Park, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) honored 13 inspiring women from communities in the 28th Congressional District – Atwater Village, Burbank, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glendale, Hollywood, La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Los Feliz, Pasadena, Silver Lake, Sunland-Tujunga, and West Hollywood.

“Today, I met with remarkable women from my district who have

all worked tirelessly to make our communities a better place,” said Rep. Schiff. “It was an honor to recognize their outstanding work in the 28th District. These women have worked to found or support a myriad of charitable organizations and given so much of themselves to improve the common good. They are all pillars of our communities and I thank them for their invaluable service.”

Below is a full list of honorees from this year:

Karen Knapp (Atwater Village), Joy Collins-Brod



(Burbank), Joelle Dobrow (Echo Park), Carrie Ann Sutkin (Elysian Valley), Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian (Glendale), Lara Yeretsian (Hollywood), Jeanne Broberg (La Cañada Flintridge), Dr. Diane L. Evans (La Crescenta), Lynn Alvarez (Los Feliz), Kathy Jane Onoye, Ed.D. (Pasadena), Cynthia Hubach (Silver Lake), Pat Kramer (Sunland-Tujunga), Sofiya Fikhman (West Hollywood).



4th Annual Armed Forces Day

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, May 18th 2019
10am - 3pm
Crescenta Valley Park

Classic Autos
Hot Rods
Military Vehicles

Cars & Trucks
Vehicle Entry Fee
\$25.00 in advance
\$30.00 at the gate

Sponsored by Dunn Edwards, American Legion Post 288, VFW Post 1614, Outlaw Garage, Moose Lodge #641, Early Rodders, Farmers Insurance, Wells Fargo Bank, Gas Lamp Popcorn, Harmony Farms, La Crescenta Pharmacy, The Band Inferno

- ✦ Come see Army Jeeps, Trucks, Hot Rods, and Old Cars!
- ✦ Special Motorcycle Display By Legion Riders.
- ✦ Famous Food Trucks

\$25.00 Pre Registration, \$30.00 Day of Show
Free Dash Plaques to All Entries

50/50 Raffle

Live Music Old Time Rock n' Roll
Net Proceeds to Military and Children's Charities

Honoring U.S. Marine Corps est. November 10th 1775


6:30am - Gates Open
9:30am - Closed to Vehicles
10:00am - ROTC Presents Colors
1:00pm - 50/50 raffle
1:00pm - Trophy Presentations
2:30pm - Taps
All gave some - Some gave all

Military Vehicle Displays
Fire, Police, Montrose Search & Rescue Units
50/50 Raffle
God Bless America & God Bless our Troops
Free Coffee & Donuts to Veterans

One Entry Form Per Vehicle
Classic Vehicle Entry Fee \$25.00 / Day of Event \$30.00

Vendor Application (Booth fee \$100.00)

Company Name	Type of Product	Contact Phone
<p>★ Military Vehicles Free Entry ★</p> <p>Send Entry Form and check payable to American Legion Post 288 P.O. Box 223 Montrose, CA 91021</p>		

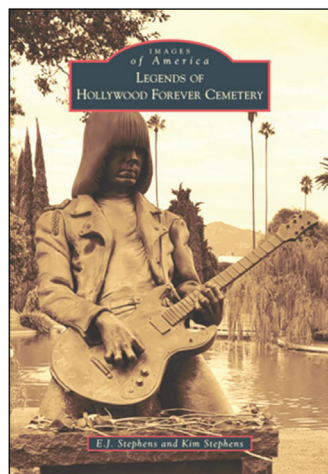


Bolton Hall Museum
Home of Little Landers Historical Society

2nd Saturday Program

Presents

Legends of the Hollywood Forever Cemetery



Saturday
June 8th, 2019
1:00 PM

Bolton Hall Museum
10110 Commerce Avenue in Tujunga
Parking available uphill at the Elks Lodge

Everyone is Welcome
Free Admission
Suggested Donation: \$3 per person

Light refreshments after the program

Our Mission: To preserve and maintain Bolton Hall Museum and the historical record of Rancho Tujunga. Little Landers Historical Society (LLHS) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization established in 1959 to save Bolton Hall from destruction. Bolton Hall is Los Angeles City Historic Cultural Monument #2. Contact us at (818) 352-3420 or LLHS@BoltonHall.org.

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