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FIVE BRUSH FIRES IN 3 DAYS

By David DeMulle'

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Helicopter makes a water drop knocking out the fire.

Tuesday morning had people in the Verdugo Crestline area checking their fire equipment and their water hoses as a large loom-up rose from the canyon. First responders on scene called in for air support because of the rugged terrain. 45 minutes later, it was out and fire crews were mopping up hot-spots. It was just another day and another fire.

A slow-moving brushfire near the Wentworth/Cottonwood intersection was

contained and quenched by a multi-agency taskforce Sunday Morning. The taskforce comprised fire crews from L. A. County, Stations 74, 24 and 98, backed up by water-dropping helicopters.

More than two acres in total were consumed and the ignition point marked for forensic investigation. Later that night, another fire was set on Big Tujunga Canyon Road near the Little League field.

Firefighters from Station 74 responded and put

out the fire in 15 minutes. Less than a 1/2 acre was consumed. Approximately eight hours later, yet another fire was reported on Little Tujunga Canyon Road.

Sources within the Fire Department were close lipped about the rash of fires. When asked, "Is there an arsonist running around Sunland-Tujunga?" the answer was, "There is nothing I can say, but if you see three fires within 72 hours, you can come your own conclusion."

Sunland Tujunga 4th of July Parade 2019

The Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary Club is again hosting the Sunland Tujunga 4th of July Parade. The parade will start at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 4, on Foothill Boulevard at Summitrose Street. The parade will run down Foothill Boulevard to Sunland Boulevard, and is free of charge for both participants and spectators.

Every year this parade has dozens of entries and draws thousands of spectators. It is the single best attended community event in Sunland/Tujunga.

Applications for entry in the parade are available at the club's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sunlandrotary/> The theme of this year's parade is "Out of This World!" –

Black Holes, Outer Space, Science Fiction...the sky is the limit. Bring out your inner Star Wars, ET, Star Trek, Superheroes...channel your favorite science fiction movie! The club encourages creative floats, and for everyone's safety, wishes to discourage throwing water balloons and other objects.

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Amateur Radio Operators Take to the Field to Prepare for Emergencies

By George W. Eckart (KJ6LA)

California is home to many beautiful things: miles of spectacular coastline, amazing weather and a culturally rich environment. Danger also lurks within the beauty. From wild-fires and floods, to mudslides and earth quakes, California is home to a darker side that everyone needs to be mindful of as well. Truth is, it's just a matter of time before one of these many homegrown calamities affects you. How will you get in touch with loved ones across town or throughout the region when there is no power, no phone service, little if any cell coverage and no internet? Amateur Radio Operators (or Hams) are poised to help pick up the pieces in the aftermath of a major disaster. Hams have the capacity and the skill to provide some of those initial vital links to family and friends outside the affected area. When disaster strikes

who will you call? You may want to contact a Ham radio operator or, better yet, even become one yourself. Interested in learning more about what Amateur Radio Operators can do?

The Crescenta Valley Radio Club will be participating in National Field Day activities on June 22 & 23rd in Verdugo Park (across from Glendale City College). On Field Day, amateur radio operators take their equipment and expertise "to the field" to make as many contacts as possible across the US and Canada over a 24 hour period. While Field Day has been termed ham radios "Open House" it's deeper purpose is disaster preparedness as radio operators practice communicating under circumstances that mimic the displacement of a disaster.

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ELKS RIDERS POKER RUN

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With over 80 riders wearing patches from over 16 groups, a really fun time was had by all!

Check out The Foothills Paper interactive website: thefoothillspaper.com

Community Help



Victory Lights Up the Sky for the Fourth of July!

Flags, reworks and Patriotic parade to fe and drum on the Fourth of July, to celebrate our national birthday in the uniting of our Colonies into states, who proclaimed their independence as a free nation from the British Crown by drawing up a document called the Declaration of Independence, back in 1776.

For the past year, the American Colonies had engaged in an undeclared war with British rule. Minutemen sprang into action ready to fight to counter the increasing number of Redcoats stationed throughout the Colonies. John Adams, our second President, claimed, "The basis for the American Revolution began in the 1760's with a radical change in the principles, opinions and sentiments of the people," which led them into conflict with their mother country. Throughout the 1600's, large tracts or swaths of land were given by the King, wealthy

England wanted a return on her investment, but was haphazard in providing governance because of distance. Besides, pressing issues at home with a succession of Kings and constant spats abroad cost money. So, they were content to send merchant ships to the Colonies which they saw only as financial support. They limited Colony export of cotton, furs and timber to themselves for profit. And they demanded that the Colonists import clothes, jewelry, furniture and coaches only from them. At first the Colonists saw themselves as English subjects and emulated their culture.

English individuals or Charters like a corporation to form Colonies.

But as each Colony grew, the need for governance caused Governors and representatives to be placed, knowing that the English King's word or Parlia-

mentary law superceded their own. After all, they were under the protection of the British Army, and there were multiple threats. Like the Indians, who were alarmed as settlements pushed West. Other countries had also claimed land, like the Spanish in Florida, the Dutch

they had no representation. "Taxes," they complained to the King, "would take their liberty!" But he ignored their plea. Instead, he dispatched more soldiers abroad and billed for the cost of their lodging and service. An incident occurred in April 1770 when Colonists in protest pelted the streets of Boston with oyster shells and rocks. Redcoats fired into the crowd, killing five and wounding more. Known as the "Boston Massacre," John Adams later said, "On that night the in New York, and the French in Canada with forts extending through the Americas all the way down the Mississippi.

Foundation's of American Independence were laid." The Colonists retaliated by refusing to purchase British goods, which led to the Boston Tea Party and the dumping of three ships of tea overboard. But when the English engaged in the French-Indian War of the 1760's, they pushed France out of Canada and the Americas to gain the Ohio Valley, and the Spanish and Dutch interest ebbed as well. England now controlled North America and gained global dominance as well. Meanwhile, in the struggle to bear the cost of fighting the French-Indian War, King George III lost power to Parliament, who, wanting

(to be continued in Part-2) to recoup their countries financial loss, voted to tax the Colonies, then upped the ante until the Colonists rebelled because it wasn't their war, and they realized

Letter to the Editor

This was forwarded to us and it really points out how a few community members can post lies and misinformation on the social media. Arnie has his heart in the right place but is forever quoting fake numbers and things that never happened. I guess he learned well from the Tatulian cartel?

**Nancy Dunn
June 7 at 6:16 PM**

The Chamber putting on a lot of mixers DOES NOT make up for no fireworks. This is NOT acceptable. Not one of you deserves to be on this board. And this Sonia person I have read about on several social media sites should have NO control over what goes on since she is not even listed as a board member. If everyone is suppose to be a business owner then act like one and act like you care about this "whole" community not just certain people and business. Because you don't look like that now.

4th of July fireworks are a tradition in this community. You should have had all the money already for this event. I personally think you should have found the money to cover this event. Just my opinion, only influenced by everything I've read.

You don't even have the courtesy to address the fact on any of the social media sites that cover this area, and there are many, or your own site. You have left it up to people that care enough to find out and post it. If this is untrue then address it on the

Chamber site.

I consider this an open letter to the S/T Chamber of Commerce and I am considering posting a copy on every FB page up here. If it gets deleted by administrators, I'll be ok with that.

I've lived up here since 1989 and a homeowner since 1996. I think that gives me the right to voice my opinion even though there are many who would not think so. I'm ok with that too.

Arnie Abramyan Nancy what have you done for the community? Since you've been here so long?

Another intitled stakeholder who has no idea what they're talking about and blames others and has high expectations of people but themselves.

Tracy Coleman I guess the question is, why no fireworks? What happened within the time of the last years fireworks to where there are none now? What's different?

Nancy Dunn Tracy Coleman I'm so sorry Tracy but you'll probably never get an answer to that question. Try and ask a board member. All their names are on the web site I think but I'm not sure when it was updated last. I've noticed several people have posted they've gone to the office but no one is ever there. Wonder when their meetings are and where they are held?

Nancy Dunn Arnie Abramyan not talking in 3rd person and not a puppet. As I said, my opinion, no one

else's. Plus, not buying into all, meaning you and Rock's name calling and bullying like was done during the STNC election campaigning. I watched, I voted, I'm a stakeholder and if I want to post an option I will.

Tracy Coleman Nancy has no idea what she is talking about and as you can see she is speaking in third person and I would put money that she is a puppet. What happen was Cindy Cleghorn was ran the Community Fund that ran the fireworks. They were charging for the fireworks and pocketing the money. Last year the Chamber took over and provided FREE fireworks for the community for the first time. It cost the chamber over 25k to put on the fireworks and it cost the chamber over 12k (roughly) of chambers own money.

This year with small town politics. Cindy Cleghorn working to destroy everything as retaliation. The community doesn't get fireworks. Our community will continue to lose everything. We've lost the Easter Carnival aka Spring Carnival because non-Christians were offended that it was Easter Carnival. We lost the Watermelon festival. We've lost the fireworks for now and will continue to lose every community event because the community has too many people who talk the talk but don't walk the walk.



Amelia Anderson is a Homeless Advocate elected to both the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and also to Mayor Garcetti's Homeless Committee.

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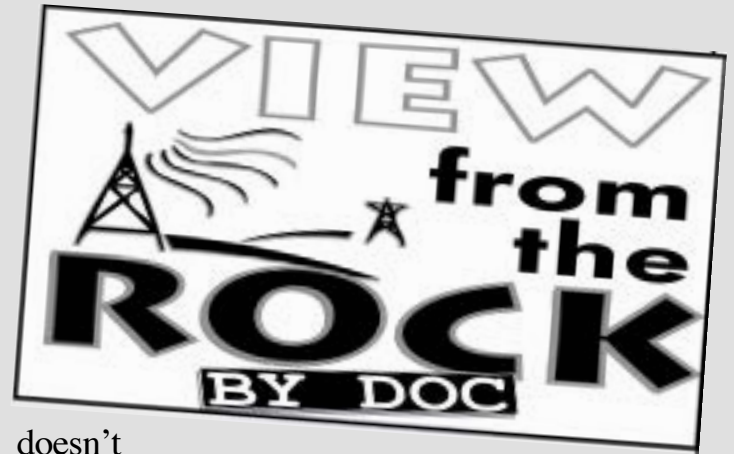
Sunland-Tujunga, a town gone crazy. Or maybe, it is only those who live here? I sure don't know. After almost 20 years here, I thought I had a handle on it, but I don't. A lot of years ago when everybody was really having a great time here with all sorts of fun activities for kids, adults & families, we didn't have "SOCIAL MEDIA." And then along came Sonia Tatulian calling for boycotts, creating lies on the local blogspots, and of course stealing. That's when I began calling her "Lie-Cheat & Steal Tatulian." And you know what? No one really

cared. So here we are 13 years later and like a virus, it has affected a small group of people, who under normal circumstances (except for Glen Belt), are your normal, everyday group of people.

Doing normal things. And having fun. BUT as soon as you put them in front of a computer, they turn into their Mr. Hyde personae. And that is what is the most destructive. It creates the mob mentality here, and everything goes to shit. I'm not going to complain about what we've lost, you all know what it was. But I want you to know that

the ROTARY 4TH OF JULY PARADE is all we've got left of what was once a wonderful community.

I look at Phil Tabby's annual National Night Out and shake my head. WHY is his pot luck so incredible? Why is ours so shabby? When I asked him, he had a simple answer. "We don't use city money!" So maybe that's our problem? In the past we've had a few self-serving people on our neighborhood council that wanted the city to do everything for us. And that of course entails living with the restrictions a L.A. city council (who really



doesn't care about us) imposes on us. They have ONE SIZE FITS ALL regulations.

But we've got a new life ahead of us with our STNC. The cartel lost and have now fully taken over the chamber of commerce to compensate for it. The good thing is that we're no longer in a down-

ward spiral. We still have the Watermelon Festival even if it's at Hansen Dam. We still have our 4th of July parade. We've actually gotten better since the election, and it looks like we're going to pull the community together. *Maybe it's because of The Water?*



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Sherri's Turn



Missing dads. Multiple half and step siblings. Prison waiting rooms. Homeless shelters. Small motel rooms rented by the week. Sleeping in a garage. Sleeping in a car. Missing parents. Drugs. Alcohol. Financial problems. Suicide. Abuse.

These are the facts of life for too many. And when it's kids who are forced to deal with these challenges through no fault of their own it's especially tragic. Adults who find themselves in these situations are often there because of their own poor choices and lack of self control. But the kids. They did nothing. They were just born into a lifestyle of dysfunction.

It's hard to say exactly when the idea came to us. But sometime in the 1990's would be a safe guess. We were raising our kids in an off road environment with regular desert trips and a love of motorcycles. Friends and neighborhood kids were always welcome on our desert outings.

It was the late 1990's when we named our dream:

Thundering Trails. It would be an off road adventure for kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. Still living in the city at the time we didn't know when or where we would do it. But we knew. One day Thundering Trails would become a reality.

In August of 2004 we had the awesome privilege of acquiring the desert land that would become the home of Thundering Trails and on October 24, 2005, our 31st wedding anniversary, Thundering Trails was officially declared a non-profit corporation by the State of California. Thirteen months later we held our first camp.

Meeting with an inner city ministry the administrator told us he had hundreds of kids who would love to attend. We told him we could accept about 8 boys for the first camp.

Four showed up and we were devastated at the small turnout. But 36 hours later when they went home we were exhausted and felt like they had been here 36 days. We never could have handled 8-10 kids in the beginning. It was a huge learning curve and we were to discover that an off road desert adventure with four kids who have never been out of the city and are not your own kids familiar with riding and camping -- and family rules -- was a whole new ballgame. Theft and vandalism and disrespect in the early days helped us to fine-tune our requirements

for kids to attend camp. The goal is not to rehabilitate troublemakers, it's to provide an awesome desert adventure for good kids who come from difficult situations.

Along with a group of dedicated volunteers we have hosted 61 weekend adventures for groups of 8-12 kids since the fall of 2006. We rent a van and provide transportation from the city and the fun starts the minute the kids arrive. Playing tag and hide-n-go-seek are camp favorites shortly after they get off the van until dinner is served. Later it's a hayride and campfire. Saturday is packed full of fun from the moment they wake up with morning hikes to "Big Eyes" the giant binoculars sitting atop a hill, to firing off rockets, a delicious breakfast and then walking the track and suiting up for riding. While one group rides another group chooses between hiking, crafts, games, horseshoes or just hanging out watching the other kids ride.

The day also includes a giant treasure hunt and depending on the weather water gun fights and sno-cones. Brownies, cookies and milk are plentiful and we've gone through thousands of popsicles over the years, the kids are welcome to as many as they want.

Saturday night brings a delicious dinner followed by chapel service and s'mores around the campfire. More tag and hide-n-go-seek and

they're ready to pass out. Sunday morning's incentive to get the bunkhouse cleaned up, bags packed and loaded in the van and sponsor thank-you letters written is one more motorcycle ride before the van leaves for the city at 11 a.m. They take home a 19"x13" camp poster packed with photos and a goodie bag filled with off road stickers and other treats.


And what do we get for the thousands upon thousands of hours the guy-in-the-garage and I have invested in this adventure over the years?

Seeing the smiles, hearing the laughter, listening to the excited voices of all the kids talking at once as they exuberantly relate their adventures on the motorcycle track. Time and time again. Camp after camp.

It's a wonderful exhaustion and there is no better return on an investment than knowing we've sent hundreds of kids home filled to the brim with marvelous memories they'll carry in their hearts for a lifetime.

Sherri Kukla is the editor and co-publisher of S&S Off Road Magazine. She along with her husband, the guy-in-the-garage, are also the founders and directors of Thundering Trails off road camp for inner city kids in Southern California. She can be reached at ssormag@gmail.com or www.ssorm.com

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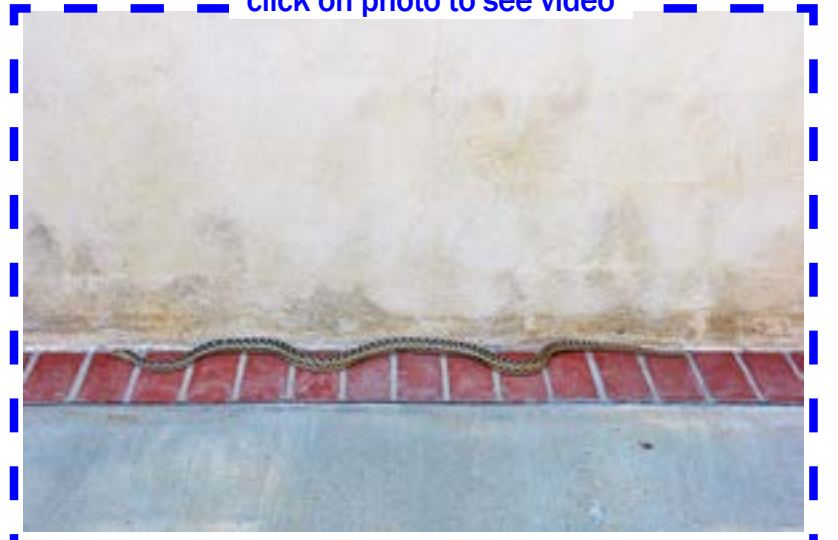
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Gary Kiffel (KM6NIP), Past Club President Michael Lichtman (KF6KFG), and Pet Natividad (N6PET) adjust the settings of one of the transmitters prior to the start of Field Day. Photo by: Robert Jimenez (K6YZF)

Operators will be on duty beginning at 11:00 am Saturday morning and continuing for 24 hours. You are invited to visit, ask questions, and see how this wonderful pastime can play a crucial role in providing communication to the outside world when disaster strikes.

For over a half a century the Crescenta Valley Amateur Radio Club has been providing communication services to the community. Stop by and see how Ham radio today is utilizing both the digital and analogue techniques and blending them together into new communication modalities. Ask to see how a seemingly simple hand-held radio can communicate with fellow operators literally around the world. You can talk to other Hams who are actively building a high-speed mesh network that is intended to provide back-up communications for essential county medical facilities in the aftermath of a disaster. It is a project created, funded and operated by Amateur Radio Operators of Los Angeles County.

The Crescenta Valley Ra-

dio Club meets every second Thursday of the month at Verdugo Hills Hospital at 7:30 pm. The meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend. For more information, contact Pet Natividad (N6PET), Club President, through the club website at cvrc.club

Field Day is Amateur (ham) Radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North

America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio. The Pasadena Radio Club will be holding their 2019 Field Day Event from 11am Saturday, June 22, until 11am June 23 at Art Center College of

Design at 1700 Lida St. in Pasadena. Hope to see you there!



Bob Cesarone (WA9JIB) explains how Field Day contacts are made all over the US to some late-night visitors. Photo by: George Eckart (KJ6LA)



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Both cars pulled over

and the people in the white shirts immediately began walking over to the other vehicle making threats. THEN everybody got out of their cars and the fight was on, with the "noisy" people losing their shirts and being knocked to the ground. The cops never made it over there before they all drove off.

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ASK RUSTY STILL IN THE HOLE!



by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor, Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I receive Social Security, but I still go in the hole to the tune of about \$300 per month! I hear some people describing Social Security as “welfare” but I resent that description. Between my employer and me, we pay over 15% of every paycheck to Social Security, so it’s not “welfare”, it’s my hard earned money that I’ve paid these taxes on for 47 years. The Government has spent my money instead of investing it to make sure I could retire and not live under a bridge. I think that they should pay

me back plus interest so I can live out my retirement!
Signed: Disgusted

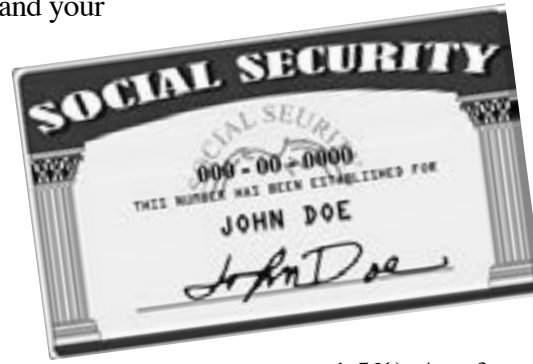
Dear Disgusted: You’re right that it’s your hard earned money that you’ve contributed to Social Security for many years, and it’s certainly not “welfare” by any definition. I do understand your frustration but I’d like to clarify a couple of things you are concerned about.

You’re correct that you and your employer have contributed over 15% of every paycheck to “FICA”, but not all of that goes to the Social Security Trust Fund. The breakdown is that 12.4% goes to the SS Trust Fund, and the rest - 2.9% - goes to help fund Medicare. The combined 12.4% Social Security contribution is evenly split - 6.2% each by you and your employer. Of the 6.2% you both contribute, 5.3% goes to the Old Age & Survivors Insurance (OASI) fund from which regular Social Security benefits are paid, and 0.9% goes to the Disability Insurance

(DI) fund from which SS disability benefits are paid. Nevertheless it is, as you say, your money - and your employer’s - that goes into these funds.

Social Security really wasn’t set up as an individual retirement investment vehicle; rather it was designed so that current workers contribute to a fund from which “old age and survivor’s” benefits are paid to eligible seniors. Said another way, those working now pay for those now retired. Any excess - contributions over and above that spent to pay benefits - is deemed to be “surplus”. By law, the money in the Trust Fund can’t be used for anything other than Social Security & Disability benefits, and (also by law) any surplus money from contributions must be invested in “interest-bearing securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States”. This is done via

special- issue government bonds, which pay interest at “market rate” (currently



1.5%). As of the end of 2015, the Social Security Trust Fund had about 2.34 trillion dollars invested in those special-issue bonds, which are redeemable either at maturity or on demand as needed to pay benefits.

The Trust Fund’s revenues still exceed costs every year, although the amount of annual surplus is declining because the ratio of workers to retirees is declining. Current estimates are that Social Security’s “old age & survivor insurance” revenue will stop running a surplus about 2020, after which any income shortfall would be taken from the Trust Fund’s

investments. The trust fund wouldn’t run out until about 2034, at which point benefits will be reduced unless Congress acts before

then to improve solvency. AMAC has developed a “Social Security Guarantee” which we have been regularly promoting to Congressional Representatives in Washington, D.C. This is a common-sense plan which ensures that Social Security will be able to pay full benefits into the next century, and we plan to continue lobbying congress to adopt the AMAC plan, or something similar.

So, to recap, the money you contributed while you were working

went to pay benefits for those already retired and, after you retire, contributions from those still working will be used to pay your benefits. And any surplus funds collected were invested in interest-bearing bonds for future use, and those funds cannot be used for any other purpose than Social Security benefits payments.



Don't Get Blindsided by Closing Costs

by Ed Castellanos

Have you ever decided to buy something, only to find out about additional costs at the end? The last thing you want is to be surprised by unexpected fees - especially at your closing. You’ve made your financial calculations. Extra charges at the eleventh hour could make all your plans go bust. But you can’t just skip the closing - that’s when the legal ownership is transferred. Want to avoid being blindsided at your closing? Here’s how to plan ahead for closing fees:

What’s the deal with closing costs? Closing costs typically run about 2% to 5% of the purchase price and are paid to lenders, attorneys and other third parties. Buyers often have more closing costs than sellers because most fees are related to the new mortgage loan.

Common closing costs for buyers: • Loan processing fees • Home appraisal and inspection fees • Property taxes

Common closing costs for sellers: • Mortgage payoff fees • Title transfer fees • Attorney fees for handling

the closing

How can you lower the costs? After applying for a mortgage, you’ll receive a Loan Estimate from the lender. It summarizes the loan terms, such as the loan amount, interest rate and all closing costs. Comparing Loan Estimates from different lenders is important.

Page 2 of the Loan Estimate also details the services you can shop around for, such as surveys, appraisals and title searches.

Are closing costs ever negotiable? Yes. A seller or buyer sometimes agrees to pay part or all of the other party’s closing costs. This is something we can negotiate into the purchase agreement. As for paying the closing costs? Some lenders will allow you to roll the cost into your mortgage. However, you’ll pay interest on it for the life of the loan. Paying cash upfront is a smarter option if you have the funds available.

Have more questions about closing on a home? Or are you ready to get your home search started? Reach out today.

Chamber of Commerce Officers Sued!



Abandoned Chamber Office

Two of the chief officers of the S-T chamber have been sued in small claims court for refusing to pay their debts. Chamber president and cartel candidate Hrant Vartzbedian who did not win a place on the 2019 Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council ordered a half page and two quarter page ads for placement in the Foothills Paper. Although the aggregate full page ads were in good quality placed on a color page, Vartzbedian and his cartel members lost by a landslide as the will of the people. He then declared that The Foothills Paper made the ads look bad to make the cartel team look bad, and that he demanded a written apology on the front page of The

Foothills Paper. Unfortunately, just because you lose an election does not forego paying ones bills.

Julie Ward, co-owner of Sunland Printing and first vice president of the chamber is being sued for failure to pay for damages done to a customer’s vehicle that Ward denied happening. “And the world turns.”

When the Tautlian cartel collapsed, it took the S-T Chamber of Commerce with it. Even though they had their election last November, they have not had enough members to pay the rent or keep their doors open. In fact, ever since cartel leader Sonia Tatulian spent all their funds, conducted a fraudulent “Food Truck Nite,” and destroyed

all the chamber files and memorabilia, the chamber has been slowly in decline. With the 2019 STNC election finished, this might now be the time to re-vitalize the chamber with new projects and members. The chamber in the past had been a major sponsor of the 4th of July fireworks but because of mismanagement, they have lost many supporters. But the existing officers say that cartel head Sonia Tatulian, is no longer involved with the chamber, so any new funds that they obtain are fairly secure. What is known, is that the chamber did not file their papers with Spectrum Spectacular for purchase of their fireworks package. For more information on the 4th of July fireworks, contact Hrant Vartzbedian, chamber president (818) 352-4433. Of course the telephone has been disconnected, but it may be reconnected if they can come up with the money.

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Carts & Industrial Vehicles, Sierra Sign Images, and Corsica's Italian Deli and Catering (and support for the Police Breakfast). Caruso's, as always, kindly allows the use of their parking lot and external space as staging areas.

Individual community members have also stepped up to sponsor the parade, and include Dang Coffee, the Oldest Rock of Sunland Tujunga, and a couple more who prefer to remain anonymous.

A number of community organizations have also stepped up to sponsor this year's parade. These include the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club, the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council, the Sunland Tujunga Arts and Recreation Committee, the Village Poets, the Sunland-Tujunga Lion's Club, and the McGroarty Arts Center.

And the list of people who have enabled this parade would not be complete without again acknowledging our late member Michael Lucas, whose passion for this parade and whose legacy of community service continues to inspire the Rotary Club.

For further information, please contact parade chair Sabrina Godinez at 310-488-3030.

To ensure a safe parade experience for everyone, Foothill Boulevard will be closed starting at 9:00 am from Apperson Street to Fenwick Street. Westbound traffic will be diverted on Plainview Avenue and will be directed to continue on Hillrose Street. Eastbound traffic will be diverted onto Newhome Avenue and will be directed to continue on Apperson Street. All streets intersecting Foothill between Apperson and Fenwick will be barricaded to prevent vehicular access.

Elected officials who have confirmed for the event include our U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, Board of Public Works President Kevin James, and Councilmember Monica Rodriguez. Other participants include the LAPD (including the

Motorcycle Drill Team!), the LAFD, the Verdugo Hills Baseball team, several equestrian groups including the California Rangers, the American Legion, Village Poets, and some special surprises.

The long list of sponsors includes County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, City Councilmember Monica Rodriguez (for sponsorship of the tables and chairs for the Police Breakfast), corporate sponsors Crescenta Valley Weekly, The Foothills Paper, Alpha Structural, Smart and Final Charitable Foundation (for support of our Verdugo Hills Baseball Team, The Dons, with their All City Coach Angel Espindola), and small business sponsors C&M Printing (plus help with printing and designing signs, banners, and T-Shirts), The Fish Lady, Mark's Lock and Key, Foothill Dental Care, Back Door Bakery and Cafe (plus support for the Police Breakfast), Golf

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