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Rotary Club Outdoes Itself on Best 4th of July Parade Yet!

By David DeMullé

The 40th annual Sunland-Tujunga, Rotary Club's 4th of July parade in Sunland-Tujunga was a wonderful treat for the more than 4,000 residents that braved the strange weather to watch our local home-grown parade entries roll down Foothill Blvd.

It was one of those events where everyone knew everybody, and if not immediately, within 10 minutes of sitting, yelling, waving and acting like little kids. With more than 70 "legal" entries and a few others that joined on route, there was really something for everyone. Bicyclists and off-roaders, cops and gangsters, clubs and community business's, Boy Scouts and Hulu Dancers, water cannon's and

supersoakers. Everyone was there having a fun time.

Called campy by some, irreverent by others, it is the slice of "Americana" that we live in. The parade crossed all ethnic and cultural boundaries, and everyone was the winner in this battle of who would be deemed to have the best entry.

As the thousands of revelers arrived early Thursday morning to place their folding chairs along Foothill Boulevard for the best seat, and if it was close to a fast food place so that they could have the best parade viewing.

For those who didn't have beach umbrellas, they probably had "supersoakers" to cool the parade goers, that is... before the Volunteer

fire department water tanker came down hosing everybody.

The parade opened with a LAPD helicopter making a flyby and making really sharp turns towards the crowd. THE LAPD motorcycle Drill Team came on full force. Better than a police chase on TV, they made intricate turns, turn-backs, smoking tires and loud sirens and flashing lights. WOW! It was impressive. A truck carrying members of the Tujunga Little League was met with cheers; in return, fans on the sidewalk were met with a few rounds from the baseball players' water guns. The Verdugo Hills HS

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THANK YOU EVERYONE!

The Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary Club is very thankful to the community, local businesses, service groups, volunteers, sponsors, parade dignitaries & participants, LAPD, LAFD, and all who helped make the annual parade possible. It is one of the oldest Sunland traditions, that we work very hard all year, to keep going! It is a 1st amendment permit that the city gives us for this event, so all groups are free to enter, as long as parade safety rules are observed; we do not discriminate. Although we have conflicted opinions sometimes about some of our participants, we all get along for the day, and what better day for that than the 4th of

July! We work to keep people safe from water balloons or unwanted soaking, so we appreciate crowd cooperation, & people observing parade etiquette, being polite, and moving to the soak zone at Sunland Park if desired. We welcome volunteers every year as well. The Rotary Club is very small, but mighty, so help from the community is appreciated. Follow us on Facebook @ Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills Rotary Club
Sabrina S. Godinez



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Ahhhhhhh, now I can relax. The Paper is done and you are reading all about the great time we had this last week. Fires, car wrecks, vandalism, and of course, the things we have to look forward to. The S-T Neighborhood council has far exceeded my expectations. They have formed committees that are actually going out and talking to people to see what they want from their local government.

Our Councilwoman has exceeded everybody's expectations in getting our roads repaired and money allocated for different community projects. The Rotary Club has pulled

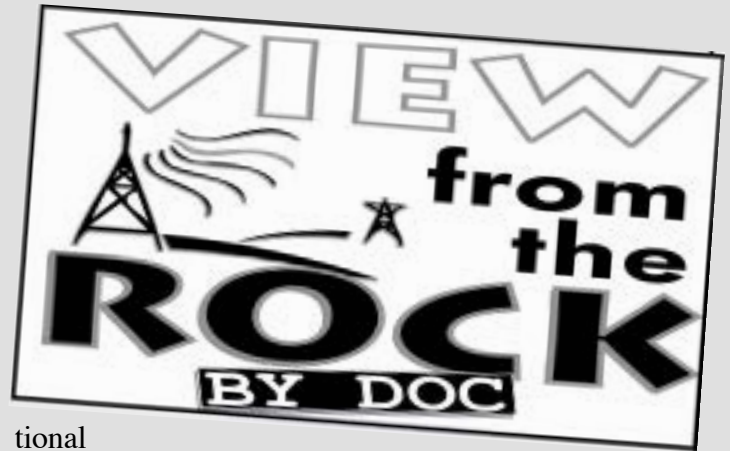
together some really great people and they made this year's 4th of July parade one of the best I've seen in years. And it all revolved around not giving up and going along with the nay-sayers. We had THREE major officials, Schiff, Barger & Rodriguez honoring us with their presence. AND our grand marshal was a JPL space hero.

Yup, we did it ourselves by working with people that we sometimes didn't like, for the benefit of everybody. And that brings up the cartel driven chamber of commerce.

"Never have so few, screwed so many, pre-

tending to be helping the community. They get the Astroglide award. They totally screwed up this year's 4th of July fireworks. All the top officers are involved in some kind of civil litigation. And the ANCA can't protect them. Membership has dropped to about 8 diehards that think they can milk the business community – but it's not happening. So everyone is ignoring them.

Yes boys and girls, we have embarked on a new era of cooperation that looks like it will make our little community one of the strongest in Los Angeles. In a couple of weeks, we will be having our Na-



tional Night Out in two separate locations to show our support of our First Responders, our LAPD and LAFD. Keep your eye out for the flyers showing where they will be held. Great food, people meeting great people, and a place to make new friends. Come on over – the foods the best and it's all FREE.

And while you're at it, if you're having community related problems, come to the monthly STNC meeting and let the committees know how they can help you. After all, that's what your taxes are paying for, and it's not just for the water.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Car Crash on Foothill Blvd.



The woman driving this Toyota got the ride of her life when an out of control hit & run driver rammed her from behind, flipping her over so that she then slid into a parked Ford van, barely missing another car behind it. There were

no reported injuries. The hit & run melee began across from the LAFD station 74 when the errant driver hit two parked cars and then careened off and up Foothill Blvd. looking for his next victim.

Not Good Luck

Entrepreneur Arnie Abramyan worked his ass off to get his new Munchies shop open in time for the 4th of July parade. Almost all the cartel members showed up for the free food and a tour. But, 2 days later, two of our homeless

drug addicts decided to scratch TVR on the window, and then as an after-thought, broke the window. That's not nice. For the action shot, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/arnieabramyan/videos/882557292115488/>



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FROM OUR COUNCILWOMAN MONICA RODRIGUEZ



This year, I secured \$26 million in capital and public service investments for our community. Here are some highlights of the investments we are making in the Seventh District:

- \$2.35 million for North Valley City Hall Renovation

restorations, enhancements to the community room, security upgrades, and a revamp of the public space.

- \$1 million for Workforce Development
- \$450,000 for Homeless Resource Hub

Program to establish a one stop shop for homeless services with LAUSD and North Valley Caring Services. The hub provides in-house case managers, housing navigation services, shower services, and child care.

- \$4 million for Districtwide Traffic Safety-Secured funding for LA Department of Transportation engineering projects throughout the Seventh District, including traffic signals, left-turn phasing traffic lights, pedestrian/emergency hybrid beacons, speed feedback signs, sidewalks, and bus stop relocations.
- \$500,000 for Districtwide Graffiti Abatement Mural Program
- \$450,000 for the Facade Improvement Program
- \$900,000 for Bridge over the Pacoima Wash at Telfair Avenue
- \$75,000 for a 4th of July Fireworks Festival

celebration at Hansen Dam next year.

Los Angeles, CA - Today, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance based on Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez’s motion enabling City agencies to recover costs associated with utility disconnection or other enforcement actions taken to shut down unlicensed cannabis businesses.

“This is a very important and no nonsense enforcement tool that will be crucial in tackling the spread of illegal cannabis operators in our communities,” said Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, Chair of the City’s Public Safety Committee.

“Property owners responsible for harboring unlicensed cannabis businesses must be held accountable for their role in undermining our legal system. They should be held responsible for the full costs of public safety enforcement efforts.”

The City currently assesses property owners and businesses for the costs of other specialized public safety enforcement efforts, such as brush fire hazard abatement. Unlicensed cannabis businesses pose similar threats to public safety. When illegal canna-

bis businesses are closed, they often reopen in the same location with different operators, often by affiliates of the same business, and different storefront names. The full costs of enforcement include materials used to secure facilities, staff hours generated by those engaged in enforcement, and other operational costs.

“The Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) applauds the leadership of Councilmember Monica Rodriguez and the City Council for passing this ordinance,” said Cat Packer, Executive Director of DCR.

“The City is working together with all Departments to support legal and licensed cannabis businesses and establishments. We ask the public to continue to visit legal establishments and to lodge complaints about any unlawful cannabis activity using the DCR’s complaint portal at canabis.lacity.org. We want to protect the safety of Angelenos and penalize businesses that drain resources and revenue from the City of Los Angeles.”

Today’s ordinance allows the City to pursue full cost recovery from those who lease their property to unlicensed cannabis businesses.

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Athletics team(s) were loaded for bear with trash-cans filled to the top with water. Just a few minutes earlier, a small contingent from the Sunland-Tujunga TRUMP 2020 walked, marched and drove down the boulevard, while a flat-bed truck filled with some pretty old American Legion veterans made its journey down the hill. Equestrian teams, individual riders, and our CD-7 Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez and County Supervisor Karyn-Barger filled out the parade roster. (No one squirted them!)

An old time favorite, "The Oldest Rock in Sunland Tujunga" was carried in the back of a pick-up truck, drawing a lot of attention. Enclosed in a clear case, the history of the gray-brown rock has "been authenticated," according to rock's owner, David Long, 55, whose twinkling eyes gave away the real story—it's just a joke.

On this 4th of July, the whole community came together as a family and had one big raucous party meeting friends and making new ones. And a fun time was had by all!

RATTLESNAKE SEASON IS HERE!

By Tom Stienstra

To many of us, rattlesnakes carry a reputation as evil assailants lying in wait for their target, fangs at the ready. But in reality, snakebites occur most frequently when people (and dogs) surprise rattlers while hiking, running or scrambling over rock scree.

Rattlesnakes range across the Sacramento Valley and Sierra foothills but are also present in Bay Area outdoor destinations and parks. They are commonly found at Mount Diablo as well as Claremont Canyon in Oakland and elsewhere in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. In June, East Bay Regional Park District posted a rattlesnake advisory for its 73 parks and 1,250 miles of trails.

The best advice when tooling around Northern California this summer is the simplest: Be aware while on the trail or in the backcountry, and watch where you step. Rattlesnakes are part of nature. When you spot one, keep your distance. Don't approach it. Don't provoke it. Divert around it. A rattlesnake will not chase you.

Encounters in Northern California often peak in late May, according to the EBRPD. But this year's cold, wet spring could push that peak period later into summer.

Those spring rains can lead to more rattlesnake activity this time of year. High soil moisture can help reproductive success for rodents, including mice, gophers and ground squirrels — rattlesnakes' main food sources. In turn, rattlers' reproduction also peaks in spring, when a female rattlesnake can produce about 10 infants.

Here's what you need to know going into summer to prepare for, and hopefully

avoid, a rattlesnake encounter.

When and where rattlesnakes are active: As cold-blooded reptiles, rattlesnakes often emerge after cool nights to the warming service roads and trails at parks to soak in the heat. Timing is key. Rattlesnakes are most active when temperatures are between 75 and 85 degrees, and during dusk and dawn, according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Rattlesnakes often stay within a one-mile radius of their birthplaces for their entire lives, which can span 15 to 20 years, according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. That means parks or trails where rattlesnakes have been sighted at any time provide likely habitat in the future.

In 2018, rattlesnake bites were reported at Lime Ridge Open Space near Walnut Creek, on a trail on Mount Tamalpais in Marin and at the College of Marin Indian Valley campus in Novato, among other Bay Area outdoor areas. (There is no central repository of snakebite statistics, so keeping track of total rattlesnake bites statewide is difficult.)

In recent years, field scouts have reported rattlesnakes throughout the region: Barbara Gately reported that a friend's dog was bitten (and recovered) on the Yolanda Trail near Phoenix Lake in Marin; Michael Rudy saw three rattlers on four hikes at Mount Diablo; Mike Rudy encountered two rattlesnakes, each with nine rattles, in 90 minutes at Diablo Foothills; Wild Horse Valley in Foothills Park in Palo Alto has been the site of encounters for years; in the Marin Headlands, Tera Killip sighted a rattler on the paved path between the fork

with Wolf Ridge and the entrance to Hill 88 above Bolinas Lagoon.

One of the wildest stories came from Chronicle photographer Paul Chinn and field scout Bart Selby at Edgewood County Park on the Peninsula. Chinn said they almost stepped on two mating rattlesnakes that were intertwined like a bramble on a rose stem.

Though snakes are rare in snow country, one of the most prolific rattlesnake areas in California is the lower reaches of Rattlesnake Creek, a tributary canyon to the Kern River in Sequoia National Park (Tulare County). The canyon feeds down from the Great Western Divide to the Kern and provides a near 100% chance to see a rattlesnake along the trail, as we always have.

How to avoid getting bitten: Avoid wearing sandals or flip-flops in brushy, wild areas. Don't step or put your hands anywhere that you can't see. Step on logs and rocks, not over them.

Be especially careful gathering firewood or sitting on a stump or log. Be wary of grabbing "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers — rattlesnakes can swim too.

Lastly, don't hike alone if you can avoid it.

If you get bitten by a rattlesnake: From the East Bay Regional Park District: If a rattlesnake bites you, stay calm and call 911 immediately. Lie down with the affected limb lower than your heart. Do not waste time on tourniquets, sucking or applying a snakebite kit.



Don't pack the area in ice or cut the wound with a knife or razor.

If you are by yourself, walk calmly to the nearest source of help to dial 911. Running or moving quickly will increase your heart rate, which will allow the neurotoxin in the venom to travel through your system faster.

Medical attention means receiving an injection of antivenom serum. Medical insurance typically covers the cost.

Rattlesnake bites can be fatal if you are bitten near a vital organ and are not treated, and for small children.

Outdoors writers John Higley and Phil Ford have both sustained rattlesnake bites. They described initial shock, then burning pain and instant swelling. They say to expect extensive skin discoloration around the bite. Both men received serum and medical care and recovered fully with no lingering effects.

If you are bitten by another kind of snake: If you sustain a bite from a snake you are sure is not a rattlesnake, wash the wound with soap and water or an antiseptic and seek medical attention.

If you suffer a snakebite and aren't sure what kind of snake bit you, check the bite for two puncture marks

(in rare cases one puncture mark) associated with intense, burning pain. This is typical of a rattlesnake bite. Other snakebites may leave multiple tooth marks without associated burning pain.

If a dog gets bitten: If you hike on a summer morning after a cool night, the chance of an encounter increases as the day warms through late morning. If you have a curious dog allowed off leash that doesn't respond instantly to voice commands, the odds go way up.

Rattlesnake bites can be devastating for pets, at high risk because of their curiosity, domesticated DNA and relatively small bodies. It's possible to have a vet vaccinate a dog against rattlesnake bites. Vets say the vaccination builds up antibodies against the venom. That reduces the reaction to the bite and gives you more time to get your dog to the doctor. A booster shot is needed four weeks after the first. Even with the vaccination, a dog still needs the anti-venom shot after a rattlesnake bite.

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Shadow Hills Gets a Clean Up from United Groups



Cynthia Urias, Kameron Hines, Barbara Cordova Oliver and Guillermo Quiroz joined together to help Shadow Hills Property Owners Association with the cleanup last weekend.

There was a real team effort to spruce up the neighborhood of Shadow Hills on Sunland Boulevard this past Saturday. Cynthia Urias, the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) Volunteer Organizer organized the cleanup.

The Scientology Volunteer Ministers (VMs) joined up when VM Barbara Cordova Oliver found out about the clean-up from Cynthia. Barbara offered the help of other VMs she knew, including Shadow Hills resident Kameron Hines, who is the VM director at the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles. The VMs had also helped with the clean-ups after the Creek Fire struck the Sunland and Shadow Hills area last year and are often on the scene of

many natural disasters.

Around fourteen people answered the call all together. They launched from the Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church and headed West on Sunland Blvd for many miles. Several trimmed the overgrown brush along the way, while others picked up the trash that was strewn about on the sidewalk and even spruced up a shopping center parking lot that was full of litter. They improved the overall image of the environment, creating a visible difference.

The SHPOA can be contacted at SHPOA@SHPOA.US More information on the VMs can be obtained at www.volunteermembers.org.

Fighting Fires, Traffic Accidents, Homelessness, Saving Lives

The role of fire departments in 21st-century urban centers

Do firefighters fight fires? Obviously, but most of the time fire is not what calls them to action.

“100 years ago, when a city our size would have 1,000 fires a year, you’d have a department that was exclusively devoted to fighting fires. Now our fire department spends less than one percent of their time fighting fires,” said a fire department representative “99 percent of their time is on emergency medical and 25 percent of their time is on dealing with homelessness.”

Brian Humphrey, a Public Information Officer for the city said: “We average four or five structure fires a week in the North East Valley, yet the Fire Department responds to over 17,000 emergency calls a year. Many of these calls, about 20-25 percent of our 911 call volume, are about people experiencing homelessness. The Fire Department responds to medical, vehicle accidents and other emergencies, including reports of ‘man down’ or a person in

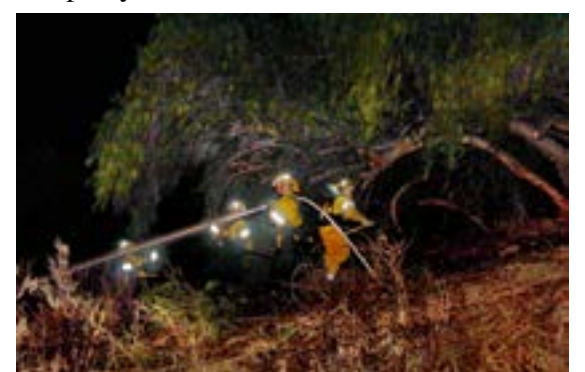
distress.” Humphrey adds, “More often than not, when our crews arrive the person has already left, is simply asleep or suffers from chronic medical conditions that do not involve immediate treatment or transport to an emergency room. We now have a Fire Captain on special assignment working with our Police Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Team, our Human Services Division and other County and non-profit providers to work on more effective ways to prevent and handle these calls.”

The LAFD isn’t the only fire department that responds to such a high percentage of medical related emergencies. According to Humphrey, “More than four out of five calls we receive are medical related. Approximately 85 percent of our daily activity relates to emergency medical services. The remainder are a broad variety of fire-related services which would include structure fires and vehicle fires.” Humphrey

adds that while fires have diminished over the years due to building codes, public education, and safer appliances, there’s still a significant impact of fires on the city.”

Growing public awareness has also had an impact on fires throughout the Westside as well.

“Fires, while more rare today because of advanced building codes, effective inspections and public education, still pose a constant threat in an urban environment. That’s why we still maintain our crews and equipment in constant readiness even as they respond to a wide range of other calls, plus they obviously pose a critical first line of response for natural and man-made disasters as well as mutual aid for wildland/urban fires,” Humphrey said. “The world has obviously changed in the last 100 years. The role of police, libraries, parks, fire and other services continue to evolve.”





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