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BEAR SIGHTINGS IN THE HEIGHTS

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San Antonio Heights Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

6:30 p.m. Social Time – 7:00 Meeting (promptly)

A very brief meeting: Limited time for Speakers

Plenty of time for concerns and questions from Residents

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND



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SAH RESIDENTS SHARE THEIR 'BEAR SIGHTING' STORIES

By Donna Hawthorne

Photographs by Jackie Langeloh and Glen Myers

In June, there were several bear sightings in the Heights. Some times the sightings were very brief and other times the bear just seemed to want to hang out. Around June 20th, a bear described as approximately 200 lbs and maybe 5' tall was seen on Park BLVD. and again on Mesa Terrace. Immediately, neighbors were calling neighbors to tell them to keep their pets inside. The sheriff and Fish and Game were called but upon their response the bear had already gone on its way.

On July 5th, we also learned that a bear had ventured into six yards on West 25th Street. At one point the bear even went up an avocado tree. Glen and Reba Myers were the first to sound the alarm when they called Ray and Jackie Langeloh and told them to stay in the house, there was a bear in their yard. Well, Jackie and Ray never actually saw the bear in their own yard but thanks to photographs by Glen Myers they have proof the bear was there. Jackie with a bit of a laugh says, "What a story to tell my grandchildren and pictures to prove it!"

On the same day, Darlene Stephens, who lives directly across from the Langelohs, was in her yard pulling weeds and still feeling stuffed from the wonderful, slowly cooked barbecued ribs she had enjoyed the day before. Her husband, Jerry, was at work. Their new little puffball of a bichon frise puppy was bouncing around, and oh, what the heck, it seemed like a great time for the two of them to take a little relaxing walk. As Darlene and puppy headed toward the gate, the puppy started barking and Darlene looked up and there about three feet away was what looked like a "teddy bear"A THREE HUNDRED POUND TEDDY BEAR! A greasy rib hung out of its mouth, and a wary eye told her it was very aware of the two of them. Darlene said, "It seemed like a REALLY good time to retreat, if she could just get her hands on "Betsy" (her puppy) before the bear did." She made a lucky scoop, grabbed Betsy and slowly backed away, as the bear turned back to his feast. She with Betsy in arms turned and ran to the house. Darlene said in the thirty two years they had lived in the Heights, she had seen lots of wild things, but that set a new record for her.



Safely looking out an upstairs window, heart pounding from what felt like a very lucky escape, Darlene noticed many of the neighbors having a great time watching the bear scoop and root through her trash, although from a lot farther away than her three feet. Darlene said she had often wondered what she would do if she ran into a wild

bear somewhere (they tell you to lie down, make a lot of noise, be submissive?) Well, she said she is happy she took the path of least resistance and boogied into her house.

Anyway, her new buddy hung out for almost an hour, grabbing ribs, wandering over to a comfortable lounging spot, eating, and coming back for more. She noticed some picture taking going on, and later saw some great shots that her neighbors took. Hmm, she said, maybe 300 pounds was overstated a bit, but still, that bear was BIG!!

The local sheriff said the bear had been hanging around the area for a couple of weeks or more and was just advising us to stay out of the bear's way – not to worry, the bear will go on to another house. Not to worry? Easy for them to say! In the meantime, Darlene said they are very careful about what is thrown in the trash and hope the bear doesn't add their address to its list of favorite places "to eat out" in the Heights.



After Darlene felt safe in her home, she called her husband and said "Uh, Honey – Guess who just came to dinner?" Darlene says she knows the bear is now far, far away but still checks the avocado trees near her house at night when she and Betsy are out for their nighttime potty break.

As quoted in the Daily Bulletin (7-4-06) Sheriff Detective Dan Whitten said there had been four reports since June 9th of at least one bear wandering through yards and eating fruit south of the San Antonio Dam and west of Mountain Avenue. He also said it appeared to be a black bear a couple of years old. Department of Fish and Game officials said it is not common for bears to wander so far down the hill, but they might be drawn by the neighborhood's abundance of fruit trees.

Sheriffs also responded to homes in the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Canyon Road on July 3rd and chased a bear back into the wilderness by making a lot of noise. In one instance, the bear was spotted taking a dip in a family swimming pool.

Also, they said normally the bears want nothing to do with humans, so simply removing fruit that has fallen from a tree and taking other steps will help prevent encounters. Terry Forman, spokesman for the Department of Fish and Game added, "Usually a bear doesn't just ramble through town, but that it is usually hungry and looking for something to eat."

Officials with the Department of Fish and Game offer the following tips:

- Keep garbage out of sight and in a sturdy lockable container.
- Don't put trash out until the day it is picked up.
- Fallen fruit from trees should be picked up.
- If a bear is seen, keep children inside. Do not run away from wild animals. You can walk way and keep your eye on them, but don't go into a flight mode.

It was also reported that Robert Cantero, a resident on Mesa Terrace, and ten construction workers at his home aroused a 250 to 300 pound bear that was sleeping behind some bushes in the backyard where they were working. Cantero said they followed it into the hills near the water wells above the house to see if it had any cubs. It did not try to attack anyone! It was just minding its own business. It looked back at us for a while and just kept on walking.

Information contributed to this article by Jackie Langeloh, Darlene Stephens, Glen Myers and Daily Bulletin article.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ken Petschow



I would like to begin by inviting everyone to our Annual Meeting next month on Tuesday, November 14th at Life Bible Fellowship Church. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short time to socialize, refreshments will be served. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. If time permits, I hope you will come early and visit with other residents and our board members as they will be available and look forward to seeing those of you they know and of course meet those of you they have not yet met.

Our business meeting will be brief. We have invited guest speakers from all of the public agencies we interact and are associated with on a regular basis. At the time of this newsletter we have yet to confirm who will be speaking; we have invited Paul Biane, our 2nd District County Supervisor, Charles Moorrees with San Antonio Water Company, and representation from the California Highway Patrol, City of Upland, San Bernardino County Fire Services and the Sheriff's Department.

The meeting will then belong to YOU, and will be conducted as an open forum. If you have concerns, questions, suggestions or perhaps would like to compliment one or all of the invited officials on an item of interest to you.... this would be a great time to do it!

Community Clean up Day, sponsored by the San Bernardino County Division of Code Enforcement and Solid Waste, was again a huge success. We hope everyone was able to get rid of those bulky items that are so difficult to take to the dump. This service provided by Paul Biane's office has helped us keep San Antonio Heights a cleaner community.

I encourage everyone to become involved with the San Antonio Heights Association. We NEED and would greatly appreciate more interest and participation in ALL of our committees. If you do not have the time to be an active member of a committee, we welcome you to call and offer your ideas and perhaps you can help in some other way.

In June residents were sent correspondence from the "San Antonio Heights Residents for Responsible Development". The SAHA bylaws do not permit the board to sponsor issues that are controversial with regard to individual land use. By majority the board did agree to provide the newsletter as a tool to provide information of interest to the residents. We were unable to directly support or oppose this issue but we feel comfortable with residents publishing their opinions on a controversial issue in our newsletter. Under these same guide lines, we invite all residents to submit their articles of interest. Our next newsletter will be published in January (deadline for articles - December 1st).

It was recommended by the Board that each committee chairperson prepare a summary of their committee's achievements for 2006 along with the goals for 2007. I am very proud of the many accomplishments already made this year. I thank each chairperson and their committee members for the endless hours of hard work and dedication they have volunteered. These reports are published in the next several pages for your review.

In signing off, the SAHA Board would like to wish ALL SAH residents a very Happy Holiday Season and a **HEALTHY AND SAFE 2007**. We are thankful we live in this wonderful place called San Antonio Heights.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS AND GOALS FOR 2007



GAZETTE NEWSLETTER ***Donna Hawthorne, Chairperson***

As a team, Pam Schulz, Bob Shannon and I have met our number one goal this year by meeting our quarterly deadlines for the publishing of the Gazette newsletter. We have received more articles from residents, expanded the number of pages per issue and are printing a wider variety of articles. We appreciate the many comments and compliments that we have received. Thank you!

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Continue to publish the Gazette on a quarterly basis.
2. Greater participation from residents.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY ***Bob Shannon, Chairperson***

The Historical Society was formed in 2005 from concerns of local residents who wanted to keep our heritage alive. This past year, the Committee completed and adopted “Goals and Objectives”. The Committee hopes to finalize its “Mission Statement” before year end.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. To adopt and approve our “Mission Statement”
2. Complete, categorize and prioritize a list of houses 50 years and older.
3. Have one of many fundraisers and a walking tour of the Heights.
4. Actively seek more members to be involved in historical society.



MEMBERSHIP
Pam Schulz, Chairperson

2006 brought some changes to our membership. Each year at the SAHA Annual Meeting one of the most common questions from residents is “am I a current member?” To make it easier we began including on the mailing label whether one was a current donor or not, thanks to a suggestion made at last year’s annual meeting. We also began listing donors’ names in the gazette and mailing a thank you letter.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Increase active participation of residents in the Heights. Only approximately 20% of households that receive the SAH Gazette contribute to the Association membership.
2. Broader participation in our community, i.e., most of the committees would welcome interested volunteers and extra help. Please consider donating some of your time to a worthwhile committee.



PRODUCE EXCHANGE
Bob Shannon, Chairperson

The Backyard Produce Exchange is scheduled for the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. and is held in the back parking lot of the Life Bible Fellowship Church. Due to the “Mediterranean Fruit Fly Quarantine” issued by the USDA for much of the Inland Valley including San Antonio Heights, it was necessary to cancel the produce exchanges beginning in February. We were happy to reopen in October and look forward to serving the residents the last three months of 2006.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Greater participation from residents
2. An additional quantity of produce and plants for sharing
3. Classes on backyard gardening
4. To be more productive



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Tom Gomez, Chairperson

Our Recycling revenue has dropped in 2006 as we are now competing with the recycling pick ups by Burrtec. However, we have continued to do well and the Association has received so far this year \$1,100.00 from the recycling of aluminum, glass, plastic and papers. We have also been fortunate to have Gary Crites in charge of the bins and he spent many hours staying on top of this project. Other volunteers, Ken McNeil, Cal McElwain and Bob Shannon (to name a few) have been very dedicated to helping keep the bins and the area around them clean. The success of the program is the extra efforts taken by residents who drop off recyclables at the bins and of course those who go the extra mile to keep the area clean. Please continue to recycle.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Better communication with all parties involved.
2. Higher revenues from recyclables.
3. New and more volunteers.
4. Less trash and discards at site.



TRAILS

Martha Goss, Chairperson

In March, the Committee met with the Architerra Design Group to begin preparation of initial design studies, plans and character sketches for conceptual development of the trail extension. In May, a meeting was held with Ken Eke, Chief, Food Control Operations Division, Dept of Public Works, Jim Canaday, Park Planner and Philip Krause, Chief of Planning both with Regional Parks Division to discuss obtaining access to the trail with either Flood Control or Edison. Our next step will be to meet with Tim Johnson of Paul Biane's office, the architects and the above County officials to determine what should be done next. We hope to arrange this meeting in October.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Obtain approval of plans so improvements can begin on the trail.
2. To see actual physical improvements being accomplished or better yet a dedication of the completion of a segment of the trail.
3. More active participation and interest from the residents.



WATER/LEGAL COMMITTEE

Ken McNeil, Chairperson

This past year has been one of progress for the San Antonio Water Company. Under the direction of the new manager, Charles Moorrees, the San Antonio Water Company is now in the process of replacing old and substandard pipelines in San Antonio Heights. As new pipelines are installed, additional fire hydrants are being added. You may not have noticed, but in certain areas of the Heights long distances were common between fire hydrants. On some streets, the distance between houses and the nearest fire hydrant was more than the length of the fire hose carried on a fire truck.

Last year I filed a personal complaint with the California Public Utilities Commission. After several positive interactions with the San Antonio Water Company, I decided to dismiss this complaint. However, should the San Antonio Water Company be unreasonable with the new water rates anticipated in 2007, a new complaint can be filed.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Monitor and provide feedback regarding upcoming water rate study.
2. Lobby to have San Antonio Heights representatives on the Board of Directors, to be chosen by Heights residents, not the Mayor of Upland.
3. Provide feedback regarding any proposed water conservation measures.
4. The Colonies Development at Campus Avenue has adversely impacted the ability of the San Antonio Water Company to replenish the ground water in the Cucamonga Water Basin. We will monitor ongoing discussion between the San Antonio Water Company and the Colonies Development regarding this important responsibility of the Water Company.
5. Continue to be a watch dog protecting the minority shareholders in the San Antonio Water Company.



WEBSITE

Sanya Dunn, Committee Contact

In December, 2005, Tom Hughes and Becky Miller sent out a request for assistance with the website. After interviewing several interested persons, Sanya Dunn accepted the challenge. Since May, 2006 Sanya has worked on the website to give it a uniform look, update links and pages, and continue to provide up-to-date information to site visitors. Through the website, you can read about current events in the Heights, make membership donations via PayPal, advertise items for sale, report lost or found pets, check out business advertisements, review the calendar of events for the year, send in questions, suggestions and/or comments, and much more! Check it out... <http://www.sanantonioheights.org/>

GOALS FOR 2007

1. Solicit SAH residents for their suggestions/comments on improving the website.
2. Provide any additional links/pages that may be useful to residents/site visitors.
3. Update website, as needed, to keep information current.
4. Increase donations thru the website.
5. Promote online community.

INITIATIVE AIMS TO MAKE SUPERVISOR ELECTIONS MORE COMPETITIVE

By Second District Supervisor Paul Biane



Term limits have been a part of our Democracy for many years. It simply stands to reason that a politician should not spend an infinite amount of time in the same elected office.

Some long-term incumbents become complacent and disconnected from the constituents they serve because they are so ingrained in “the system.” Yet challengers find it difficult, if not impossible, to unseat incumbents, who can rely on name recognition to get re-elected.

County Supervisors are not immune from this ivory tower syndrome, and that is part of the reason why I introduced a ballot measure to impose term limits on Supervisors in San Bernardino County.

If approved by voters in November, the ballot measure would limit Supervisors to three, four-year terms starting with the next election cycle. I strongly believe that term limits bring fresh ideas and new people to old problems. We won’t get those new ideas if the same people get elected over and over.

Term limits will also help encourage more people to run for Supervisor by mandating political turnover. But term limits alone will not make elections for Supervisors more competitive, and they won’t produce the kind of quality candidates voters deserve either.

That is why the Charter Amendment I proposed includes changing the formula used to determine Supervisors’ salary. The County must offer an

attractive and competitive compensation package to attract highly qualified candidates for this fulltime job.

The initiative would make compensation for San Bernardino County Supervisors equal to the average pay for supervisors in Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Los Angeles counties.

Even though they would make excellent Supervisors, most successful business and even public sector professionals would not run for a seat on the Board of Supervisors because it could mean a major pay cut.

We need community leaders who have proven themselves in the real world to take on the challenging role of County Supervisor. And, simply put, the current pay structure will not attract candidates of the caliber needed to make decisions that will keep this County moving forward.

I encourage you to examine all of the initiatives on the Nov. 7 ballot thoroughly, so you can make informed decisions at the polls. If you need to find your polling place or have other general questions about the election, please contact the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300, and please remember to vote!

BOARD TAKES A SECOND LOOK AT REMOVING RECYCLING BINS AT ALBERTSONS

By Tom Gomez, Recycling Chairperson

As you may have noticed, the recycling bins in the Albertson's parking lot have not been removed as was mentioned in the last Gazette Newsletter. This is because of a reconciliation of SAHA and the "Company" responsible for picking up the bins.



Shortly after the previous Gazette Newsletter was published and delivered, we were informed by our very diligent volunteer, Gary Crites that the "Company" was confused as to where the refund checks were to be sent. Fortunately the funds were being held in an account. After a few phone calls from Gary Crites, they were able to straighten everything out. As a result SAHA received a reimbursement check in the amount of \$872.00, from the "Company". We can't show our appreciation and thanks enough to Gary Crites for his persistence in accomplishing this task.

At the August SAHA meeting the Board of Directors voted to retract their last vote, to have the recycle bins removed from the Albertson's lot. It was then decided to monitor the revenues generated from the bins for the next four months and then revisit the issue. Hopefully we will have an update at the Annual Meeting in November, 2006.

Also, because SAHA is a participant in the San Bernardino County's Beverage Container Recycling Program, we are being offered an incentive award. During the period of Sept. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2006 the San Bernardino County will match all CVR receipts we submit, not to exceed \$500. This program is coordinated by the County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division and funded by the California Department of Conservation. **HELP US DOUBLE OUR MONEY!!**



On a sad note, one of our greatest volunteers needs to help others. Gary Crites has made a difficult decision to resign from his volunteer position as A-1 Recycler, because many of his community volunteer positions are requiring more of his time. Thank you, Gary, for ALL your time and dedication you give to our community!

We are asking for new volunteers to join this and other committees of SAHA.

THE "STAR"

By Tina Nelson and Pam Schulz

The Association, at the time this newsletter went to publish, was still uncertain as to how or whether the star would be enjoyed during the 2006 Holiday Season.

Although Ken Petschow is still in the process of getting final building approval for his house that was destroyed during the 2003 Grand Prix Fire, he still managed to erect the Star in 'portable/temporary' form and again in 2004 and 2005.

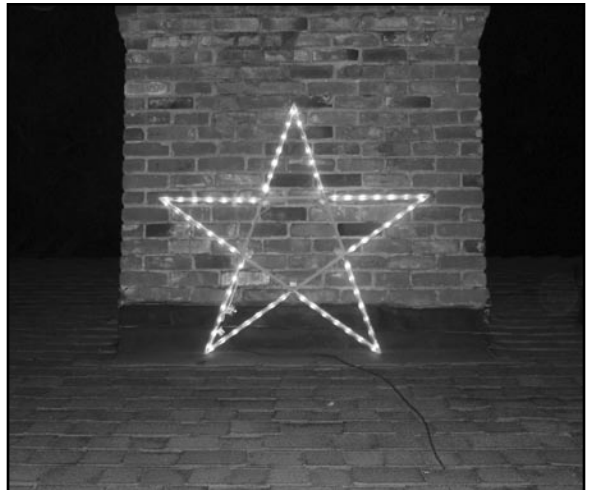
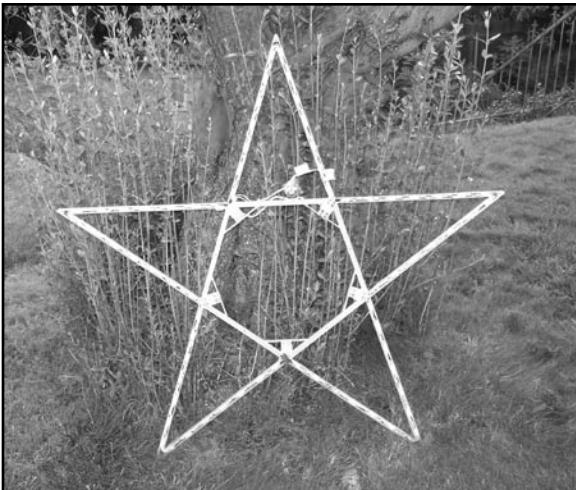
In July this year, a major set back occurred when someone came on to Ken's property and stole ALL of the copper wiring that was used to supply the power to light the Star. This represents a cost of approximately \$15,000 but more importantly a major number of work hours.

At the August SAHA meeting, it was concluded that perhaps something could be accomplished to represent the spirit of the Star. Erecting a smaller star was discussed as a possibility but at that time Ken could not make a commitment because of time restrictions relating to his work and ongoing issues with his house. A recommendation that interested residents might want to pull together and each one put a Star (any size) somewhere on their property to represent our missing Star this year.

Pam Schulz has located a website with a nice size star that might be of interest. Christmaslightsetc.com has a very nice selection of holiday decorations. The star pictured is item #13493 and cost \$26.16 plus tax and shipping. She was impressed with this company as they confirmed when the order was received, the date it was shipped and the date that it would be delivered. The shipping weight for one star is 4 pounds, but the actual star weighs less than one pound. Simple to put together: All Pam had to do was take it out of the box, unfold it and snap it in place - it folds up for storage just as easily. If anyone is interested in ordering the above star and would like assistance, please leave your name and phone number on the SAHA message recorder (909) 985-6996 or check the SAHA website for additional information.

It was concluded by many that it was unfair to expect Ken to make this a priority when it is more important that he put his available time and efforts into the building of his house. We wish Ken and his family the best and of course if for some unknown miracle, the Star does become a reality, we will all be grateful.

We solicited some comments from residents on their feelings and thoughts about the Star and would like to share some of them with you.



WHAT THE STAR MEANS TO ME.....

It is a part of “San Antonio Heights” history...

The San Antonio Heights Star is confirmation to me that the true spirit of Christmas is present and recognized in the Inland Empire. Seeing it lighted each evening brings the message that peace on earth can actually be realized if each one of us allows the Spirit of Christmas to overshadow our activities and aspirations. The Star is this community’s gift to everyone who sees it.

The Star was symbolic of light, hope, a sense of peace and goodwill to our community.

The Star is Awesome! It brought hope and inspiration for miles to people in our community.

It was the first sign of the holidays as we looked up into the mountains and it gave us a sense of peace which is needed today!

It stands as a symbol of hope. It reminds those who drink and drive not to. It calms me from my busy executive life at work to my simple life as a mom and wife. It reminds me to pray and give thanks. Most of all, it reminds me to love.

It means an old fashioned Christmas, long forgotten in today’s rat race except here in Upland/San Antonio Heights. It means a warm feeling coming home to Upland. Thanks to the wonderful Petschow family for trying to keep up this old tradition.

When I see the Star, I think of its presence as it stands so statuesque and eloquently on the hill brightly shining its welcome of the Holiday Season to ALL in the Inland Empire. I am excited that others have the opportunity to observe the Star from afar, the freeways, planes or even trains. A memory I hope they take with them and share with others.

I especially think of how important the Star is to the little ones.

I know one little boy who has loved that Star so much that it has been a part of his life since he was two years of age. He would always ask when leaving Grandma’s house “can we go closer” and we would drive to 26th to see the Star. This year, if the Star cannot be put up, this little boy, has made a Star in pre-school for Ken to have until he can build his own Star.

It is okay if we can’t physically see the Star in 2006.....it will be in our thoughts and as we look up, we can all remember and see the Star in our minds and be thankful that the Petschow family is doing well and hopefully 2007 will bring them closer to the home they shared on the hill. We wish Ken, Lindsey and children A Very Happy Holiday Season.

SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS PATRON/MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

By Pam Schulz, Membership Chairperson

At the April 28, 2006 meeting the San Antonio Heights Association Board voted, without opposition, to list all of the members to date in the quarterly gazette. If your name is on this list you are a voting member and qualify to be on the Board of Directors. Non-members may not vote nor be nominated to the Board. If you believe that your name should be on this list and is not, please contact the Association at 909/985-6996.

Names with an asterisk indicate our newest members.

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Bob Vairin
Clyde & Lisa Visser
Chester & Joan Volski
J.T. & Shirley Waller
Chris & Joan Watson
Duff & Patricia Weede
Topsey Westerlund
Tim & Roseann Wheeler*
Peter & Sue White
Terrylynn Whitfield
Richard & Brenda Wilcoxson*
Ron Williams
John & Holly Wood
Daniel Young
Danny & Laura Zendejas

DAVID RUBINSTEIN COMPLETES HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

By Joe Rubinstein



David Rubinstein, a resident here in the Heights, completed his Eagle Scout project by cleaning up and painting the San Antonio Heights Fire Station #12, community patrol building and back shed. All three buildings now share the same color.

If you have not noticed the improvement in these buildings, try to stop by and take a look. The second part of their project is the repaving and sealing of the driveway and parking lot where the sandbags are located. Many volunteers helped with this project.

Congratulations David on your wonderful accomplishment and the benefit it is to our community. Thank you!

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TO MATCH FUNDS WITH BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

By Tom Gomez, Recycling Chairperson



The SBC Solid Waste Management has scheduled A Promotional Period, September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 to increase beverage container recycling and awareness. They will match our receipts, not to exceed \$500, and pay the Association for all beverage containers California Refund Value (CRV) turned in. This will include aluminum, glass, plastic, and bi-metal containers sold in California, thereby reducing the beverage container component of litter in the state.

We know it is much easier to throw these items in your blue bins, but remember if you take them to the bins at Albertsons, the amount received by the Association will actually be doubled. Although putting recyclables in the blue bins help the environment, the extra step will help the Association help the residents.

Have a safe

HALLOWEEN

MT. BALDY FIRE DEPARTMENT 49TH ANNUAL STEAK FRY

Many SAH Residents attended to support our Neighbors

By Donna Hawthorne

At the Mt. Baldy Fire Department 49th Annual Benefit Steak Fry in June, our camera captured a few of the San Antonio Heights residents who attended and enjoyed this wonderful event. The dinner of salad, baked potato, steak and ice cream for dessert was served outside beneath large shade trees; there was also live music and many prizes were raffled off.

The Mt. Baldy Fire Department is an all-volunteer department. No member of the department draws a compensation for services rendered except the satisfaction of lending a helping hand and thanks. The Department operates on donations and fund raising activities such as the Steak Fry.

If you have an opportunity to attend one of their events, we can assure you, your attendance and participation will be greatly appreciated. Watch for this event next year, you can be assured a great time and a wonderful dinner served by the Department's volunteer fire fighters.



FLAG POLE DEDICATION AND 9-11 MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE HELD SEPTEMBER 9TH AT FIRE STATION #12

by Bob Shannon



On Saturday, September 9th, San Bernardino County Fire Fighters at Station #12 together with the San Antonio Heights Association sponsored an Open House, Car Wash, 9-11 Memorial Remembrance and a Special Dedication of the Flag Pole to Mickey McElwain who was injured during the Grand Prix Fire of 2003. Mickey was helping his parents, Cal and Nita McElwain evacuate their home on Mountain Avenue when his automobile was engulfed by a fireball and he was severely injured with third-degree burns over 80 percent of his body. Mickey survived several months but passed away on January 13, 2004.

Holly Wood, Chairperson of the Fire and Safety Committee, welcomed everyone. Richard Trigiani and Bob Varin, of the Citizens On Patrol, raised the flag. John Wesley Wood led the flag salute and pledge of allegiance. Helen Catherine Wood sang the National Anthem.

Chief Tracy Carlton of San Bernardino County Fire Department presented and dedicated a plaque to be permanently located at the foot of the flag pole in honor of Mickey's courage. Cal McElwain acknowledged the placing of the plaque on behalf of the McElwain family and thanked all the firefighters and the Association for their recognition and remembrance of Mickey.

Ray Musser, Upland Councilman, was guest speaker. At the conclusion of the program Ray gave the benediction and led the group in singing "God Bless America".

In Loving Memory of

*Mickey McElwain
A Courageous Volunteer
Grand Prix Fire
October, 2003*

*Dedicated 9-9-06
San Antonio Heights Association*

WHO WILL DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THE SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS WE LOVE?

By Eric Hall, SAH Resident

A spacious historical neighborhood of established family homes or a noisy, crowded, hodge-podge of towering, view-blocking houses? Quiet streets and cul-de-sacs lined with one-hundred-year-old pine, oak, and eucalyptus trees or a hazardous traffic filled maze of unplanned intersections and a water table cluttered with septic tanks? San Antonio Heights or annexation by Upland? Which future will we choose?

San Bernardino County currently permits a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet for most of San Antonio Heights. Many properties of 30,000 square feet or larger still remain in The Heights. These remaining large properties provide the increasingly rare spacious character and open atmosphere we have all come to enjoy and count on as residents of San Antonio Heights. However, every day, a handful of small developers are pouring over county property maps and San Antonio Heights real estate listings ready to buy any property over 30,000 square feet for the sole purpose of subdividing, building, and making money for themselves. These developers are scrutinizing every single property that fits these criteria and are even sending letters to the owners encouraging them to sell now. All of this occurs while San Bernardino County minimizes notice of proposed lot-splits to neighboring residents. This current volatile condition has the potential to dismantle the spacious San Antonio Heights we love in a short amount of time. This trend will permanently harm the vast majority of genuine Heights residents who have always considered their residence here to be home, possibly their dream home, not just an opportunity to make money and move on.

Since May, nearly 700 residents of San Antonio Heights have signed a petition opposing further “flag-lot” subdivisions in The Heights. The intent behind the petition reaches far beyond the issue of “flag-lots,” however. The distributors of the petition, *San Antonio Heights Residents for Responsible Development*, are simply Heights residents who love the spacious character of our community and hate to see it permanently dismantled for the benefit of a few small real-estate speculators. We value our property rights and ability to make building choices on our own properties just as much as all the other genuine residents of San Antonio Heights. We appreciate the support of the San Antonio Heights leadership and residents, and we hope we have raised awareness of this disturbing development trend.

Despite hundreds of signatures, scores of letters of protest

to the county, and a series of appeal hearings, the concerns of individual Heights residents appear to have, so far, not moved the planning commission or our elected supervisor to significant action.

This is a complex issue that will only be solved with strong leadership and visionary decision making from our community leaders and members. With each subsequent property division in The Heights, demands for services increase and we come closer and closer to city annexation. These recent developments are also grossly inflating the cost of San Antonio Water Company stock. As members of the SAHA Board have already informed us, a few small developers appear to be willing to pay as much as \$50,000 per share to acquire stock for their projects causing the price and availability of water stock to be snatched out of the reach of genuine San Antonio Heights residents.

Since this issue is directly connected to water and annexation, an immediate adjustment of the San Bernardino County General Plan for San Antonio Heights should be the top priority of our community and Board.

We must all make a commitment to preserving the future spacious character of San Antonio Heights. If we do not, every existing 15,000 square foot space of San Antonio Heights, whether currently part of a larger parcel or not, will eventually be targeted and filled in.

Please contact Paul Biane’s office and the Planning Commission now and especially the next time you see a “For Sale” sign on your street.

Paul Biane, County Supervisor
San Bernardino County Government Center
(909) 387-4833 or (909) 945-4297

San Bernardino County Land Use Services
(909) 387-4131 or Fax (909) 387-3249

This article is authored by the “San Antonio Heights Residents for Responsible Development”. The San Antonio Heights Association does not SPONSOR this issue and its contents may or may not be the opinion of all of the Board Members. It is offered to you for your information.

In Memory Of...

Steve Moss Cardwell

Route 13 Letter Carrier

12-30-47 – 6-21-06

Paula Miller, Vice President, National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 2168, wrote a letter in June to the Association to inform residents that Letter Carrier, Steve Cardwell had passed away. Unfortunately, he lost his battle with cancer on June 21 at his home in Redlands. A service was held in Redlands on June 28th followed by a service with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

Steve loved delivering his route and enjoyed speaking with his many customers. He will be missed by not only his family and co-workers but also the many friends that he had made delivering mail on route 13. His easygoing demeanor and kind, gentle ways will be missed.

Steve was born in Pomona, CA, was a graduate of Garey High School and attended Chaffey College. He served his country in the United States Army for three years stationed in Vietnam with the Special Forces. He was employed with the U.S. Postal Service for thirty years in Upland. Steve loved to ride motorcycles on road trips, hunting and fishing. He is survived by his loving wife of eight years, Vivian of Redlands, brother, Shannon of Pacific Grove, Liza Ax of Vacaville and Candi, a niece that he helped raise. He was a gentle soul whose spirit is free.

SAH STICKERS

How about one for your Automobile?



Earlier this year, Robin Stert, a resident on Terrace Drive, suggested to a Board Member that it would be nice if the San Antonio Heights residents had a sticker to put on their automobiles. Robin had seen a sticker from a nearby community and she was very enthusiastic about this project for the Association.

Pam Schulz presented Robin's idea to the board and was approved to research some options. Shown here is a sample drafted by Johnnie from Done Right Signs located here in the Heights. He is in the process of finalizing the artwork and the Association is hopeful stickers will be available for sale at the Annual Meeting.

THE GAZETTE STAFF

Donna Hawthorne, Pam Schulz and Robert Shannon

The information and conclusions presented in the San Antonio Heights Gazette are based solely upon our best judgment and analysis of data. It is not guaranteed or necessarily a complete statement of all available information. The policy of the GAZETTE is to publish correction statements if errors are discovered.

The Staff wishes to thank the many residents for the wonderful compliments we have received. It is our desire to continue to publish a newsletter that is informational, interesting and fun to read. We welcome your continued comments and suggestions. But more importantly, we would love to print your articles. You may contact us through the SAHA Message Phone (909) 985-6996.



A Friendly Reminder To All Residents



*Please bring your trash/recycle bins
in the same day as trash pick up.*

*Thank you!
Your Neighbors*

**SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Miller at 7:00 PM. The salute to our flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 638. Invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Taylor of Life Bible Fellowship Church.

Becky then introduced the SAHA 2005 Board of Directors, special guests, speakers and members of our Citizen Patrol.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on November 16, 2004, were read by Secretary Betty Garrison. Treasurer Donna Hawthorne reported \$13,616.34 in the checking account; \$7,370.66 in a CD; and \$7,867.20 in separate funds for a total of \$21,909.10. Motion was made to approve the minutes and treasurer's report as submitted. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A DVD presentation was given on the funding issue for firefighting and proposition 72.

Becky Miller's 2005 SAHA report included requests to sign up to help in the community – such as Citizen Patrol, Clean-up Crew, etc. She announced establishment of a new committee to help finalize completion of trails through our area and a \$150,000 grant from Supervisor Biane's office, a new Historical Committee to assist in preserving our culture and life style, and that our Christmas Star will be up again this year. Discussions are continuing about Fire Station 12 and its future. Board members regularly attend Upland Council and San Antonio Water Company meetings to ensure positive effects on the Heights. Board future activities include a BBQ on July 4 at Flowers Field. Becky also encouraged residents to become members of the Heights Association.

The SAHA Legal Committee report was given by Dennis Tolle. Two major projects are in work: (1) looking into the feasibility of establishing the San Antonio Heights Association as a non-profit tax-exempt organization, and (2) being involved in the San Antonio Water Company monthly meetings, water activities and working with the SAWCo Board of Directors. He also reported a complaint had been filed by an individual with the PUC regarding water rates, use of water by non-stockholders, stock entitlement and 1/4 share needs. This was not filed by the SAHA Board of Directors.

Commander Cal McElwain reported on our Citizen Patrol activities and stated no one appreciates the Citizen Patrol more than he does. He stated graffiti has been reduced but work still needs to be done regarding illegal dumping in the Heights.

President Becky Miller presented a special plaque to Pam McNeil who was selected as Citizen of the Year due to her various support activities.

Cal McElwain read nominations for the 2006 Board of Directors and asked for nominations from the floor. One nomination was received from the floor. Ballots were then distributed, collected and counted with the result that the original nominees were elected.

Herb Rosenzweig, a member of the Citizen Patrol, presented information on a special survey sheet which will be distributed in January's issue of the Gazette. Everyone was asked to complete and return the form, indicating any special needs by residents in the event of an evacuation order. Herb emphasized the confidentiality of the information submitted. The data will be compiled by the Citizen Patrol members and be used in an effort to be better organized during any type of an emergency – assisting persons with disabilities and/or no transportation,

children home alone, animals to be relocated, etc. All assistance will be coordinated with the Sheriff and Fire Departments.

Charles Moorrees, Acting Manager of San Antonio Water Company, stated there have been lots of changes in the past year. The Board now holds open meetings and open communications. He asked residents to feel free to call him if water problems exist. Water conservation is still mandatory. SAWCo's cost of electricity has significantly increased due to the demand to provide water when the supply is down. Another 15% increase is expected next year. Legal costs have also increased significantly. He reported lots of water is lost through the storm channels which direct the water to the ocean. Two more wells are being developed plus some boosters – and this will also increase electricity costs. SAWCo is looking to convert billing to a bi-monthly system in January – users will receive their bill in March – but if monthly billing is preferred, it can be done.

SAWCo is also looking at a possible heli-pad. Design on Phase III plans should be completed by the end of November with construction before the end of the year. They are also looking at a July watershed clean-up day and the possibility of a penalty for lack of conservation, and they do provide free water audits.

Lt. Marc Shaw of the Rancho Cucamonga Office of the California Highway Patrol said he is still learning about San Antonio Heights. He stated the Sheriff's Department takes care of crime and CHP takes care of traffic. Staffing is down about 20%. He asked that residents notify CHP of problems and obtain as much detailed information as possible. He stated Steve McGrath has retired.

Assistant Chief Dan Wurl of the Fire Department thanked everyone for the two benches recently installed in front of Station 12. One was in memory of Sarah Plese and the other for 9/11 events. They also received a new brush engine and an emergency generator. The generator is being mounted on a trailer and can be used to power the entire station during emergencies. San Bernardino County Fire is still in the process of reorganization and plan to reduce the current 132 budgets and 27 legal districts to 4 regional districts. The reorganization has been submitted to LAFCO and is being processed. A new program has been implemented - the Office of Emergency Services – responsible for preparedness.

Rod Hoops of the Sheriff's Department introduced Paul Kellner and said they are planning on 6 new helicopters and a new jail in the desert.

Deputy Chief Sheree Stewart reported crime is down in our area – only 76 reports were taken and most involved burglaries, car and mail theft and some elder abuse. False alarms are still a problem. SAH now has two dedicated deputies. She stated disaster preparedness is extremely important. A reverse 911 system is being planned. A modular building is planned for the Heights which would house the Citizen Patrol, CHP and Sheriff Department deputies but no date has been established for operation. Thanks were given to Supervisor Paul Biane's office for their assistance.

President Becky Miller then thanked Tim Johnson of Supervisor Biane's Office for his support and presented him with a gift certificate.

Pam Schulz conducted a drawing for prizes to be given to SAHA members.

The business meeting was adjourned followed by a question-and-answer session.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty Jo Garrison, Secretary

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
November 15, 2005

Question was asked about what to do to stop another group home being established in the Heights. One is already near the potential additional group home. Answer was that these locations are operated by the State – not the County nor the City. Tim Johnson asked the questioner to talk with him after the meeting.

Question was asked about how the need for water shares is established for new home development so a ‘will serve’ letter can be obtained from San Antonio Water Company. Answer was that plans need to be submitted so SAWCo can see if sufficient shares are available for the water entitlement.

Question was asked about the proposed group home housing sex offenders and how to protest. Answer was that group homes are private. Perhaps Sacramento should be involved since the State does not have to ask for County permission. If the sex offender is off parole, they are assumed not to be high risk and can live wherever they want.

Question was asked about mail fraud since it seems nothing is being done and what can residents do? Answer is that there are various ID theft programs and pertinent information available.

Question was asked of the Sheriff’s Department on how to find out if we live near a sex offender. Answer was that if the person is not listed on the website, they are probably off parole and can live anywhere.

SAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2007 NOMINEES

At the August meeting, the Nominating Committee members, Tom Gomez, Donna Hawthorne and Pam Schulz presented the following nominees to be considered for the 2007 Board of Directors:

Borba, John
Brandt, Brian
Crites, Gary
Garrison, Betty
Gomez, Tom
Goss, Martha

Hawthorne, Donna
Hibbard, Stephanie
Holzman, Michael
McElwain, Cal
McNeil, Ken
Petschow, Ken

Riekert, Kathye
Schulz, Pam
Shannon, Robert
Thies, Bob
Wood, Holly

In past years, the slate of nominees have been presented at the Annual Meeting and approved as nominated. However, this year there were actually more nominees than the thirteen positions on the Board.

In accordance with the Bylaws, ballots have been mailed to all residents who have made their membership donation for the calendar year of 2006 prior to sixty days before the annual meeting (9-14-06). Those members eligible to vote (names are listed in this issue) were mailed ballots and the results of that election will be announced at the annual meeting.

Peace On Earth



VIDEO DVD OF THE “STAR”

With the holidays rapidly approaching, if you don't already have one of the Huell Howser “Star” DVDs, you may want to pick one up. They will be available at the Produce Exchange on the first Saturday of each month, the Annual Meeting or you can always leave a message on the SAHA Message phone (909) 985-6996 and someone will get back to you.

SAH RESIDENTS ATTEND DODGER/MARLIN GAME

On Wednesday, August 16th, Bob and Dolores Finch hosted a group from the Citizens On Patrol. Upon arrival to their stadium suite for the day, a wonderful lunch was served. It was a great day but would have been much more fun if the Dodgers would have continued their winning streak and beat the Marlins. We won't discuss the score.

Below Dolores and Bob Finch visiting with Bob Stinnett



Several guests enjoying the awesome view of the game.



WANTED!!!

Residents to attend the San Antonio Heights Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

6:30 p.m. – Snacks and Socializing

7:00 p.m. – Meeting will begin promptly

Life Bible Fellowship Church

2447 N. Euclid Avenue, Upland

Speakers from the following agencies have been invited to talk briefly on issues involving the San Antonio Heights:

California Highway Patrol

City of Upland Council

San Antonio Water Company

San Bernardino County Fire Services

San Bernardino Sheriff's Department

San Bernardino County Supervisor's Office

There will be a very short business meeting, a limited time for speakers and **PLENTY** of time to hear **YOUR** community concerns and input. No time limit for your questions.

*Please Plan to attend
We look forward to seeing you there!*



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SAHA ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 14th
6:30 p.m.
Life Bible Fellowship Church

Life Bible Fellowship Church

Saturday Service 7 pm - Sunday Services 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am
Student Services Jr. High Tuesday, 7 pm - High School Wednesday 7 pm

San Antonio Heights Community Church

Sunday Worship Service 8:15 am, 11 am
Wednesday Family Night 7 pm

*SAH Community Kidz Kount Program (ages 3 thru 6th grade) meets every
Wednesday evening 7 pm to 8:15 pm. We feature bible stories, crafts, snacks and puppets.*