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Trim Those Hedges Along Your Driveway

An astute member of our Bridle Path community brought to our attention the Simi Valley Municipal Code governing the trimming of hedges on your property near the street. Simply stated, you must trim hedges that are within 20ft. of the roadway down to no more than 36in tall. This is a significant safety issue where hedges block emerging motorists from seeing horses, their riders, and pedestrians. The hedges also block foot traffic from seeing emerging motorists.

For more details, see <http://tinyurl.com/3d35rp>.

BPHOA Board Meetings Have a New Time, Frequency, and Venue

- Now at Coco's Bakery Restaurant, 698 E Los Angeles Ave
- Once monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- Start at 7:30 PM.

Arena & Trails Committee News

Arena Tractor Work Starting in May -- Work on refurbishing the arenas will start the weekend of May 05 and will continue through June. This work will occur mainly on the weekends. Renovation will begin with the First Street Arena Complex, continue to the Meander Round Pen, and then complete with the Sunnydale Arena. One, and sometimes two, tractors will be operating in the area at any given time.

If you are unaware of how your horse reacts around tractors, use caution when in areas near the ongoing tractor work. The work crew will cordon off the immediate arena where they are working. We are counting on your patience as this work will keep our arenas safe and usable, and will maintain our valuable Bridlepath equestrian assets.

Events Committee News

Trail Ride May 06 -- Benefit for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Sponsorship forms available at First Street Arenas, Sunnydale Arena, Meander Arena, or call Sue Flecok at 527-9655 (whoopteedoowest@aol.com). Sign-in begins at 9:00 AM; ride-out is at 10:00 AM. There are more details available at www.glapaintclub.com. Rain date is May 12.

Howdy Neighbors, Your Events Committee has many great things planned for you in 2007. We appreciate that many of you took the time to fill out your surveys and send them to us. As you can see, we will be hosting many of the events that you have expressed an interest in.

Upcoming events

- May 06 -- St. Jude's Trail Ride
- May 12 -- St. Jude's Trail Ride rain date
- May 20 -- Mtn. Park Workday
- Jun 16 -- Old West Poker Ride
- Jun ?? -- Horsemanship Clinic
- Jul 07 -- Astronomy Night
- Jul 14 -- Astronomy Night cloud date
- Jul ?? -- Bee Talk, 8 - 10 AM
- Aug 18 -- Garage Sale
- Sep 30 -- Annual BBQ, Western theme
- Sep ?? -- Horsemanship Clinic
- Oct 26 -- Chumash Storytelling Night
- Oct ?? -- Horsemanship Clinic
- Oct ?? -- Vaccination Clinic
- Nov ?? -- Horsemanship Clinic
- Nov ?? -- Fall Bird Walk
- Nov ?? -- Mtn. Park Workday
- Nov ?? -- Equine Dentistry Clinic
- Possible additional events for 2007 include Tack & Craft Sale, Theme Playday, Cooking Class, and Schooling Show

However due to a shortage in volunteers, some of the events will take place in 2008. Thanks to those of you who sent in your surveys and offered your time to

volunteer for specific events. Without the support of our friends and neighbors, it would be impossible for us to make so many great things happen in our neighborhood. For those of you who didn't have a chance to get your survey in, it's not too late to help out. Please contact events@bp-hoa.org.

We are hoping to see you at our 2007 events. If you are not already on the email list and would like to be notified of upcoming events, please send your email address to juli@bp-hoa.org.

The Show Readiness Clinic on Sunday, April 15th with Jenny Lavallee-Tomeny was a great success – all enjoyed more information on how to clip and braid your horse for the show ring. We even learned how a sander comes in handy for that special look on the hoofs! Many tips on what to use and more importantly how to use them when grooming your horse for the show arena will save many of us time and money.

We watched as two horses got "made over" each with different needs to attend to while grooming. The BP Events committee would like to thank our co-sponsor the Conejo Valley Arabian Horse Association, for their assistance in putting this event on. "How-to" handouts were given for further information to take home and a BBQ lunch was provided. We hope to repeat this event in the future. For those interested in attending contact the events committee.

Happy Trails! *Jennifer de la Torre, Sue Fleczo, Lee Murray, Nancy Reeves, Juli Weltsch, & Janene White*

Volunteer Homeowner Work Party Scheduled for May 20

Volunteers should arrive at the First Street Arena area by 9:00 AM. Work will not continue much past 12:00 noon. Items to bring:

• Gloves	• Rakes
• Sunglasses	• Hand Pruners
• Sunscreen	• Long Pruners
• Long Sleeves	• Wheel Barrows
• Water	• Pitch Forks
• Shovels	• (no torches!)



REMINDER: The BPHOA Has a New Banking Institution

We moved the BPHOA checking account to the Telesis Community Credit Union. For those of you who make automatic electronic payments for your BPHOA monthly dues, you will need to change the address and account for these payments so that they go to the new Telesis account. Check your new bill for details.

Meander Arena Deep-Ditch Crossing Closed

We have officially closed the steep, deep, shortcut-crossing leading to the Meander Arena. Please use the more well-worn path that bends around to the east (left). You will get about 360 feet more exercise taking this route. We're just looking out for your health.

Neuter or Spay Your Pets (Barn cats, too!)

While the local coyote population has plenty of tasty rabbits on which to dine this spring, they have no compunction about consuming your delectable pets, especially those that roam about. Help keep the wayward coyote-Happy-Meal population down by getting your pets appropriately sterilized.

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