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Events Committee News

Upcoming Events:

Annual Garage Sale

- **Date: Saturday August 18**
- **Time: 7am to 12 noon**
- **Deadline to sign up is August 5**

Haul your treasures out onto your driveway, sit back (or lean forward), and watch the money roll in as the customers swarm to the Bridle Path Annual Garage Sale! Your Events Committee will be doing all of your legwork! They will place the ads, put up the signs, make the maps, and sell the sodas! Mail your check for \$10 to Jennifer de la Torre @ 1848 Sunnydale Ave no later than August 5. This will put your name on the map and cover all the costs for advertising and signs for the event. For more information, call Jennifer (217-0850) or Juli (823-3099). On the day of the sale, the Events Committee will collect the \$10 advertising fee from all residents who participated but were not pre-registered.

Annual Bridle Path Neighborhood BBQ & Hoedown!

- **Date: Saturday September 29**
- **Time: 5pm to 10pm**
- **Place: First St. Arenas**
- \$10 per person buys you a Tri-tip and Chicken Dinner with all the fixings.
- \$4 gets a hot dog and chips for the kids.

Prices include bottled water or soda. Join the drawing and vote on the BPHOA Sign Designs! Get ready for old-fashioned games for the kids, DJ and dance instructor, great company and **tons** of fun! Please bring your own chair.

Pre-purchase your tickets for the BBQ at the following locations:

- 1145 Nonchalant
- 1230 Rambling
- 1349 Mellow
- 1848 Sunnydale

Cash only, please!

For the BBQ, the Events Committee would be very grateful if willing Homeowners could donate:

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| • drawing items | • prizes for kids |
| • tables (will return) They need to be lightweight and in good condition. | |

Please drop off your donations by **August 15** at the same locations that you pre-purchase tickets for the BBQ.

If you need additional information or if you would like to **volunteer**, please call Jennifer at 217-0850. Though the Events Committee is working extraordinarily hard this year, they could use some additional help for this event!

Astronomy Night in the Mountain Park

Many thanks go to Professor Gary Goodman (Oxnard College) and Dave Holland (President, Ventura County Astronomical Society) for the great Evening Under the Stars in our Mountain Park. About 30 residents attended. The universe treated us to great views of Jupiter, Venus, Scorpius, The Big Dipper, Polaris, Antares, Deneb, and many other fascinating planets, stars, and star clusters. Thanks to all of you who hiked back into the Mountain Park to enjoy the beautiful evening! For further information on our local astronomy club and upcoming events, visit:

<http://www.vcas.org/index.html>

Reminders

- BPHOA prohibits bicycle riding in the Mountain Park. We know that most of the bicyclists are not Bridle Path residents, but rather interlopers on Bridle Path properties. This reminder may be little more than "preaching to the converted".

- BPHOA prefers that you do not place For Sale items in your driveways or on your sidewalks for extended periods (meaning days to weeks). This tends to make our neighborhoods look trashy.
- Simi Valley municipal code requires that dogs in your consort be on a leash when you are on public properties.

California Vehicle Code Relating to Horses and Other Livestock

California Vehicle Code addresses occasions where vehicles and livestock may occupy the same thoroughfare at the same time. The following are excerpts of that code.

Excerpt from the 2007 CA Drivers' Handbook (p 53)

Animal-Drawn Vehicles -- Horse-drawn vehicles and riders of horses or other animals are entitled to share the road with you. It is a traffic offense to scare horses or stampede livestock. Slow down or stop, if necessary, or when requested to do so by the riders or herders.

Excerpts from 2007 CA Vehicle Code (p 401-2)

Caution in Passing Animals -- 21759. The driver of any vehicle approaching any horse drawn vehicle, any ridden animal, or any livestock shall exercise proper control of his vehicle and shall reduce speed or stop as may appear necessary or as may be signalled or otherwise requested by any person driving, riding or in charge of the animal or livestock in order to avoid frightening and to safeguard the animal or livestock and to insure the safety of any person driving or riding the animal or in charge of the livestock.

Equestrian Crossings -- 21805. (a) The Department of Transportation, and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may designate any intersection of a highway as a bridle path or equestrian crossing by erecting appropriate signs. The signs shall be erected on the highway at or near the approach to the intersection, and shall be of a type approved by the Department of Transportation. The signs shall indicate the crossing and any crossmarks, safety devices, or signals the authorities deem necessary to safeguard vehicular and equestrian traffic at the intersec-

tion. (b) The driver of any vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any horseback rider who is crossing the highway at any designated equestrian crossing which is marked by signs as prescribed in subdivision (a). (c) Subdivision (b) does not relieve any horseback rider from the duty of using due care for his or her own safety. No horseback rider shall leave a curb or other place of safety and proceed suddenly into the path of a vehicle which is close enough to constitute an immediate hazard. Amended Ch. 623, Stats. 1988. Effective January 1, 1989.

Newsletter Notes

Thanks! -- Juli Weltsch wrote the July newsletter while I was out of town.

Bookman Old Style -- Some people had trouble reading the more artsy font Tempus Sans ITC so I changed the newsletter font to Bookman Old Style. It should be easier to read.

Useful BPHOA Phone Numbers

Jim Pantaleo - President; landscaping, bridlepath	522-0613
Eric Allen - Vice President; newsletter, web site	582-2152
Ken Nies - Treasurer; Architecture Committee Chair	527-0124
Juli Weltsch - Secretary; Mountain Park Chair	823-3099
Russ Pungrchar, Assistant Secretary; CC&R Chair	583-2954
O'Neill Associates, Bookkeeping	522-0292
Simi Valley Code Enforcement	583-6753

"Keep doing what you've always done and you'll always get what you always got."