

The Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee
Invite You To

Take a Hike!



Enjoy the annual beauty and shimmering radiance of

Trail Canyon Falls

One of our most captivating local landmarks

Trail Canyon is merely a five-minute drive up Big Tujunga Cyn Road. The round trip hike from the parking area is just over 3 miles with a 700 ft. elevation gain. The hike will be guided at a leisurely pace to encourage newcomers to participate in this wilderness event. So, pack a quart of water, something to snack on and your love of exploration and join us--

Saturday, March 28th 8 am - Noon

Meet at the Rostand Clock, 8349 Foothill Blvd (The Old Starbuck's)

*For more information see attached page
Or contact Joe DeCenzo (818) 298-5181*

Little Landers Historical Society Presents

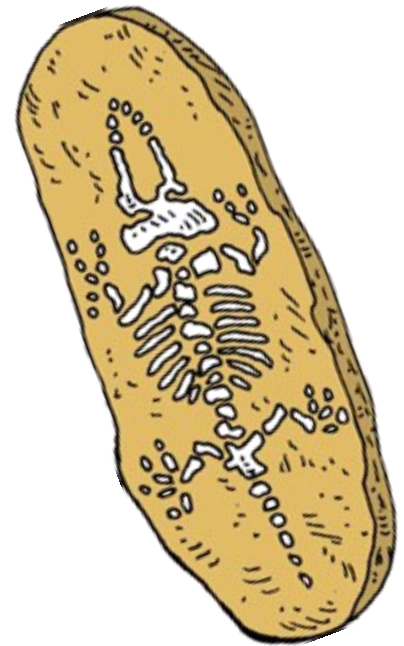
FIRES and FLOODS and FOSSILS

Oh My!

The Station Fire in 2009 burned through our beautiful mountains. Then came the rains and the floods. After this scourge of nature, some very beautiful and geologically interesting things appeared — things that haven't been seen in millions of years. Our speaker for this program is Charly Shelton. He has worked on digs with the Natural History museum, private site survey companies and, for several years, was a digger & lab tech at the George C. Page museum at the La Brea Tar Pits. He is currently at Cal State LA, and independently doing private fossil hunting.

Mr. Shelton went exploring in the mountains and will be here to tell us what he found. He will bring maps, pictures and actual fossils uncovered in our mountains.

Come and experience what Mother Earth has made for us!



Saturday
March 14th, 2015

1:00 PM

Bolton Hall Museum

10110 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga
Corner of Valmont and Commerce

Parking available uphill
at the Elks Lodge

Everyone is Welcome
Free Admission

Donations gratefully accepted

Light refreshments served
after the program

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Photo by Lloyd Hitt

www.Little Landers Historical Society.org

Dear Councilman Felipe Fuentes,

On December 16, 2014 you presented an addendum to Council File 13-0336 rescinding \$100,000 from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that was originally designated by Councilman Richard Alarcon in March of 2013 to fund a staff position at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for one year, to assist with community engagement, community services and neighborhood council support in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. This position would have benefited all of the Northeast Valley Neighborhood Councils greatly. You placed those funds into your own redevelopment fund.

Since this money is no longer being used for its original purpose, we would like to know how these funds will be spent and how our community will benefit from them.

We know this money is now discretionary and may be used for a number of services with the goals of eliminating blight and creating economic opportunities.

As you are aware, our community has all of those needs. We have numerous projects that could use this funding, including work to draw attention to Foothill Blvd to be considered for the Great Streets Initiative to help create an economic upswing.

Therefore, we would like to know how these funds are being spent and how we can request these funds to benefit our Sunland-Tujunga community?

Respectfully,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Mr. Jaime Contreras, Architect
City of LA, Bureau of Engineering, Dept. of Public Works

cc Councilman Fuentes

Dear Mr. Contreras,

Thank you for meeting with us at the Oro Vista Park site on Wednesday, February 24. The space is progressing beautifully and our community excitement is building. We appreciate the tour and the time taken to answer questions and explain some of the changes that have been made to the original design. Consequently, we have discovered some issues that will need further attention.

1. The Equestrian members of our group are concerned about the gravel composition of the parking lot and its impact on the horses. A suggestion was made by committee member Lloyd Hitt to cover the unfriendly gravel with dirt around an 8-10 foot outer perimeter of the parking lot so that horses can use this surface safely to get from their trailers to the open trails. Other options need to be explored.
2. The original Oro Vista Park plans included hitching posts for the horses that were to be donated by a private donor who can no longer comply. This Equestrian geared park needs hitching posts. You mentioned an alternative solution being considered that included metal bars for the horses to tie up to. This option is dangerous and could cause the horses to break their necks. Wood will enable the posts to have some give when a horse pulls against them. Wood posts are inexpensive and durable. Perhaps we can find another local resident or ranch willing to donate them.
3. It is important for there to be direct access to the extraordinary trail system connected to Oro Vista Park so our Equestrians, hikers and visitors from other communities can connect to the beautiful and extensive trails. The best access sites would be two trails on either side of the park from the South side of the Tujunga Wash and at the West end of Grove Street. We were disappointed to see there will no longer be a trail connecting the Northern and Western perimeters of the park, and are requesting that you see what the contractor can do to reduce his estimated cost of \$40,000 to construct such trail.
4. Many residents are interested in having exercise equipment installed on site to attract a larger demographic to the park and increase our community health and fitness. We are aware that Recreation and Parks has installed this kind of equipment in more than 42 parks around Los Angeles and are pleased to hear you and your department can see a variety of locations onsite that would accommodate such equipment. We will follow up with your suggestion to talk to our Council office to see if additional funding can be located for the initial equipment purchase since the maintenance will be automatically included.

5. We are concerned about the lack of fencing that will surround the park when completed. Right now, temporary fencing has been installed that will be taken down after construction. We believe this fence could be a major factor in keeping undesirable elements out of the park when it is closed. More options need to be explored including a possible volunteer system to open and close the gates at curfew as discussed in the original plans.

6. You informed us that the large shade structure sheltering the picnic tables from the sun in the original plans will not be built due to a difficulty with permits and pricing. We want to make sure the necessity of shade is not ignored. Large Pepper trees to match the ones already on the property would make a good alternative to the proposed structure. Perhaps monies left over from the lack of construction can be used to help provide our remaining requests.

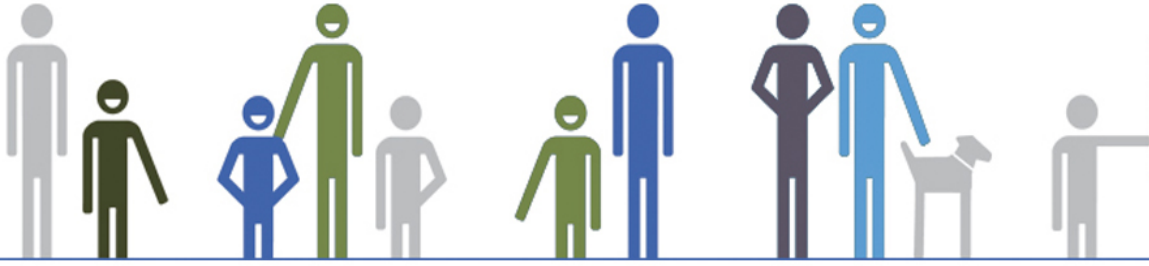
Thank you for your suggestions and your time. We are thrilled for the opportunity to see our community provided with the much-anticipated amenities and recreational opportunities the opening of Oro Vista Park will bring.

We look forward to working with you and Councilman Felipe Fuentes on ways to problem solve our way into the park that was promised to our Sunland-Tujunga community.

Sincerely,

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Oro Vista Park Committee (Ad Hoc)

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Sunland-Tujunga Community!

Join us with ideas and manpower to activate Foothill Blvd and provide Economic Revitalization while increasing Public Safety, Local Culture and Character!

FOOTHILL ROCKS!

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www.STNC.org



Great Street Committee meets every 1st and 3rd Monday
An STNC collaboration between the Land Use Committee, Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee and Clean Up and Beautification Committees

Contact Committee Chair Charlie Bradley at charliebradley1972@gmail.com

Check out the first 15 chosen Great Streets
<http://www.lamayor.org/greatstreets>



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