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OFFICIAL UHRA 2007 HOLIDAY LIGHT UP WINNERS

ADDRESS	Upper Parkway	Lower Parkway	Religious	Best use of light	Humor / Fantasy	COMMENTS/NOTES
1360 Coronet – Mayor Award				Х		
1010 Medford - Judges Award					х	Train w/ animals
1260 Tropical					Х	Elf playing basketball, Santa House, Ladder
999 Cynthia					Х	Waving Santa on Sleigh
1255 Tropical					Х	
1400 Coronet				Х		
1620 Carriage House				Х		
930 Hastings Ranch				Х		Led lights on roof & lawn
1375 Riveria			Х			Small Religious scene
1265 Valley View			Х			Big poster on garage Navity scene
1450 Daveric			Х			Cut out manger
Leonard		Х				Dove
Medford (Cartwright to Alegria -1000block)		Х				Rotating Ornament
Crestview		Х				Xmas tree
Rexford		Х				Green Christmas trees
Daveric		Х				Peace Star
Riviera		Х				Carousel Horse
Pear Orchard	Х					Reindeer
Medford – Above Alegria	Х					Santa's
Hastings Ranch (Alegria to Denair)	Х					Reindeer playing instruments
Valley Lights – Valley view	х					Angels

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UHRA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi everyone; It's the start of a New Year and I wish you, your family and our community a fantastic and safe 2008. We had some rain and winds recently and we've been blessed with snow on our local mountains that look so beautiful. I'm looking forward to enjoying the winter season with family and friends and I hope you do too. I'm sad that Christmas is over, but I'm happy that our community had another successful Christmas Light Up that was enjoyed by many and provided a smile to all. I'd also like to thank everyone in our community for your participation in our neighborhood Christmas Light Up, and the Board Members and volunteers for helping us put up the Ranch's Christmas signs and passing out the awards. I'd also like to thank the judges for helping us in the Christmas light up judging.

Effective January 1, 2008, I am turning over my position and duties as President of U.H.R.A. to Kathy Gregg and will continue to support our community during 2008 by taking on the position of Treasurer, President Emeritus. My three years as President have been filled with many wonderful memories and I've gained a tremendous amount of experience along the way. I would like to thank everyone in the Ranch for your help and support during these three years and hope that you'll continue to support U.H.R.A.'s Board, its volunteers, our community and our neighbors. Also, I know that Kathy Gregg will do a wonderful job for U.H.R.A. Kathy is also a former President of U.H.R.A., a fantastic leader and a wonderful person. I know we'll all be in very good hands.

As you all have noticed, we have started our 2008 Annual Dues Drive with the block captains going out to meet their neighbors and collecting dues. For those homes without block captains, please mail your Annual Dues to U.H.R.A.'s P.O. Box. We would really appreciate your support in paying your dues, so that we will be able to provide events for and support to our community including this newsletter, our annual pancake breakfast, our association's annual meeting, our association's insurance coverage, our storage rental costs, and educational scholarships to students living in the Ranch. We are also looking for more block captains, so if you are interested in becoming one please contract Maria Salazar. Her phone number is listed on the first page of *The Lariat*.

As everyone knows, we distribute this *Lariat* newsletter every other month to all the homes in the Ranch and some local vendors in order for our residents and friends to know what's going on in our neighborhood. We are in need of your help to support our *Lariat* by paying your dues and by patronizing our advertisers listed in *The Lariat*. So if you know of any business or person that would like to advertise in *The Lariat*, please call Cloydine Thomas, Editor of our *Lariat*. Her phone number is also listed on the first page of *The Lariat*.

We hope to make this a great and wonderful year for our community.

I would also like to leave you with a small thought "Your wealth is measured by the fewness of your wants."

Jolean Matsumoto

CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP

Christmas Light-Up came and went so fast. All of you Ranch residents who have given email addresses to Maria Salazar, UHRA Board Vice-President, should have received the list of trophy winners by mid December, giving you an opportunity to drive around and see just what the Judges picked for their favorites this year! (If you'd like to have emails sent to you regarding UHRA special notices, emergencies, important issues that effect us here, contact Maria Salazar at m saladbar@yahoo.com.)

The Annual Judges Party was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sassounian. Friday, the 14th was the night of the "Snoopy Parade" when we delivered all the Light Up awards.

For your information, the Judges Award is the one house in the Ranch that stands out the most and is a unanimous winner. The Mayor's Award is given by the current UHRA Board President/Honorary Mayor...it is a subjective choice. All the others are decided upon by the Judges who are given a list of criteria; as they see each display, they give a score and at the end of their short tour, all sheets are tallied and the winners are chosen. There are repeat winners sometimes because the Judges are different each year.

Once again, homes are chosen by objective Judges. When the tally sheets are collected, those residents who are prospective winners must have their annual dues paid in order to be a current UHRA member, since this competition is for UHRA members.*

The following were the winners of the various categories:

Best Religious - 1265 Valley View, 1450 Daveric, 1375 Riviera

Best Humor/Fantasy – 999 Cynthia, 1255 Tropical, 1260 Tropical

Best Use of Lights – 1400 Coronet, 1620 Carriage House, 930 Hastings Ranch

The Judges Award went to the Labbe family at 1010 Medford

The Mayors Award went to 1360 Coronet, the McGinley family

Parkway Awards went to the following blocks:

Hastings Ranch, Alegria to Denair;

Crestview;

Leonard, Cartwright to Alegria;

Medford, above Alegria;

Lower Rexford

Medford, Cartwright to Alegria;

Daveric, Cartwright to Alegria;

Riviera, Cartwright to Alegria.

Pear Orchard;

Valley Lights – Valley View

All Snoopy Participants, you know who you are...thank you for your hard work and wonderful enthusiasm. Your displays bring smiles to all who drive through our neighborhood during Christmas Light Up time! I appreciate your very special families who encourage and help you!

Kathy Gregg 2007 Christmas Light Up Chair

*Annual Dues are minimal and help cover all our expenses, most importantly, our liability insurance for social functions and Directors insurance, as well as trophies, plaques and annual essay awards. The dues amount increases when we get a poor collection response.

Selling Your Home in Today's Market

The media has been full of stories about the slowing housing market - and although this kind of market normalization is commonplace in the real estate industry, there is no question that in many parts of the country, houses are currently on the market a little longer and there is more competition for buyers.

Hire a Professional

If you want to sell your home fairly quickly, now is not the time to go at it alone. You want to make sure that your home gets the maximum exposure and the best marketing strategy. When you work with a qualified real estate professional, your home will be listed on a MLS database that other real estate professionals can access. In addition, you get the benefit of an experienced marketer and negotiator who is familiar with real estate issues in your community.

When selecting someone to represent you, interview at least three real estate professionals who are familiar with your area. Ask questions such as: How will your home be first impression. Get rid of the clutter. Touch up the paint marketed to reach the greatest number of buyers? What price can they get for your home? What's the average time home inspected, and make any recommended repairs. their listings have been on the market? They should be able to back up their answer with a Comparative Marketing Analysis and provide the names of two or three of their most recent sellers who you may contact for a reference.

Price It Right

A house priced at just below market value piques the interest of real estate professionals and buyers, while overpricing chases them away. If your home is priced too high, interested buyers may never even tour your listing. It is true that you can always drop the price, but the first 30 days are the most critical. That is when interest is the highest, and it can be difficult to recapture people's interest later on. The longer the property is on the market, the fewer the prospects.



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Curb Appeal

Don't overlook the outside of your property. You don't want a buyer to rule out your home based on the outside appearance. The lawn should be trimmed, bushes and shrubs pruned, and leaves raked. The front of the house needs a clean, fresh appearance. Even the mailbox needs to be attractive and functional. (Believe it or not, a rusty, unhinged mailbox can turn potential buyers off.) And don't forget to put away bicycles; toys and other items that may make your property seem cluttered.

Offer Incentives

Offering incentives can be just the impetus a potential buyer needs to select your property over others. You may want to consider offering a carpet or paint allowance. If the buyer knows up front that there is an allowance for the worn carpet or paint, they may overlook those cosmetic flaws in order to choose their own color. You could pay for a professional home inspection or a home warranty – and, depending on your market and budget, offer to pay some of the closing costs.

Don't be discouraged if there are competing homes for sale in your neighborhood. Making the right moves at the beginning of your home selling process can give you the upper-hand you'll need in today's competitive market.

WHAT CAN I DO TO KEEP MY NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE?

The following information is an update and continuation of burglary stats from the July-August *Lariat*. The stats in that issue covered criminal activity for one year (6/06 - 5/07). The information below is from 6/07 to the present:

Vehicle Burglaries:

6/07	3700 Block of Sierra Madre	Purse on seat snatched
7/07	3800 Block of Edgeview	Smashed window and stole wallet from glove box
7/07	Albertsons	Stole visible items on seat
1/08	300 Block of Hastings Ranch	Smashed window

Residential Burglaries:

6/07	1600 Block of Hastings Ranch	Door was open when occupant returned
7/07	400 Block of Michillinda	No forced entry
7/07	3700 Block of Cartwright	Unlocked door
10/07	900 Block of Pepperhill	Pried window
10/07	1300 Block of Hastings Ranch	Pried window
10/07	3800 Block of Edgeview	Hit twice (2 days apart)
11/07	1200 Block of Valleyview	2 men ripping screen on window, but were stopped
		when homeowner caught them
1/08	1100 Block of Tropical	Entry through unlocked gate and smashed side-rear
		window

We have a lot of suspicious activity going on in Upper Hastings Ranch. We have young men posing as salespeople knocking on doors just to see who is home and who is not. We need to stop and deter this rising problem! The best way to do this is by getting involved with your block and knowing your neighbors. Create your own Block Watch and look out for each other. Report **all** suspicious activity to the non-emergency number (626) 744-4241. Of course if it is a real emergency, dial 911.

It is the goal and hope of Upper Hastings Ranch to have every block with Neighborhood Watch signs up before 2009! It is really very simple and not expensive at all, but it is up to each and every one of you to make this happen. Every block should hold a meeting whether you have a block captain or not. Decide on how many signs you need and where you want the signs placed and then call Cynthia Murphy, Police Specialist at (626) 744-7657. She will work with the people at transportation in getting the request for the installation of the Neighborhood Watch signs approved. Once approved, get your block captain or whoever sees the urgency in keeping their block safe to order the signs. The cost per sign is \$24.00 each (tax, shipping, and handling not included). You need to order the 12" x

Safe Neighborhood Information -- continued from page 6

18" Medium Size Reflective Warning Signs (ID # IPSMR). They are located in Santa Fe Springs and their phone number is (888) 669-4872.

Every neighbor needs to pitch in and help. The cost per household shouldn't be more than \$5.00. This is a small price to pay for some added security. I am urging **all** blocks to step up to the plate and take some much needed action! I don't want to hear that we at the Ranch are apathetic until the burglar strikes us personally. Let us be more **proactive** and less reactive.

Valley Lights is the first street to post their signs. If you live on this street and you haven't contributed your fees to your block captain, please do so. Hastings Ranch (Alegria to Denair) will be posting their signs by the end of this month. If all blocks get organized and signs get posted before 2009, we want to have a **huge block party celebration** to show our commitment to unity and keeping our neighborhood safe!

Below are some additional quick safety tips to deter the burglars from your house:

- Keep all doors and window closed and securely fastened.
- Secure sliding glass doors by placing a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts
- Always lock the door to an attached garage.
- Use timers on lights, radios, and TVs.
- Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted.
- Have a neighbor collect your mail and newspapers when you are away and have them park their car in your driveway.
- Never leave too much telling information on your telephone answering machine that lets the caller know you're not home.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways.
- Consider man's best friend (a dog) and/or a house alarm.

Remember, an alert community is a safe community and a happy community. So, rise to the challenge and get those Neighborhood Watch signs purchased and posted!

BLOCK CAPTAINS MAKE UHRA SUCCESSFUL!

Hello Ranch Residents,

As we close 2007 Annual Dues Collection, I'd like to thank all the block captains that make Upper Hastings Ranch Association successful. I'd especially like to recognize the following Block Captains for collecting 80% or \$400 or more in dues for their blocks:

Block Captain	Block No	Street
Bette Winkler	12 & 13	Alder Ln & Pear Orchard Ln
Bob Monson	17	1240 – 1461 Daveric Dr.
Elizabeth Makarem	20	1240-1435 Hastings Ranch Dr
Elizabeth Wilson	28	1070 – 1235 Daveric Dr.
Jane Rumph	29	1075 – 1235 Leonard Ave.
Judy Ramaker	41	930 – 1030 Hastings Ranch Dr.
Lynne Wright	16	1250 - 1340 Riviera Dr.
Pam Boxley	34	1095 – 1235 Rexford Ave.
Sam Sassounian	44	915 – 1015 Cynthia Ave.

Block captains are vital to UHRA and we are in need of block captains for many blocks in the Ranch. Please consider becoming a block captain for your street. Block captain duties include collecting annual dues, welcoming new homeowners and forwarding new homeowner information to UHRA, keeping an emergency contact list, and helping UHRA distribute information concerning the Ranch. Some block captains have also organized their block in selecting and making a new Christmas display and have arranged a Neighborhood Watch meeting. It's up to you how involved you want to be as a block captain. I would also suggest sharing the position with a fellow neighbor.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at (626) 351-0883 or send me an email at m_saladbar@yahoo.com.

Thank you for a great year!

Maria Salazar Vice President UHRA Head of Block Captains

Upper Hastings Ranch Association P O Box 5131 Pasadena, CA 91117

Dear Upper Hastings Ranch Resident,

Each year we ask residents to continue to support the Upper Hastings Ranch Association. This year the annual dues are \$20.00 per household. This donation is strictly voluntary.

The Association is a non-profit organization of the property owners and/or residents in Upper Hastings Ranch existing for the primary purpose of the solution of mutual problems, with respect to the health, safety, recreation, education and general welfare of the residents of the area.

Your contributions help fund the following:

- ✓ Ranch sponsored activities The Lariat Newsletter
- ✓ Insurance to cover Ranch sponsored gatherings and events
- ✓ Scholarship awards for residents of the Ranch
- ✓ Annual Holiday light-up festivities (Including trophies and "Snoopy" Awards)
- ✓ Annual Pancake Breakfast
- ✓ Maintenance of our post office box and storage facility

If you already have paid your 2008 dues, we thank you for your participation. If not, please take a minute to pay them now. Remember, this donation is voluntary. There is no obligation. Your only motivation is your desire to help improve our community. If you have different opinions on how your dues should be spent, please let us know. We want your input and ideas!

I am also trying to update our database of names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so if the information on the front of this letter is incorrect or missing, please correct it on the form below and mail it back to me.

Please feel free to call with any questions or comments.

Thank you,

Maria Salazar, Vice President Upper Hastings Ranch Association 1435 Hastings Ranch Drive

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DNA TESTING ADVANCES VETERINARY MEDICINE

By Deborah Smith DVM

Not long after completion of the Human Genome project was completed, geneticists succeeded in mapping canine DNA. Advances have made it possible to use testing of dog's DNA for genes that cause illness. As in human medicine, the future is expected to bring many more practical ways that DNA can be used to identify genetic disease.

Pennsylvania State University has a genetics lab that can identify dozens of genetic diseases in pets. If your veterinarian is suspicious of one of these genetic disorders, he or she can submit blood samples for your pet. Most of these disorders are caused by enzyme deficiencies and are rare.

A very practical new test is offered by Washington State University to test dogs for a mult-drug resistance gene (MDR1). Collies, Shelties, Sheepdogs, and a variety of mixed breeds can have a mutation in the MDR1 gene that makes them sensitive to a variety of commonly used drugs. It is estimated that 75% of Collies have this mutations and can have a serious or fatal reaction to an insecticide called Ivermectin or to common diarrhea medicines. Veterinarians usually avoid these drugs in any suspected herding breeds or crosses. A simple test for MDR1 gene now takes away the guess work and determines if these drugs can be safely administered.

A number of private companies now offer DNA testing to determine what breed or breeds of dog are in your pet's genetic makeup. The accuracy of this type of test can't be guaranteed so you should take results with a big grain of salt. (Most companies state that test results are not to be used for "legal proceedings"). However, apparently some insurance companies accept results as evidence that your dog is not a pit bull, and offense that apparently results in the denial of homeowner's insurance coverage.

The Wisdom Panel by Mars Veterinary is currently the breed DNA recommended by most veterinarians. At this time, breed testing should be considered only for entertainment purposes, but why not have fun seeing how close you could guess your dog's heritage!

Distemper Outbreak Update: Monrovia, Bradbury, and Sierra Madre are experiencing an outbreak of distemper in grey foxes. So far, pet dogs or other animals have been found to have confirmed cases of canine distemper, but dogs and raccoons are only at risk if they share territory or come in contact with sick foxes. Fortunately, the distemper vaccine is very reliable. Make sure your dog is vaccinated two to three times as a puppy and then every three years.

Dr. Smith practices at Hastings Animal Hospital and Holistic Wellness Center.

GET UP AND MOVING WITH THE MAYOR

There's nothing like a brisk morning walk to lift your spirits and get your body moving. Join Pasadena's mayor and special guests for a walk around the Rose Bowl Stadium the first Wednesday of every month at 7:45 a.m. beginning Feb. 6.

Special guests, who are prominent Pasadena residents, will strap on their sneakers and join in the fun: John Naber, Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer, on Feb. 6; Larry Wilson, Pasadena Star-News public editor, on March 5; and Gale Hurd, producer of the "Terminator" movies, on Apr. 2. Bring your neighbors, coworkers, friends and family and meet at the stadium's Gate A for an invigorating workout.

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November 15, 2007

Ashok K. Abhat, Ph.D. Upper Hastings Ranch Association Post Office Box 5131 Pasadena, California 91117

Dear Dr. Abhat,

Thank you for inviting me to speak at the Upper Hastings Ranch Association (UHRA) Annual Meeting last week. Again, I apologize for being late and appreciate your kindness. I had a very good time and hope that I provided you with information that was helpful.

Sincerely,

ĆYNTHIA J. KURTZ

City Manager

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Military Notes CHRISTOPHER SHIMA

Christopher Shima was born in Pasadena in Hastings Ranch where we lived until he was five years old. We lived elsewhere for the next 8 years but made it back to the Ranch where he lived on Hastings Ranch Drive until he left for the Army. His grandparents have lived in Hastings Ranch for 33 years and his parents have lived in the Ranch for the last 11 years. Christopher attended St. Francis High and Pasadena High Schools. He joined the Army in April, 2002.

His basic training took place at Fort Benning, Georgia and after a brief visit home, he was stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Since his enlistment, Christopher has moved up in the ranks and is now a Sergeant in the Third Infranty Division and is in charge of a unit of men. During the last six years, Christopher has gotten married, had two children and has been deployed to Iraq three times. During his second deployment, Christopher received the bronze metal for bravery and a purple heart.

His parents, Monica and Will Shima, sisters, Janelle and Cassie, grandparents, Charles and Timmi Tinker, his wife, Christina, his sons Reece and Alex, his aunts, uncles, cousins and all of his friends are praying for him every day. He is currently on a tour of duty in Iraq. Please join our family in praying for all of service men and women as they do their job in service to our country.



Christopher Shima







Hastings Ranch Dr.

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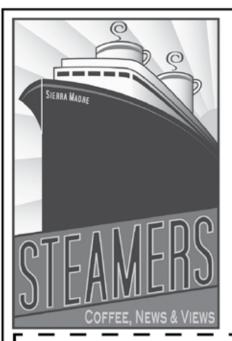
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SURVEY AND REQUEST FROM PASADENA WATER AND POWER



PASADENA WATER AND POWER

December 27, 2007

Dear Water and Power Department Customer:

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) is considering the viability of a Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Holiday Light Exchange Program for 2008. LEDs consume one-tenth the power of standard incandescent lights, thus delivering considerable electricity savings during the holidays.

PWP would like your feedback to determine if customers would participate in such a program. PWP would appreciate your response and comments by completing the survey on the reverse. Please return the survey in the attached postage-paid envelope.

Thank you for your time and assistance in helping to conserve our electric and water resources!

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LED Holiday Light Exchange Survey

. How many holiday light strings did you use in December 2007? Outside Inst	ide	
Were you aware that LED's use 90% less energy than incandescent lights? Yes	No	
. Have you ever used LED's for holiday lighting? Yes No		
If "Yes" were you satisfied with their performance? YesNo		
How many of the holiday light strings you used in 2007 were LED lights? Outside	Inside	
Would you participate in a program to exchange or replace incandescent holiday lig	ghts with LED's?	
If so, how many of your holiday light strings would you be willing to exchange or repeated. No	place?	
3. If a LED program was available, how would you prefer to exchange or replace your existing lights LED's: a. attend an event b. go to a retail store c. other (please describe)		
Do you have any other ideas, suggestions, or comments that might help PWP provenergy efficiency programs and/or services to its customers?	ide cost-effective	
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Hastings Library is now open every day, until 9PM on weeknights, for a total of 66 hours a week.

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Ongoing Programs

Mondays Pajama Storytime (Ages 2-8) 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays Preschool Storytime 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

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For more information, the Branch phone # is 744-7262.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Valentine Workshop: Make a valentine for someone you love.

Thursday, February 7, 3:00 p.m.

Sci Fi Model Workshop: Learn from a master craftsman just how to build those Star Wars models from scratch using ordinary material. Then build a light saber using basic plumbing parts.

Children must be at least 8 years old to participate.

Registration required.

Saturday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SERVICE:

The Library launched a new service that uses automated telephone calls to notify patrons when they have overdue materials or available holds. This new notification method dramatically increases the speed with which we are able to contact our patrons. Since the launch of this service we have seen a 60% reduction in the number of printed postcard notices sent through the mail. This represents a significant savings for the Library's postal costs and reduces the burden on our environment. Next time you visit the Library, take a moment to update your registration to ensure that we have your correct phone number.



PHONE SYSTEM ISSUES AUTOMATIC EMERGENCY ALERTS

Pasadena's fire and police departments have a sophisticated phone system called PLEAS that is capable of calling hundreds of Pasadena residents and business owners per hour.

During a substantial threat to life or property, the system is able to map out a specific geographic area and list the phone numbers for properties in that area. An emergency message is recorded and relayed to every phone number on the list.

The system has several safeguards to make sure it reaches as many people as possible including unlisted numbers for emergency purposes only. The system can also detect whether it has reached a person, data line, fax line or voice mail, and plays messages accordingly. It can also detect which lines are out of order or busy, and will call busy numbers many times at set intervals before giving up.

If you receive a call, listen for this phrase: "This is an official alert from the city of Pasadena." Then listen for instructions. Let your family members and employees know announcements are usually in English only, and instruct children to have an adult in the house listen to the message. Be sure not to attach an electronic anti-telemarketing device to your phone, which can interfere with incoming emergency announcements. Instead, place your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry at (888) 382-1222 or at www.DoNotCall.gov.

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