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SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS

Gem of the Foothills

Issue #75

August 2019

New Location-LBFC

SAH COMMUNITY

STEAKFEST

Sept. 21st 2019

5:30pm



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ANNUAL

SAHA MEETING

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2019

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www.sanantonioheights.org

Email: sahbulletinboard@gmail.com

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EMERGENCY

911

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL	909-980-3994
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FIRE DEPARTMENT – SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS STATION #12	909-982-2611
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FONTANA SHERIFF'S STATION	BUSINESS LINE 909-356-6767
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NON-EMERGENCY

DISPATCH 909-829-7311

San Antonio Heights Sheriff's Substation

Deputy's Business Line 909-476-6293

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY OFFICES

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL SERVICES

BUSINESS LINE 909-623-9777

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909-387-8311 **Press #3**

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT HOTLINE

877-44A-BATE (877-442-2283)

SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS (Message Phones)

San Antonio Heights Association

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909-920-0204

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MISSION STATEMENT– The San Antonio Heights Association was formed to protect the interest of San Antonio Heights homeowners and residents. SAHA communicates and cooperates with many organizations that render us critical services. Our members' diversified experience is being employed to research vital issues. Our goal is to work with all parties concerned to expedite mutually beneficial decisions of social welfare impacting the Heights.

President's Message

As summer winds down and we all look forward to some cooler weather and hopefully rain, keep in mind that just because it may be cooling down that the fire danger is still there. It has been a long dry summer, so keep that defendable space between your house and anything that may burn.



Regarding the final judgment on the lawsuit with the County, please refer to the webpage for updates.

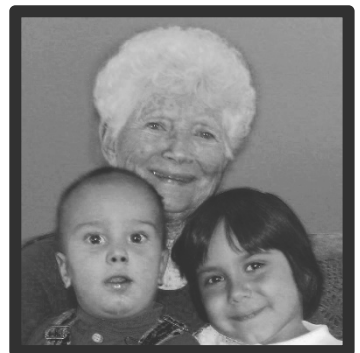
There have been a few comments on the San Antonio Water Co. plans to replace their existing facilities. As your representative on the board of directors I can inform you that this plan has been in place for over two years as we were waiting for the City of Upland to finalize the purchase of property for their new water storage tank. Stay tuned for more information on this, as SAWCO moves forward to optimize and improve water delivery.

As a final reminder (more details pages 8 & 9) the 9th Annual Community Steakfest will be Saturday, September 21st followed with our Annual SAHA Meeting on Thursday, November 14th. Please mark your calendar and try to come to both events. These events are great to meet and socialize with your neighbors.

I know this has been a short message, but I have been "on vacation" for a few months. Remember that if you ever have any questions or concerns about on what is going on in your community, our monthly board meetings are a great place to let us know.

NITA MC ELWAIN JOINS SAHA BOARD

Nita and her late husband, Cal, moved to San Antonio Heights in 1958 with three of their six children. Moving from Ohio and Pennsylvania where mountains are full of green trees and streams, these foothills looked a little barren. However, it was only a little while before they were drawn to their beauty and the people of this area. In 1961 they bought a house on Mountain Avenue which is still the family home, although they did have to rebuild after the Grand Prix Fire in 2003. (Continued)



NITA MC ELWAIN (Continued)

Their children all went to elementary schools, Pioneer Jr. High and high school in Upland. During those years they enjoyed camping trips to Yosemite and the Redwoods, amusement parks and drive-in movies. Now that the children are all married and have families of their own and Nita no longer has Cal, her time is spent quite differently.

Although Nita had always done a lot of cooking, she now just watches cooking shows and clips recipes!! Her time is generally spent reading, walking, keeping in touch with out-of-town families, working with Citizens on Patrol, Bible Study meetings, San Antonio Heights meetings, Upland Travelers, a very little bit of gardening though she would love to be able to do more and trying to keep up with ever-growing grandchildren (11) and great grandchildren (8). Her days are full, and she enjoys good health and she said, "I am well blessed". Welcome Nita!

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE "CALLS FOR SERVICE" REPORT for SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS 01/01/19 to 06/30/19



<u>TYPE OF SERVICE CALL</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</u>
Fire	3
Fire Alarm	6
HazMat	1
Medical Aid	177
Powerline Down	2
Public Service/Other/Misc.	9
Rescue	1
Traffic Collision	1
<u>TOTAL SERVICE CALLS</u>	<u>200*</u>

*These stats also reflect responses to SAH by other fire units in the Battalion when Medic Engine 12 was on a different emergency.

The San Antonio Heights welcome Battalion Chief Jason Serrano who was recently assigned to the District which includes our Station #12. Battalion Chief Serrano works out of the Main Station in Upland and has provided us with the following information:

Fill the Boot - Battalion Chief Serrano reported the annual “Fill the Boot” event was held in June at 19th & Campus. The program has been active for the past 60 years and firefighters across the Nation have collected \$558 million to save and improve lives of families fighting Muscular Dystrophy. The fundraiser was very successful. The Upland locations received \$7-8,000 and the San Bernardino County received \$30-35,000.

CERT Training - Battalion Chief Serrano followed-up on a previous question if the CERT training is still valid. Citizens from Mt. Baldy are interested in implementing a CERT group. No training dates have been scheduled but it is recommended by John Ferdon from County OES that we coordinate training for both Mt. Baldy and San Antonio Heights. Future classes will be held at the Fire Station on 19th and Campus (FS#164). If interested, please leave your contact information on the SahBulletinBoard@gmail.com or the SAHA message phone (909) 638-1673 and someone will contact you.

Sand & Bags - As a follow-up to an inquiry at the May meeting by Elyse Skeate, Battalion Chief Serrano stated the new location for sand and bags will be on the west side of the Fire Station at Euclid and 24th Street in the open planter box against the side of the building.

Tree Sculpture - The tree stump at Fire Station #12 has been reviewed by a new artist, Eric, a local carver, and he has submitted a bid to the County. The proposed carving will be a firefighter wearing his helmet. The cost will be around \$9,500 and the funds have been collected from surrounding fire stations and will be paid through the County. Feel free to stop by and say “hi” or take a picture.



Battalion Chief Serrano reported an industrial accident on 6-25-19 in the block of 2400 San Antonio Crescent East. While a new septic tank was being installed, one wall sheared away and the worker inside the trench was trapped and covered partially with dirt. San Bernardino County Fire responded quickly, extracted the victim in less than five minutes and transported him to San Antonio Community Hospital where he succumbed from his injuries.

SCAM ALERT

DON'T BE FOOLED

Recently I learned from a friend who lives here in the Heights about a phone call she had received from an individual who said he was from Microsoft and told her she had a refund of \$30 coming. It didn't seem odd - she had recently purchased a security policy from Microsoft. The "ruthless scammer" then told her in order to process the refund they would need to take control of her computer for a moment to transfer the monies into her account. Yes, many of us, have allowed Microsoft and other agencies to take control of our computer to allow them to analyze or help us with a problem. As she waited, watching her account on the screen, she suddenly noticed they were actually withdrawing an amount much, much more than they said and suddenly she knew she was being scammed.....she quickly attempted to hang up to call her bank but they blocked her phone so she could not call out. Fortunately, she still had a landline so was able to reach her bank, freeze accounts, and she still has her money!

This is just one example of how these situations happen. I wish we could tell you all the nefarious approaches these scammers have, but they keep coming up with new approaches. In researching and talking with others, I have learned about many ways and things these scammers do in their attempts to take from others. Don't let it happen to YOU!

As sad as it seems, we must be cautious and maybe even a little suspicious of anyone who approaches us by phone, in person, online, social media, etc. who ask for our personal information.

ROBOT CALLS, TELEPHONE CALLS - DRIVING YOU CRAZY?



representatives, solicitors, political, charities, hang ups? Marketers have so many techniques to get us to answer the phone. Have you noticed how many calls come from our local prefixes (909) 981..... I get very annoyed with these calls so I do not answer any call unless I recognize the number or caller ID. I understand the phone company is working on a way to alleviate these calls, but nothing as yet. The only

other suggestion recommended to me for this article was to Block the calls by going online at "NationalDo Not Call.Gov" Registry, website at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382.1222 (TTY-1-866-290-4236) and you must call from the number you are blocking. I have just re-registered and I understand it takes about 30 days to become effective in the system.

Fraud: (Phishing Scam...)

I understand one of the latest scams that has been going on for many years so it must be effective is a recorded call from someone saying they are from Social Security. The recording asked you to call back, for the last 4 numbers of your SS number, or other personal information, OR they may say your SS number has been suspended, someone is using your SS number, and on and on. etc. ALWAYS, ALWAYS remember Social Security and all other government agencies will NOT call you, they will only contact you by mail and usually certified.

JUST A COUPLE OTHER REMINDERS!

If you do not have a “No Soliciting” sign posted by your front door, you might want to consider putting one up. If you do and they still visit you, don’t answer the door or if you do, just point to the sign. If you don’t have a sign, you should definitely ask to see their license related to why they are there.

THEFTS/MAILBOXES/AUTOMOBILES PARKED IN DRIVEWAYS OR IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE:

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of a sturdy mailbox with a lock. If you do not have one, you will need to monitor times when you might receive checks, etc. Always lock your cars (day and night) and do not leave valuables where they can be a temptation. “Unlocked” cars have been reported repeatedly here in the Heights.

SECURITY AT HOME

With the warm weather, many of us love to leave our sliders and windows open. Evaluate how easily and accessible they could be to someone who would like to take or damage your property. Alarms are certainly your best option. I recently had an opportunity to view a film of a burglar who was checking out a house near 19th & Mountain Ave and it was quite scary. It was on security camera filmed at 5 a.m. and the burglar was wearing a backpack that looked stuffed with goodies possibly from a very busy night. It was also pointed out to me because I didn’t notice it, he was wearing gloves and carrying a knife prepared to use. Remember burglars know how to climb, so if your bedroom is on the second story, it does not mean you are safe to leave the slider open if you are home or not at home. Exercise good judgment. “No trespassing” signs can be helpful – if someone without your permission enters your property, they can be arrested.

San Antonio Heights Neighborhood Visited by PATRIOTISM



Aha.....The Gazette has learned about a heartwarming act of Patriotism in the Heights by an anonymous woman in July. We don't know how many streets this lovely woman went to, but the area of Rosedale and Ravina Curves, Park and Terrace Streets each had an American Flag placed either at the mailbox or the corner of the street. This has happened the past couple years. Who knows? Maybe more! The only description we were able to learn is that it was a "woman with blonde hair". Most of the flags are still out, so hopefully they will still be there for Labor Day.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

ANNUAL SAHA MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Life Bible Fellowship Church
2426 N Euclid Ave, Upland

**Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for Pizza & Socializing
followed by a short Business Meeting and
Community Speakers**

SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION
Ninth Annual
SAH COMMUNITY

STEAKFEST

Choice of STEAK OR CHICKEN

Mark your Calendar

Saturday Evening, September 21, 2019
Serving from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

★ New Location ★

Life Bible Fellowship Church

2426 N. Euclid Ave., Upland

Tickets Contact sahbulletinboard@gmail.com
or SAHA message phone 909.638.1673

Donation: \$15.00 Adult - \$5:00 Child (Hotdog)

Bring a Neighbor

Van Ness Gardens has new owners



Just shy of three years - Van Ness Gardens will have been serving the Inland Valley 100 years. As of June 28th, the Gardens have proud new owners (John and Vu) who have been very busy with some major upkeep, maintenance and settling in. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to talk with one of the owners, John Nguyen, who gave me a wonderful, very intellectual tour explaining much more than I can remember about the plants, fish, etc.

It was fun getting to know John who moved here when he was 18 from Saigon, Vietnam. Today, Professor John Nguyen is on staff at both Chaffey and Mt. San Antonio Colleges where he teaches Organic Chemistry, Chemical Analysis, and Green Chemistry. He talked about some of the plans they have for the Gardens and he is looking forward to utilizing some of his knowledge and experience from living in Vietnam as it was also a perfect place for plants such as these. John plans to bring some of his students to visit the Gardens so they can see the association and teaching theories applied to nature. Immediate attention will be on the beautiful Lilies which are currently in bloom and some of the Lotus that will be grown in the greenhouse because of their need for humidity.

John explained how important it is to have the Mosquito fish share the lily ponds because they eat the larvae in the ponds and therefore there are NO mosquitos around (guaranteed). He introduced me to the Koi fish and with a slight tapping on the container, they all came rushing out.

The Gardens require very little water if the pond is eco-balanced although they will be putting together a system to save rainwater in 50,000-gallon containers. Ideally, John said it would be good to build a well, but they have not had an opportunity to explore that option.

Professors John Nguyen and Vu Bui welcome guests interested in the Gardens to visit and enjoy the serene and quiet of the Gardens. Here you have an opportunity to select your fish for your pond, purchase oxygenating grasses, Pink Lotus and Creeping Plants, plant supplies, liner pond products, fish, floating aquatics, Water Iris, and much more.

John willingly volunteered to go into the pond and show how a Lily is removed for replanting in your pond. (See photos)



I also spoke with Bill Uber, previous owner, who purchased the Gardens in April 1988 from Jerry & Marge Crepps, the original owner. The house on the property was built in 1964. The Heights was fortunate to have the Uber family share the gardens for the past 31 years and now John and Vu plan to keep it very much the same focusing on healthy plants for the community to visit and enjoy. John and Vu are very fortunate and thankful that Bill Uber has taught them great skills and knowledge about aquatic plants and animals.

Everyone is welcome to drop in and visit the Van Ness Gardens located at 2460 North Euclid Avenue (just above Vista Avenue) or call 909-982-2425.

The San Antonio Heights Gazette Newsletter – The information and conclusions printed 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. It is our desire to publish a newsletter that is informational, interesting and fun to read. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Donna Hawthorne, Editor

ARE “YOU” PREPARED IF A DISASTER OCCURS?

2019 EARTHQUAKE - On July 4th, a 6.4 Earthquake centered in Ridgecrest, California



awakened SAH residents, followed by a larger 7.1 earthquake July 6th. Although there was no major damage reported, this is a reminder to residents to look at YOUR own preparedness plan in the event our area should again be hit with a disaster. If you were a resident of the Heights during the 2003 Grand-Prix Fire, you will probably recall there was one fatality and I believe eleven homes with

major damage. We were ALL instructed to evacuate. Elyse Skeate, Board Member, referred the following suggested guidelines to the Association to share with our residents:

GRAB N GO BINDER

A vital part of any family preparedness plan is one of the first things you should put together. This binder will contain your most critical information in one place for any type emergency, even if it is just a quick trip to the ER. **For this project you will need a 1" three-ring binder, a set of tabbed dividers, and a copy machine.** A box of plastic page protectors will keep your documents clean and unwrinkled. The binder you create will be unique to your family, but here are some **suggestions** to get you started. Label a divider for each of the following sections, and then begin inserting copies of your documents:

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

1. Copies of the front and back of debit/credit cards
2. Copies of house and car titles
3. Copy of your will or living trust
4. Names, addresses and phone numbers of all banks
5. Other important documents related to employment and/or a family business
6. Copies of your insurance policies (life, health, auto, homeowners, etc.)

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

1. Prepare a list of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of relatives and close friends. Then make copies of the following:

- (a) Marriage License
- (b) Birth Certificates
- (c) Driver's Licenses
- (d) License to Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW)

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS (continued)

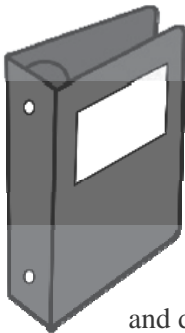
- (e) Pet Vaccine Records
- (f) Passports
- (g) Social Security cards

2. List of firearm serial numbers
3. Legal documents pertaining to child custody or adoption
4. Recent photos of each family member and each pet
5. Color photos of your house and each room in the house
6. Photos of valuables
7. Military documents
8. Diplomas and transcripts
9. Appraisals

MEDICAL DOCUMENTS

1. Copy of health insurance cards
2. List of blood types for each family member
3. Names, addresses and phone numbers of all doctors
4. Medical histories of each family member
5. Immunization records
6. List of current prescriptions, dosage, and pharmacy contact information

With your finished **Grab N Go Binder**, you will have the peace of mind knowing that your family can focus on a quick evacuation without trying to retrieve scattered family records.



- What to do with the originals? It is probably best to keep them in a fireproof safe or a safety deposit box. If your safety deposit box is a good 50 miles or more from your home, so much the better in the event of a tornado or other natural disaster.
- Also, be sure at least two other trusted people have access to that box in case you become incapacitated.
- Unless you are extraordinarily organized, chances are these records and documents are scattered around your house. Set aside a block of time to track them down and organize your family's Grab-N-Go Binder. Emergencies arrive unexpectedly. A Grab-N-Go Binder is one way you can prepare for them ahead of time.

SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

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