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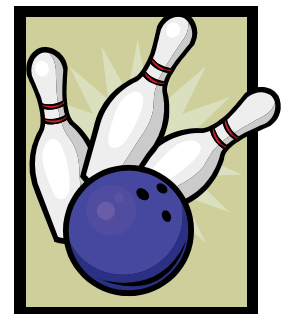
Lower Hastings Ranch Association Newsletter

LHRA General Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2009 300 Pasadena*

Agenda

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| <i>7:00—7:10 pm</i> | <i>Mike Eggert
General Manager
300 Pasadena</i> |
| <i>7:15—7:45</i> | <i>Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein
District 4 Councilman</i> |
| <i>7:45—8:15</i> | <i>Michael Beck
Manager, City of Pasadena</i> |
| <i>8:15—8:30</i> | <i>Denver Miller
Principal Planner, Planning Division</i> |
| <i>8:30—8:45</i> | <i>Kevin Johnson
Acting Senior Planner</i> |
| <i>8:45—9:00</i> | <i>Discussion
Lower Hastings Ranch Overlay</i> |
| <i>9:00—11:00</i> | <i>Refreshments & free bowling
Compliments of Mike Eggert</i> |

****Bowling facility. North of Bank of America parking lot.***



Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

The first meeting of the year for our Lower Hastings Ranch Association will be Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm in the 300 Pasadena bowling facility (old Bahama Lanes). I want to thank General Manager Mike Eggert for allowing us to have our meeting there even before their grand opening.

We have an interesting and informative agenda: Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein will discuss issues relevant to East Pasadena.

Michael Beck, City Manager, will be discussing Pasadena's financial problems. Due to declines in sales and hotel taxes, the City will not balance its budget this year nor next year and they have a 9.5 million "structural deficit" that was the result of city spending and financing decisions rather than economic problems. The City is projecting that it will not have a balanced budget until 2014. (Info was gathered from the April 14th Star News). We would like Mr. Beck to explain how the City's budget problem will affect individual residents.

Denver Miller, Principal Planner with the City's Planning Division, will be discussing how the amendments to the City Zoning Codes that update the development standards for single-family development will affect the Lower Hastings Ranch Zoning Overlay. We have included a copy of our overlay and we are in the process of making suggestions to revise it so that it will eliminate the mansionization that is starting to take place in our area. We will have our suggestions available at the meeting.

Kevin Johnson, Acting Senior Planner of Planning Division, will discuss if Lower Hastings Ranch would qualify for designation as a landmark district. If we did qualify, he will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of establishing our area as a landmark district.

The main advantage would be that all new remodeling would have to keep to ranch style motifs.

Please mark your calendar so you do not forget about this informative meeting.

If you have any concerns you would like addressed at the meeting, send me an email message (brennanjames2@gmail.com) or call me at 626 351-9472 as soon as possible.

Jim Brennan

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Let's improve our neighborhood!

I have received a number of suggestions on how we can improve the look of our neighborhood:

- ◆ Make sure you remove your trash containers from the street no later than Tuesday —Trash collection is Monday.
- ◆ Keep your front lawn looking nice. This is going to become more difficult due to water restrictions, but do what you can. A new city ordinance will prohibit watering landscaping between 9 a. m. and 6 p.m., and limiting watering it to three times a week. We will also likely face a rate hike, which could increase the average residential customer's monthly bill by around \$10.00. A public hearing regarding this increase will take place on June 8 at 7:30 pm in City Council chambers, 100 N. Garfield Ave..
- ◆ Do not leave your cars in the front yard if they are not running. Please put the car in your garage or back yard. The same applies to boats and RVs, please keep them out of sight from the street.
- ◆ Another problem that has popped up recently are the vendor carts that are appearing all over East Pasadena. Most of these vendors do not have proper permits to conduct business. If you see a cart, please call the Police non-emergency number 626 744-4241 and/or the Pasadena Health Department 626 744 6004. These vendors do not have health permits and have a negative effect on businesses in the area.
- ◆ Graffiti in our neighborhood: Call the graffiti hot line number 626 744-7622.
- ◆ Abandoned shopping carts: Call Shopping Cart Retrieval 626 744 8227.

If we all work together, we can insure that Lower Hastings Ranch will continue to be one of the more desirable Pasadena neighborhoods where we can live and raise a family.



Note: The following is an excerpt from the Pasadena Zoning Code. The complete Zoning Code is available on line from the City of Pasadena website.

Overlay Zoning Districts

17.28.090

17.28.090—ND Neighborhood Overlay District

- A. **Purpose.** The ND neighborhood overlay district is intended to create special regulations for the Lower Hastings Ranch Area.
- B. **Development standards.** Development standards shall be those of the RS-6 district, except as follows.
1. **Setbacks.**
 - a. **Minimum side yard.** The second story of the main structure, and any portion of the main structure over ten feet in height, shall be set back a minimum of five feet from the first floor side walls, including any wall openings and modulations.
 - b. **Encroachment plane.** In addition to the minimum side yard requirements, the main structure shall not be located within a side-yard encroachment plane sloping at a 45-degree angle measured from the vertical, commencing six feet above the existing grade along the interior side property line.
 - c. **Projections into yards and encroachment planes.** See Section 17.40.150 (Setback Measurements and Exceptions).
 2. **Height limits.** No structure shall exceed the following height limits, except in compliance with Section 17.40.060 (Height Measurement and Exceptions).
 - a. The maximum height of main structures shall be 26 feet.
 - b. The top plate height of the first story of the main structure shall not exceed ten feet. The top plate height of the second story of the main structure shall not exceed 20 feet.

Pasadena Zoning Code—Article 2

**LOWER HASTINGS RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM**

Period of Membership - JANUARY 1st, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

Name: _____ **Spouse/Other** _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____

Membership Dues per calendar year: \$25.00 **Check No.** _____

Please send this form with your check to: LHRA
3805 Shadow Grove Road
Pasadena, CA 91107

Would you be interested in volunteering?

_____ **Serve as a Board Member on the Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowner Association**

_____ **Newsletter preparation and delivery (mailings).**

_____ **Welcoming new residents to our community.**

_____ **Monitoring City of Pasadena (District 4) proposed commercial developments.**

Any comments for the Board of Directors:

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Please keep this end for your records.