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Lower Hastings Ranch Association Newsletter

Message from the President

Hello Neighbors!

It has been a while since we issued a newsletter or held a general meeting, but the Board of Directors has been busy dealing with items that have had an effect on the LHR area:

We helped support Mayfair residents in their successful efforts to keep CVS Pharmacy from selling liquor.

We are supporting East Pasadena Improving Community Group which is trying to improve East Colorado Blvd. This is a community group that is fighting to deal with many of the problems that exist on East Colorado Blvd. such as sex crimes, drugs and prostitution. They are also dealing with the problem of a very high concentration of sex offenders that are financed by the California State Parole and approved by the county which has encouraged more sex-related businesses in the area. See their web page for further information : <http://www.eastpasadena.org/>.

We have also begun a campaign to re-establish our Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the LHR area. Gil Galvan has volunteered to head this project. With the poor economy and with Christmas just around the corner we must be especially vigilant. PLEASE report any suspicious activity. There has been a rash of criminal activity in the area. On Hampton we have had one house burglarized during the day and an attempted home burglary on Newhaven. Pasadena has noticed an increase in garage and car break-ins. There has also been a number of thefts of delivery items left on porches. If you see any unusual activity around the area, please report it to the police.

We are also dealing with the problem of mansionization that is taking place in LHR. An example is the remodeled house at 695 Cliff Drive. This house meets all building codes but it is a very intrusive structure and does not fit in with the neighborhood. The City's Planning Division is going to review the zoning code standards that regulate the bulk and mass of single-family residences in the City. The goal is to make sure remodeling and new construction are compatible with existing development. There will be community workshops held in 2009 to get residents' input on what type of development should be allowed in a residential area and we hope the LHR overlay will be updated.

Jason Mikaelian, Senior Planner with the City's Planning Department, will be leading the workshops and, at our general meeting, he will give us an overview of the process which will take place. He will also answer any questions we might have.

Please try to attend the meeting on November 20th and meet your neighbors. We have a web site: www.lowerhastingsranch.org.

Please take a look at it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Jim Brennan, President
(626) 351-9472

**Lower Hastings Ranch
Association**

General Meeting

**Faith Lutheran Church
835 Hastings Ranch Drive**

Thursday, November 20, 2008

7:00—7:15 LHRA Information

7:15—7:45 Councilman Haderlein

**7:45—8:15 Jason Mikaelian,
Senior Planner
City of Pasadena**

**8:15—8:30 Gil Galvan
Neighborhood watch
programs in LHR**



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You might want to know

If you have never visited the Megan’s Law website, I strongly urge you to please take a good look now. The names and addresses of convicted sexual predators are listed at this site. When I searched, I found that our zip code, 91107, houses more predators than the cities of Altadena, Arcadia, and Sierra Madre combined. It was an eye opener. Go to Megan’s Law website at:

[http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/index.aspx?lang=ENGLISH.](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/index.aspx?lang=ENGLISH)

I believe that all of us need to be well aware of these alarming facts for the benefit of our neighborhood’s safety.

Laura Rodriguez

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead

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MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM**

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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 Director on Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowner Association's Board**

_____ **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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