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The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter
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DLPOA Meeting

July 2, 2014

7:30 PM

RHE Community Center

Summer is here and things are happening in the Lanes. Curious? Come to the meeting to find out what's going on.

Everyone is invited.



Kids under 18 must wear helmet and closed toe shoes, preferably boots or sneakers.

One time, adult signature required for minors.

Hope to see ya'll there!

Please forward to any other neighbors who may be interested, everyone is welcome!!!

---Jenny Litchfield

DLPOA Calendar

Board Meeting	July 2
July 4th Parade	July 4
Summer BBQ & Dance	Sept ??
Horse Show	October 19
Chili Cook-Off	??
Operation: Santa Claus	December 21

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Friday Night Horsemanship Class

It's Back! Beginning Friday June 13th! Fun for kids of all ages, thanks to Kelly Yates and Friends.

Come join your neighbors and spend Friday Nights at our HOA arena and learn about and get to know some great horses.

This will be the second summer that this fun camp is offered at no charge, to our residents and their guests. It's casual, and laid back.

Come when you have a free Friday and see what's in store for that week!

Every Friday in summer 6:30-8:00pm

Lobster Trivia

In North America, lobster did not achieve popularity until the mid-19th century when New Yorkers and Bostonians developed a taste for it. Before then, it was considered a mark of poverty or as a food for indentured servants or lower members of society.

California Bans Rat Poisons Blamed for Killing Wildlife

California regulators on Tuesday banned from stores some types of rat poison that are known to kill wildlife and pets, and have for years have been the target of lawsuits and advocacy efforts by environmental groups.

The state Department of Pesticide Regulation has banned certain pesticide products known as rodenticides -- chemicals to kill rodents -- that contain toxins that have also hurt California wildlife, killing at least 300 animals, including endangered species, in the last two decades.

Rats and mice eat the pesticides, which are placed in and around buildings and homes. But it takes several days for the rodents to die, and they continue to eat the pesticide, which is stored in their body tissue. If pets and wildlife eat the poisoned rodents, they too end up poisoned and can die.

"This is a practical sensible regulation that goes a long way to protecting our wildlife," said Brian Leahy, director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation.



Until now, any consumer has been able to buy rodenticides -- d-Con is a common brand -- from retailers such as The Home Depot and Walmart, and use them in and around their homes. Now only certified professionals such as pest control businesses will be able to

purchase them.

"The idea is to take it away from the general population, who could misuse it, and keep it in the hands of trained professionals," said Charlotte Fadipe, assistant director of communications for the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

The new regulations were proposed last summer, and were followed by a public comment period. The ban marks a victory for California environmental groups that have been calling for the state to end the use of rodenticides, and have blamed regulators for failing to protect the endangered San Joaquin kit fox, golden eagle, Pacific fisher and other wildlife from the poisons.

TRAIL CLEANUP

This year's trail cleanup was another resounding success! We had a fine turnout of volunteers which made the day move quickly and we all made it home in enough time to watch the Belmont. The workforce enjoyed creating their own favorite version of a hot dog -- or more than one -- for lunch and everyone agreed that having the weed whacking done in advance is absolutely the way to go!



A huge thank you to everyone who showed up to work, brought tools, provided haulers or donated toward our expenses for the day. Our trail system would not be the same without you!

A special thank you also goes to Waste Management who so generously donates the huge bin every year!

We are truly grateful to all of you for your unwavering support.

—The Trail Committee

Trivia

In a 1917 letter to Winston Churchill, Admiral John Fisher used the phrase "O.M.G." (with the same meaning as today).

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Peafowl Deaths Continue

Editorial

Animal welfare investigators say there have been about 50 peafowl deaths in the Lanes over the past two years. Some have been accidentally killed, while other deaths were intentional. Since June 2012, peafowl have been killed by pellets or BBs (12 birds), vehicles (15 birds), blunt force trauma (1 bird), unknown poison (5 birds), crossbow arrow 1(bird), wildlife attack (1 bird), gunshot (1 bird) and eleven by unknown means.

Exams of two dead birds found over the May 3rd weekend pointed to a possible buckshot (shotgun) wound as cause of death.

This is a bit scary to me. Is it going to escalate to killing our dogs and cats? Maybe our horses will look like "big game" to whoever is shooting the birds. Who knows where a deadly crossbow arrow that was aimed at a bird might end up.

Let's see a quick end to all this, and if it means the perpetrator spends several years in jail, so be it.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the spcaLA's Cruelty Tipline at 800-540-SPCA (7722)

---Chuck Berman, Editor

School's Out, Slower is Better

Good Morning Neighbors! With summer comes lots more neighbors, kids, peacocks, horses etc etc.....out and about on our streets, one of my favorite thing about our neighborhood!

We can all use a little reminder to slow down when we are driving in our Lanes. Recently while our family attended the Miraleste Graduation, Lomita Sheriff was

called to our house on a false alarm. While the Sheriff was checking on our home, someone took that blind Buckskin curve too fast and ran into.....the police car. Oops! I'd hate for that to have been a person, a pet, a child or a peacock.

We want everyone to have a great summer and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood safely! Slow down a bit and check out the scenery! Happy summer all!

---Jenny Litchfield

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God bless America and The Lanes!

Join your friends & neighbors for a fun and patriotic Fourth of July!

Break out your red, white, and blue & decorate your bikes, wagons, gators, children, horses, dogs, cats, ducks and donkeys! Parade Begins at 11:00 at 77 Dapplegray and will proceed to HOA Ring at 12pm. . If you don't want to parade, grab yourself a beach chair and a cold lemonade and head out to your front yard and watch the parade pass! Wave a flag, wave at the paraders, cheer them on, feel patriotic!

In order to help keep our families and pets safe please follow these guidelines and go over them with kids and grand kids!

1.) "Grownups" are responsible for the behavior of whatever kids or animals they bring!

2.) Order of the parade goes as follows:

Golf Carts, Floats (We'd love to see some kids to try to make a "float" this year?!?!?) Bikes & scooters, Walkers & small pets, Horses (please stay in this order it helps keep everyone safe! this is a parade not race!)

3.) Vehicle traffic, PLEASE drive extra slow on our Lanes on the 4th!!!

4.) HAVE A SUPER TIME!!!!

Please park your vehicles off the street if possible so there will be plenty of room for our paraders.

We will be having a patriotic pie baking contest, there will be prizes and it is always so fun to sample all our amazing bakers creations. We need as many pies as possible to sample, Emily is perfecting her

strawberry apple crumble for the big day! Please email Emily Power as soon as possible to let her know if you will be baking a pie for the big day! We really need at least 10 bakers to make it so everyone can sample, such an easy way to contribute to such a special day in the neighborhood:-)

Email Emily: power_emily@yahoo.com and let her know if you are up for the challenge!

Mail Box Decorating Contest:

Let's transform the Dapplegray Lanes into The Liberty Lanes!

Get out your red white and blue and decorate those mail boxes! If you feel crazy, decorate your whole house!

Prizes given for the best Mail Boxes...maybe even for most patriotic house!!! Get out and buzz around our beautiful neighborhood on the morning of the fourth and look at all the great mail boxes & decorated homes!



The day's events will go as follows:

9:30 - Mail Box Contest Judging!
11am sharp - Parade begins
12pm - Parade ends & All American BBQ Lunch, pie baking contest & Games begin at the ring.
Pony Drill Team performs.

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Mail Box Contest & Pie contest winners announced & clean up

Questions or even suggestions to make the day even more super please contact Jenny Litchfield 310-534-9977 or jenny.litchfield@dslextreme.com. I'm always open to fresh new ideas!

Contact Jenny Litchfield if you can contribute any of the following: All beef Hot dogs • Buns • Hamburger Patties & Buns • Condiments • Small water bottles • Cases of soda • Beer • Snack bags of chips • Watermelon cut up • Cherries • Ice • Shucked corn on the cob • Coolers • Charcoal.

Perishables & Ice can be brought to the ring after 8 am on the Fourth. Non Perishables can be left on The Litchfield's (49 Buckskin) front porch any time.

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Odds & Ends

~Our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, began his Presidency in 1901, along with six children and more animals than the White House had ever seen.

The Roosevelt children's family of pets included a small bear named Jonathan Edwards; a lizard named Bill; guinea pigs named Admiral Dewey, Dr. Johnson, Bishop Doane, Fighting Bob Evans, and Father O'Grady; Maude the pig; Josiah the badger; Eli Yale the blue macaw; Baron Spreckle the hen; a one-legged rooster; a hyena; a barn owl; Peter the rabbit; and Algonquin the pony.

President Roosevelt loved the pets as much as his children did, or at least he said so.

A warning about grilling: Danger lurks!

Be careful the next time you eat a hamburger or other product cooked on an outdoor grill. There could be danger lurking in the form of undetected wire bristles left by grill-cleaning brushes. The problem is so

serious that the Center For Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a consumer warning.

The small wires can work their way into the hamburgers or other food being grilled, and then into you. Such ingestions happen, and the results are not only extremely painful but deadly if not treated immediately, usually with emergency surgery.



Six cases were identified at one hospital system from March, 2011 to June, 2012. All six reported outdoor residential food grilling and use of commercially available wire grill-cleaning brushes. Injuries ranged from puncture of the soft tissues

of the neck, causing severe pain when swallowing, to perforation of the gastrointestinal tract. Severe pain on swallowing was the chief symptom in three of the six patients. In all three of these patients, a wire bristle from a grill-cleaning brush was found in the neck. Two patients underwent emergency abdominal surgery to retrieve the foreign object and repair the intestine. In one patient, the wire had not perforated the intestine and was removed via colonoscopy.

TO PREVENT SUCH OCCURRENCES, before grilling, examine the grill surface carefully for bristles that may have dislodged from the brush and could then embed in cooked food.

Be careful!

Believe It Or Not

- Neil Armstrong, the first man to step foot on the moon, carried with him a piece of the cloth and wood from the original 1903 Wright Flyer.
- When Indian reservations started to earn big money from casinos, they began expelling their own members by the thousands to increase the payout for those who remained.
- In the novel, *Forest Gump* was 6'6, 242lbs. Author Winston Groom says he envisioned John Goodman in the *Forest* role.
- The agent that gives Twinkies their smooth feel, cellulose gum, is also used in rocket fuel to give it a slightly gelatinous feel.
- In ancient Rome, redheaded slaves were often more expensive than those with other hair color.
- Cats are North America's most popular pets: there are 73 million cats compared to 63 million dogs. Over 30% of households in North America own a cat.