



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
6 April 2011
MINUTES

<p>The General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order by the President, Mr. Pomeroy at 7:07 pm, Wednesday, 6 April, 2011 at the Juniper Hills Community Center, 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>																									
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pomeroy</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>																									
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<p>Minutes of 2 March, 2011 were approved as published.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>																									
<p>Treasurer's Report was approved as published. There were no bills submitted nor donations. Balance 3/31/2011 \$3119.76</p>	<p>TREASURER</p>																									
<p>Santa Clarita Velo Punchbowl Race – 23 April 2011 Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District Nursery Open House, 16 -17 April 2011 Los Angeles Town & Country AV Area-wide Plan drafts available for comment at http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (YOYO) Trail Angels for PCT hikers—again will detour through JH due to Forest closure. Local Trash Talk Newsletter—1st and 3rd Saturdays for E-waste, HazMat Redistricting committee thanked JHTC for letter re: Dist. 29 (Senator in Glendora) vs. Dist 17 Request received re: Naming a street. Mark Caddick: need a minimum of 3 occupied residences to provide a street name</p>	<p>COMMUNICATION</p>																									
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association (http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm) – May 7: Dessert Under the Stars– 6:30pm Bob B. and friends (JH Astronomy Club) Devil's Punchbowl County Park (http://www.devils-punchbowl.com) – April 16 Full Moon Hike – 8pm</p>	<p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p>																									
<p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich- Town & Country Draft (AV) plan was released. Hickling invites our review and feedback. Mr. Pierce inquired about the reported “changes” and Norm assured the Council that these refer to items to be incorporated from earlier feedback. The L.A. County-wide draft was also released. Hauled water issue is moving forward. Deputies Royster (Palmdale), Chadwick, and Carter (Downtown Emergency operations Bureau) reported on updates of the Reverse 911 Emergency Call-out system. Alert LA notification system calls and leaves Voice messages. Nixle, an independently run company, notifies registered users via text messages and eMail of incidents within the county. A combination of both systems will offer tel, mobile, text, and eMail notification in an emergency once online registration is complete. Used successfully for the Crown fire. Register at: Nixle.com or alert.lacounty.gov. More info at: LASD.org Deputy Chadwick invites us to contact him GNCHADWI@lasd.org Mr. Pomeroy: In an emergency, don't hover over your phone waiting for a notification; get out. Search for LASC CERT to get notifications of local CERT events.</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>																									

<p>Bob Finberg of Lancaster Insurance Services - Homeowner's Insurance The Insurance industry makes wholesale decisions; some may be detrimental to homeowners. Advises getting insurance through an agent who will help you. Three kinds: 1. Captive agent—e.g., State Farm, Allstate, AAA, Farmers 2. Independent agent (represents multiple companies) 3. Mass Marketed—Toll free / Internet (won't save a lot of money), won't have an agent Caveat: If covered this year may not be next year. After losing insurance coverage, may be "force placed"—minimal coverage for \$1000s Calif. Fair plan covers homes in designated brush areas—JH is not (this is both good & bad) Brush clearance is absolutely critical. Catch 22 of insurance—file a claim and risk not being renewed. File any complaint with the Dept of Insurance. Form is online. Earthquake and Flood are not covered by Homeowners policy. Recommends Earthquake insurance – the government will be more likely to give grants to cover the deductible. Calif Earthquake Authority (CEA) is NOT an insurance company. Claims paid for damage resulting from <i>primary</i> cause—e.g., earthquake and not for damage caused by <i>secondary</i> cause—e.g., fire and flood resulting from earthquake. Insurers will cover only within 5-mile radius of a fire station; one will cover up to 10 miles. Cautions about Insurance adjusters and Attorneys who post notices on telephone polls: "Damage from ____?" Once hire a public adjuster, can't fire them because they become your attorney-in-fact. Your insurance company will let you go. They add to the costs of insurance for everyone by filing larger claims to collect their fees of 30% or more.</p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKER</p>
<p>REPORTS</p>	
<p>Future Speakers – Confirmed: Bonnie Duecker – California Water Project – June Suggestions for future speakers include: Edwards AFB, Knight, Runner, or their reps Isaac Barcelona, Larry Grooms</p>	<p>FUTURE SPEAKERS</p>
<p>Mrs. Weatherbie reported. Two YOYO Signs will be available for purchase during the Meet the Town Council event: Fire Department Connection ("FDC") and a dual-sided "HELP" / "OK" June 25th for chipper shredder day. Considering applying for grant. Next YOYO meeting – Thursday, 7 April, 2011, 7pm</p>	<p>YOYO Committee</p>
<p>Winetasting Committee meetings for the 6th Annual Juniper Hills Wine Tasting to begin this month. JH Sweatshirts – Only 15 remaining M (7) XL (6) XXL (2)</p>	<p>Resource Development Committee</p>
<p>Grading CUP application hearing at 31590 106th St E – Ciotta continued to 7 June 2011 The Town Council will be revisiting the CSD including suggestions by the Littlerock TC. The JH Community is invited to attend the May 'Meet the TC' to discuss. Town & Country Plan for the AV...for review. Items that other communities are exploring may have implications for JH. Vance invites us to review the JH portion.</p>	<p>Community Standards Committee</p>
<p>Webmaster, Mark Benz - No report. Email List assignment/management—Mr. Pomeroy will send another invitation.</p>	<p>Webmaster/Website/ Email List</p>
<p>Mr. Pierce reported that the Juniper Hills Community Association had a successful Vegas night. He thanked Mark Benz and the team of community volunteers for painting the JHCC interior.</p>	<p>JHCA Liaison Report</p>
<p>Billie Dickey invited the Council and community to attend the April 13 Closing Arguments at the Downtown Courthouse Attorney Fife and his witness, a hydrologist, presented expert testimony. Expect to receive court's decision by early May.</p>	<p>JH Water Group Liaison Report</p>
<p>No report from Mr. Levin, Liaison.</p>	<p>Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force Liaison</p>
<p>No Report. Next meeting: Thursday, 28 April, 2011</p>	<p>ARTC Report</p>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Fireworks notice signs for south Antelope Valley communities in process. Mr. Pomeroy will follow-up with Norm Hickling.	Community Fireworks Signs
Saturday, 21, May 2011 2 nd Annual 8 – Noon, Juniper Hills Community Center Local representatives and the community are invited to exchange information during this Saturday morning event. Mid-morning Refreshments to be served. YOYO committee will be doing Community outreach and offer items for sale. Community Standards Committee will re-launch. Display items to include: Maps, Brochures, Charter; Bylaws, Sweatshirts, CSDs Delicious delectables and drink.	Meet the JH Town Council
Mrs. Weatherbie reported. The commission to conclude by Aug 15. The JHTC letter is on the WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov site. Antelope Valley meeting on Sunday 1 May from 2 – 5 pm in Lancaster to see the commission's maps and the feedback incorporated so far.	Redistricting Commission
No response from the State to the JHTC Letter re: arriving at a budget.	State Budget
NEW BUSINESS	
Questions were raised about the trail crossing Pearblossom Hwy at Barrel Springs and ending at Devil's Punchbowl. Mr. Pomeroy explains that this will need to be coordinated between the City of Palmdale and LA County. Will follow-up with Norm Hickling.	Barrel Springs Trail Upgrade
Several possible routes being explored—one along P-8 and then Palmdale Blvd, further east.	High Desert Corridor
Lori presented the revised JHTC Bylaws for review prior to a vote.	JHTC Bylaws
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. Respectfully submitted, Brenda Avadian, Secretary <i>pro tem</i>	ADJOURNMENT