

# HOOFBEATS



The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter  
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DLPOA Board Meeting  
 Wed, Jan 10th 7:30 pm  
*Location: will be emailed*

**1<sup>st</sup> place goes to the Mogford's!**

DLPOA Calendar:  
 DLPOA Board Meeting Feb 7th



## DLPOA Board of Directors

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| Babak Farrokh-Siar  | President      |
| Chrissy Meisterheim | Vice President |
| Adam Buckman        | Secretary      |
| Kareena Dong        | Treasurer      |
| Jack McNamara       | Board member   |
| Joseph Litchfield   | Board member   |

Read more about all the Winners in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest and the festive Holiday events last month in this edition of Hoofbeats!

**An update  
from our  
HOA  
President:**

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope everyone had a festive



holiday filled with joyous laughter and love. It seems surreal that we're already starting the new year, and maybe it's because December was such an incredible month on the Lanes that I didn't want to see it go.

Our neighborhood looked even more spectacular than ever this year, with so many houses lit up and decorated for Christmas. Our first-ever annual "holiday decorating contest" was a tremendous success. Congratulations to the Mogfords, Halls, and Walkers for winning the top three prizes and to all the honorable mentions and those who put in the time to bring about some extra spirit this year. All your homes looked spectacular. And a special nod to our lovely judges, Chrissy Meisterhiem, Kari Ledlie, Valerie Goodman, and Julie Hatch, for their impartial eyes.



December is such a bustling month for the DLPOA. We also want to thank our Santa Helpers, who helped meticulously organize and worked tirelessly to make "Santa on the Lanes" and the Horse Caroling events such magical experiences for our kiddos and

young adults at heart. There are few things better than seeing all our kids' faces light up when Santa gives them a gift, and watching so many talented neighbors ride their beautiful horses down the Lanes brings such a unique feeling of community and holiday spirit. These events couldn't have come to life without selfless volunteerism by so many neighbors, including the Vander Ploegs, Ambroses, Mogfords, Litchfields, Yates, and Sefcheks.

Also last but not least, a sincere thanks to the Buckmans for hosting our end-of-year neighborhood holiday party. Our annual holiday party is a charming tradition on the Lanes that brings all neighbors together to connect, share stories, toast each other for the holidays, and even bond over an epic beer pong match. This year's event was no exception; seeing so many neighbors laughing and celebrating together was terrific.

It's my humble opinion that there is no better community in the South Bay, and it's an honor to be back as President of the DLPOA. (I couldn't get enough.)

First, thank you for your trust and support in serving as DLPOA's president. For those newer to the neighborhood, I've lived on the Lanes with my lovely wife, Robin, three amazing daughters, Brooklyn (11.5), Layla (10), and Skylar (8), and our Bernadoodle (1.5), Rocky, the past seven years. I am a proud native of the South Bay and a Trojan alum. I led the HOA as president from 2019 to 2022. I loved my time serving the community and working together with such outstanding and selfless people for our community. I can't wait to run it back!

I want to give a special shout-out to my dear friend of 20 years and next-door neighbor, Brian Little, for his stewardship of the presidency this past year. The presidency has its share of daily requests and problems to solve, all with little fanfare. We're grateful for his time, especially his tireless effort and fight to carry the torch to ensure our road pavement project was completed to our standards. I know it was arduous, but the

streets finally look great. Brian will continue serving on the board as a director along with Joe Litchfield and the newest board member, Jack McNamara. Chrissy Meisterhiem will continue as VP, Kareena Dong will take over as Treasurer, and Adam Buckman will step up as Secretary.

We have an excellent group of individuals volunteering their time for the community. I'm excited to work with them all on our behalf. We'll have more updates from our first board meeting on the 10th, and I encourage new and old neighbors to join the meeting and a committee. It's always more fun when we have good turnouts and new neighbors helping. And I promise the meetings will run efficiently and respectfully.

Finally, if it's not apparent, I love our community! When we moved here, I was so amazed by the spirit and traditions that it spurred my desire to volunteer to help preserve what we have for my children and future generations on the Lanes. My goals for my presidency are pretty straightforward: To preserve the spirit and traditions that so many people have worked hard to create; protect the equestrian foundation of our community; resolve neighborly challenges in a respectful and friendly manner; tackle projects and work with the city to advance our neighborhood value; and spearhead events that create a sense of excitement and fun for all residents of the DLPOA.

I hope you share in my mission and the love of our neighborhood. I look forward to working with all of you to accomplish these goals. As always, please don't hesitate to ask questions or share concerns.



Here's to a healthy and prosperous 2024. See you around the Lanes.

-Babak

## TRAIL GUIDELINES

I was asked to send remind all trail users about the guidelines we have in place for the Dapplegray Lanes trails. Here are the basics:

1) Wednesdays and Thursdays are the days for hay deliveries and manure pick up. No other use is authorized on these days, including any construction, tree trimming, etc. Any other use of the trail requires a request and approval of the DLPOA Board.

You can send a request to **dlpoamembers@gmail.com**. Most requests are approved, and we do ask that, if possible, please schedule any work that requires the use of the trails on Wednesdays and Thursdays as riders are already expecting some vehicles or additional activity so it won't be a surprise. We also send out these reminders to all DLPOA members and non-resident members who utilize the trails and private arena to help spread the word.



2) No bicycles, strollers, e-bikes, motorized vehicles, golf carts, etc., are allowed on the trails. The trails are for horses, riders and pedestrians only. We do have some smaller motorized vehicles and tractors that access from time to time for maintenance and inspection, but try to give notice of those and also try to limit to Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Joe Litchfield

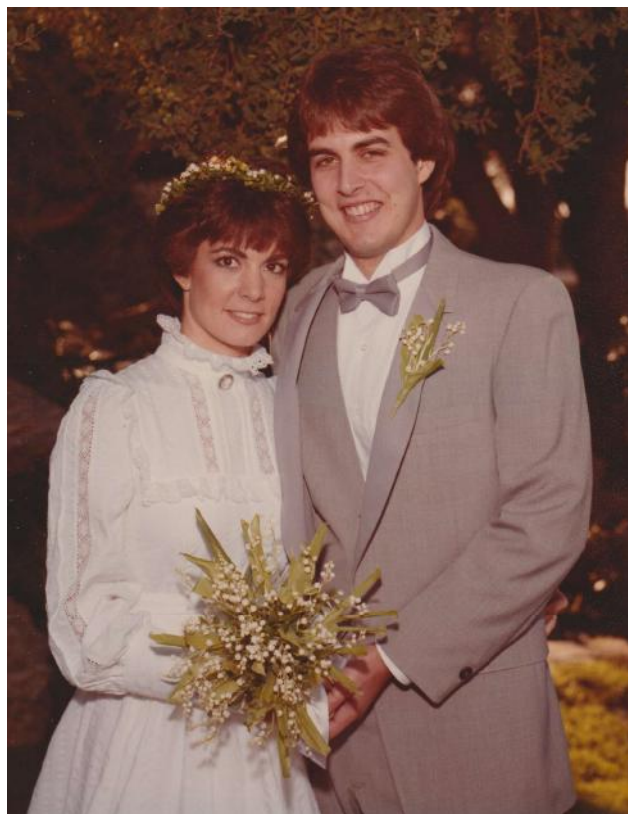
# Chucks Corner:

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy January birthday wishes to:

**Julia Ambrose, Brandon Dong, Valerie Goodman, Grant Mogford, Robin Nagel Farrokh-Siar, Carol Sefcheck & Wendy Wattson**



Congratulations to lovebirds **Lisa and Gary Johnson** on Dapplegray, who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November!



**Thank you to the Mogfords!**

Grant and Ellyn Mogford, along with their daughter Alex and her hubby Shelton got the whole neighborhood into the Holiday spirit with their beautifully decorated entrance.





The judges had a difficult time, but awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to new neighbors Pauline Hall and her son Peter at 18 Dapplegray with their "Light Show".

Third prize went to Vicky and Bruce Walker at 31 Dapplegray, with their spectacular "Blinded By Color" decorations. Vicky has been known to decorate for EVERY holiday to every child's delight in the Lanes.



I see a common thread here... Dapplegray! Will this be like the annual Tug-of-War where Dapplegray puts the rest of the neighborhood to shame? Asking for a friend?!

## First Annual Holiday

### Home Decorating Contest:

Speaking of the Mogfords, when Julie Hatch announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Home Decorating contest, they all jumped into action. We all know that Ellyn is the Master Decorator so there was no surprise when 21 Dapplegray took 1<sup>st</sup> prize with their over the top beautiful "Candy Cane Lane"! Congratulations for making the Lanes shine extra bright this Holiday season!

### **Honorable Mentions to the following families:**

- The Brincat's (Sorrel)
- The Farrokh-Siars (Dapplegray)
- The Hawke's (Dapplegray)
- The Gallien's (Dapplegray)
- The Killam's (Buckskin)
- The Litchfield's (Dapplegray)
- The Patterson's (Buckskin)
- The Schneider's (Dapplegray)
- The Waldstein's (Dapplegray)



Glaringly missing were lights on the Little family's outhouse, conveniently located in front of their house for the past 2 years. That may change for next year...

Grant Mogford was impressed by the enthusiasm, commitment and creativity on display from everyone! It certainly created a very special and magical Holiday Spirit. The Mogford's will certainly be ready for next years' challenge to recreate the magic of the season!!

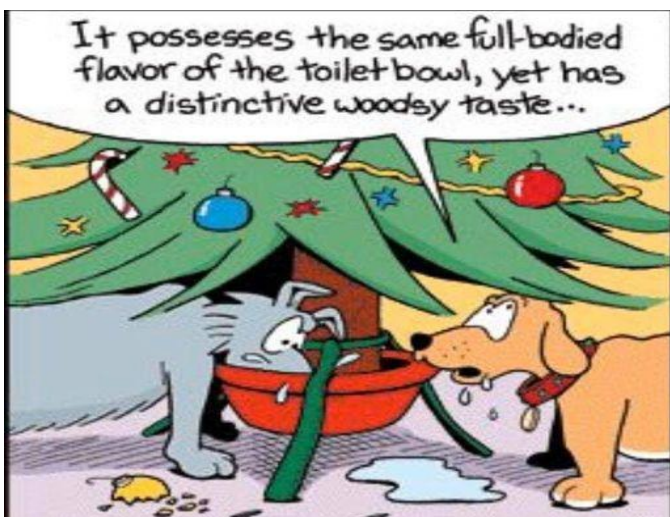
**Congratulations and Thank you to all who participated!**

## The DLPOA Holiday Party

"Epsom Salt sounds like the way to go, I will give it a try!" concluded Fred Hatch after some convincing arguments from several party goers at this years Holiday party. After breaking over 100 bones in his body over his life time, Fred was apparently unaware of the many health benefits Epsom salt provides until multiple other party goers enlightened him.

In addition to providing bone healing advice, Babak Farrokh-Siar and Brian Little were informing anyone who would listen about their December Fitness Challenge; 150 daily pushups, 150 sit ups and 1 daily romp in the hay for cardio. Story was not clear if spouses were involved in the hay romping or just the two of them...

Chris and Kari Ledlie got so inspired they left early to kick off their own, new health & fitness challenge. This Fitness Challenge is old news to the Litchfield's... Kevin and Cora Palma took the opposite approach and arrived late. However rumor has it they didn't stay long due to "having to relieve their baby sitter". We suspect that is code for Baby #3 in the making.



Dave Shaw, with his team mate Bruce Walker, was busy re-living his college days when the 2 of them got challenged to a late

game of beer pong, by the reigning champions Adam Buckman and Steve Pollock.

Bruce, who played for the first time in his life didn't really understand how the "loss" in the game could be considered a negative, and was suspected of intentionally loosing. There was an equal amount of belly laughs to beer intake, so it was all good!

Fintan & Bette Burke brought a Lanes celebrity to the party; Kirk Retz, who moved to North Carolina this summer and doesn't like to ever miss a good partaaay.

Sheri and Larry Waldstein were cozy keeping their romance alive by the bon fire.

Anthony & Gail Cigliano along with Mark & Dana Weaver were busy defending Sorrell's reputation against the smears of being a "Dead End Street". This is probably one of those jokes you had to be there for.

Young Clark Buckman, 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years old who is a frequent event participant in the Lanes, was unaware of the fun Holiday party this year as he was "locked in the basement with his babysitter"... not to worry. The Buckman's house doesn't have a basement; this was just one of many funny rumors circulating at the party.

The host Adam Buckman was wearing an awesome looking blazer and held down the fort until the wee hours as the true party animal he is once Becky Buckman on Buckskin (*I just love saying that! "Becky Buckman on Buckskin"! Try it!*) fell asleep at 9:15. Apparently Becky is keeping prior year's host Ariana Diverio's tradition alive: where the host is the first one to go to bed while the guests decide if they will go home, or not.

There was a good amount of food and a huuuuuge turnout.

Thank you to the Buckman's for hosting!

## Holiday Horseback Parade

Despite the influx of inflatable's and decorations that would make any horse scared, all the horses were on their best behavior in this years Holiday horseback parade!



Jordan Easterly, 8 years old, claimed her horse Luna was the best behaved horse and made it so much FUN to participate in the parade.



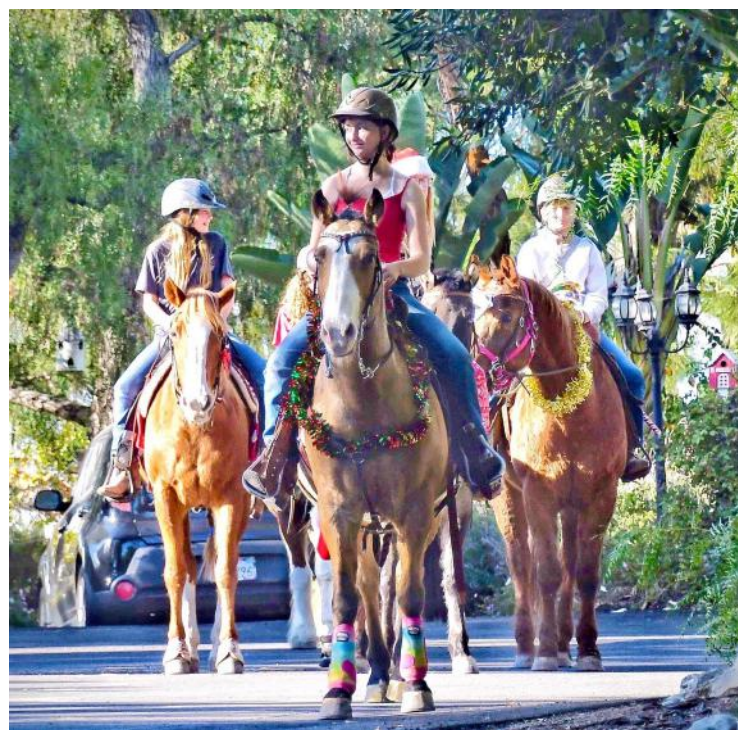
About 20 horses and riders were happily providing holiday cheer along the parade route this year. To their delight there were plenty of photo ops with plenty of neighbors sitting outside in their chairs.

Lots of passer-by's; workers, walkers and delivery-people stopped to video and take pictures as well, which made the event so much more enjoyable for the riders.





Madeline Marshall's horse was dancing to her own beat this year!



Thank you to Sarah Walter and Colton Klein who helped organize the Parade this year.



Charlotte Hoyne enjoyed singing with her friends! Next up for her is "America Got Talent".





## Time for Kids Questions!

Antoinette Killam headed out to talk about New Years and starting fresh. The topics discussed where; New Year's resolutions, anything they want to work on and try to improve or make better... The kids on the Lanes knew what they will be doing in 2024!!

### Emily Schneider, 6 years old:



I want to get better at the monkey bars at school. I'm going to do it every day so I get better. And basketball too! I want to do better.

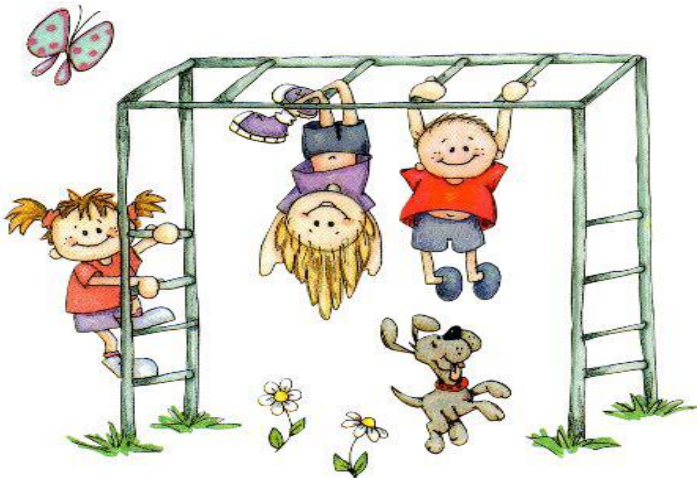
### Annabelle Schneider, 4 years old:



I would make listening to fireworks not hurt my ears! And, I'm gonna work harder at soccer.

### Miles Schneider, 3 years old:

I'd be 'Chase' the Paw Patrol guy for 3 days!



### Brooklyn Farrokh-Siar, 11 years old:



I am going to keep my room cleaner - in case I want to have a friend over. When I get dressed, sometimes I leave my hangers on the floor and keep my drawers open.



### Skylar Farrokh-Siar, 8 years old:

I am going to stretch more every day. I want to be more flexible - like for the splits





**Santino, 6 yrs old:**

I want to learn to make videos of animals. I have a lot of them...Maybe the animal battles.

**Layla Farrokh-Siar, 10 years old:**

Well, I love jaguars. I love the patterns and I want to figure out how to visit the Amazon rainforest!



**Katelyn Serpico, 16 years old:**

I want to be working on my grades and with my horse. I usually just take her out. I want to spend more time working with her mind.



**Ashley Pearce, 16 yrs old:**

I want to be saving money and not spending it on unnecessary things in the New Year.



**Jack Bandy, 17 yrs old:**

I want to focus on a healthier diet so that by the time I am old and my metabolism has caught up with me, I will still be healthy.

**Cathy Litchfield, 16 yrs old:**

I'm gonna be working on my grades. Junior year is stressful.



## Santa's Visit

Where do you park your sleigh, Santa? How exactly did you get it here? Matty Little, 4 years old had spent lots of time pondering sleigh logistics and was full of questions when Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived.

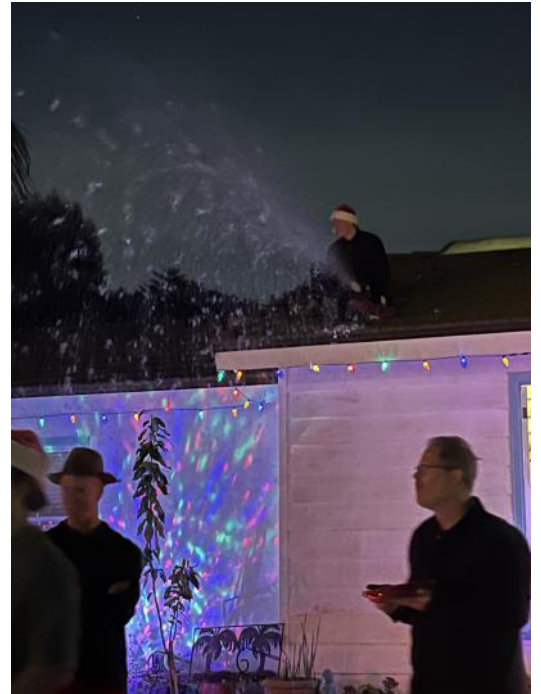


Another little girl wanted to know where Santa kept his reindeers during the visit on the Lanes.



Santa and Mrs. Clause said they were impressed with the holiday cheer and loved seeing all the neighborhood decorations!

Tristan Wattson wanted Mr. and Mrs. Clause to feel right at home, so he added to the Christmas ambiance with his rooftop snow making machine.



The Clause's made 37 stops on their three hour tour on the Lanes!! A lot of kids were on the Nice List!!



One of the kids hollered; "See you later Santa, when you bring me the rest of my presents!" to Santa's amusement.



Lincoln Lynch, 2 years old was a lot more excited to see Santa this year than he was last year. He's been telling his parents "I like Santa Clause" every day since his visit.

Theo Schmidt who was visiting the Hawke's at 47 Dapplegray yelled "Bye Santa, I love you!"



The Traffic patrollers tried to have the kids line up in "Naughty" and "Nice" lines before getting in the sleigh to get their presents. Knowing how many great kids live here, there was no surprise that no kiddos stood in the Naughty line.





Hunter Poulin was excited to find himself on the Nice List when Santa gave him a nice present!

Our Buckskin sweetheart Al Cherry who's always been on the Nice List was happy to see Santa.



Some of the adults were commenting on how good-looking Santa and Mrs. Clause were. Are the Clause's on that same December Fitness challenge that Babak and Brian have been on?



Charlotte Hoyne was happy that Santa and Mrs. Clause once again brought so much Christmas spirits to the Lanes! Jason Gallien and Grant Mogford were relieved to be on the Nice List.





Griffin and Charlotte Gallien concluded that there is no better place to grow up than right here, in the best neighborhood surrounded by the coolest neighbors!

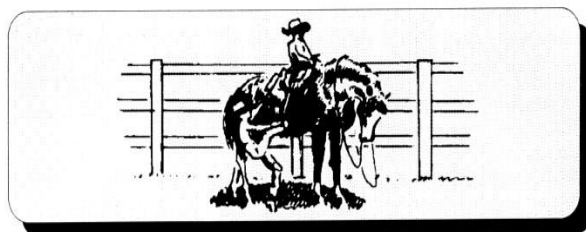


**Thank you to everyone who helped make the Lanes the most magical place to be this Holiday Season!**





*Thank you Santa and Mrs. Clause!!*



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