



# HOOFBEATS



The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter

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## DLPOA Board Meeting

**July 7th, 2021 at 7:30 pm**

Location: Community center

### DLPOA Calendar:

Pony Play date & Picnic	July 3rd
Epic Parade & Party	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
DLPOA Board Meeting	Aug 4th
Summer BBQ	Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>

### DLPOA Board of Directors

Babak Farrokh-Siar	President
Andrew Power	Vice President
Chrissy Meisterheim	Secretary
Julia Ambrose	Treasurer
Brian Little	Director
Robin Pick	Director
Joe Litchfield	Director

## FORTH OF JULY SCHEDULE:

**10 – 11 AM: Mailbox judging**  
Winners will be announced at the community center.



**11 – 12: Patriotic parade**  
Parade will start at 64 Dapplagray. Decorate your pets, wagons, bikes, golf carts, scooters and parade down to the community center!

**12:15: Drill team performance.**  
PV Jr Drill team will perform with music.

**12:00 – 3:00 BBQ!!**  
Food, games, cherry pit spitting, pie baking contest judging and lots of fun.

Contact Jenny Litchfield to help out:  
[Jennylitchfield4@gmail.com](mailto:Jennylitchfield4@gmail.com)

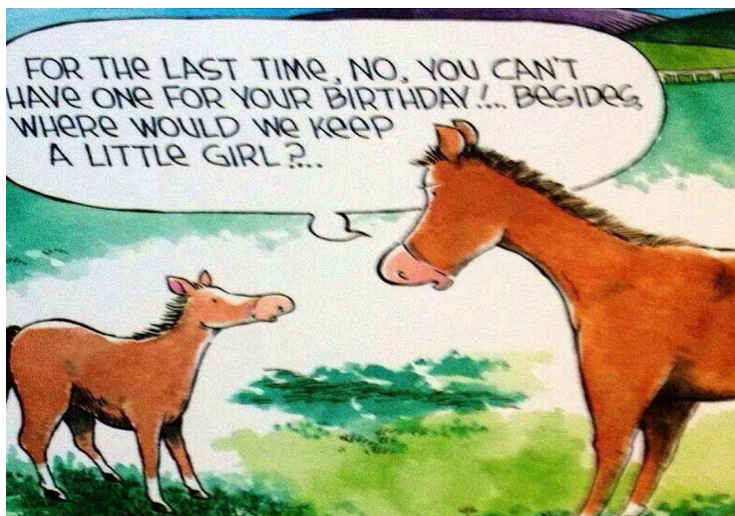


## Chucks Corner:



*Happy Birthday wishes this month to:*

**Eunice Berman, Kenny Brincat, Jim Hussey  
and Melissa MacCracken!**



**Congratulations  
to  
Alex Mogford  
and Shelton  
Washington on  
their nuptials!**



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**Congratulations  
on the  
beginning of  
your fairytale**”



**Shirley Kline**  
**January 13th 1930 - July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

Shirley grew up among relatives in the German community in Cincinnati. The family helped to found Martini Evangelical Reformed Church.



Shirley, her parents, and her grandparents attended church every week. Her grandfather started out delivering hardware in a wheelbarrow in Cincinnati Ohio. He was

smart and a hard worker. Eventually he owned his own hardware store. It was an absolutely dream of a hardware store. After he died Shirley's mother Margaret ran the store. Just before World War II Shirley's mother asked Shirley to order a dozen saws. Shirley by accident ordered 12 dozen. The net result was that Fries hardware had hand saws during World War II, when no one else had saws. Shirley was always lucky.

Shirley was an only child, a hard worker and perfectionist. She received a full scholarship to Wellesley where she got her first B instead of her usual A.

She decided to take a few years off and worked as a lab technician at Cincinnati General Hospital. While working in the lab she met her husband Frank. They were married over 67 years. It was a good marriage and two outstanding children were part of the result.

She was active in PTA and an avid equestrian. She owned and rode horses until she was in her 70s.

Shirley read music and was a fine choral singer. Later she sang in the St. Luke's choir. She was an exceptional seamstress. She made her own clothes and made shirts for Frank. She was a fine quilter and a member of the South Bay Quilting Society. She made friends that she kept for a lifetime.



Shirley founded, with Joe Lehman, The Palos Verdes Horseman's Association. She was their 1st president.

She was organized and disciplined and expected others to be the same. She was also an extremely kind and loving person once you got past the German perfectionist veneer.

Shirley and Frank have been members of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church for over 30 years. Shirley was at one time or another, a deacon, a member of the mission commission and she ran the program to make casseroles for the indigent and homeless.

Shirley is missed in the Lanes. Rest in peace.





### **The Lynch family Connor, Caroline and Lincoln**

Is there a requirement to wear pants for this interview asked Connor Lynch when I knocked on their door a Sunday afternoon?

Caroline was on the coach with 3 week old Lincoln when I arrived. Less concerned about pants and eager to discuss their most prized possession; a bassinet that moves on its own, which recently gifted them FOUR hours of uninterrupted sleep, Caroline wondered "now that we have reached "true adulthood" there should be some sort of prize or medal involved, right?!"

Connor and Caroline Lynch had just moved in June 1<sup>st</sup> and unpacked one measly box when much like the Buckman's on Buckskin, little Lincoln Lynch decided to make his entrance into this world, 3 weeks early. Wow, kids are so eager to experience the Lanes these days!

While living in Los Feliz and owning 2 horses they were looking for horse properties in La Canada. Connor was familiar with PV through some work friends that live here so when he took Caroline for a drive in the Lanes she asked "why have you never shown me this area before"?! 63 Buckskin has a barn that puts most college housing to shame and is the perfect spot for them!

Connor grew up in Santa Barbara and Georgia. Caroline grew up in Dallas, Texas where all of her family still lives. They were both working at O'Melveny & Myers law firm when they met. The firm was hosting a St. Patty's day event for all the associates and Caroline was looking for a pickle back partner. Connor was the cutest pickle back partner and asked her out on a date shortly thereafter. On their first date he made her burgers. These burgers must have been spectacular because they have not been apart since! According to Caroline, Connor is gifted in

the kitchen and will definitely participate in the upcoming Forth of July pie contest!

The Lynch family in addition to little Lincoln brought with them quite the entourage; their 4 year old Golden retriever Tyco, their cat Norbert and their 2 horses Johnny and Charlie. Chickens will be added soon. Caroline's big passion – besides Connors burgers – is horses. Connor likes to surf but pointed out that he's not good at it so maybe we shouldn't mention it... I assured him that we have plenty of not so good surfers in the Lanes (AJ?) so no need to worry about it!

They are also fierce Scrabble players and they both love oddball board games such as "Root" and "Bang". Connor confessed he is ready for the "Buckman Rager" this summer which they eagerly read about in Hoofbeats!



When they don't tend to their farm of animals, Connor works from home as an intellectual property attorney. Caroline is also an attorney but beats me what the heck she does... something with a lot of due diligence which she performs diligently.

Welcome to the Lanes - we are all looking forward to sampling your apple pie!

**An update  
from our  
HOA  
President:**



Howdy  
Neighbors,

Summer is finally here! Hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine with their friends and families.

Our June DLPOA meeting was brief, yet productive, and the POA is staying active with many ambitious projects. We are moving forward with the capital improvement project at the ring, making progress with the speed humps initiative, and several volunteers from the neighborhood are rallying behind the scenes for our 4th of July event. Overall, the POA is financially strong, and we are using our funds to make improvements to the safety on our street, to beautify our community, and to host fun events.

Over the last several months, we've had many new families move in. Welcome to all of you and look forward to you experiencing the magic of the Lanes. This is the best neighborhood - full of caring people, happy children, amazing animals, and peacocks, of course.

Finally, I can't wait to see everyone at our 4th of July celebrations! It's definitely one of the best traditions on the Lanes and I hope everyone can participate.

Looking forward to seeing you all and celebrating our amazing country's Independence Day.

God Bless America!

- Babak  
DLPOA President



**Annual DLPOA Dues**

You will receive your annual dues notice in the mail soon. **Why should I pay my dues** you may wonder...?

Well, the dues cover all of the following that we are *all responsible for* simply by living in this wonderful community:

- Insurance for our community center
- Property taxes for our community center
- City landscape fees
- Ring maintenance
- Trail maintenance
- New neighbor Welcome baskets
- Your favorite monthly paper – Hoofbeats!
- Sheriff Halloween patrol
- Security camera installment & upkeep
- Equipment to drag the riding ring
- Community events

Dues are collected each year on July 1<sup>st</sup> and are currently \$225.00

If you purchased your home prior to 1998, your dues remain the same as last year at \$200.

**How do I pay my dues?**

You can submit a payment using **Zelle** – which is available through most online banking platforms OR you can **make a check payable to "DLPOA" and place it in our mailbox at 85 Bucksin Lane.** You may also drop off your check to any of the current board members.

Easy breezy! Why don't you pay today before you forget and your name won't be included in the Thank you list in the November issue of Hoofbeats. Trust me, everyone will notice it.



## Patriotic Pony Play Date

**Saturday, July 3rd at 9am**



Come spend the day with us! Bring your own picnic down to the Community Center and watch all the fun horse activities or why not participate!

Events are organized per age bracket and

are age appropriate from novice to experienced riders.

We'll have a Patriotic Pony Parade, Stick Horse Race, Barn Yard Jumpers, Bareback Dollar Bill Rides and more!



Please see registration form on the last page.

Spectators highly encouraged!

Reach out to Kelly Yates for more information; 310-704-7226



## Forth of July in the Lanes

In 2009 a few families in the Lanes did their own little parade just for fun. Then in 2010, we brought the idea to the HOA Board and got the Parade approved as an official event!



Over the years we have had fly overs, made care packages for the troops, had various national anthem singers perform,



watched numerous cherry pit spitting champions set records, admired many drill team ponies performing, tasted fabulous apple pies and experienced lots of patriotic pageantry!

This year we will have our 11<sup>th</sup> Forth of July Parade in the Lanes! Hope you can all join us in the festivities!

## **COYOTE HAZING**

The sound of coyotes howling and yipping at night sometimes causes people concern and alarm. Some mistakenly believe howling /yipping indicates that a group of coyotes has made a kill.



While coyotes howl for a variety of reasons, it is not likely because they have downed prey. Doing so would draw attention and might attract competing coyotes or other predators to their location, which is not something a hungry coyote would want to do. Coyotes howl and yip primarily to communicate with each other

and establish territory. So despite those blood curdling sounds at night – nothing is being killed or eaten.

### **Here are some general rules to follow to keep your property safe from coyotes:**

- Avoid feeding pets outside. If you must, feed them only for a set time during the day (for no more than one hour) and remove the food bowl as soon as your pet has finished their meal.
- In dry conditions, water can be as alluring as food, so remove water bowls set outside for pets and empty watering cans.
- If you compost, use enclosed bins and never compost meat or fish scraps.
- Good housekeeping, such as regularly raking areas around bird feeders, can also help discourage coyote activity near homes.
- Remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Keep trash in high-quality containers with tight-fitting lids. Only place the cans curbside the morning of collection. If you leave them out overnight, they are more likely to be tipped and broken into.

### **Hazing tips:**

If you encounter a coyote on our trails of street, the simplest method of hazing a coyote involves being loud and large: Stand tall, wave your arms, and yell at the coyote, approaching them if necessary, until they run away. If a coyote has not been hazed before, they may not immediately run away when you yell at them. Do not stop until the coyote has left the area or you risk teaching the coyote that your hazing behavior is “normal,”

and is nothing to be concerned about.



- Hazing is most effective when an individual coyote is hazed by a variety of people using a variety of techniques.
- A coyote that is being hazed must be able to recognize that the potential threat is coming from a person. Therefore, hiding behind a bush and throwing rocks or hazing from inside your car isn't effective.
- You can use hazing techniques and tools for one animal or multiple animals. There is usually a dominant animal in the group who will respond, and others will follow her lead.
- Don't stop hazing after it's successful. Coyotes & pups could return to their unacceptable habits or behaviors if you stop.
- Share this information by teaching your family, friends, and neighbors how to haze coyotes too! The more people that get involved in hazing, the more quickly you will see results.



Lastly, you can report an aggressive coyote or recurring sightings, by contacting the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commission/Weights and Measures Department / Pest Management Division at **626.575.5462 or City Hall at 310.377.1577**

## SUMMER BREAK IS IN SESSION!!

I headed out to find out what fun plans the kids have and also how are they planning to make their parents proud during summer break?

**Effi Meisterheim, 6 yrs old:** We're going to Mammoth and Hawaii this summer. I like to scuba dive in Hawaii but this will be the first time I do it. I'm going to help mom with our farm this summer!



**Cole Patterson, 9 yrs old:** We're going to Montana this summer. I plan to do absolutely nothing – it's summer break, that's what you do!



**Hero Haeseler, 6 yrs old:**

I impress my parents by exercising a lot! I like to go to the Kramer club. I can jump off their diving board!



**Connor Patterson, 8 yrs old:** I'm going to Hollywood with my friend, not to be a movie star but I wish I was! I'm going to do the dishes for my mom this summer.



**Emily Weaver, 7 yrs old:** I'm going to spend time in the pool and go horseback riding on Cappy with my friend Liv!

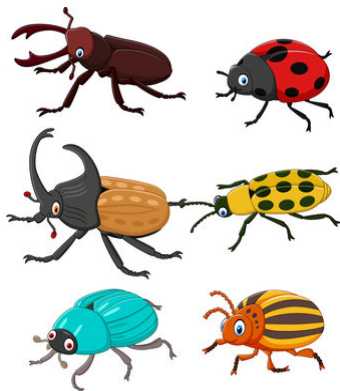


**Aidan Fleece, 8 yrs old:** I'm going to make my parents proud by working harder on my hockey and maybe some school work too. I'm looking forward to going to the beach with the family this summer.





**Loukas Meisterheim, 8 yrs old:** I'm going to write a book about insects. My favorite is the beetle. There are a lot of different species and I want to know all about their abilities. My first favorite beetle is the Stag beetle and my second favorite is the Hercules beetle. I'm going to take care of the Venus flytrap this summer.



*(Editors Note: We would all love to read about your beetle stories!)*

**Layla Farrokh-Siar, 7 yrs old:** I'm really excited for Fourth of July this summer. I like the Parade!



**Skylar Farrokh-Siar, 5 yrs old:** Going horseback riding! I'm helping mom by getting the eggs from the chickens!



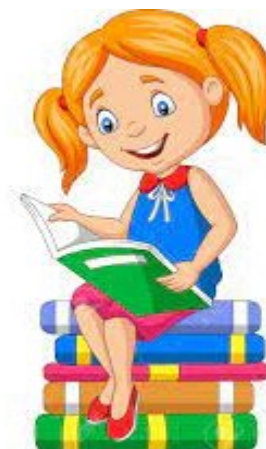
**Mason Fleece, 14 yrs old:** I'm looking forward to going to some hockey camps this summer and spending time with cousins. I will help my parents with our backyard project – it needs a lot of cleanup work!



**Noah Ali, 14 yrs old:** I'm looking forward to hanging out and walking around in the park with my friends. Maybe go to Six Flags. I started going to the gym to get in shape and that's already making my parents proud!



**Brooklyn Farrokh-Siar, 9 yrs old:** My summer plan is going to a Ranch, there's a bunch of things to do there. They have a Kids Zone with scavenger hunts. I'm going to make my parents proud by finishing my book series "The Babysitter's Club"!



# **Patriotic Pony Playdate - July 3rd 9am**

- \$20 Registration for each participant
- Checks or Cash upon arrival to DLPOA Or Zelle dlpoamembers@gmail.com (please note "patriotic pony playdate")

Events:

Circle all events in which participants wish to ride!

## **1) Patriotic Pony Parade**

Dress up your self and your pony, and maybe a lead line rider if you'd like, in your all American finest for our Patriotic Parade.....

## **2) Stick Horse Race** - no horse needed to participate! Ages 7 and under

Just the way it sounds! All participants receive their very own stick horse....and race on!

## **3) Barnyard Jumpers\*\*\*** - Small jump course, race for time

## **4) Champagne glass competition.....**Don't spill!

## **5) Clover Leaf Barrels \*\*\*** - Clover Leaf Barrel Pattern, race for time

## **6) Poles Relay** - Poles pattern race as a team of 3 or more, race for time

## **7) Bareback Dollar Bill** - It'll cost ya a buck to ride!

\*\*\*Events separated by age groups: Up to 8 (lead line allowed), 9-12, 13-16, 17+

All riders and spectators enjoy this fun day at your own risk!

Participants Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Participants signatures if 18+ \_\_\_\_\_

Under 18:

Parents name printed \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out & drop off forms to Kelly Yates @ 31 Buckskin or Jenny Litchfield @64 Dapplegray.