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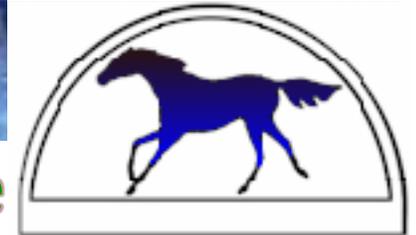
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CALENDER

- Lights ride -
Dec 17, 6pm
- Equestfest -
Dec 29, 10am
- Rose Parade -
Jan 1, 8am

President's Message

Merry Christmas. This is the season where our time and attention are drawn away from our equine partners. There are just a couple of thoughts I would like to share. First, there is a great deal of stress associated with this time of year and one way dealing with it is therapy, and there is no better therapy than horse therapy. Everyone who owns a horse I'm sure will agree with me. So when you are stressed and feeling the pressure of the season, go out and pick up horse poop, or groom your horse. If you want to make points with your neighbors, offer to relieve some of their stress and have them go pick up your horses poop. The next thought is working with your horse does not have to take hours, 10 minutes doing ground work helps keep your equine partner listening to you. "If you aren't training, you are un-training"

As many of you have heard, there was an issue with the bridges on the west side of the park, traversing over the concrete channels. The Public works Department was proposing the removal of all five bridges around the Heritage Park and replacing them with just one bridge located at the main entrance of the Heritage Park Equestrian Center. This was stated on a phone call to me by a city engineer as well as in person to Larry Henderson at a Public Works meeting on October 30, 2019. With the help of the community and members of ALRC we were able to mobilize the community and show significant opposition to the project. I want to thank all the people that showed up at the meeting as well as those that brought horses, and dogs to the council meeting on November 20th. Our opposition was heard and all modifications to the bridges have been tabled until January. The City Manager apologized for the miscommunication and said that the bridges on the west side of the park were still in good condition and were not scheduled for removal at this time. While I am cautiously optimistic that the city will not remove the bridges that so many of us use on a daily basis, I believe that we need to remain vigilant to insure that our trails and bridges are maintained or replaced if necessary. There was great deal of information posted online regarding the proposal if you need additional information. We do have a voice in the community, if we are willing to spend the time and effort necessary to make it heard. I want to thank the City Council for supporting the community. If any of you have any questions about what happened please feel free to contact me.

ALRC Elections. All Board positions are open and need to be filled in July of 2020. ALRC needs your help. I realize that you all love me and that I have been a great president. Unfortunately I am termed out and must leave my position. We need you help to run ALRC. Please contact any board member or me if you are interested in a board position for next year.

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Local Trail Rides

Barb De Witt and Pharaoh

Greetings and happy holidays! Thanksgiving gave us all the opportunity to show our thanks and count our blessings for this beautiful community in which we live, as well as for the phenomenal weather November brought with it.

On November 19, we held our second annual local ride to Mustang Sally's Tex-Mex Restaurant on Foothill Blvd, using our local trails all the way from Heritage Park. The five mile ride took our 17 rider procession about an hour and a half, as we are always willing to wait if the need arises. We had a total of 25 people eating bountiful breakfasts and lunches and drinking fabulous Bloody Mary's and bottomless Memosas.



Not only was everyone well satiated, but we were truly blessed by one of our members who paid for our entire party's meals! Totally incredible!!

Christmas is coming and so is our annual ride through the Christmas lights on Thoroughbred Street. Last year 23 riders and their horses made a beautiful display of Christmas cheer with our own parade of lights and holiday décor. It's amazing how much more you can see while riding rather than driving in a car. This year we will be leaving Heritage Park at **6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17,**



and returning around 8:30 for cookies and hot beverages. This will also be our quarterly general membership meeting. Please bring your favorite cookies to share and invite family, friends and neighbors. We are always thrilled when riders from other cities, such as Brea, Norco, Yucaipa, and other surrounding cities, join our rides and our meetings.



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Speaking of local trails.....I think most of you have heard of the city's intention to not only discontinue more services to Heritage Park, but to eventually do away four out of the 5 bridges around the park as they become deemed unsafe. They plan on making the 3 bridges leading into the equestrian parking lot (equestrian, vehicle, and pedestrian) into one multi-use bridge. The many users of these bridges and the trail system, including the washed out trail around Canyon Creek Ranch, made a very impressive showing at the city council meeting on Wednesday, November 20. Many citizens voiced their concerns about safety and the benefits to our community of having an extensive, connective trail system, which includes these bridges. Many more would have spoken if we hadn't run out of time. The immediate outcome is, instead of voting on the bridges plan at the very next city council meeting on December 4, they are going to do some more research and postpone the vote until the end of January or beginning of February. With numbers, we can make a difference!



Tournament of Roses Parade

2020's Rose Parade will be a special one for a couple of our members. Dr. Susanne Lanini and Amanda Waterfield-Gibson will be riding their horses with the Arabian Horse Association . This will be the 2nd time for Susanne and the 5th time for Amanda. Both riders and horses had to show they had experience with parades and public events and then wait for months to see if the group was finally accepted. This is a great honor and both are looking forward to it. Check them out on TV starting at 8am on New Year's Day or if you're feeling brave, come on down to the parade and watch in person. You can also come and see all the horses at Equestfest at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center on December 29th at 10am.



ALRC MEMBERSHIP!!!

Do you know someone who might like to be a member of the Club? Remember the club is not just for horse owners, it is for anyone who loves our rural living! Please remember that without the Alta Loma Riding Club we would lose a lot of our large animal rights. There are many other special interests that would love to have the facilities the we have at Heritage Park. The bridle trails that traverse our city were campaigned for by the Club when our area starting developing. We are working on an on-line version of our membership application and paying through PayPal for your convenience. We'll keep you updated as to when it is available.

Good Riding and hope to see many of you on the trails and at events throughout the year.

Ali Smilgis - Membership Director

Membership Application

Membership is only \$30 /year for the whole family and its time to renew

Please fill out the application and send it with a check to Alta Loma Riding Club P.O. Box 8116 Alta Loma, CA 91701

If there is no change to anything for a renewal, just write NO CHANGE for address, email, phone, etc

Name: _____

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Signature of applicant(s) _____

Welcome Members

Thank you to our members for your support and membership. Remember you can pay your dues on PayPal (use the friend/Family), but you have to still send in your paperwork.

NEW MEMBERS:

Ted & Patty Lange

Linda & Darren Morgan

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