



BC Bulletin

February 2019

Canyon Highlights February 1 - March 1

- ◆ Feb 4, 4PM: Knitters and Crocheters
- ◆ Feb 10, 1PM: Heart2Heart
- ◆ Feb 12, 7PM: BCAC meeting
- ◆ Feb 14, 7PM: BCA BOD meeting
- ◆ Feb 20, 10AM: Book Club*
- ◆ Feb 25, 7PM: CSD meeting
- ◆ Feb 26, 7PM: BCAC meeting
- ◆ Feb 29: Happy 50th Birthday, BCA!

*Subject to change

Hearts to Herald Helping Hands

On February 10th, the Bell Canyon Community Services District and the BCA Kids Committee will host the first-ever Bell Canyon Heart2Heart. Originally intended as a service opportunity for BCA youth to send cheer to local hospitals, the event was redirected after the fire to give Bell Canyon residents a way to thank firefighters in a fun, communal atmosphere. Ms. Kika Wilson will be in the BCCC Courtyard at 1PM with cards, glitter, paint, and other materials to help anyone—kid or adult—who wants to make personalized cards for one of the many fire teams who worked in Bell Canyon. Other highlights of the afternoon include a do-it-yourself cocoa bar, a photo booth featuring a friendly neighborhood Adventuress and Pirate, and the chance to meet some of the local first responders in person.



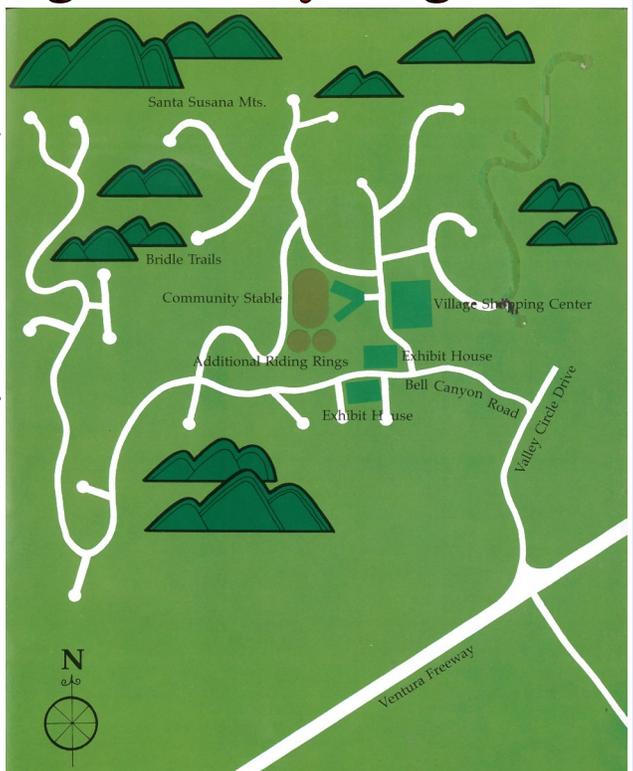
For those who want to help, teens are needed to help decorate, run tables, and address envelopes. Committee community service hours are accepted at most local schools, and interested teens or parents can contact Bri in the BCA office for more information and signups. The Committee is also looking for pictures of firefighters from the fire itself, which can be emailed to reception@bellcanyon.com. ■

50 Years: Bell Canyon's Big Birthday Begins

On February 28, 1969, the Woodland Hills Country Estates officially came into existence. Later rebranded the Bell Canyon Association, the Association has grown from a collection of empty lots to the vibrant, picturesque community it is today. In honor of the 50th anniversary, the Bell Canyon Bulletin will run a monthly article focusing on some of the biggest moments in Bell Canyon's history, culminating in a special edition for the big birthday celebration at the end of summer 2019.

Bell Canyon Association began as a project of the Spruce Land Company, a subsidiary of the Boise Cascade Corporation, in the hopes of capturing some of the ranch fever sweeping the country during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Its history, though, stretches back thousands of years: a Chumash village near the mouth of Bell Creek served as a meeting place for the Chumash, Tongva, and Tataviam tribes.

In the 1790s, lime quarried from Bell Canyon was used to produce bricks for Mission San Fernando. After serving as a line station for vaqueros, spring grazing grounds for roaming herds, and even a stagecoach stop, the ranch became part of the Hearst Simi Ranch, which covered 37,000 acres, in 1925. The Hearst Ranch operated not just as a cattle ranch, but as an equestrian one as well.



A map from Bell Canyon's promotional magazine showing the original buildings: the Community Center, Equestrian Center, and 2 model homes, all by architect Cliff May

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Traffic Violations: How, What, Why?

Over the last year, you may have received a letter in your mailbox with a header referencing speeding, stop signs, or both. Perhaps you or a Bell Canyon friend have received notice of a Traffic Hearing after a second violation. Or maybe you've just seen the BCA Patrol car and speed radar and silently wondered, what the heck do they do with that information? Well, here's a quick rundown of the BCA traffic rules, the violations procedure, and the penalties associated with each violation.

When you sign the card to get a transponder on your car, you can see that this is a promise to follow all of Bell Canyon's speed limits, stop signs, and other posted traffic markings. So far, so simple. If the speed radar or our traffic officer catches a vehicle violating the rules, the still or video goes to the office, where they look at a few different things. The first is who the car belongs to: was it a resident, a visitor, or a vendor? This is important, as resident cars are the responsibility of a property owner, while visitor or vendor cars are the responsibility of the visitor. For visitors, the office will still notify the property owner, but any potential penalties will be the responsibility of the visitor.

After determining ownership, the office will notify the property owner of the violation, whether it's speeding more than ten miles over the limit, or failing to stop at a stop sign. If the property is a rental, then the letter goes to both owner and tenants.

If no other violations are made by that household within a year, then the



AT A GLANCE: Violation Types

Most traffic violations get broken down into four categories:

- Speeding, Resident
- Speeding, Visitor
- Stop Sign, Resident
- Stop Sign, Visitor

In order to progress to a second violation and a hearing, a household must have **two of the same violation**. If the violations are by a visitor, it must be the same visitor, going to the same house.

process ends there. If, however, a second violation in a 12-month period occurs, then things get a little more complicated. Once again, the office determines ownership of the car. If the previous violation was by a resident, and the new violation is also by a resident, then the violation potentially counts as violation #2. The same goes for two violations by one visitor.

privileges in the Canyon may be suspended.

The violations are then looked at by type. If the new violation is a different type of violation—say, the first was failing to stop at a stop sign and the second is going 50 MPH on Bell Canyon Road—then it is treated as a first violation. If, however, the violations are the same type, then it counts as the second violation, and a hearing is scheduled. Owners are notified by mail and email, and may address the violations in-person at the hearing or through a written statement. If the violations continue, the fine amount increases, and, eventually, driving

So what should you, as a resident or owner in Bell Canyon, really take away from all this? First, remember that all of this is irrelevant if you follow the posted speed limits and traffic signs. The easiest way to deal with a traffic violation is not to get one! Second, understand that resident violations add up regardless of who drove what car when. If Owner A. Jones gets two speeding violations, that means a hearing; if Resident C. Jones gets a speeding violation and then Resident F. Jones gets a speeding violation, that also means a hearing, and a potential fine for Owner A. Jones. Finally, know that the Association sends out hundreds of letters a month: speeding and ignoring stop signs are rampant issues, and ones that will only improve with everyone's help. ■

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Continued from page 1 It was this long tradition of ranching, horsemanship, and wilderness that inspired the Spruce Land Company's design. They set about planning a community where miles of trails, a brand-new equestrian center, and "houses which sit well with the land, which are enriched by nature, which enjoy seclusion...and which provide for their occupants all the comforts of modern living in a secluded setting," would encourage busy Angelenos to relax and explore a more agrarian lifestyle. ■