

# ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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AUGUST 2019



## CALENDER

- Aug 17 - Trailer out
- Aug 21 - City Council Meeting
- Aug 24 - Night of the Horse
- Oct 5 - Beer Tasting
- Oct 20 - Open/ Mustang Show

## President's Message

ALRC Members, as many of you are aware, The Almond Trail, next to the Canyon Creek Board and Care Facility, was washed out and has been closed for several months. While ALRC has been discussing the issue with the city, they have been unable to give us a schedule of when the trail will be available for use. This is a major trail in the city for equestrians, hikers, runners, and cyclists. The ALRC will be attending the second Council Meeting in August, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm, to let the City Council know how important this trail is for the community. We will also request a time frame for when the trail is expected to be available for use. All who use the trail system should attend the meeting to emphasize the importance of the Almond Trail. There is also a petition being circulated for concerned community members to sign regarding the Almond Trail, you may find a link on the ALRC Facebook page.

ALRC is hosting a beer tasting event on October 5, please save the date. Invitations will be sent out soon. This is a social event / barbeque. There will be two beer experts to explain the different types of beers, some history of the beers and brief explanation of the flavors.

ALRC is hosting an open horse show on October 20, please save the date. This will include a variety of classes for all experience levels and will also include some mustang only classes. Details will be in next months newsletter, as well as updates posted on the ALRC Face Book page and website.

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## Trailer Out to Border Field State Park

It's that time of year again. The heat is upon us. Let's head to the beach to ride. A trailer out ride has been planned to Border Field State Park in the San Diego area on the border of Mexico and California. It's an all day adventure. Roughly a 2.5 hour drive. The weather is significantly cooler and it's truly is an experience. We will depart Heritage park at 8 am on August 17. Pack a lunch. There is a possibility of a dinner stop on the way home. All is up for discussion. Text me at (909)477-9644 for any questions and to confirm. Let's Ride!!!

Barry Berg



## Fire season is coming

With the heat comes fires. Our hill received lots of rain this winter and the plant life exploded. Now, with it getting hotter and dryer, they are drying out. Here are some reminders for the fire season and what you should do:

1. Have ID information for your horses - keep these close to your horse's stall so it can be grabbed in an emergency. This should include information on your horse including any medical conditions your horse may have, your contact information and photos of your horse from all sides to use for identification
2. Clear areas around your home - make sure you have a cleared space (20-100ft) around your home/barn. This fire break will make it harder for the embers to reach your property.
3. Have an evacuation plan - have a set plan for your family and pets. Have an idea of where you will go/meet. Have important documents in a location where you can access them. Have a kit that includes 5-10 days of all prescription medications.
4. When you are told to leave, leave. - If you are wondering if you should evacuate, the answer is probably yes. You create more of a hindrance if you wait, esp if you have horses who may not like getting in the trailer (they get stressed if you are stressed).

## RIDING RULES FOR OLDER HORSEWOMEN

1) We DO NOT need to show up with our hair combed and wearing makeup and a clean shirt.

2) Moaning, groaning and complaining about aching muscles is perfectly acceptable, as is taking Motrin (or something stronger) prior to a ride.

3) Helping someone on or off the horse does not mean the rider is an invalid. It only means the horse got taller overnight.



4) No one will comment about how big someone's butt looks in a saddle.

5) Everyone will wait patiently while someone dismounts and adjusts equipment. They will also wait patiently until that person re-mounts and is ready to move on--no matter how long that takes.

6) When a horse is acting up, we will just accept that it is having a bad hair day - it is not the rider's fault.



7) Mentioning that it is too hot, too dry, too humid, too cold, too wet, too buggy, etc., is considered self-expression, not whining.



8) Wanting to be first, last, walk, or just stop does not mean the rider is a wimp. Sometimes it is necessary to teach a horse who is in charge.

9) We will take time to discuss the important issues of the day, like who is dating who, who is cheating on who and any other relevant information that needs to be passed on.

10) We will acknowledge that horses are very strange animals and that sometimes, for no reason at all, we fall off of them. If this happens to any rider, the other riders will ascertain that the person is okay and then not mention the incident to another living soul, especially husbands and significant others.



11) Our horses are not fat, they are "well loved."

12) We need to keep this riding thing mysterious and strange-sounding. If everyone finds out how much fun it is, the price of horses will go up and we will not be able to afford a dozen of them.

13) If we want, we can show up in english helmets and boots and ride in a western saddle if we feel like it so we can take more stuff with us and no one is allowed to make comments.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement: The Alta Loma Riding Club (ALRC) is not responsible and assumes no liability for any personal injury, property damage, or theft occurring on the ALRC premises or club activity. The undersigned waives any and all claims against the ALRC, officers, sponsors or members.

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.

### RENEWALS:

Janice & Robert Elliot  
Patty & Randy Ludwig  
Libby & Tim Martin  
Patricia & Laurent Martres  
Jack & Mary O'Neil  
Peggy Repp  
Alice Waters  
Ralph Williams

### NEW MEMBERS:

Christy Flores & Carlos Tovares  
Gna Barker-Foster  
Keri Hinojos  
Molly Jenks  
Kara Haulman Recia & Family  
The Saugstad Family  
Linda Yount  
Heather David  
Jerry Perez

### Local Trail Rides

Heat, heat, heat!! It sure makes it hard to get in a good ride. Hopefully you're able to find time in the early morning or later in the evening. Or maybe you're looking forward to the trailer out this month to Imperial Beach to ride in the ocean breezes. I know I found my week at Montana de Oro at Morro Bay was very refreshing. My next local ride will be over to the Deer Creek development on the east side of Haven. We will ride on the luscious green bridal paths that run in front of the houses where there is plenty of shade. Please meet us at Heritage Park at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 7. We will leave no later than 10 and the ride will last 2 ½- 3 hours. I am always looking for routes that may be different than most would ride on a daily basis, so please send me any ideas you think would be fun for others to learn about; or invite me to ride along with you!

Happy trails!  
Barb and Pharaoh  
909-238-0336

### **ALRC – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you interested in helping maintain the Heritage Park Equestrian Center? All interested Alta Loma Riding Club Members are urged to help in making and keeping this unique Community Amenity a Facility we can all be proud of for generations to come. Volunteers if desired will be trained on City equipment to handle arena and round pen maintenance. Other opportunities include building maintenance and repair, Grounds clean up and dumping of trash. If you have a desire to help, have skills, or want to learn new ones (like operate a Tractor) please complete the following steps:

1. **Be a member of the Alta Loma Riding Club.**
2. **Complete the ReadyRC volunteer application at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=401740201&OR=1>**

Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know via email ([lhenderson62@outlook.com](mailto:lhenderson62@outlook.com)) or text me at (909) 226-3956 when you have submitted a Volunteer Application so I can monitor the status of the team.

# Heritage Park Equestrian Center

## A Multiuse Equestrian Facility

Located at

5546 Beryl, Alta Loma, CA 91701



### Amenities

- Show office
- Concession stand
- Arena lighting
- Bathrooms
- 2 arenas  
S - 295' x 150'  
N - 220' x 90'
- PA system
- Water
- Hitching posts
- Trailer parking
- Trail access
- Jumps
- Dressage court

### Rental Rates

\$150/6hr—including both arena and grounds fees

Kitchen \$50/event

Multipurpose room \$50/event

Cleaning deposit \$150—refundable

### Contact

Alta Loma Riding Club  
P.O.Box 8116, Alta Loma, CA 91701  
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Larry Henderson (909) 226-3956

## **Etiwanda Heights Sphere Annexation Project.**

**August 28, 2019 at 7PM the Planning Commission will consider the Etiwanda Heights Sphere Annexation Project.** As you may remember the ALRC Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose this project. The reasons for this action are as follows:


1. The Plan proposed for this Project would undermine the Equestrian Overlay Zone within the boundaries of this area. The Equestrian Overlay zone has been a basic policy protection that has been in place by the City General Plan and Zoning for over 30 years. The Equestrian Overlay's adoption can be traced back to the original City Incorporation goals, which included policy protection of the equestrian life style for the areas generally north of Banyan Street and include the Sphere of Influence. The allowing of lots zoned for reduced size that will not allow equestrian use severely damages the existing overlay intent and purpose.
2. The creation of a new Specific Plan is unnecessary and in complete contradiction to the existing Etiwanda North Specific Plan. The existing ENSP is in full compliance with the Equestrian Overlay. If (the evidence is still out) there are changes needed then consider amending the existing ENSP, since the existing zoning has been successfully implemented for the most part.
3. The proposed Project includes significant areas that are already in the City (and have been since the original 1977 incorporation. There is no reason to include them except to reduce the overall density of the proposed Project.
4. A Wildland Fire Interface Study needs to be submitted and reviewed by the subsidiary Rancho Cucamonga Fire District as was required under the Etiwanda North Specific Plan. This area burned in the last 2 major Wildland Fires that hit this area. Does the City really want to pack this area with large structures and commercial establishments thereby increasing the Fire Risk? Fire response times are already bad in this area will this Plan make the situation worse?
5. The addition of significant residential and commercial development proposed Project Plan will impact water resources. How can the City consider increasing the level of consumption of this highly limited resource? Will the additional homes equate to higher water prices through CCWD? Development of this Plan will significantly impact the current level of water recharge that the existing open space provides.
6. The City has chosen not to consider dealing with the stalled Equestrian Overlay Impact Fee issues (\$626,000 collected) by amending the ENSP to allow the Equestrian Center called for previously in the Etiwanda North area to be used to enhance the existing Heritage Park Equestrian Center. Or build the Equestrian Center in the area it was originally designated.
7. The proposed Plan does not address planned trails and missing trail connections at the Regional and Community Trail levels. (This was previously called out at the Community Meeting at Central Park on April 19, 2018) Residents wanted multi-use trails for horses, bikes and pedestrians. The Plan does not contain provisions for equestrian trail usage. How will Trails be implemented (timing and responsible parties)? The existing general Trails statement in this Plan is insufficient, the City's terrible performance in the implementation of trails and facilities in the Etiwanda North Plan has established a negative precedence.
8. The Proposed Plan regulatory provisions of a "Form Based" type that is not user friendly or transparent. Form Based zoning requires extensive staff training to implement and is contrary to existing zoning types currently used in the City. The Plan avoids the use of City established zoning classifications e.g., Subarea Labels instead of Very Low, Low, or Mixed Use designations. The Plan is full of technical nonsense as to question whether City Planning Staff or the public can understand or use it appropriately.
9. The Proposed Plan is slanted to allow Developers to interpret and the City Manager to support provisions of the Plan above the needs or desires of the Community Residents. At the April 19 Community Meeting, according to the City summary, "Most groups expressed a preference (if housing is necessary) for low density housing; large lot zoned homes (1/2 acre minimum, estates, equestrian estates and large-lot suburban homes)

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10. Cross section exhibits depict the use of secondary alleys and drives for development. This is contrary to years of City policy to eliminated existing features of this type as an economic drain on City maintenance funds. Why change now. Or are these exhibits because this plan is a borrowed boiler plate plan from another area like Moreno Valley? Since when has out City borrowed other's plans.
11. We urge the Planning Commission to request an analysis comparing this new Plan to the existing Etiwanda North Plan to see if this is an improvement or detriment to the Community.
12. This Plan was managed by the City Manager's Office and only recently transferred to the Planning Department. This Plan and the Management thereof has led to a majority of the Senior Planning Staff leaving the City and creating a hostile atmosphere not only in the City Staffing but in the Community as well. Is this Plan worth the damage it has created in Rancho Cucamonga – A City that used to be known and respected as a "City with a Plan"?
13. Significant General Plan Amendments are needed to comply with State Planning Law requiring consistency between the General and Specific Plans. In accordance with City Policy when and where was the Combined City Council and Planning Commission Workshop/s held to discuss the needed General Plan Amendments? When will all proposed General Plan Amendment Maps and exhibits be provided for public review and comment?
14. Public Safety Element this Plan is inadequate with regards to evacuation and response times. Also even the limited amount of equestrian lots provided in the Plan requires a Large Animal Evacuation component . A Draft EIR for the 110 lot Carrari Ranch Project contained a City required detail Safety Element that included this elements as well as the impact of response times for areas outside the Fire Danger area. The City is now requiring less analysis for an even larger Project with significantly more risk.

Please plan on attending the Planning Commission Meeting to make your voices heard. For more information go to <https://www.cityofrc.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=34514>



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