

# Looking Forward BY REFLECTING BACK



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We had a fantastic holiday season last year as we celebrated **70 years** of Light Up festivities in the Ranch! The anticipatory buzz could be felt throughout our community as neighbors and households either participated for the first time or refreshed their decorations, allowing visitors (many of them returning) to kick off the holidays with a new level of excitement. There was hot chocolate, "real" snow, celebrity sightings (Carter Oosterhouse, anybody?), spontaneous caroling, hollers of "Merry Christmas!" from children (and their parents!), Santa sightings, shared awe over a miniature Christmas village (complete with a working railroad track and monorail!), and more! And of course, who can forget the spectacular light show, life-sized color-changing angel wings, and large crowds surrounding the Harbeck residence...winners of The Great Christmas Light Fight?! As we look forward to another season of lights, we hope you will find renewed inspiration from the sentiments of a few of our younger visitors!

*"I like to get here before Santa does." - Haddon, age 4*

*"Is Santa's house the big one on the hill?" - Izzy, age 5*

*"I think our family has been coming since my grandpa had hair. So, a long time." - overheard on Cartoonight*

*"I love visiting our relatives here every Christmas...it's so fun and it beats our boring neighborhood!" - Sophie, age 13*

*"One day I'm going to buy a house here and only live here in December. The other months I'll be in Bora Bora." - Natalie, age 17*

<p><i>UHRA Annual Meeting</i>  <b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 6:30 P.M.</b>          Don Benito Auditorium/Multipurpose Room          3700 Denair St. (Entrance on Valley View)</p>	S P E A K E R S	<p>Gene Masuda, District 4 Pasadena Council Member          Miguel Márquez, Pasadena City Manager          Deputy Chief Art Chute, Pasadena Police Dept.          Fire Chief Chad Augustin, Pasadena Fire Dept.          Jody Johnson &amp; Debbie McGinley, UHRA Block Captains</p>
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## 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting	Wednesday, November 1
Block Captain Fall Luncheon	Saturday, November 4
Holiday Light Up	Saturday, Dec 9-Dec 30, 2023

## CONNECT WITH UHRA

<b>Facebook</b>	facebook.com/UHRAPasadena
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# UHRA Annual Meeting WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Our Upper Hastings Ranch Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Don Benito Auditorium/Multipurpose Room again this year, starting at 6:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get updated and learn more from our esteemed speakers about local initiatives that impact us as residents. There will also be time for Q&A discussions. Come enjoy some coffee with your neighbors and participate in our 50/50 raffle. We'll even have Rose Parade tickets as door prizes! In addition, if you haven't paid your 2023 dues yet, there is still time to do so and someone will be available to help you with that (collecting your dues, not paying them for you!). Please join us for this highly informative and engaging meeting. We hope to see you there!

**SPEAKER LINEUP** *(Subject to change without notice.)*

- Gene Masuda, District 4 Pasadena Council Member
- Miguel Márquez, Pasadena City Manager
- Deputy Chief Art Chute, Pasadena Police Dept.
- Fire Chief Chad Augustin, Pasadena Fire Dept.
- Jody Johnson & Debbie McGinley, UHRA Block Captains

*UHRA Annual Meeting*  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.**  
 Don Benito Auditorium/Multipurpose Room  
 3700 Denair St. (Entrance on Valley View)

## Don Benito Highlights BOBCAT NEWS AND HOW TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOL



**New Principal**

Our Don Benito Bobcats have started this school year under the leadership of a new Principal. John Maynard has served in PUSD for 24 years as a teacher, Behavioral Response to Intervention Coach, and assistant principal at Altadena Elementary, Eliot Middle School, and McKinley K-8. Most recently, he has served as assistant principal at Altadena/Eliot Arts Magnets, overseeing day-to-day operations at the elementary site. He replaces Dr. Merle Bugarin who is returning to serve English Learners at the district level.

"I'm very excited," Maynard said. "Don Benito has a great history. It's been known to be a great school in the Pasadena area for a very long time. To be able to work with a veteran staff who cares deeply about students is great. We can see how we can push forward and rise up to new heights."

We couldn't agree more. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Maynard!

**UPCOMING DON BENITO SCHOOL TOURS**

- Thursday, Oct 12 9:15-10:15 am
- Thursday, Nov 9 9:15-10:15 am
- Thursday, Dec 14 9:15-10:15 am

**2023 UHRA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Honorary Mayor (President)        | Kathy Gregg      |
| Vice President                    | Denise Arnst     |
| Block Captain Chairperson         | Kjell Kling      |
| Secretary/Recording               | Sheri Whalen     |
| Historian/Corresponding Secretary | Tiffany Gardner  |
| Treasurer                         | Jolean Matsumoto |

**WE'RE ON NEXTDOOR!**

UHRA shares information on Nextdoor.com. It's free and private. Please join us there to get news, ask questions, or share concerns about the neighborhood. We have more than 900 members so far and are growing daily!

# The Final Countdown

## PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL LIGHT UP DECEMBER 9-30

Are you and your block ready to get lit? There are only a few weeks before the UHRA Light Up begins! Keep an eye on our events calendar as Light Up gets closer! <https://upperhastingsranch.org/events> The effort of all of the neighbors in the Ranch is what makes this event successful. We hope everyone will participate this year and that homes will be beautifully lit by the time Light Up begins on Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. If you won't be home to turn your lights on, please consider using a timer. We had a great turnout last year for our 70th, and expect more visitors will return on Light Up's "opening night" to kick off their holiday season. Let's make sure their first impression is "WOW"!

### Residents' Choice:

YOU are the judges for the 4th annual "Residents' Choice" Light Up award! Just email the address of your favorite house display to UHRAPasadena@gmail.com and write "Light Up: Residents' Choice" on the subject line. Voting is open from December 9th through December 12th. Other award categories are *Humor & Imagination, Best Use of a Theme, Religious, Best Use of Lights, and the Mayor's Award.*

UHRA HOLIDAY LIGHT UP SCHEDULE 2023	
Saturday, Dec. 9th 6 p.m.	First night of Holiday Light Up
Monday, Dec. 11th 6 p.m.	Pre-judging
Wednesday, Dec. 13th 6 p.m.	Judging by Community Leaders Last day to vote for Residents' Choice
Friday, Dec. 15th 6 p.m.	Snoopy Parade Delivery of all awards
Saturday, Dec. 30th	End of Light Up

Special consideration is given to new and updated displays so please let us know about any new and improved displays on your block! Email UHRAPasadena@gmail.com by December 10th with the addresses of the homes that have created a new display or upgraded an existing one. If your block has a new parkway display this year, let us know that too! And we would especially love to know who is participating in Light Up for the very first time. Thank you for being our eyes and ears!

### Winners:

Light Up winners must be current members of UHRA. Upper Hastings Ranch residents, whether they own or rent, are considered members of the Association as long as their 2023 dues have been paid. Annual dues are \$20 (see pg.7). If you have any questions, please call Kathy Gregg or Jolean Matsumoto (Holiday Light Up Chairs) for further clarification.

### Snoopy Award:

All children under 15 years of age who put a display in their front yard are in the running to win a coveted Snoopy award. Snoopy won't mind if parents help! Please put "Snoopy Participant" on a sign next to the display. Parents, please fill out the Snoopy Participant form or submit a sheet of paper with your children's names and ages as well as parents' names, address and cell phone so we can contact you with any questions. Drop your completed form in Kathy Gregg's mailbox so that Santa knows to visit the Snoopy Participants on Friday night, December 15th after 6 p.m. Please call Kathy at (626) 824-6703 with any questions. The wooden bells and Snoopys that are given out for awards are to be left on your front porch area by New Year's Day. Board members will pick them up the first week of January.

Did your son or daughter (15 or younger) create a decoration for your Holiday Light Up display? Fill out the entry form below so that s/he can win a Snoopy Award and a visit from Santa Claus. Only residents who have paid their 2023 UHRA dues are eligible.

### UHRA 2023 SNOOPY ENTRY FORM

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver by mail, email or in person to:  
Kathy Gregg • 1290 Daveric Dr, Pasadena CA 91107 • kaaath74@yahoo.com  
Must be received by Wednesday, December 13, 2023

# National Night Out OH WHAT A NIGHT...

Thank You to all our residents for coming out to the National Night Out event. It seemed like everyone was having fun connecting with neighbors and enjoying the food and music. A special thank you to Walker Williams for hosting this wonderful event for our community. We would also like to thank Paul, Mas, Jolean, Denise, Jeff, Hannah, Emmanuel, Victoria, Tiffany R., Kathy, Bella, Matthew, and Maggie Foley for helping with the set-up, food, beverages, and take-down for this event. Lastly, a huge thank you to our Councilman Gene Masuda and the Pasadena Police Department for coming to our event and providing our residents and children with a fun experience!



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# Movie Night in the Park SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

September 23 was a pleasant Fall evening to be in Hamilton Park with friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy UHRA's Annual Free Movie Night, featuring the Oscar-winning animated film Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse. Kids of all ages enjoyed the colorful visuals, great storyline, and energetic music. The UHRA Board works with Under the Stars Events to bring the giant inflatable screen, and Councilmember Gene Masuda and Field Rep Noreen Sullivan support our event by subsidizing some of the park fees and supplying the delicious free popcorn. Don Benito PTA sold cakepops, glow sticks, and soda to support the Class of 2024. Thank you to all the UHRA board members who helped with the popcorn, and thank you neighbors for paying your dues which allows us to host these fun community events!



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# *Block Captains Needed* BLOCK CAPTAINS ARE THE HEROES OF THE RANCH

Block Captains are the glue that holds our wonderful community together, keeps neighbors informed, and enables us to pull off wonderful events like our upcoming annual Holiday Light Up. If you have driven around the Ranch during Light Up and seen blocks that are dark with no parkway displays, you can bet that the block probably doesn't have a captain. Co-captains are welcome too, so if your block is listed below and you don't want to do the job alone, consider job sharing with another member of your household or one of your neighbors!

- 1) Block #38 - Crestview Dr (923 – 1030)
- 2) Block #44 - Cynthia Ave, Sierra Madre to Valley View Ave (915 – 1015)
- 3) Block #9 - Denair (3675 – 3895) plus Don Benito Ct.
- 4) Block #8 - Edgeview Dr (3760 – 3895)
- 5) Block #11 - Hastings Ranch Dr, above Valley Lights to Carriage House (1540 – 1675)
- 6) Block #23 - Upper Rexford Ave, Alegria to Denair (1240 – 1435)
- 7) Block #14 - Riviera Dr (1440 to 1585)
- 8) Block #37 - Riviera Dr, Sierra Madre Bl to Cartwright (920-1065)
- 9) Block #5 - Skycrest Dr (3824 – 3938)
- 10) Block #35 - Tropical Ave, Cartwright to Alegria (115 - 1235)
- 11) Block #33 - Valley View Ave, Cartwright to Alegria (1075 – 1235)

*Interested?*

Contact Kjell Kling:  
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or Denise Arnst:  
dkarnst@charter.net  
**OR COME TO THE FALL  
BLOCK CAPTAIN  
LUNCHEON!**  
(details on pg.7)

## *UHRA Dues Collection* WONDERING HOW YOUR DUES MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Thank you to all of the diligent residents who have continued to faithfully pay your annual dues for this year! The \$20 dues donation to our not-for-profit volunteer homeowner's association fund the following:

- Liability insurance
- Printing and postage for The Lariat
- UHRA post office box
- Holiday display storage
- Map Your Neighborhood disaster bags
- Expenses for the annual meeting, pancake breakfast, movie night, National Night Out, and Holiday Light Up
- Scholarships and donations to local public facilities such as Hamilton Park and the Hastings Branch Library

If you're not sure that you've paid your dues for 2023, contact your block captain or email Jolean Matsumoto at matsumotojl@gmail.com for up-to-date information.

*Pay Your Dues Online!*

You now have two options to pay online:

**PAYPAL** or **ZELLE**:

- Direct your payment to: UHRADUES@gmail.com
- Add a note with your email and home address so we know who the payment is from and can credit our records appropriately.

Dues can be paid through your block captain, online via PayPal or Zelle, or with the remittance form on page 7 of this Lariat. We all benefit from having an active association in this community and every household makes a difference!

### ADVERTISING IN THE LARIAT

Please contact Jolean Matsumoto at (626) 824-9825 or at matsumotojl@gmail.com for pricing and details. Ads must be in high resolution jpg format or written in text. Include all logos. Please note that ads will be black and white in the printed Lariat. Inclusion is subject to available space.

### GO PAPERLESS

Printing and mailing the Lariat is expensive! It costs money (your dues) and trees too! Would you like to go paperless and receive your copy via email only? The digital version is in full color! Please contact Jolean Matsumoto at matsumotojl@gmail.com

# Community Bulletin

UPDATES, REMINDERS, and LOCAL INFORMATION

## Neighborhood Professionals



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Call Christina Dreyer at 626 688 3948 CdReoAgent@gmail.com  
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## Current and Future Block Captains



Please join us for the

# Block Captain Fall Luncheon

Saturday, November 4th  
at 11:30 a.m.

Raffi's  
3887 E Sierra Madre Blvd.

RSVP by 10/18 to Denise  
dkarnst@charter.net or 818-807-2142



### Walk With Ease



Tuesday, starting October 10 to November 14, 9:30-11 AM  
Hamilton Park, 3680 Cartwright St, Pasadena, CA 91107

Thursday, starting January 16 to February 27, 9:30-11 AM  
Lacy Park, 1485 Virginia Rd, San Marino, CA 91108

Walk safely and comfortably, motivate yourself to get in shape, reduce arthritis or other joint pain. The Arthritis Foundation's certified Walk with Ease program leader will lead the walks and will address:

- health education
- stretching and strengthening exercises
- motivational strategies
- address specific concerns



Register on our website or scan the QR code.

These free program series were funded by a grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation and by the Rotary Clubs of Pasadena and San Marino.




626 765 6037 / info@pasadenavillage.org / www.pasadenavillage.org

There are many neighborhood associations in Pasadena, but *none* has an organized block network like ours. It is truly what makes this community so unique! If you are interested or curious about what it means to be a block captain, come join us for a relaxed, delicious, and informative lunch!

### UHRA 2023 DUES REMITTANCE FORM

Please include with payment of \$20

Mail to: UHRA P.O. Box 5131, Pasadena, CA 91117

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Numbers (landline/mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 1      Annual Meeting  
December 9 - December 30      Holiday Light Up

## Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at Eaton Canyon Golf Course Restaurant (10th Hole Bar & Grill) on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. We do not meet in July, August, and December.

Please stay tuned to UHRA social media as any meeting changes will be posted there.  
**All UHR residents are welcome!**

## IMPORTANT PASADENA PHONE NUMBERS

Citizen Service Center	626-744-7311
Code Enforcement	626-744-4633
Police Dept	626-744-4550
Police Dept NON-EMERGENCY	626-744-4241
Neighborhood Connection	626-744-7290

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