

Upper Hastings Ranch residents, you did it again! What a beautiful Holiday Light Up celebration you presented to our community as well as to delighted visitors who came from far and wide! UHRA Light Up 2021 was even better than the previous year. We had brand new residents – some moving in only weeks before Light Up - jumping in with both feet and decorating up a storm, as well as veteran UHR families who stepped it up and did even more than they did in past years. Light Up 2021 brought us new judging changes that enabled many new families to win a Red Bell. At the same time, we recognized many of our longtime winners who continue to delight the judges year after year by presenting them with our new Golden Bell award. We loved seeing Don Benito School adorned with lights and decorations and were so happy to participate in their hot chocolate and treat sales. It was lovely to have the choir back on Cartwright, the band on Rexford, and Mike Eggehorn's villages on display. Thank you all. We can't wait to see what you do for Light Up 2022 during our Upper Hastings Ranch 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Here is some of the social media feedback we received from happy visitors to Light Up 2021.

*"It's not Xmas without the Hastings Ranch neighborhood lights. Thank you everyone."*

*"I grew up in Pasadena and got to travel and bring my kids to see the displays this year :)"*

*"Thank you all so very much for doing this each year. It really is a great gift to my family and I and all who come out."*

*"Thanks to those families who made their efforts on Christmas lights to share joys with others. This is a critical moment for human beings. Sharing the love from God, we are blessed."*



*"Thank you for continuing the joy of Christmas."*

*"It was an event when my grandparents brought me here as a kid in the 70s. Love that the tradition carries on and we still get to enjoy it as adults. Thanks to all of the neighbors who keep this going year after year. We appreciate you!"*

*"The place where I grew up! Our parents all started this almost 70 years ago. People would gather in garages to make the street decorations and people also had their own. If they were still here they would be so happy that it's gotten so much bigger and better. Thanks to all of you. I know it's a lot of time and work. Love Upper Hastings. It has always been a family-oriented neighborhood."*

*"I have been going for 70 years ... Wonderful !!!"*



*"Thank you for sharing with all of us! It meant so much to my grandson and me."*

*"Beautiful! Last night I took a drive up there. Just a great experience."*

**Due to the pandemic, many of our UHRA events are on hold. Stay tuned to our social media pages, email blasts and future Lariat issues for the latest information.**

**Calendar of Events for 2022**

**Annual Meeting**  
 Wednesday, Nov 2, 2022

**Holiday Light Up**  
 Saturday, Dec 10-Dec 31, 2022

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**Another Annual Meeting on Zoom**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to drag on, we were not able to gather in person in November to hold our annual meeting – for the second year in a row. Instead, a Zoom meeting was held online on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

We heard a presentation from Deputy Police Chief Cheryl Moody, bringing us up to date on the crime situation in the city as well as East Pasadena specifics.

Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Director of the Pasadena Public Health Department, brought us the latest update on COVID-19 statistics and the newest protocols under which the city is operating. She warns that we are heading into the holidays when people naturally want to gather and celebrate, but we need to continue to be diligent, including masking and frequent testing to prevent a winter surge. She also answered questions from the audience about COVID as it relates to schools, and shed some light on the possible trajectory of COVID going forward.



Mayor Victor Gordo spoke of his priorities as mayor and answered questions about a wide range of topics: crime & violence, COVID, homelessness, cannabis dispensaries, public safety, the CA SB9 housing bill. District 4 Councilperson Gene Masuda spoke of improvements at Hamilton Park and the gopher problem there, and the status of the Albertsons property. He addressed concerns about the condition of the Sierra Madre Blvd median and the reason for ending Pasadena’s 90 minute free parking in city parking lots.

UHRA presented donations to Don Benito Fundamental School, Hastings Branch Library and Hamilton Park. There were no scholarships given out this year due to COVID.

We had hoped to provide a recording of the meeting for those were unable to attend live, but technical difficulties resulted in that not being possible.

**UHRA board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.**

Thanks to those of you who attended our Zoom meeting. Your board members would love to know if you have a particular topic that you would like to hear about during next year’s annual meeting. Board member contact information is on the back cover of the Lariat.

**Annual Dues Reminder**

Have you paid your annual dues? The \$20 dues donation to our not-for-profit volunteer homeowners association covers the cost of liability insurance, printing and postage for The Lariat, our UHRA post office box, storage of holiday displays, disaster bags which are distributed as each block is trained on Map Your Neighborhood as well as expenses for the annual meeting, pancake breakfast, movie night, National Night Out and Holiday Light Up. It also covers scholarships and donations to our local public facilities such as Hamilton Park and Hastings Branch Library.

We would love to do more family activities, but we need to have the budget. Every household makes a difference. Please contact your block captain to pay your dues. If you don’t know your block captain or don’t have one, please contact Jolean Matsumoto. Her contact info is on the back of The Lariat. You can also pay with Paypal to our account [uhradues@gmail.com](mailto:uhradues@gmail.com). Pay under the “family & friends” category using your bank account to avoid extra fees that are charged to UHRA. If you’ve already paid, thank you very much for your support. We all benefit from having an active association in this community.

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Please mail in your dues or use your PayPal account to [uhradues@gmail.com](mailto:uhradues@gmail.com).

**The Golden Bell Makes Its Debut**

This was the first year of the UHRA Golden Bell. This new feature of our Light Up competition was created to foster and encourage a dynamic and fresh Light Up experience for our visitors. We love to see new creations! There are certain parkway displays and home decorations that will always be favorites with the judges...and for good reason. Many of our repeat winners feature elaborate and complex designs that include an amazing array of lights, technology and innovation with maximum WOW factor. And we want to honor those. We also want to encourage residents to change it up every so often and for first-time participants and new residents to have a fighting chance to win. Some displays win over and over for many years in a row, even if the display itself remains the same for years...or decades. And that’s okay! But we also hope that we will have new things for our visitors to see each year, and that’s part of the reason for our effort to expand the competition. We want to make room for new displays (and old displays that have been improved) to be recognized along side of the old favorites. Enter....the Golden Bell!

The Golden Bell recognizes long-time repeat winners who are selected year after year by the judges, leaving additional opportunities for more families and blocks to win Red Bells. It’s a win-win, in more ways than one!



In December, after judging was complete, the list of winners was emailed to all of the residents in the ranch whose email addresses were in our database. Did you receive the winner information and drive around to see all of the wonderful displays on the list? If not, would you like to be added to our email database to ensure that you don’t miss any future Light Up winner lists? We also send a PDF color version of our Lariat to this email list as well as other local information that is of interest to ranch residents. Please contact Jolean Matsumoto at [matsumotojl@gmail.com](mailto:matsumotojl@gmail.com) to ensure that we have your current contact information.

Light Up Awards night was Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. UHRA board members distributed the bell awards (red and golden) as well as handmade tree ornaments which replaced the trophies this year. Santa & Mrs Claus (Kjell and Clarissa Kling) visited the children to present Snoopy awards and take photos. The children love this event, and we appreciate their families who help them create their displays and then make sure that Santa knows about them by submitting the Snoopy coupon that comes out in the Fall Lariat each year.

This was the second year of the “Residents’ Choice” award where you, the residents, are the judges. This honor was awarded to a very creative neighbor on Cartwright who went all the way with an amazing display including a light tunnel over the sidewalk where many pedestrians posed for photos during the nights of Light Up.

2021 Light Up Winners

- Best Religious: 3785 Cartwright, 1265 Valley View, 1290 Valley View
- Best Use of a Theme: 1205 Medford, 3705 Pear Orchard, 1215 Tropical
- Humor & Imagination: 3825 Cartwright, 1451 Daveric, 1270 Valley View
- Best Use of Lights: 960 Hastings Ranch, 1345 Leonard, 1370 Valley View
- Golden Bells (Residence): 1360 Coronet, 1705 Winding Way, 1315 Valley View
- Mayor’s Award: 1250 Daveric
- Resident’s Choice Award: 3635 Cartwright
- Special Award: 1175 Pine Bluff Drive

Parkway Awards (for the entire block)

- Upper Coronet                      Lower Hastings Ranch (Sierra Madre to Cartwright)
- Upper Daveric                      Lower Rexford
- Pine Bluff                              Upper Michillinda
- Golden Bells (Parkway): Upper Hastings Ranch Dr, Lower Leonard Ave



\*This is a competition for UHRA *members* rather than UHR *residents*. In order to be eligible to win an award, all Light Up winners must have their current year dues paid up.



Welcome to our newest UHRA block captain, Victoria Yeliokumson on Alder Lane. We are so happy to welcome Victoria (and husband Nathan) to the ranch and to our block captain club! We have openings for several more block captains. If you would like to know more, please contact a board member!

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**Saturday, Dec 10 – Dec 31, 2022 – Holiday Light Up**

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Board Meetings are normally held at Eaton Canyon Golf Course Restaurant (10<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar & Grill) on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

*During the pandemic, please stay tuned to UHRA social media as meetings are subject to change*

We do not meet in July or August.

**All UHR residents are welcome**

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