



Quarterly Lariat

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# *Falling into History* HOW WE STARTED "LIGHTING UP" AND WHY WE STILL DO



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UHRA's Holiday Light Up began in 1951 when a few Upper Hastings Ranch families decorated their driveways with luminaria – paper bags with candles inside – to help guide Santa to each home. The next year, the families on Coronet Avenue made the first parkway display – a giant candlestick with a real burning flame. It created a lot of smoke, and the Pasadena Fire Department didn't think it was such a great idea. The following year, the Coronet families built a painted wooden display with electric lights, and a friendly competition developed between the other blocks. We've continued our tradition for more than 70 years, with each year bringing new visitors and generations to the Ranch.

## UHRA ANNUAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 @ 6:30 P.M.**

Don Benito Auditorium/Multipurpose Room  
3700 Denair St. (Entrance on Valley View)

### SPEAKERS

Gene Masuda, District 4 Pasadena Council Member  
Deputy Chief Art Chute, Pasadena Police Dept.  
Dawn Petschauer, Pasadena Engineering Public Works

### 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting	Wednesday, November 6
Holiday Light Up	Saturday, Dec 7 - Tuesday, Dec 31

### CONNECT WITH UHRA

Facebook	<a href="https://facebook.com/UHRAPasadena">facebook.com/UHRAPasadena</a>
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Website	<a href="http://upperhastingsranch.org">upperhastingsranch.org</a>

# UHRA Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Our Upper Hastings Ranch Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Don Benito Auditorium/Multipurpose Room again this year, with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get valuable updates 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! In addition, if you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet, it's not too late! There will be someone available to help you with that (collecting your dues, not paying them for you!). Please join us for this informative and engaging meeting, open to all residents! We hope to see you there!

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(Subject to change without notice.)

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# 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 2024, contact your block captain or email Jolean Matsumoto at [matsumotojl@gmail.com](mailto:matsumotojl@gmail.com) for up-to-date information.

## Pay Your Dues Online!

You now have two options to pay online at  
[upperhastingsranch.org](http://upperhastingsranch.org):

### PAYPAL or ZELLE:

- Direct your payment to: [UHRADUES@gmail.com](mailto: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 5 of this Lariat. We all benefit from having an active association in this community and every household makes a difference!

### 2024 UHRA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Honorary Mayor (President)  
Vice President  
Block Captain Chairperson  
Secretary/Recording  
Historian/Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer

Kathy Gregg  
Denise Arnst  
Kjell Kling  
Sheri Whalen  
Tiffany Gardner  
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 7-31

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 7th 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 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 7th through December 10th. Other award categories are *Humor & Imagination*, *Best Use of a Theme*, *Religious*, *Best Use of Lights*, and *the Mayor's Award*.

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 2024 dues have been paid. Annual dues are \$20 (see pg.2). 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 13th 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 2024 UHRA dues are eligible.

UHRA 2024 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 11, 2024



# *National Night Out* OH WHAT A NIGHT...

Thank You to all our residents for coming to the National Night Out event. It seemed like everyone was having fun and enjoying the food and music. Thank You to Walker Williams for hosting this wonderful event for our community again this year. We would also like to thank Paul, Mas, Jolean, Denise, Jeff, Hannah, Emmanuel, Victoria, Tiffany R., Kathy, Bella, Matthew, and Thomas for helping with the set-up, food, beverages, and take-down. Lastly, thank you to the Pasadena Police Department and Pasadena Fire Department Station 37 for coming to our event and providing our UHRA Residents and children with a fun experience!



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# Movie Night in the Park

## FIELD OF DREAMS

On Saturday, September 21, the UHRA community gathered in Hamilton Park to enjoy a movie about baseball in a baseball diamond. The UHRA featured *Field of Dreams* at our Annual FREE Movie Night. Neighbors enjoyed an inspirational, family-friendly, uplifting film while the younger kids ran through the park and played in the sandbox area. There were lots of cheers and a few happy tears along with a big round of applause at the end of the evening. It was a definite homerun!

The UHRA board is grateful to Councilmember Gene Masuda and Field Representative Noreen Sullivan for supporting our event by supplying the delicious, free popcorn and covering some of the park permit fees. For the past 10 years, the board has rented the giant, inflatable screen from Under the Stars Events which has always provided great visuals and sound quality. Thank you to the board members who assisted with preparing for and hosting the event, and thank you to all of you for paying your dues so we can continue to host these fun community events.



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### UHRA 2024 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): \_\_\_\_\_

# *A Night of Unity*

SPECIAL MUSICAL CONCERT FUNDRAISER  
IN SUPPORT OF A PUSD SCHOLARSHIP

Saturday, September 14 proved to be a special evening for residents who turned out for Nat Nehdar's special fundraiser concert benefitting a PUSD Scholarship. Guests were treated to a diverse set of performances by talented pianists Yin Yin Huang and Hui Wu, cellist Ruslan Biryukov, violinist Shelly Ren, flutist Jennifer Jo, violinist Aaron Liu, vocalist Zuri Alexander, and sopranos Arpy Aintablian and Tara Alexander. It was a truly spectacular event enjoyed by all in attendance!



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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!

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|---|--|
| 1) Crestview Drive                                      | 8) Skycrest Drive                              |
| 2) Denair to Don Benito Court                           | 9) Tropical Avenue (Cartwright to Alegria)     |
| 3) Edgeview Drive                                       | 10) Valley View Avenue (Cartwright to Alegria) |
| 4) Hastings Ranch Drive (above Denair)                  | 11) Park Vista Circle/Park Vista Drive         |
| 5) Rexford Avenue (above Alegria)                       |  |
| 6) Riviera Drive (1440 up to the top)                   |  |
| 7) Riviera Drive (Sierra Madre Boulevard to Cartwright) |  |

*Interested?*

Contact Kjell Kling:  
kjelleaglestar@verizon.net  
or Denise Arnst:  
dkarnst@charter.net

## 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



**Sotheby's**  
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Looking for a Great Realtor?  
Hire a local Realtor who actually lives in the neighborhood on Park Vista  
Easily accessible and will always keep Our neighborhood values up.  
Skillful Negotiator, Awarded as Top 3% of Realtors Nationwide  
Call Christina Dreyer at 626 688 3948 CdReoAgent@gmail.com  
CaDre 00999071

*Thank you  
for your generosity!*  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**Altadena GOLF COURSE** **PASADENA HUMANE**

## PET ADOPTION COMMUNITY EVENT

**OCTOBER 26TH** **11AM-2PM**

1456 East Mendocino Street Altadena, CA 91001  
[www.playaltadena.com](http://www.playaltadena.com)

**EATON CANYON**  
1st Annual  
**TOY  
DRIVE**

**DECEMBER 1ST - 15TH**

HELP SPREAD JOY AND LOVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY DONATING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY FOR CHILDREN. BRING SMILES TO MANY FACES BY GIFTING A NEW TOY AT EATON CANYON GOLF COURSE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH.

[playeatoncanyon.com](http://playeatoncanyon.com)

**1ST ANNUAL  
FOOD  
DRIVE**

**EATON CANYON**

**NOVEMBER 1ST - 30TH**

We are excited to announce our FIRST Annual Eaton Canyon Golf Course Food Drive, where we come together as a community to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity.

**ITEMS NEEDED**  
Canned Food, Box of Stuffing, Box of Cornbread Mix, Packet of Gravy or Broth, Box of Jello/Sweets, Box of Mashed Potatoes.

UPPER HASTINGS RANCH ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 5131  
Pasadena, California 91117

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### Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 6  
December 7-December 31

Annual Meeting  
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 Community Services	626-744-4550
Police Dept NON-EMERGENCY	626-744-4241
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