



HOOFBEATS



The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter

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DLPOA Board Meeting

September 7, 2016
Community Riding Ring
7:30 PM

DLPOA Board

President: Lisa Pearce (310) 994-7517
Vice President: Jenny Good (310) 729-6444
Secretary: Melissa MacCracken (310) 534-5119
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Gary Johnson (310) 539-7330
Bruce Walker (310) 517-1864

DLPOA Calendar

Annual Summer BBQ & Dance: September 17
October Board Mtg: October 5th
Chili Cook Off/ Movie Night: TBD
Christmas Party: TBD
Santa in The Lanes: December 18th

Security Cameras

The DLPOA Board approved a bid to install license plate reading cameras at the entrance to our neighborhood. These cameras will hopefully serve as a deterrent to crime and possibly help in the event of a crime. The DLPOA Board strongly suggests that each household also take their own precautions to prevent crime.

Any questions, concerns or suggestions for our board members? Feel free to reach out to them directly at DLPOAmembers@gmail.com or drop a note in the mailbox at 85 Buckskin Lane.

DLPOA Board Elections

DLPOA Board elections are held each year in November. This year three board members will carry on another year, three are up for reelection and one will be moving on...sadly! If you are interested in running for the Board please contact this year's nominating committee, past presidents A.J. Poulin or Dennis Ault.

Annual Neighborhood BBQ

The annual neighborhood BBQ is coming up on September 17. Enjoy your old friends and make some new ones! This is a fun event for the whole family complete with a BBQ dinner, the coveted Dapplegray vs. Buckskin & Sorrel tug of war, mechanical bull riding, and dancing the night away with a live band.

Prices are \$20 early and \$25 at the door for adults. Kids are \$10. We will be selling tickets at the corner of Dapplegray and Buckskin this Friday evening.

There are lots of opportunities to help out before, during, and after the BBQ. Jenny is also organizing "cook ins" to help shuck, chop, mix and prep food for the BBQ!

Be sure to keep checking the Facebook page or your emails for any updates on this special day.

Contact Jenny Good (310) 729-6444!

Easter Egg Hunt Continued!

The last edition of Hoofbeats accidentally left out some of Jeanette's legendary Easter article. Here is the part mistakenly left out. Thanks, Jeanette!

In true tradition, we started with a sea of 3 legged racers who skipped, hopped and ran across the arena with Cindy and Sarah Gelman along with friend Alex keeping a close eye on the race in order to spot the winner. Charlie Johnston and Caden Ambrose won first prize in a very close race!

Since our reigning champion Matt Bandy was busy with baseball, it evened out the playing field for everyone else in the Egg & Spoon race and Hailey Smith ended up winning. She had style and speed, way to go Hailey! Next year I know you'll give Matt a run for his money! The balloon toss was the biggest line I've ever seen. I think Kate will agree. With 100 balloons gone the final dry team standing was Tom Hoyne and Charlie Johnston. Jason Gallien and friend was a close second!

Finally our Guessing game (thank you Wendy Wattson for providing this game) was won by a new mathematical genius; Miss Eva Johnston! Her guess of 325 was only ONE off the true number of 326. She got 2 movie tickets. As promised last year, I had stocked up on Eva's favorite hair color purple for this year.

Thank you to Milan and Kylie McLoughlin who manned our Face painting and Hair spray station this year. Everyone looked so festive! Jason Gallien's father – who also stunt doubles as his brother – was considering the bunny tattoos but eventually chickened out. There's always next year, dad!

Our Wily Trail Neighbors!

By Julie Hatch

I was asked to write this month's Trail Committee article. I decided to do a little research on coyotes since there's been so much talk about them lately. We lost our cat, Riley, to a coyote about seven years ago, so they've been around for quite some time.

Coyotes are not usually considered pests, but lately they are encroaching upon our backyards. There has been an increase of sightings and pet attacks. Many residents feel that the coyotes have been displaced by the development of Rolling Hills Country Club and its surrounding areas. It's not uncommon to spot one during the day or hear their yipping late at night. Lately there have been many sightings of a single coyote hunting or traveling on its own, but that doesn't necessarily mean it is alone. They often live in family groups and travel and hunt alone or in pairs.

There are benefits to having a population of coyotes, they play an important role in keeping the rodent population controlled, but they will also snack on your family pet if given the opportunity. Their diets normally consist of mice, rats, gophers, rabbits and other small mammals and birds. Studies have shown an increase in the rodent population in areas where coyotes have been removed.

There are things you can do, or not do to help keep coyotes out of your yard and control their population. The best way to get rid of coyotes without harming them is to take away their food sources. Once a coyote determines an easy, reliable source of food,

it will often return to the area for more. Keep your chickens locked up, especially at night. Keep small pets indoors or keep an eye on them when they are outside. A coyote is able to scale a 6-foot fence, therefore pets left even in their own fenced yards are vulnerable. Stop feeding your dogs and cats outside and keep their food inside at all times. Don't leave water bowls outside either. Secure your trash cans so that coyotes cannot get into them. Keep fallen fruit off the ground and build a fence around your garden. They eat fruits and vegetables too. Another way to keep the coyotes off your property is to keep the rodent population under control. Keep all chicken and horse feed secured so that the rodents don't get into it. The size of the coyote population is dependent on the abundance of food available. The best way to control their population is to limit their food source. A female can actually adjust her litter size based on the availability of food and other factors.

Haze coyotes by making loud noises by banging pots and pans together, yelling or using an air horn or whistle. Throw rocks, sticks, tennis balls or anything else you can get your hands on at them. Spray them with a hose.

Coyotes prefer not to interact with people. The easiest way to avoid negative interactions with coyotes is to avoid feeding them, either accidentally or on purpose, and otherwise habituating them to humans. Coyotes are not going away, we need to learn to coexist with them. We can protect our pets by keeping them indoors.

Communications in The Lanes DLPOA Board

Communication in the Lanes happens in about 7 different ways:

1. **Hoofbeats** - our almost monthly newsletter run solely by and delivered by hand by volunteers! It is also available on the website. We need more volunteers to help produce it and to volunteer articles for it. In the past it had advertising and we hope to continue that. Currently the contacts are Lauren Follmar (Irfollmar@gmail.com) & Jenny Litchfield (jenny.litchfield@dslextreme.com, 310-293-7347)

2. **Website** - www.dapplegraylanes.com – Here is where we keep the calendar, copies of the Hoofbeats and Board minutes as well as event descriptions, documents like the trail guidelines and CC&Rs and pictures from homeowner events (currently old but we will get some more current ones). Bruce Walker is currently managing this - bruce.walker@cox.net (310)594-2415

3. **Facebook** - facebook.com/groups/dapplegraylanes - this is a members only web site monitored by DG resident Grant Mogford (grant@fluesteam.com) (310)293-6280. If you try to join he will approve you. You will find members on it and a place to post questions/requests/etc. as well as event info and pictures. This is not an official DLPOA site, but a great source of information.

4. **Email blast** - Kathy Glikzman has a large set of email addresses for folks in the lanes and she sends out emails to those on the list for important event information. Contact her (kathleen1387@cox.net 310-325-9315) to get on the list or to request an email be sent.

5. **Phone Book** - Although it hasn't been re-published since 2013, there is a phone book for all those in the lanes. The Board is working to get a new version published. If your information is incorrect fill out the form that came with the dues notice or let bruce.walker@cox.net know.

6. **Board Meetings** - These are public meetings held the first Wednesday of each month, typically at the activity center (85 Buckskin). Minutes of the meeting are published on the Web site.

7. **Bulletin Board** at the corner of Buckskin and Dapplegray - you can post information/requests/sales and when there is an upcoming event Gary Johnson will put out the white board.

Neighbor Spotlight on the Frias Family

We are the Frias Family: Victor, Cynthia, Alexa (6 yrs), Roman (4 yrs) & Sebastian (14 months) at 74 Buckskin Lane. We moved in 2 years ago, November 1st. Victor is a producer while Cynthia is a stay-at-home mom of our three children. We absolutely love living here! We came from the Westside of Los Angeles looking for a calmer lifestyle. Here, we feel like we are back to our roots in Oregon & Mexico. We love the rural lifestyle, the friendly people, Dapplegray school, the horses, pony camp & we have a great location close to everything!



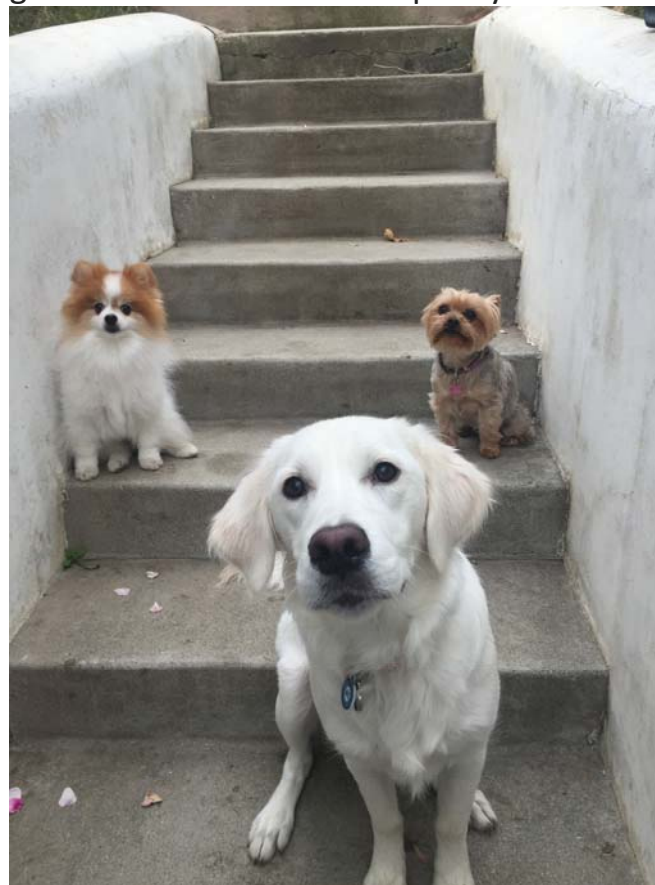
Want to submit your pet or your family to be featured in Hoofbeats? Any great news to share with your neighbors? Email Lauren at lrfollmar@gmail.com

Pet Spotlight with the Beck Family

In a family with three children and two dogs, it only seemed appropriate to even out the playing fields. Last Spring, we welcomed a sweet puppy into our family. She is an English Cream Golden Retriever with a coat of snow. She was so gentle and sweet that naming her "Lady" fit all too well. She took to our youngest child, Isabelle without hesitation. They're stuck like glue to one

another! They love to wrestle, play fetch & dress up... Well, Isabelle likes to dress her up and in turn, Lady eats her stuffed animals. It works for them.

Our two older dogs didn't take so kindly to Lady at first. At just 12 weeks old, she was already much bigger than they were. We've recently caught Chloe, our 10 ½ year old, 9 lbs-rolly-polly of a Yorkie, cleaning Lady's face when she thinks we aren't looking. After a year of having Lady be a part of our family, she is finally (secretly) growing on Chloe. Bauer is our 10 year old Pomeranian who at a whopping 8 lbs thinks he owns the joint. He is still playing hard to get. Our home is complete! Lady is as gentle and sweet as she is pretty!



**Dapplegray Lane Property Owners
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Horse & Trail Guidelines**

The establishment of the Dapplegray trail system occurred when the area was first developed and was based on recorded easements that were granted for the common good of all properties in the Lanes. In 2006 the DLPOA Board approved the creation of a Trail Committee to serve as an advisory group to the Board and to handle issues regarding the trails. The Trail Committee's stated goal is the preservation and protection of the Dapplegray trail system. To support this purpose, the Trail Committee has developed the following Guidelines for trail usage to protect the right of residents to use the trails, to promote the safety of equestrians and to show consideration for those residents whose homes are directly adjacent to the trails.

ALL TRAIL USERS

- a) *Horses and riders have the right of way at all times.*
- b) *Keep your dogs under control at all times.*
- c) *Stay on trails. Respect private property.*

GATES

- a) *Half gates will be closed Friday thru Tuesday.*
- b) *Gates will be completely closed to vehicular traffic for 48 hours (or more if required) after significant rain.*
- c) *You may leave open the half gate on permitted vehicle trips of less than 30 minutes, on trips longer than 30 minutes the gate*

shall be returned to the closed position, then re- opened for exit.

- d) *No resident shall inhibit or restrict the use of the trails to any other resident, boarder, commercial service company, veterinarian or farrier at any time when said user is acting in accordance with these Guidelines.*

VEHICLES

- a) *Vehicular speed limit on all trails is 3 ½ miles per hour.*
- b) *Vehicles (commercial and residential) are not permitted to park on or block the trail at any time, must be actively loading or unloading and must be returned to the street at the earliest possible time.*
- c) *Vehicles allowed access under these guidelines shall be permitted during daylight hours only. Except in case of emergency.*
- d) *Commercial hay delivery and commercial waste pick up are to be scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays only, except in the case of inclement weather or actual emergency.*
- e) *Resident vehicles are allowed on the trails for the delivery or removal of items that are too heavy or bulky for street side delivery or pick up or if there is insufficient delivery access from the street to the rear yard. Residents are requested to make or schedule such deliveries or*

- pick ups on Wednesdays and Thursdays whenever possible.*
- f) *Borders must have permission of their landlord to drive a vehicle on the trail in accordance with these guidelines if at all possible.*
 - g) *Commercial equine or barn animal services not limited to, but including veterinarian and farriers are requested to make service calls on Wednesdays and Thursdays whenever possible. Emergency veterinary or farrier visits are allowed 24/7 if trail conditions permit.*
 - h) *Except as allowed under items a-g above, there shall be no commercial vehicular access for non equine related activities including, but not limited to, gardeners, tree trimmers and/or contractors/construction personnel without prior DLPOA Board or Trail Committee approval (except for legitimate emergencies)*
 - i) *No vehicle is permitted to turn around on the trail. If turn around is required it must be done on the private property associated with the delivery or service or at trail junctions.*
 - j) *No vehicle may be used for recreational purposes on the trail at any time. Bicycles, motorcycles and baby jogging strollers are forbidden on the trails at any time.*
 - k) *The DLPOA reserves the right to have a designated vehicle(s) on the trail for the purpose of*

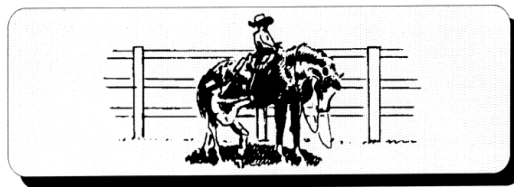
inspecting, caring for and maintaining the trail system in a safe manner.

EQUESTRIANS

- a) *When passing hikers or other equestrians wait for them to stop and get to one side of the trail if there is not adequate room to pass comfortably.*
- b) *Pass hikers and other equestrians at a walk, single file.*
- c) *When approaching from the rear ask to pass and give the people time to get out of your way.*
- d) *The use of the private "Dapplegray Ring" is for the exclusive use of paying members only. Use by non-members constitutes trespassing.*

PEDESTRIANS

- a) *Equestrians have the right of way on the bridle trails. Stop, stay to one side of the trail and let the riders pass.*
- b) *Do not make any sudden moves, loud noises or try to touch horses as they pass.*
- c) *Talk to riders in a normal tone of voice to help make the horses aware of your presence.*
- d) *When traveling faster than horses stay at least 25 feet behind moving horses until cleared to pass.*
- e) *Always keep in mind that horses are unpredictable animals that can frighten easily with potentially dangerous consequences.*



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