

#### Message from the President By Bonnie Slager

Now is a very important time for you to be involved with NHA!

#### Why?

We have a new member on City Council, we have new members on some of our commissions, we have new state laws that are allowing more homes on each lot even if they are zoned for a single family residence and we have developers looking to build high density projects in Norco. At the same time we are trying to preserve our lifestyle of minimum half acre lots and a required area for large animal keeping or other agricultural uses in our rural atmosphere. (Remember this is why NHA was started.) The infrastructure in Norco was not designed for this kind of density. Our sewers, water system and roads were designed for the type of community we have not for a larger population.

First, Darrell, your vice president, and I go to as many City meetings as we can to monitor council and commission decisions. Second, we try to keep up with all the outside influences that seem to be telling us how we should live. It is amazing how many political people who have never been to Norco think we should change our lifestyle and that all areas of California should be the same. We need to keep you up to date with all of this information.

At this time properties that are zoned A-1 or R-1 (which is most of Norco.) can have an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and a junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU) even though our city zoning is for one residence. There is another bill that has not been passed, that would allow each residence to be divided into 4 units as long as it does not change the footprint on the property. This means that there could be 6 residences on a property. Think of our infrastructure, can we handle that many people living on each property? Where do all the vehicles park? Are you really going to have horses or other large animals on the property with all those dwelling units? This is one of the challenges facing City Council this coming year.

At the corner of Third and Hamner there is a proposed project with a hotel, commercial and apartment units in 3 story buildings. How will that affect traffic and our infrastructure? Another challenge for City Council, Planning Commission and Streets and Trails Commission.

Three other projects that are started or will start this year are the new Hamner Bridge which will be the Hanna Bridge, The Bluff Stabilization Project and the MainStem Project in the river including raising Prado Dam. The Bluff Project will impact residents in that area, specifically on Corydon. The Hanna Bridge will impact our traffic until it is done in 2023. The MainStem Project is an Orange County Water District project that will raise Prado Dam and impact the area down river from the Corydon Staging Area to the River Road bridge. City Council will be overseeing all of this and working with any residents that are impacted. Three more challenges for City Council.

2020 has created a huge loss in income for the City as Ingalls Park and other City facilities have not been able to be rented out. Add to that the loss of income to all the businesses that benefit from these events and all the restrictions on businesses in town, especially restaurants. The loss of income to businesses means less sales tax money for the City. At this time the City has a reserve fund to help but they cannot rely on the reserve fund forever. Another challenge for the City Council.

All these cancelled events have hurt NHA as well as every other non-profit organization in Norco. The only income that NHA had last year was from our Casino Night and all of our profit from that event went to scholarships for high school students. We were able to give 2 scholarships last year. One of our students went to a floral design school and has finished her training. The other student is waiting a year to attend college as she does not feel that she does well with online learning and wishes to wait until she can be in the classroom. We are supporting her decision and will hold the scholarship for her an extra year if necessary. We want these young people to be successful.

Fortunately, NHA has a reserve fund that has helped us through this year. However, at this point there will not be a Horseweek again this year unless things change. We will not have a Casino Night. We can only hope that the rodeo in August and the fair on Labor Day weekend will be held. These are the main sources of income for the volunteer organizations in Norco.

Remember the reason that NHA was formed was to maintain our rural lifestyle. We need everyone to step up and help with ideas and support as we move into 2021. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person soon. When we do I want to see the room full of people. Until we can meet in person, I want to see as many people as possible on our Zoom meetings. We need you.

Thanks for supporting NHA and Happy New Year!





#### Bill Wirtz 1937 - 2020 By Bonnie Slager

Long time NHA member and former NHA Board member Bill Wirtz passed away on December 24<sup>th</sup> after a long illness.

Bill was born in New Jersey and ended up teaching zoology, ecology and other related courses at Pomona College beginning in 1968. To get to that point he did his undergraduate work at Rutgers, graduate work at the University of Florida where he studied armadillos, and after spending time in the south pacific studying Polynesian rats and birds, finished his PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Cornell.

Bill was very active in the Audubon Society. That is how he and his wife Helen met. Their first date was on an Audubon field trip. They married at a chapel in Mt Baldy and lived there until 1988. Then they moved to Norco where they spent the rest of their 48 year marriage together.

While living in Mt. Baldy, they ran a wild life rehab facility, mostly birds but some mammals. Many of you have heard Bill's story about the coyote with the broken leg that they took in. It lived with them for many years. Bill was on the volunteer fire department at Mt. Baldy too and had many stories of the rescues he was part of there.

The couple traveled extensively. Bill wanted to go places to see animals, so they went to Africa, Australia and Mexico to name a few. He always wanted to go to Alaska, but sadly, never made it.

Bill & Helen moved to Norco because Helen wanted a place with enough land so that she could have a garden.

When Bill and Helen moved to Norco, the home they purchased was across the street from Berwin Hanna. He had them signed up for NHA before their furniture was in place.

Bill was on the Board of the Inland Valley Humane Society. When they rescued a horse, they got interested in horses and that was the beginning of horse ownership for them. Then they heard about the End of the Trail event that SASS puts on every year. After going, Bill was hooked on re-enactment. One of the booths there had someone from a Calvary re-enactment group. Because Bill's father had been in the Calvary, that was what he wanted to do. For 14 years the couple went to Montana every summer to re-enact Custer's Last Stand.

Bill, Helen and Sundance made the trip so he could participate and help with a school there teaching reenactment. He played Custer in a documentary because he was the correct size to fit into the Custer outfit. One summer, instead of going to Montana, they went to Fort Riley, where Bill's father had been in the Calvary, to relive that time in Bill's early life.

Bill was always the teacher. He was passionate about animals and the environment. He wrote articles for the newsletter, gave presentations at our meetings, and would even walk the Norco Hills or Hidden Valley with you if you asked.

I always enjoyed riding with him as I got a lesson on all the plants and trees in the river bed and if they were native plants or not. Riding with him was a botany lesson. I was glad there was not test at the end because he gave too much information for me to absorb it all.

Bill was a unique individual and we will miss him, his help at NHA events, and his stories.

No services are planned.



#### COVID Impacts Waste Management (reprinted from city website)

Waste Management has notified the City of Norco of the continuation of emergency measures declared earlier this year to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. Although the company has managed its operations to minimize the effects of COVID-19 on its workforce, the current spike in infections is creating staffing challenges throughout Southern California. Waste Management has avoided making significant service changes due to the pandemic, but infections of staff are now forcing some adjustments.

First, the company has adjusted its operational plan to complete open routes the following day, scheduling them for early next morning. Second, to focus its resources on completing essential waste collection services, Waste Management has been forced to temporarily delay the scheduling of cart and bin deliveries and exchanges, along with bulky item pick-ups, until Monday, January 18, 2021. Any customer who calls the company's customer service center to request a bulky waste service, cart or bin exchange or extra cart will be scheduled after that date. This adjustment allows Waste Management to use the cart/bin and bulky route drivers during the next weeks to help cover open routes for essential waste collection, both residential and commercial, and attend to the annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program.

Curbside Christmas tree collection will occur from December 28, 2020 through January 8, 2021. Waste Management asks that you remove all lights, ornaments and tree stands. Trees in excess of six feet in height should be cut in half.

Waste Management is committed to keeping customers updated of any temporary service delays, and will be communicating with them regularly through phone, text and email messages. The company is asking for Norco residents' patience in these matters until its staffing capabilities are back to normal.

For more information, contact Waste Management at (800) 423-9986.

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Me:

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Our NHA membership dues will be due the first of March. Those of you whose membership is renewing, I will be sending renewal letters the first part of February. Hope to see all of you renew your membership in NHA. We are an important group in Norco. Sharon Membership Chairman JORCO Norco Horsemen's Association P.O. Box 847, Norco, CA 92860 www.nha-norco.org NHA year is NEW Norco Residents March 1 to Feb 28 RENEW 2 years\* 1 year 3 years\* □ Family/Household \$25.00 \$45.00 \$53.00 □ Individual \$15.00 \$27.00 \$32.00 Non-Norco residents \$13.00 Associate \$24.00 \$28.00 \* Multi-year discounts: 10% for 2 years - 20% for 3 years **Business Memberships** \$25.00 per year (3/1 to 2/28) Business Membership Includes a listing in the "Trail Talk" newsletter and NHA website with FREE weblink. Graphic ads in the "Trail Talk" newsletter for NHA business members are: \$50.00 for 2.5 in. wide x 2 in. high \$75.00 for 5 in. wide x 2 in. high *or* 2.5 in. wide x 4 in. high Ad copy must be provided to NHA in .pdf, .jpeg or .tif format. Membership Information Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Web address \_\_\_\_\_ Names and birth dates of family members only (under 18 years) Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ d.o.b. \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ d.o.b. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ d.o.b.\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_ Name -\_\_\_\_\_\_ d.o.b. \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donations: Trails\_\_\_\_\_Scholarship\_\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_ Cash Check \_\_\_\_\_ Revised March 2012

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#### Norco Senior Citizens and Pet Relief Fund December 23 at 9:30 AM · 🚱

Thank you to the members of Norco Horseman's Association, Norco News facebook page, and Karina Corral for donating a ton of great items to our senior food boxes this month. They collected:

37-hair conditioners; 39-shampoos; 15-body & Hand Iotions; 10-gel & body wash; 6-rolls paper towels; 24-rolls TP; 1-pair men's slippers; 4-pairs steel toe socks; 1-pair women's air walker shoes; 1-pair women's slippers; 2-ladies robes; 1-women's PJ's; 32-bar soaps; 2 foaming hand soap; 8-men's 4 in 1 shampoo, conditioner & body wash; 8-toothbrushes; 7women's deodorant; 1-men's deodorant; 3-Creat toothpaste; 2-pkgs Q-tips; 1-3-pak hand care gift set; 34-travel hair conditioner; 42-travel shampoos; 42-travel body lotions; 9-travel bar soaps; 1-grooming kit;1-shoe horn; and 2-travel body wash.





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or current resident

## DATED MATERIAL

|       | All dates listed below assume the COVID-19 stay at home order stays in effect. |              |  |  |  |  |
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| vents | <u>January</u><br>Fri<br>Tues  | 1/1<br>1/12  | News Years Day<br>NHA Board Meeting                    | <i>Happy News Years!</i><br>Zoom Meeting |  |  |
| á     | Wed<br>Wed   | 1/18<br>1/20 | Martin Luther King Day<br>City Council Regular Meeting | Live Streamed, 7:00pm                    |  |  |
| Of    | Thurs  | 1/21         | NHA General Meeting                                    | Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm                     |  |  |
| 2     | <u>February</u>  |              |  |  |  |  |
| 6     | Wed  | 2/3          | City Council Regular Meeting                           | Live Streamed, 7:00pm                    |  |  |
| 7     | Tues   | 2/9          | NHA Board Meeting                                      | Zoom Meeting                             |  |  |
| end   | Sun  | 2/14         | Valentine's Day  |  |  |  |
| 6     | Mon  | 2/15         | President's Day  |  |  |  |
| al    | Wed  | 2/17         | City Council Regular Meeting                           | Live Streamed, 7:00pm                    |  |  |
| Ŭ     | Thurs  | 2/18         | NHA General Meeting                                    | Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm                     |  |  |