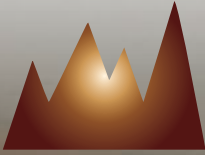


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RECREATION AREA/SOLAR ARRAYS PLANNED FOR SUMMIT BY SPRING 2014

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Large residential turnout hears details of park improvement projects. *Larry LaCom/Summit Life Photo*

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WOULD CREATE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND ADD 411,000 WATTS OF POWER TO SUMMIT ELECTRIC GRID

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BY GARRY WORMSER

Summit management has unveiled a two-part improvement plan scheduled for park completion next spring that will result in a new recreation area of almost a quarter acre as well as up to a half dozen solar arrays that will provide 411,000 watts of photovoltaic power to the Summit electric grid.

"As Summit mobile homes increase in value, there should be a reciprocal increase in the property as a whole" Philip Miller, park co-owner, told a special meeting of park residents." These two projects are designed to do that and help make the Summit a win/win situation for both residents and management," he said. More than seventy park homeowners and renters packed the Summit clubhouse on July 11 and applauded plans for the two projects as well as the startup of the park's newsletter "Summit Life."

The recreation area is scheduled to be sited on upper Skyview Court on what is currently vacant land. It will cover about 8,000 square feet and encompass a concrete play court with a basketball backboard, a shaded area with picnic tables and a sandbox with swings, a Jungle Jim and monkey bars, according to Tom Torre of Landscape Design & Implementation, Woodland Hills. "The goal is to provide an outdoor recreational outlet for both children and adults alike," the landscaper said.

"Elevation levels will be altered from the street to include entry steps and possibly a handicapped access ramp leading into the fully



Philip Miller describes layout of 8,000 square foot recreation area.
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fenced, view park," Mr. Torre explained. "Times have changed," he noted. "When the Summit was first constructed in the late 1970's, tennis and racquet ball courts were popular. Now their popularity has decreased and outdoor, family oriented recreational facilities such as the proposed park are in growing demand in many new residential developments," he explained.

Christian Campisi, marketing director for Shorebreak Energy, San Juan Capistrano, told attendees at the meeting that the Summit's existing tennis courts and adjacent hillside area will be used to house at least two of the multiple photovoltaic arrays planned for the park. The arrays will also be employed in dual applications along Skyview Court to shade part of the new recreational area and to serve

as carport roofs in some of the off-street parking spaces, he said.

The arrays will contain a total of 1,644 individual silicon solar panels operating at efficiencies of 18 to 20 percent, almost ten times above the solar panel efficiencies of the Ranger spacecraft that first landed on the moon in 1962. The panels are guaranteed by the manufacturer for 25 years and will help stabilize the electric supply to the park once they begin to produce power. Amortization of the cost of the arrays is believed to be several years away along with their potential use as a source of cogeneration. ❖

HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER WAS SUMMIT MANAGER SINCE 1980's

Louie Porga, who barely escaped with his life during the 1952 Hungarian uprising and later became the Summit's longtime manager, passed away from heart failure at his home in Simi Valley on July 10. He was 80. Mr. Porga first met park owner Louis Miller in the late 1970's when the Summit was being developed. "He was a gentleman of the old school, but also tough as nails," said Mr. Miller. "After helping me crack down on theft in the park, he became my right hand man and also my close friend." That relationship continued after Mr. Porga's retirement a year ago. "One of the best things that ever happened to me was knowing Louis Miller," Mr. Porga enthusiastically told family, friends and anyone who would listen up until the time of his death.

Louis Porga was born in Budapest on November 21, 1932, and was 18-years-of-age when he participated in demonstrations against repressive, Soviet-imposed policies in Hungary that attracted worldwide attention via Radio Free Europe. He became a freedom fighter and was captured by Russian soldiers. When Soviet tanks invaded Budapest to quell the revolt in November of 1956, over 200,000 protestors fled the city. Mr. Porga escaped on foot over the Austrian border after jumping from a Siberia bound prison train. The young man was held in a refugee camp for four months until he was "adopted" by a Lutheran ministry in San Diego and allowed to come to the U.S.

Mr. Porga arrived in Southern California in 1956, penniless, but determined to succeed in his new county. Noticing that California women seemed to spend a lot of



Louis "Louie" Porga managed the Summit Mobile Community from 1980 until shortly before his death July 10. More than 100 residents, friends and family members attended his funeral in the Chapel of California Lutheran University, Simi Valley.

Porga family photo.

time on their hair, he went to beauty school, became a hairdresser and subsequently opened a beauty salon. His first employee, an attractive and talented blonde named Maureen McKenzie, soon became the love of his life. Together, they operated the Lazlo hair salon in Thousands Oaks until the late 1970's. They exchanged wedding vows in 1974 and remained happily married until the time of his passing, just short of their 40th anniversary.

In addition to two grown children from Maureen's previous marriage. Mr. Porga leaves three grown children of his own. They are Tammy Harlan, Shannon Yasman, Gianena Thomason, Kevin McKenzie, and Shannon Porga. He is also survived by seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please leave a bequest gift in Mr. Porga's memory to the National Down Syndrome Society, www.NDSS.org. ❖

NO PARKING ON SUMMIT STREETS



The Summit's narrow streets are virtually impassible for fire trucks and other large emergency vehicles when cars are parked at the curbs. For safety reasons, all vehicles parked on Summit streets for an extended period of time will be ticketed, according to Sergeant Phillip Brooks, traffic coordinator for the Lost Hills Sheriffs Station. He said emergency vehicles and repair trucks temporarily

BY ANY MEASURE, the streets in the Summit are too narrow to allow emergency vehicles through when vehicles are parked at opposite curbs. As a result, the vehicles will be ticketed, according to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

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parked at the curbs are the only ticketing exceptions. Drivers of these vehicles are asked to place red traffic cones next to their outside rear wheels to indicate that their mission is temporary," the Sergeant

said. "Be safety conscious and allow first responders to rapidly access your mobile homes for fire and medical emergencies," the deputy emphasized. ❖

PARK INSTALLS NEW "ONE CALL NOW" EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

A new communications tool has been installed at the Summit that will allow park management to rapidly send emergency messages to residents. Termed "One Call Now," the new system can deliver messages via phone, SMS text and/or email.

According to Summit office manager Deb Berini, each resident can have up to six phone numbers and five email addresses assigned to them. This will allow for messages to be sent to a number of devices including home phones, work phones

and cell phones.

Over the next few weeks, residents may be asked to provide additional contact numbers to be included in the new system. This will insure that park occupants receive the messages at the appropriate phone numbers and email addresses. By using the service, management will be better able to reduce print notices while vastly increasing the timely dissemination of urgent messages such as weather/evacuations, neighborhood watch advisories and amber alerts.

Personal information in the systems will not be shared with anyone. One Call Now takes the security and privacy of personal information (i.e. phone numbers, email addresses very seriously, according to the company. "One Call Now never sells or shares contact information and residents will not receive any unsolicited calls as a result of using the service." Please call the Summit office at (818) 340-7564 if you have questions regarding the system. ❖

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

**KIT BERINI, THE SUMMIT'S UNOFFICIAL MAYOR,
HAS A KNACK FOR PLANTING SEEDS OF GOODWILL**



he whole kit and caboodle” is a slang term for an eclectic collection of objects up to and including the kitchen sink. Kit Berini’s caboodle consists of a collection of vines, plants, ferns, shrubs and just about every other kind of botanical specimen you can think of. His mobile home at the Summit is literally buried in a jungle of his own design. If you preserver, a small clearing called a driveway will lead you to his back door.

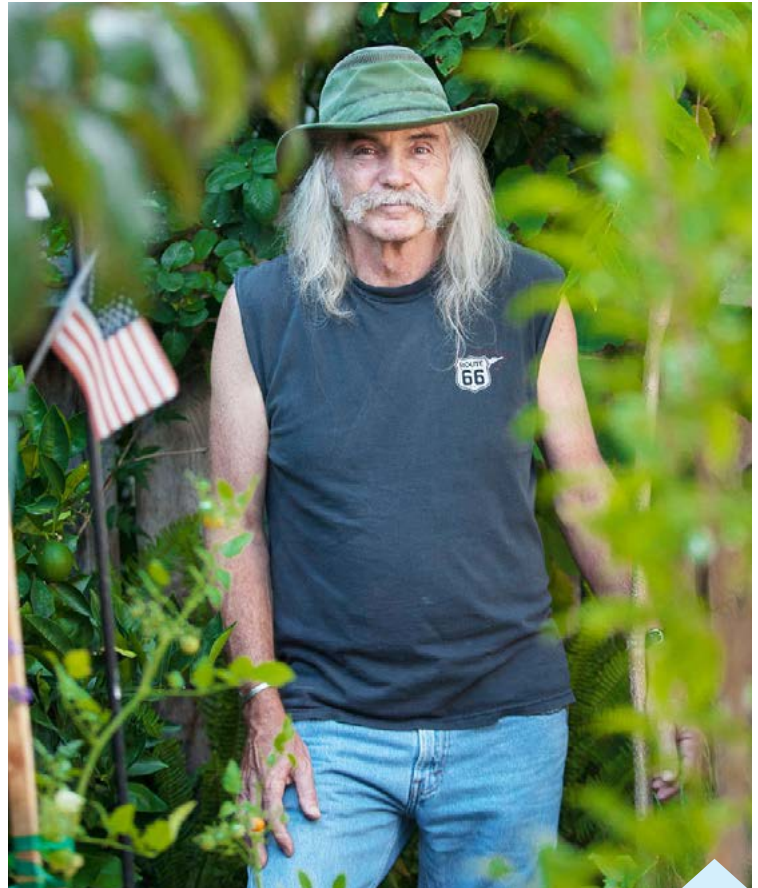
It’s hard to say whether Kit is a born horticulturist or whether he simply developed the knack after trudging through several decades of landscapes while reading meters for the city of Glendale. Now in retirement, he’s offering his green thumb services to the public at large with a business card that reads “Green by Berini.” If you haven’t gotten the card yet, don’t worry, you will. That’s because Kit cultivates people like he does seedlings.

While the Summit has a cadre of paid workers including his wife, Debbie, Kit is the park’s pro bono mayor with a track record of greeting new residents that dates back almost 22 years. He figures he’s currently said hello to half the people in the park, and that’s with a lot of new residents moving in. His house is next to the clubhouse, and he’s usually outside tending to his one-man arboretum when people pass by.

“If I see them, I greet them,” Kit explained. “I greet them with a smile, or with lemonade or with a plant from my garden. That’s how I was brought up. I was taught to welcome new neighbors and to try to make them comfortable.”

Kit’s second career as a landscaper was encouraged early on by his grandfather who was a landscaper for the L.A. Zoo. “Thanks to grandpa Louie. I learned how to plant a vegetable garden at the age of 12,” Kit said.

And now that ability is being passed on at the Summit where a lot of residents are learning how to plant their own small gardens, often with some advice from Kit and a cutting from his caboodle.❖



“DR. LIVINGSTON, I PRESUME?”

No, it’s actually Kit Berini on the grounds of his one-man arboretum surrounding his Summit home. The unofficial Summit Mayor also spends a lot of time cultivating friendships.

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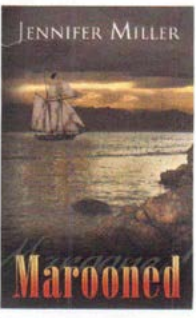
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