

September 2005



RURALIST

Important Upcoming Events and Important Dates

***Beaumont City Planning
Commission Meeting
September 27th, Beaumont
City Hall at 6:00 PM***

***Annual BBQ – October 8th
RSVP no later than
September 30th
(more details inside)***

***Rummage Sale –
September 10th
Call Patsy 845-9833
(more details inside)***

***CVAN Meetings –
Every 4th Thursday (except
Dec. & Nov.) at 7:00 PM at
the Grange Hall in Cherry
Valley – Please join us!!***

***Be informed!
Be up-to-date!!
Visit the Cherry Valley Acres
and Neighbors Website!!!***

www.cherryvalleyca.org

What's Happening? a Lot!

I hope you are all aware of the events taking place between Beaumont Ave. and I-10 between Brookside and Cherry Valley Blvd...

The owner of Sunny Cal Egg ranch has applied to the City of Beaumont for annexation of 300+ acres. The plan they presented was for very high density housing (12 units per acre down to a VERY few ½ - 1 acre lots) along Cherry Valley Blvd. They also requested that the "Danny Thomas" property be included in their plan. This was denied.

They presented this to the Beaumont Planning Commission who, very wisely, sent it back telling them it was unacceptable for the area. The Commission also requested that the Sunny Cal folks meet with "Cherry Valley people," and come up with a community plan for the entire proposed project.

CVAN representatives met on July 25, 2005 with Kathy Berman, the owner of Sunny Cal Egg Ranch, but they had nothing new to show us. We agreed to meet with them again. When we do, they will bring a "rough" sketch of 2 plans – their own, and what we indicated would be more acceptable. We shall see...

To All of Us Who Want Animals...

Beaumont has no zoning ordinance for horses or farm animals. Beaumont is in the process of annexing county land that has horses and farm animals. What will happen when Beaumont approves housing developments next to these rural properties?

Chances are the new people will not appreciate the rural lifestyle and will start complaining to City officials. With no zoning ordinance to protect these existing homeowners, they will be outnumbered by the newer large developments, and they could lose their rural lifestyle and their right to keep farm animals.

The viewpoint of Urban Logic (the consulting firm hired by the City of Beaumont) and the city of Beaumont on large animals is...

"...there should be no large animals allowed in the City – they only cause code violation problems."

We know where THEY stand.

So... just another good reason to keep Cherry Valley's southern boundary at Brookside!

Other Developments in Our Community

Members of CVAN attended the Banning Planning Commission meeting this month. The Loma Linda/Banning Bench project was the only item on the Agenda. This is a large project on the North of Banning with the main exit at Sunset. It will have almost 1000 homes and an 18 hole golf course.

Despite testimony regarding the erroneous figures dealing with the availability of water for that project, and the area in general, the Commission certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and sent it to the Council for final approval. The Council approved the project on August 9th.

Will this effect us -- you bet!

How involved should we get?

Don't you think Banning should have a Hillside Ordinance? Your opinion is important!

South of Beaumont

As you all have read, Beaumont threw out the Hillside Ordinance because they didn't want to do an EIR. BCRG (Beaumont Citizens for Responsible Growth) worked as hard, or harder, than the City to get an ordinance. Now it is up to every citizen of Beaumont to be aware of incoming development, or our hills to the South will look like Sun Lakes or Anaheim Hills.

An Important Meeting

The Beaumont City Council will be holding a hearing on their General Plan on September 6, 2005 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

We, in Cherry Valley, need to attend that meeting and remind them that their boundaries stop at Brookside!

**DON'T TRY TO AMEND THE
GENERAL PLAN BEFORE IT
IS EVEN WRITTEN!!**

This Will Be Your Last Reminder

Our BBQ will be held at the Beckman Ranch on Cherry Valley Blvd. on October 8th. \$25.00 per couple (12.50 single and \$6.00 for youngsters ages 7 to 12) The BBQ will have a Western theme and promises to be great fun. There will be lots of great raffle items, good music and great food. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Please join us. Send your reservation check to CVAN P.O. Box 3257, **NO LATER THEN SEPTEMBER 30, 2005!** (earlier if possible). We want to be sure there is ample food for everyone.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

2005/06: Our year runs from July 1st to June 30th. If it has slipped

your mind and you haven't sent in your renewal yet, please drop it in the mail today. It will be the best \$10.00 per family you will ever spend to support your Community!

Rummage Sale

Remember, our Rummage sale is on for September 10th. You can start bringing your "*good stuff*" donations to the Reeley residence now, at 10096 Live Oak. Call Patsy at 845-9833.

This is where we make some of the money we need to carry on the important work we have to do.

Please be generous.

Other Stuff

Be sure and check our web site for announcements, important meeting updates, and other good information regarding our community of Cherry Valley...
www.cherryvalleyca.org

Well?????.....

If you are a private well owner (or know of someone who is) and would like a copy of the Beaumont Basin Adjudication (the stipulated judgment), e-mail Patsy at patsydol@verizon.net or call Luwana at 769-0074 or Patsy at 845-9833.