

From: [Katrina Tough](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Bears - City Needs Ordinances & A Plan
Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022 3:48:18 PM

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As you are aware, the bears currently present in the Canyon have become increasingly bold: breaking into homes & cars, charging residents, and even killing a small pet.

As a city with no ordinance in place against feeding the bears or other wildlife and no enforcement of trash securement - the bears have a constant source of food. We are failing them and as they've grown in confidence they have taken charge.

We all know that "A fed bear is a dead bear", yet as a city there has been no action.

The cost to humans is high too - \$\$ of damage, shock/fear of being charged, and even the death of a small pet.

I have been asking the city for 3 years (all in writing) to take action: to write the necessary bear ordinance(s) and figuring out a trash solution (that does not cost an arm and a leg).

If action had been taken 3 years ago, we would not be in the current situation.

So please take action.

Thanks for listening.

Katrina (Upper Canyon)

From: [Waliser, Duane E \(US 8000\)](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Comment from Upper Canyon
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:39:36 AM

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The Public Works folks have been great about patching leaks and keeping our water running up here in the Upper Canyon, and now installing a new water main. The project seems to be moving along nicely and the update messages from Chris Cimino.

It isn't obvious what the plan is regarding road repaving after the water main project is complete. Even before the water main project, the road sorely needed repaving because of the many patches over the years. Now with the water main replacement, it will be even worse.

Please consider the repaving of Churchill road as a priority once the water main work is done.

thank you
Duane Waliser



From: [Susan Hoskins](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Morgan Stanley](#)
Subject: Public comment - Feb 22 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:37:36 PM

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Public comment:

My name is Sue Hoskins and I live in the upper canyon. First, I want to thank the city for current construction to install the new water main and to Chris Cimino for keeping us informed as the project progresses. I do hope the project will conclude with the re-paving of our pock marked, patchy and bumpy road.

My concern today is about encounters between wildlife and people. I am very glad to hear that the city is working together with California Fish and Wildlife on recommendations and regulations that may lead to increased safety for wildlife and people. Sadly, most of us are aware that "a fed bear is a dead bear". Let's work together for best practices in the upper canyon

From: [Lisa Harris](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: back-up horns
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:55:00 PM

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Hello ~

I live in the upper canyon and am about to lose my mind.

They're working on our roads and the constant back-up horns are making me mental.

Could they be a little quieter? If the purpose is to warn someone the truck is about to back up, so they don't get run over, how far does that sound need to carry?

Do *I* need to know every time the truck is backing up? I'm indoors, blocks away. I'm not standing behind a truck.

Why is the sound loud enough to warn people who don't need a warning?

Can we lower the sound so, maybe, it's audible within a certain distance from the truck? 30 yards? That seems far enough not to get run over. If you can't step sideways the 5-10ft you might need to in order to avoid the truck, with both the truck itself visible and a horn you can hear, maybe you shouldn't be out unaccompanied.

I'm not suggesting people with sensory deficits should be run over . . . but perhaps doing some decibel tests to see what's the quietest warning that would alert someone with, say, partial hearing loss?

If the loudness is mandated by a county, state or federal agency, can you give me their contact info? Perhaps I'll be leading a crusade . . .

thanks,
Lisa Harris
Sierra Madre

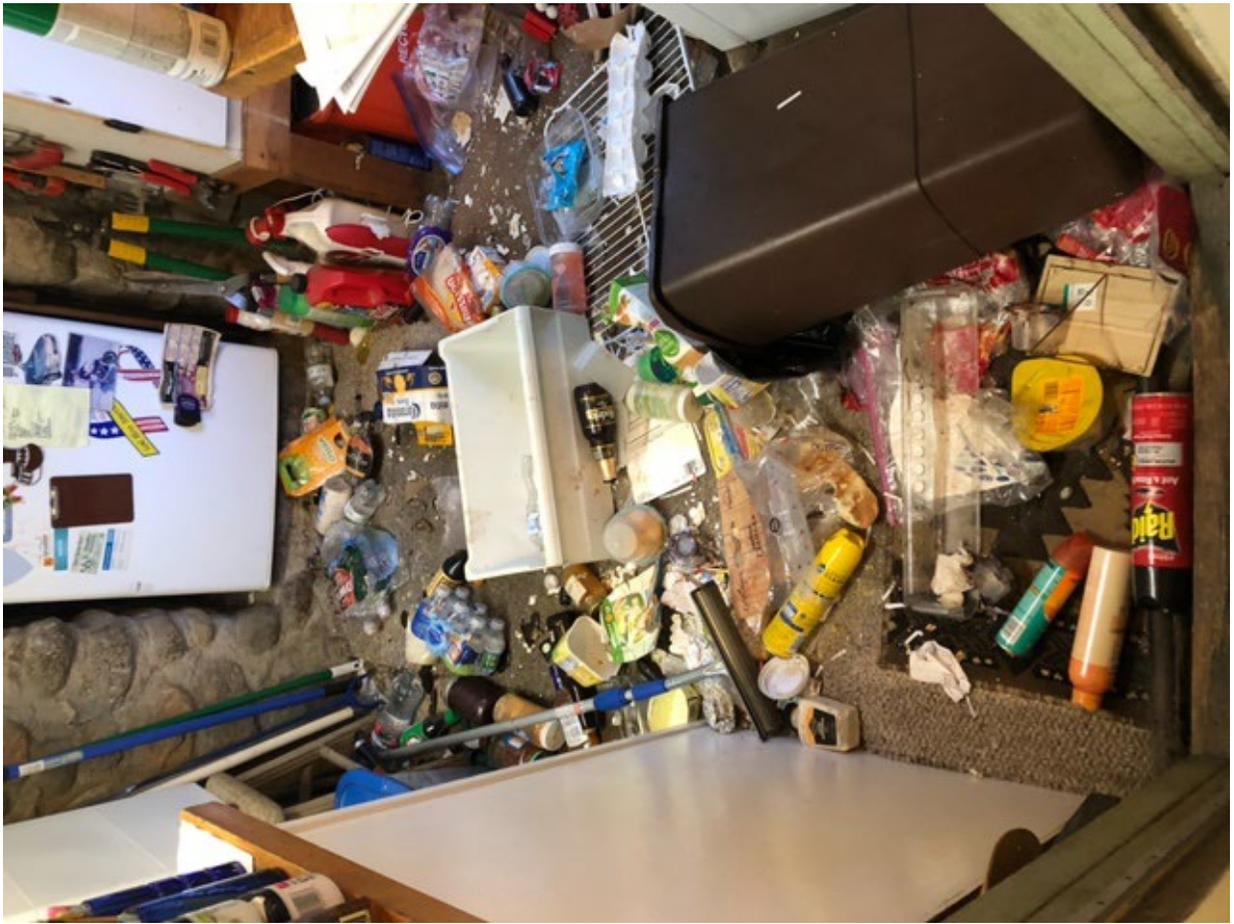
From: hughpamvd@roadrunner.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Bears & repaving
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:43:52 PM

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My name is Pam Curtis & I live at [REDACTED]. My husband & I are very happy that the water mains are being replaced, but PLEASE repave the roads when the work is done. We have all been driving over pot holes for years. No matter how slowly we drive over the sinking patches, it still feels like you're driving off road. My husband has spinal stenosis with chronic back pain & no matter how hard I try to avoid the patches, it still causes him pain as I drive him up & down the road. And then there is the wear & tear on the cars.

The bears. While we have enjoyed watching mama & her cubs from afar (our home is on the hillside with the majority of the lot below us) as they picniced in our yard & climbed our trees. But we like them a lot less now that they've gotten into our back porch & ripped all the food & shelving from our refrigerator. They have returned twice that we know of trying to get in again. My husband saw them & was able to scare them off (he's 91 years old!). I'm very sorry to say, but with the many recent bear invasions in the last few weeks it is time to attempt relocation as long as it can be done safely.





Thank you for your consideration.
Hugh von Delden & Pam Curtis
Sent from my iPhone

From: [K.M](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: For public record for the City Council meeting of February 22, 2022
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:16:02 PM

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Dear City Council,

I recently received a letter from the city of Sierra Madre that informed me that the Environmental Impact Report for Proposed construction at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue (The Meadows) in Sierra Madre was in. Once I found the report and read it I realized that it was just going through the motions in order to rush another *unaffordable* housing development through the proper channels, no matter the concerns of the community to the wildlife zones that our city transitions into.

Having lived here for over 20 years I am very aware of the wild life that we share this area with and their migration and browsing habits. I'm particularly concerned about the impacts this development would have on our wild animal populations both in the short and long term. Because of the recent fires in the foothills and the elimination of the browsing areas in the front of the monastery the deer may be stressed in finding enough browsing material to keep the herds healthy in their migrational winter range. If this is the case, a large construction project could block the deer population from migrating to any other feeding zones in the general area. It has not been understood until recently that Mule Deer are far more sensitive to urbanization and habitat loss.

Should the deer population diminish in numbers because of higher density housing where would our cougars look to for a food source? I have personally seen cougar deer kills inside Bailey Canyon park. Have we asked what other species depend on the grazing benefits of Mule Deer? Will our actions continue a downward spiral of our local wildlife? Shouldn't we care?

I know Bailey Canyon Park has a significant amount of wildlife that we could be upsetting the balance of. Bobcats, Cougars, Foxes, Deer, Cooper Hawks, Acorn Woodpeckers, Spotted Towhees, Bats, Cliff Swallows, Side-blotched lizards, Whiptail lizards, Rattlesnakes, Gopher snakes, Ring-necked snakes and Tarantula Wasps are just some of the diverse species I have observed in Bailey Canyon and that does not even mention the abundance of plant life within the canyon. I believe we have not done our due diligence in the impacts we continue to have on the natural world around us here in Sierra Madre.

I have included a few quotes and web links below about Mule Deer to show how sensitive just this species is to urbanization and how important they are to the other species living in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Here is what wild life specialists found out a few years ago on how sensitive Mule deer are to development:

"Mule deer, for example, plummeted in number when home development surged in the Wyoming ski enclave of Jackson Hole decades ago, said Mike Eastman, a writer and wildlife photographer who grew up in the area and used to guide hunters there.

"Mule deer are real susceptible to a lot of people in an area, and it just kind of pinches them

off," Eastman said. "They're kind of like steelhead or salmon and can't get up there because a dam is in the way." "

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/animal-migration-maps-wildlife-mule-deer/2471591/>

Here is a quote taken from a study done on the effects on California wildlife and urbanization:

"Conclusions

As a large and highly mobile species generally considered to be well adapted to human activity, mule deer nonetheless showed genetic impacts of intensive urbanization. Because of this potential vulnerability, mule deer and other ungulates may require further consideration for effective habitat management and maintenance of landscape connectivity in human-dominated landscapes."

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10980-019-00824-9>

Here is another quote from California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

"Deer may be migratory or resident. In California, long distance migration is rare among large mammals, and mule deer are one of the few that migrate. Migrating deer herds in Mono and Inyo counties migrate from summer range to winter range, with corridors and holding areas in between. Summer range is typically high elevation and utilized for its nutritious green forage and fawning areas. These high elevation areas are covered in snow during the winter, so prior to deep snow, deer migrate to lower elevations. At low elevations, deer are confined to relatively small winter ranges, which support deer for a short period of time because forage is limited. In fact, some migrating deer will hold up in the snow until there is springtime green-up to feed on at the lower elevations."

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/6/Deer/Natural-History>

As you can see this Environmental Impact Report for The Meadows has not gone far enough in its scope on Mule Deer, let alone the numerous other species within the canyons here. One of the reports conclusions is *"impacts to biological resources were determined to be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures."* In my opinion these are weak measures that consist of educational materials, signage and picking up your pets waste. We should be more concerned, as a community, to the long-term negative health effects we are creating and the further damage we can avoid not only to the city of Sierra Madre but to the natural environment around it.

With the current climate changes, it is not just people that are on the edge, it is our entire ecosystems.

"Biologists are becoming more and more concerned that global climate change will drastically reduce biodiversity. Some biologists estimate that 35% of animals and plants could become extinct in the wild by 2050 due to global climate change".

https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/nature/climatechange_wildlife.htm

Many of us chose to live in Sierra Madre because of its proximity to the wild. I don't wish to live in a homogenous, big box world that has only Homo sapiens starving in it, that world wouldn't last long.

Kevin Moore
Sierra Madre, California

From: [Lynne Rasmussen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: potholes in the upper canyon
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:46:02 AM

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My name is Lynne Rasmussen and I live in the upper canyon. I have recently been informed that when the city finishes putting in the new sewer line, that the city only intends to patch where the sewer went in, not do something about the gazillions of potholes left from previous sewer work. Our road is nearly impassable because of all those potholes! PLEASE reconsider making Canyon Crest driveable/walkable again with a full repaving.