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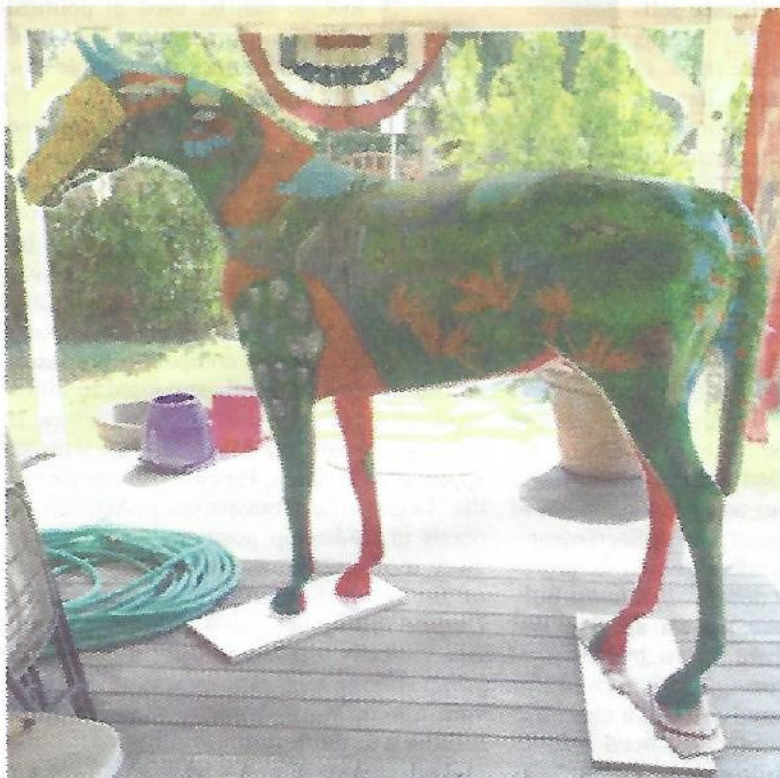
Update on Northridge "Great Streets" Projects

By Chris Sales

The end of the summer sees a number of projects completed or nearing completion. Northridge Sparkle and Council District 12 have coordinated a series of projects that include a new design for the Parthenia median area, including the installation of a new illuminated flag pole, which will be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11th, this fall. At the same time, the median will be landscaped with drought tolerant plants, improving its appearance and saving water.

Don Larson, co-chair of Northridge Sparkle, is promoting the flag dedication event as, "healing all Americans after the November vote". The flag pole installation has been made possible through the donation of services by various city agencies, including the Bureau of Street Services, as well as a number of individual donations of time and money. The drought toler-

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ant landscaping is the result of a grant from the Department of Water and Power.

Phase Three street repairs by the Bureau of Street Services, recently completed along Reseda Blvd between Nordhoff and Plummer, included the replacement of broken sidewalks and improvement of median planters. BSS received funding this year to make selected infrastructure repairs to each of the fifteen Great Streets, of which the Reseda Blvd Great Street has benefited greatly. We thank them and the other city agencies involved for their hard work.

One more exciting project that is working it's way slowly but surely to completion is the placement of Northridge's first "Horses of the Valley" decorative horse in the community. The horse, funded by the Northridge South Neighborhood Council and decorated by Museum of the San Fernando Valley's Public Art Initiative Artist Ingrid Elburg, is being prepared for installation at its projected site, at the corner of Zelzah and Nordhoff, across from CSUN. The horse, only the second to be purchased and decorated for a neighborhood

council, represents the equine tradition of Northridge and the North Valley, where horse ranches and horse breeding flourished just before and after World War Two.

Finally, Northridge will be host to the second annual CSUN Day of Service on Saturday, September 10th. A coalition of service organizations including Northridge Sparkle, CD 12, the Northridge Chamber of Commerce, plus a number of CSUN student organizations, the day of service will include several hundred CSUN students cleaning the streets and sidewalks adjacent to the campus. Designed as an outreach to the community, CSUN students will be working with neighborhood stakeholders and leaders to beautify the neighborhood. Students and stakeholders participating in the day of service will be meeting on campus, at the Bayramian Hall lawn, at 8:00 am, before setting out for their assigned cleanup locations.

All interested parties are encouraged to participate in the CSUN Day of Service, and more volunteer information is available from Don Larson at, who can be contacted at 818-401-5522.