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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Rollingwood residents and thank you for your efforts to provide a supportive environment and imaginative solutions for keeping us together and engaged during the past six months. Our world remains in flux and answers are uncertain, yet we still say hello (from a distance!) when we meet a neighbor. We smile and we offer to help when and where we can.

Please stay well, stay safe, and stay informed as we navigate through the coming months. Your RHOA website links to several valuable sites and provides important information, including RHOA updates, minutes of RHOA Board meetings, and current news from the City of Rolling Hills Estates and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's coronavirus page.

Annual Meeting

The RHOA's Annual Meeting cannot be held in the Palos Verdes Library Community Room or any other public setting this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying safety orders. Because these are not "normal" circumstances as referenced in the RHOA Bylaws, the RHOA Board of Directors has suspended the 2020 Annual Meeting. The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on October 19, 2021 in the Community Room of the Palos Verdes Library.

The Board considered alternative interactive broadcast methods, but concluded they were too impractical, time consuming, and/or expensive to implement.

The RHOA is a non-profit corporation representing residents of the Rollingwood area. As stated in the RHOA Bylaws, membership in the Association is considered voluntary and is open to all homeowners and/or residents of Rollingwood, one membership per household. Since neither membership nor the payment of dues is mandatory, the Board of Directors is given flexibility under the bylaws to act in the best interests of the Association's members.

In light of the suspension of the meeting, there are four major pieces of Association business that must be addressed at this time.

First is the review and approval of minutes for the 2019 annual meeting held on Oct. 15, 2019 at the Palos Verdes Library Community Room. Minutes of the meeting are available for review on the RHOA website. Unless corrections or additions are communicated to Judy Bayer, President, the minutes will be deemed approved.

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Annual Meeting (continued)

Second is the presentation and approval of the RHOA audited annual financial statement for the year ending September 30, 2020. The financial statement and auditors' letter will also be made available for review on the RHOA website. Questions, additions and corrections regarding the financial statements should be directed to Judy Bayer or Doug Wickstrom. Unless issues regarding the financial statements are communicated, the Auditors' Report will be deemed approved.

Third is the election of board members. The election of RHOA Board members takes place at the Annual Meeting held in October. The terms of RHOA Board members, Doug Wickstrom, Kathy Walker, and Judy Bayer will be ending, and they will be up for reelection this year. Each is willing to serve for another two-year term on the RHOA Board of Directors.

If you would like to serve on the RHOA Board of Directors or if you would like to nominate a candidate, please submit the name to the RHOA Secretary, Richard Fowell (Richard's contact information is listed on page 1), by September 25, 2020. If no names are submitted, the election will be cancelled, and the three current members will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the RHOA for an additional two-year term of office. Please note each membership in the RHOA is entitled to one vote.

If additional nominations are submitted by the deadline, the Board of Directors will provide notice to all members of the Rollingwood Homeowners Association along with a mail-in ballot and instructions for submittal.

The **fourth** item of business is to state that solicitations, complaints, or requests for action by members of the Rollingwood Homeowners Association may be made in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board will respond in writing within 30 days following its next Board meeting.

The Board of Directors thanks you for your patience and understanding as we all push through this awful COVID-19 Pandemic. Stay well and keep in touch.

Board Reports

Doug Wickstrom, Vice President, Community Relations and Ordinance Education

The Vice President of the RHOA is tasked in our bylaws to perform the duties of President in case of his/her absence or disability. In addition, the V.P. is responsible for addressing issues related to community relations and City ordinance education. The V.P. is in regular contact with various officials in the City of Rolling Hills Estates to deal with topics of interest to Rollingwood residents. These include view preservation, City park and parkway tree maintenance, impact of city code changes, etc. Occasionally, issues outside RHE City limits receive attention. One example is the proposed 248 unit residential housing project located near the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd. and Via Valmonte in the City of Torrance (see below).

RHE City News by E-mail: For Rollingwood residents interested in regular information updates dealing with the City of Rolling Hills Estates, the City publishes a very helpful E-mail newsletter. Topics you receive may be tailored to your interests and those of your family. The ten options range from City meetings to general news, updates, and urgent notifications. A sign-up form for the E-mail newsletter is available on the City's website:

<http://www.rollinghillsestatesca.gov>

Butcher/Solana Real Estate Development Project Update: The proposed 248 unit Butcher/Solana Real Estate Development in the City of Torrance (at the intersection of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Blvd.) remains in limbo according to the City of Torrance Planning Department. Torrance has suspended its planning review of this large residential project pending further steps by the developer. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the RHOA is monitoring this activity due to the potential impact on traffic flow along Hawthorne Blvd. at Via Valmonte.

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Report from the City: Greg Grammer, the RHE City Manager, reports that City Hall is still closed to the public during the “Safer at Home” order resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. A few staff members are coming to the office and others are working from home. Phone calls and e-mails to City departments are being responded to and a phone directory at City Hall (310) 377-1577 can direct your call to the department you need.

The Maintenance Division is still operating to repair potholes, trim trees, and maintain parks, trails, and City horse arenas. The Planning Division is using a new online permitting process to review plans and submittals. More information may be obtained from the RHE City website.

Richard Fowell, Secretary

The Secretary of the RHOA maintains minutes of all proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Association. Among his other responsibilities, he also is the custodian of the corporate seal of the Association and is the keeper of all pertinent RHOA books and papers.

Kathy Walker, Treasurer

The Treasurer of the RHOA collects and disburses all monies of the Association, maintains a list of all members and, in addition, a current list of other Rollingwood residents. Currently, she has submitted the Treasurer’s report for the fiscal year 2019-2020 to RHOA auditors, Tana Ireland and Carrie Silvano, based on the year’s financial records. The auditors’ report would normally be completed and submitted to the Board at the October general meeting except that, due to this year’s meeting cancellation, it will be posted on the Rollingwood HOA website when it becomes available.

On behalf of the Board, Kathy extends a warm thank you both to Tana Ireland and Carrie Silvano for their hard work in completing the RHOA audit.

Thanks also to the more than 40 Rollingwood neighbors who responded to the RHOA Board outreach requesting payment of their yearly dues. It is our ongoing goal to receive a remittance from more than 30% of our Rollingwood residents/owners.

Warren Arata, Community Appearance

The Community Appearance Chair of the RHOA is responsible for the oversight of maintenance and appearance of our neighborhood, including the maintenance of the parkways on either side of Kingspine between Silver Spur and the corners of Rollingwood Dr. and Dunwood Rd. The RHOA contracts out this work to a landscape maintenance company that is licensed by the City. Warren also fields questions and comments regarding issues residents may have with conditions within Rollingwood as well as working with the City to let them know if there are any issues that come up that the City needs to address. This year, the RHOA Board of Directors began looking at what we can do to upgrade the landscape along our Kingspine entry. Our budget doesn't allow for a full re-landscaping, so most of what we do will require some hands-on work. We have had a good response from volunteers to help in the effort. Unfortunately, because we are dealing this year with the COVID-19 pandemic, work parties will not be feasible until the virus is controlled. When we return to a modicum of normalcy, we will get back to our work along the entry. If you are an RHOA member, thanks for the help and, if not, please consider joining the Association. It is the membership dues that help fund this project and many others the RHOA initiates for our neighborhood.

For over six months, Warren has been in communication with the city to repair our sidewalks. He has walked every sidewalk in the neighborhood and noted many of the buckled, cracked and heaved areas. Locations of the worst ones have been forwarded to the City. The City is in the process now of talking with Los Angeles County Public Works to review the neighborhood and initiate work. They have noted that repair work will commence soon. Because of the numerous repairs that are required, there will be some that will be put off until the next fiscal year. We shall stay in contact with the City to ensure that they keep up with the repairs.

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Rolling Hills Estates Community News

Important Information for All City E-mail Subscribers

Recent topics on the City website include but are not limited to COVID-19 updates from L.A. County, a virtual (online) activities schedule from the Peninsula Seniors organization, a virtual information session with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village, an update from Southern California Edison on power usage, information from L.A. County Consumer and Business Affairs related to the Cares Act, and a contact list of resource providers for seniors or disabled residents who need assistance. Check out the City web page:

[RHE COVID-19 Update Page](#)

for a current list of issues, resources and other information relating to COVID-19. The web page maintains listings of companies providing essential services and of local restaurants providing takeout or delivery orders.

Upcoming Events in Rolling Hills Estates

Hills Are Alive Virtual Race: The Rolling Hills Estates Pepper Tree Foundation presents the 39th Annual Hills Are Alive 10k/5k Run/Walk. Registration is open now and the race will begin virtually on Saturday, September 12, 2020. You may register now and complete the virtual fun run anytime starting Saturday, September 12, 2020 through Monday, October 12th. Please note that this is a self-coordinated fun run with no setup, chip-timing, or coordinators onsite. For more information on how to participate, please visit: www.hillsarealiverace.com

City playgrounds and tennis courts: These are open for limited use. Several hiking and most bridle trails are open. Park green spaces also are open for use with certain restrictions (mainly related to appropriate social distancing). For kids, adults, and seniors looking for something to do, you can check out the City's virtual recreation webpage on the City website. There is a "Senior Resource Guide" with information and services available to seniors and those with special needs.

Tennis Lessons: Learn the fundamentals of tennis and the strategy of match play with USPTA certified RHE Resident Tennis Pro, Bob Krueger. Bring a tennis racket and one unopened can of balls to the first class. For more information, please call (310)541-4585.

City Election: Rolling Hills Estates is a "general law city" and provides services to the public as mandated by the California State Government Code. As provided by State law, our City's legislative body is the City Council, comprised of five residents elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot to serve four-year overlapping terms. On an annual basis, one member is selected by the Council to serve as Mayor. Regular City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

A General Municipal Election in the City of Rolling Hills Estates will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** to elect three (3) Members of the City Council. This election will be consolidated with the Statewide General Election. For this election, voters will have the ability to cast their ballot at an in-person voting location (Vote Center) or vote using a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot that will automatically be sent to all registered voters via the United States Postal Service. For more election information or to register to vote, please visit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk website at www.lavote.net.

These are the qualified candidates running for City Council:

- Timothy Buresh
- Bridget K. Carman
- Jeffrey Romanelli
- Velveth Schmitz
- Bruce Steckel
- Debby Stegura
- Frank V. Zerunyan



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Neighborhood Beautification Award: Each year, the RHOA recognizes a Rollingwood property that reflects unique ideas and an attractive aesthetic appearance in keeping with the ideals of our beautiful neighborhood. The home of Wilson and Gloria Avalos at 4644 Rockbluff Drive has been selected as the recipient of this year's Neighborhood Appearance Award. Be sure to enjoy the creative and lovely landscaping with the classic three-rail fence in the front yard as you walk or drive by. Congratulations to Wilson and Gloria.



Juanita Stucker, Membership

The Membership Chair of the Rollingwood HOA Board is responsible for meeting and welcoming our new neighbors along with providing them with an Information packet.

This year, Juanita has updated the Rollingwood Welcome Notebook, and it looks great. She also has had the pleasure of welcoming 11 new homeowners since October of last year. In order to comply with current and necessary social distancing requirements, there have had to be some recent adjustments. Visits to welcome our new neighbors have been from a distance. Juanita is looking forward to the day when we can reinstitute our RHOA activities and get to know our new neighbors on a more personal basis and see all of our long-time residents again. Please feel free to contact Juanita with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding membership. In the meantime, give a wave of welcome to:

5265 Bluemound	The Metcbik/Gagnani Family
5167 Bluemound	The Chae Family
5127 Bluemound	The Matsubara Family
5013 Elmdale	The Liniger Family
4703 Rockbluff	The Humphrey/Perry Family
11 Rollingwood	The Stamler Family
17 Rollingwood	The Beylik Family
12 Silver Eagle	The Lee/Kim Family
5132 Willow Wood	The Robinson Family
5211 Willow Wood	The Agnew Family
5282 Willow Wood	The Fujita Family

Jeff Wolf, Communications

Jeff Wolf, our Communications Chair who is responsible for the design, update and maintenance of the RHOA website along with the editing, publication and distribution of the newsletter that is published quarterly, left the RHOA Board of Directors effective August 27, 2020. Jeff's term of office had extended through October 2021. A replacement for Jeff will be appointed by the RHOA Board. We will miss Jeff very much and wish him every success in his future endeavors. He has done a remarkable job maintaining and improving our website and currently is in the process of fully "re-casting" it. This has been a prodigious undertaking with many steps in the process that will result in a soon to be posted, fully redesigned site. Such improvements along with Jeff's continued assistance will greatly facilitate the transition to a new communications chairperson.

Thank you, Jeff, for all of the work you have done for the Rollingwood Homeowners Association.

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Important Dates

- **Late September - Early October** - Official Sample Ballot Booklets mailed to registered voters
- **October 5 - October 27** - Vote-by-mail ballots mailed
- **October 19** - Last day to register to vote in November 3 Election
- **November 3** - ELECTION DAY

RHE Neighborhood Watch Update



A virtual meeting of the City-wide Neighborhood Watch Committee was held on September 2, 2020. Alexa Regalado, Crime Analyst with the Lomita Sheriff's Station, spoke about her current duties. Her responsibilities include putting together the crime statistics for the cities served by the Lomita Sheriff's Station, and she assists detectives with investigations. In addition, she is a liaison to City staff for crime information and works on special projects for the Captain. Alexa also provides Bob Closson, the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for Rolling Hills Estates, with the input for his weekly City-wide crime report. If you are interested in receiving Bob's report, you may email him at rhenw90274@cox.net and request to be included in his email. Alexa also stressed the importance of calling the Lomita Sheriff's Station on their direct line with questions or to report any suspicious activity or other non-emergency situation, 310-539-1661, and using 911 when an emergency occurs.

National Emergency Preparedness Month

Jessica Slawson, Administrative Analyst for Rolling Hills Estates, reminded us about emergency preparedness, especially during the late summer/early fall fire season. Check out the [RHE web page](#) for National Emergency Preparedness Month. Specific information about fire response and management can be found on the L.A. County Fire Department website at <https://fire.lacounty.gov/> and about wildfire management on the RHE website at <http://ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=3902>

COVID-19 Heroes Thank You Yard Sign

If you haven't seen the first responder "thank you" sign in the front yard of Jill and Jesse Galdones' home on Rockbluff, you should take a look. The Galdones report that a portion of the proceeds received by the company that sells the sign is donated to several first responder organizations.



Blue Recycle Bin at Rockbluff Park

Recently, a blue recycle bin was placed at the top of Rockbluff Park. Unfortunately, the bin has been receiving not only recyclables but a substantial amount of ordinary trash. The bin has generally not been filled to more than half capacity each week. Because it is not being used appropriately and to capacity, a nearby resident has voiced the opinion that it should be removed. This concern will be forwarded to the City. In the meantime, please refrain from placing ordinary trash in the bin

And a Final Word ...

Last year at this time, our newsletter was filled with pictures and stories about all of our RHOA activities. This year, all such events have been cancelled due to COVID-19. We hope that you are staying well, and that we will be able to gather once again next year when our RHOA calendar will be chock full of our usual social and educational gatherings. We look forward to seeing you then.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

The Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board of Directors

2020 Rollingwood Homeowners Association

Updated August Paid Membership List (\$20/family)

Abelev	Fodor	LaBorde Lawniczak/	Pope
Agnew	Fowell/Colbert	Awadallah	Porter
Agustsson	Fujita, C	Leabow	Raymundo
Anfuso	Garabedian	Leseberg	Rim/Kahrs
Apodaca	Gargano	Leslie	Rodriguez, J
Arata	Gilster	Li	Rosen
Bailey	Gonzalez	Libutti	Sabai
Bayer	Gragg	Lim	Sala
Boucher/Bertrand	Granacki	Lininger, D/M	Sans
Britsch/Rein	Granata	Liu, A/J	Sasselli
Buchholz	Guelff	Lutz/Heller	Saura
Campbell	Gugisberg	Marshall	Schill
Chen, M/V	Hale	Matsubara	Seide
Chobanian	Hall	May	Serhal
Chu/Tsai	Harriett	McCown/Ross	Simeral
Ciszek	Helf	McKee/Getman	Smith/Harris
Cline	Ho	Medawar	Strier
Closson	Hofmeister	Megginson	Stucker
Cole	Hollingshead	Mendez	Swank
Corr	Hughes	Middelburg	Tumanjan
Crowley	Hui	Moghaddam	Valentekovich
Cummings	Hulse	Mori/Aguilar	VanWie
Davis, D/J	Humphrey	Munger	Walker
deAvalos	Ireland	Newman	Watts
Degener	Judge	Nielsen	Weise
Doell	Kabana	Nodado-Rutherglen	Wickstrom
Doolittle	Kalik	Ohlsson	Wills
Dunn	Kato	Omeze	Wolf
Elliott	Kela	O'Neill	Wong/Tiulim
Ellison^	Kim, D/J	Park, H/E	Woodland
Enders	Knauf	Paul	Yueh
Espiritu	Kotsianas	Phillips	Zamen
Eu/Huang	Kurt	Plebuch	Zannella
Fafard	Larking	Pliaconis	Zaslowsky
		Ponce	Zawitkoski/Faurite

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR NAME and contact Kathy @310-378-8185 or koreklaw@gmail.com, if missing.

*Submitted 8/29/2020 by RHOA Treasurer- Kathy Walker

^Ellison paid thru 2024