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Welcome to the summer edition of the Rollingwood newsletter. For many of us, our world is very much different today. A little over two months ago, had we ever heard of the concept of “physical distancing”? Had we ever worn a mask when we went to the grocery store or even on a walk? Did our sunglasses routinely fog up as we exhaled around the mask? A sense of humor, reaching out to help others, a pleasant “hello” (from a distance) when we meet a neighbor on our daily walks – we are getting by each day, and the best in all of us is shining through. We are very fortunate to have families in Rollingwood whose children have demonstrated their caring, gentle compassion in a display for all to enjoy and appreciate. Be sure to view their wonderfully creative posters by the Rollingwood entry signs at the Kingspine and Willow Wood entries to our neighborhood. Through their artwork, they give thanks to the very special first responders who have been so crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you very much to Cathy and Tom Couture for organizing and setting up the displays and to all of the parents and children who made it happen. Thank you to Jill and Jesse Galdones for contributing the wonderful sign thanking all of our emergency responders.

The talented artists are:

Kelsey and Kallen Pope

Jake and Ava Maffei

Kennedy, Archie, Violet and Jessie Hulse

Nadia Dildy

We live in a beautiful neighborhood, and the property improvements and home renovation projects throughout reflect our pride and our hope for the future. Please stay well, stay safe, and stay informed. Your RHOA website: <http://rwoodhoa.org> links to valuable sites including the City of Rolling Hills Estates and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health coronavirus page. Cancellations of the currently scheduled events in Rollingwood also will be noted on the website.

NEWSBITS FROM DOUG WICKSTROM'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS DESK

RHE City Manager's Update

Greg Grammer, RHE City Manager, reports that City Hall is gradually reopening but for appointments only during the "Safer at Home" order resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. Some staff members are coming to the office, while others are working from home. RHE City personnel are responding to phone calls and e-mails to City departments, and the City Hall switchboard is staffed during normal business hours to handle your questions.

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

Many City playgrounds and tennis courts are open along with several parks, hiking and bridle trails, all with specific mandates including appropriate social distancing and face coverings. For kids, adults, and seniors looking for something to do, the City's "virtual recreation webpage" on the City website is an invitation to get involved. There is also a "Senior Resource Guide" with information and services available to seniors and those with special needs.

You can check the City web pages at <https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/services/shop-the-hill> and <https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/services> for businesses including restaurants providing takeout or delivery orders and for the availability of essential services. In addition, the City posts updates and resource information on several social media platforms.

Finally, Greg recommends taking a look at the California Surgeon General's "Playbook for Stress Relief During COVID-19" which is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov>.

City of Rolling Hills Estates

The City of Rolling Hills Estates has done an excellent job keeping residents informed about relevant City news and updates on a daily basis during the COVID-19 crisis. Information is derived from health and policy experts at the federal, state and county levels. The sign-up address to receive the COVID-19 Update is <https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/community/advanced-components/enotification>.

Butcher/Solana Real Estate Development Project Update

The proposed 248-unit Butcher/Solana Real Estate Development in the City of Torrance (near the intersection of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Blvd.) is back in "limbo" thanks to the coronavirus. The Planning Department in the City of Torrance has suspended its planning review of this large residential development due to the City's shutdown.

As mentioned previously, this large project could significantly impact the traffic flow along Hawthorne Blvd. at Via Valmonte if it reaches the construction stage.

The RHOA Board, along with many neighboring cities, interested individuals and groups, is staying in touch with the Planning Department for the City of Torrance as the Butcher/Solana project approaches the public comment stage. We will continue to keep you informed.

RHOA Dues

It's really hard to keep asking our Rollingwood residents to pay their RHOA dues. As has been said many times, last year fewer than 50% of Rollingwood residents paid their dues to join the Association. Everything carries a price tag, now more than ever. Please show you care. Send your \$20.00 payment made out to the Rollingwood Homeowners Association to Kathy Walker, Treasurer, 4902 Rockbluff Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ROLLINGWOOD

Sidewalks, Yard Maintenance, and More From Community Appearance Board Chair, Warren Arata

City addresses Rollingwood neighborhood sidewalks: Our Rollingwood neighborhood is one of the older housing tracts in the City, and it is the only one that has both sidewalks and streetlights, permitting us a great opportunity for walking both during the day and in the evening. The age of our neighborhood has also given us mature street trees that provide both color and shade, and unfortunately the hazards associated with older growth trees – heaved or lifted sidewalks. Over the years the City has repaired some of the worst offenders..

In a recent survey of the neighborhood, the Rollingwood HOA Board located and documented many sidewalk hazards. A sidewalk edge raised through cracking or lifting to over ¾" in height is considered a hazard. The Board's survey was submitted to the City for review and action. The City has responded, and the repairs are budgeted for fiscal year 20/21 with work to begin this summer.

If you have noted a sidewalk hazard, please let the Board know its location as soon as possible. The Board will note the location and re-submit it to the City for their review.

Current status of unkempt homes: Rollingwood is a unique neighborhood within the City. Most homes are situated close to the street, and our neighbors are typically just an arm's length away. Consequently, the condition of our front yards is visible to neighbors and pedestrians. Well maintained yards and homes are a pleasure to see when out walking. Varied and well-maintained landscapes bring interest to our neighborhood and add value to all of the homes.

During the last few months, the Board has received several complaints of overgrown, unkempt front yards. Not only are they unsightly and potentially dangerous, but overgrown vegetation/ weeds/ trash can create fire hazards and havens for rats and other vermin. Having overly dense vegetation in the yard also creates visual barriers providing criminals a curtain to work behind where our 'eyes' cannot penetrate. The conditions noted above are described in the Cities Municipal Code Chapter 8.12 as being non-compliant. To review, you may refer to https://library.municode.com/ca/rolling_hills_estates/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8HESA_CH8.12ABSUBUPR.

In some cases, the lack of maintenance has caused hazardous sidewalk access. Soil sloughing off slopes and overgrown vegetation extending onto and over sidewalks have made some areas of our neighborhood difficult to negotiate. The Board is actively working with the City's Code Compliance Officer to promote a safer and more appealing, pedestrian friendly neighborhood. Our City's Code Compliance Officer will be inspecting our neighborhood, addressing non-compliant properties and facilitating bringing these properties up to acceptable standards. Efforts also will be made to contact homeowners who are not residents of Rollingwood whose unkempt sidewalk areas are unsafe.

It also has been noted that a few house numbers are not clearly visible. Dense vegetation has blocked views or the numbers are very small or placed where they are invisible from the street. This is a potential problem for the fire department, law enforcement and emergency services. Losing minutes because a house number cannot be found could be tragic. Having your street address painted on the curb helps, but many times cars parked on the street screen its view. House numbers in Rollingwood should be clearly marked. To determine a proper standard of visibility for street numbers, refer to the City of Los Angeles Fire Department website: <https://www.lafd.org/fire-prevention/fire-development-services/lafd-street-address-number-guide>. Too much information? Try good common sense. Stand on the sidewalk and see if you can read your own home address.

RHOA community project: In the fall, the Rollingwood HOA is planning a Kingspine entry landscape upgrade and will be soliciting volunteers to help remove some of the existing plant material and to replace it with vegetation that will spruce up our entrance. The Board is anticipating that because we still will be adhering to social distancing, we will be able to have only three people working on either side of the street at any one time. We anticipate two weekends of work, one for plant removal and one for plant installation. The existing drip irrigation system is in acceptable working order, and we are anticipating that it will be in good shape come this fall. If you are interested in participating in the landscape restoration project, please contact a Board member via telephone or email and let him/her know of your interest.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Captain Jim Powers

Report from the RHE Neighborhood Watch Meeting May 5, 2020

Diane Ross, Angie and Dan Rosen, Lori and Juan Rodriguez and Judy Bayer attended the virtual Neighborhood Watch Meeting along with NW representatives from RHE neighborhoods. Britt Huff, City Council member, chaired the meeting. Jessica Slauson, Administrative Analyst, Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager, and Captain Jim Powers of the Lomita Sheriff Station also were present.

Captain Powers provided an update on crime prevention and safety in our city. He noted that many of his staff have been re-allocated to commercial areas to “keep the peace” during the exchange of crucial supplies during these critical times. Captain Powers advised that the number of grand theft autos has risen, and while residential crime has diminished somewhat, scouting of neighborhoods still occurs. Mail also has been reported stolen along with identity theft which is a long- time issue. Captain Powers advised that outgoing mail should not be left in your mailbox. Instead, hand it to the mail carrier or bring it to the post office.

The subject of video-cameras was addressed. It was noted that the LPR cameras that have been installed at major intersections of the Peninsula have been extremely valuable. Dapplegray Lane has installed one in its neighborhood and Strawberry Lane has begun installation. According to Captain Powers, “cameras are great,” though quite expensive to install. The RHOA has investigated installation of cameras at the Willow Wood and Kingspine entrances to Rollingwood and found the expense and maintenance prohibitive.

THE PASSING OF DAVID BREEDING



The month of April saw the passing of David Breeding, a strong advocate and former president of the Rollingwood Homeowners Association. The RHOA Community Service Award was presented to David in 2013 at the Rollingwood Summer Block Party for all of his special efforts to help develop Rollingwood into the great community it is today. David is remembered by Warren Arata as the official “kid hauler” on his tractor on Bluemound Road. When Warren and his family first moved to Bluemound Road and their daughter was just starting school, he marveled at how David built his backyard all by himself with nothing but hand tools and a small tractor. “He was of a generation that went through both the deprivation of the Great Depression and then fought in a World War,” Warren said. “My wish for my daughter is that the character and work ethic Mr. Breeding and his generation exhibited become the norm again in our country.” David was loved by all. His strong will, sense of humor, incisive intellect and humanity will be missed by all who knew him. May loving memories sustain David’s wife, Marilyn, and their family during these difficult times. David’s obituary may be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailybreeze/obituary.aspx?n=david-clarence-breeding&pid=196092666>.

Stay healthy, reach out to help your neighbors, and stay connected.
Your Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board of Directors

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*Submitted 5/20 by RHOA Treasurer- Kathy Walker