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*HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION*

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## NEWSLETTER

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all Rollingwood neighbors. A special thank you to those who have volunteered in so many ways to make our community safe, educated, and a delightful place to call home. A number of you have assisted your neighbors, delivered flyers, hosted events, worked on committees, and helped in so many ways. Please know that you are appreciated!

Holiday lights were beautiful this year. Many thanks to the Espinoza and Gray families for their sparkling displays.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE

Along with the flyers you received in December announcing the **End of the Year Holiday Wine & Cheese Gathering** were RHOA questionnaires and envelopes for your annual RHOA dues of \$20.00. Unfortunately, the \$20.00 dues amount was not noted on the questionnaire, and several envelopes were returned without a check. PLEASE, take a moment, fill out your questionnaire if you have not done so already, and send your \$20.00 payment made out to the Rollingwood Homeowners Association either in the envelope provided or one addressed to Kathy Walker, Treasurer, 4902 Rockbluff Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.



Last year, fewer than 50% of Rollingwood residents paid their dues to join the Association. Everything carries a price tag. All of the activities, improvements, and communications cost money, and we can't do it without you. The time has come for you to join or renew your Membership in the Rollingwood Homeowners Association.

**PLEASE JOIN TODAY: \$20.00 in 2020!!!**

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING IN ROLLINGWOOD IN 2020

**February 29** (Saturday) Let's Chat – Open to all Rollingwood residents. Discussions of local interest including recycling, neighborhood safety, City updates.

**April 11** (Saturday) Easter Egg Hunt – Over 1000 eggs filled with candy and goodies hidden in the grass at Rockbluff Park.

**August 4** (Tuesday) National Night Out – Local law enforcement and City representatives share with neighbors how to maintain safe homes and streets.

**September 12** (Saturday) Let's Chat – What would you like to talk about? Let us know.

**October 3** (Saturday) Oktoberfest – Good fun, beer and sausage, lederhosen, and music.

**October 13** (Tuesday) General Meeting – Speaker on prominent local issues, RHOA Board Report, election of RHOA Board Officers, annual financial report, and more.

**December 27** (Sunday) End of the Year Holiday Wine and Cheese Gathering - - a progressive gathering of neighbors to share an evening of warm-hearted conversation and sociability.

**Ongoing RHOA Activities** include:

Neighborhood Watch

Monthly Board meetings

Website at [rwoodhoa.org](http://rwoodhoa.org)

Quarterly newsletter

Yearly questionnaire

Maintenance/Improvement/safety projects as necessary (sidewalk repair, street resurfacing, crosswalks, stop signs, Neighborhood Watch signs, speed bumps)

Coordination with the city on projects, ordinance enforcement and improvements

## RECENT ROLLINGWOOD ACTIVITIES

### Octoberfest October 5, 2019

The RHOA Annual Oktoberfest was held at the home of Steve and Kathleen Campbell. The day was beautiful, conversation flowed, and the beer, sausage, and cheese were delicious – not to mention all of the other treats.



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## 2019 GENERAL MEETING: 15 OCTOBER 2019

The guest speaker was Greg Grammer, the new City Manager for the city of Rolling Hills Estates. Greg has worked for the City of Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) for 19 years and he became City Manager upon the retirement of Doug Prichard in 2019.

Greg explained the recent RHE reorganization: Alexa Davis is now the Assistant City Manager. Levi Sinclair is a new employee in charge of Community Outreach. Cynthia Morquecho and Daniel A-Haja take on most of the Community Services work that Andy Clark, now retired, used to do. Greg summarized a number of current City projects. The City plans to put some FAQ videos on the website and social media. Public safety is the largest item in the city budget. The city is expanding the automatic license plate reader program. It also is working on emergency preparedness, including a joint plan with the city of RPV and Expo held on Oct 27, 2019 at the Norris Pavilion. Target will be moving into Peninsula Center in January. Old Navy already has opened. Street resurfacing is in progress on PV Drive North, and storm drain repairs are under way. Greg touched on the Cal Water project as well. For more information on the project, go to [pvpwaterproject.com](http://pvpwaterproject.com).

There were many questions on a number of topics from the audience.

Kathy Walker, RHOA Treasurer, thanked our RHOA auditors, Juanita Stucker and Denise LaBorde for their work auditing the RHOA financial records. All was in order, and we thank Kathy for that.

Juanita Stucker was nominated and elected to the RHOA Board, and Board members Jeff Wolf, Kathy Walker, Warren Arata and Richard Fowell were re-elected to another term.

## END OF THE YEAR WINE AND CHEESE GATHERING, 29 DECEMBER 2019

Over 60 neighbors got together for Rollingwood's annual End of the Year Holiday Wine and Cheese Gathering. The progressive party was hosted by Berni and Hank Degener, Judy and Fred Bayer, and Kathy and Bob Swank. Many thanks to our hosts for opening their homes and to all of our neighbors for making the evening such a delight. The laughter and animated conversations attested to the time enjoyed by all.



End of the Year Holiday Gathering



Let's Chat

## NEWS BITS FROM DOUG

### The Butcher-Solana Project (City of Torrance)

The “Butcher-Solana” 248-unit residential development project planned for the southwest corner of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne in the City of Torrance remains on indefinite hold with the Torrance Planning Department. Approximately 700 responses to a request for comments on the project’s draft environmental impact report caused the developer to request the pause. The numerous responses from impacted homeowners and cities (including the City of Rolling Hills Estates) are being addressed by the developer.

The RHOA provided a comment letter regarding this project’s likely adverse impact on our community through increased traffic congestion and degradation of the local environment. We will continue to monitor this project and keep the Rollingwood community informed of its progress and actions we plan to take to protect our neighborhood.

### View Preservation and Restoration

The City of Rolling Hills Estates established Municipal Code 661 (Chapter 17.55 under “Zoning”) to address the issue of view preservation. In its introduction, the code section states: “Both views and trees/vegetation contribute to the aesthetic value, quality of life, ambiance and economic value of properties within the city.”

To help facilitate the balance between the desires of a “view seeker” and a “vegetation owner”, MC 661 establishes a five-step process. In the opening section, the code states: “When a dispute arises concerning the impairment or obstruction of a view, the parties should act reasonably to resolve the dispute through friendly communication, thoughtful negotiation, compromise, and other traditional means, such as discussions with the appropriate neighborhood or homeowner association. Those disputes which are not resolved through such means shall follow the procedure established herein.”

On the Rollingwood HOA website, <http://rwoodhoa.org>, links are provided to a summary of the “view preservation process” as well as to the City website page with the complete version of MC 661, Chapter 17.55, “View Preservation”. Additionally, the Planning Manager in the RHE City Planning Department can be contacted at (310) 377-1577 for more information.

## OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Important elections are coming up in 2020, and cities on the Peninsula have consolidated their election dates and activities with the County of Los Angeles, including elections on March 3rd that will include the Presidential Primary, Los Angeles County Supervisors, State Representatives, judges, and ballot measures. Voters will be going to the polls in November to vote for President, city council, and other matters. There will be much on which to be educated and informed throughout the year.

One measure that may impact all of us, including many of us with children and grandchildren attending Peninsula Schools, is the School Facilities Improvement Measure that will be on the **March 3, 2020 ballot**. This is **Measure PV**, aimed at the repair of aging Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District sites. Its goals are multiple and include improvement of campus safety/security systems; seismic, roofing, plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, and disabled student access improvements; and updating and replacement of certain bathrooms, classrooms, and science labs that support students for college/career readiness. The question for voters: shall the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District measure authorizing \$389,385,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted? (continued next page)

## **OF COMMUNITY INTEREST ((continued))**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board unanimously authorized placement of Measure PV on the March ballot. The PVPUSD's 18 schools were constructed at least 60 years ago, and repair and restoration are urgently needed.

For more information on the 2020 elections, visit [votersedge.org](http://votersedge.org). All you need to do is put in your zip code, and you will be provided with a wealth of information about elections and ballot measures in your area. Relevant facts about Measure PV may be found at [www.yesonPV.com](http://www.yesonPV.com).

### Presidential Primary Voting Information

With Presidential Primaries around the corner, two local South Bay cities will be hosting town hall meetings where representatives from the Los Angeles County Registrar will deliver a presentation on the new voting centers and demonstrate the new voting machines. Attendees will have the opportunity to try the new voting machine.

### City of Torrance City Council meeting

(Note: The City website says meeting has apparently been canceled. Check the City of Torrance website for updates: <https://www.torranceca.gov>)

**When:** Tuesday, January 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Katy Geissert Main Library meeting room, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance CA

## **COMMUNITY ROUNDUP AND COYOTE SIGHTINGS**

### **Community Roundup**

On Tuesday, February 4, the City of Rolling Hills Estates will be hosting its first ever Community Roundup. This town hall style meeting is one of a two-part series that will take place this year. Topics to be discussed by Rolling Hills Estates leadership include 1) new state housing legislation 2) Clean Power Alliance 3) General Plan update 4) capital projects, and 5) The City's Emergency Operation and Hazard Mitigation plans. Attendees will have time to engage in discussion regarding these topics both in between and at the conclusion of the presentations. We hope that you will join us in making this a truly engaging discussion on these and other issues.

### **Coyote Sightings**

There have been several reports of Coyote activity in and around Rollingwood. If you are hearing coyotes howl or have seen them on your street or in or near your yard, check out the City's Coyote information page: <https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/departments/public-safety/coyote-management>. Residents may submit reports on the page and review important information such as a home and yard checklist, coyote behavior classification, and recommended responses. The County inspector has been contacted regarding the recent encounters and sightings in the Rollingwood area.

**Be sure to check out your Rollingwood website at <http://www.rwoodhoa.org>.** You'll find a calendar and flyers announcing upcoming events, draft agendas for upcoming HOA Board meetings, minutes of all Board meetings, and photographs of our local events, and more. Thanks for supporting our Association in 2019. We look to you for your continued support in 2020!

Have a happy and healthy new year!

**Your Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board of Directors**