

# Rollingwood Homeowners' Association

## Newsletter

### Rollingwood Homeowners Association Virtual Annual Meeting October 19, 2021 7:00 – 9:00 PM

#### With Guest Speaker: Captain J. Kipling (Kip) Louttit

Executive Director, Marine Exchange of Southern California &  
Traffic Service Los Angeles and Long Beach  
San Pedro, CA



Captain Kip Louttit, Executive Director of the Marine Exchange, will be the guest speaker at our General Meeting on October 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Captain Louttit manages the inbound and outbound cargo ships we see every day in Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors. He will provide insights into the history and current operations of the ports. The Marine Exchange is a 90+ year-old non-profit dedicated to the efficient flow of maritime commerce throughout the region.



### Your participation is highly encouraged!

Contact Doug Wickstrom, [wickinp@cox.net](mailto:wickinp@cox.net), Judy Bayer, [jbayer3@cox.net](mailto:jbayer3@cox.net), Richard Fowell, [rafowell@aol.com](mailto:rafowell@aol.com), or another Board member for the Zoom link.

#### Board Elections are an essential item on the Agenda

Four Board members are running for re-election to two-year terms:

- Richard Fowell, Secretary
- Warren Arata, Community Appearance
- Juanita Stucker, Membership
- Jim Knauf, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager

Nominations from RHOA members will be welcome prior to the meeting or from participating members at the meeting. Your participation will be most welcome. Contact Judy Bayer, [jbayer3@cox.net](mailto:jbayer3@cox.net), or Douglas Wickstrom, [wickinp@cox.net](mailto:wickinp@cox.net), to submit nominations before the meeting or if you have any questions.

**Message from the President, Judy Bayer**

The Autumnal Equinox is here, the length of daylight and darkness almost perfectly equal. It is officially autumn, the time of apples, fall foliage, and crisp, sunny days.

And for the first time in a very long time, membership in the Rollingwood Homeowners Association has passed 50%. Your financial support helps make Rollingwood such a beautiful neighborhood to live in, raise our children, gather with family and friends, and so much more. Congratulations and THANK YOU to our RHOA members!

Thanks, too, for your participation in our community events and for keeping our neighborhood beautiful. Future highlights include the new landscaping Warren Arata has designed to enhance the Kingspine entry (kudos to Warren!), and the new playground equipment at Rockbluff Park. Read on for more details on both. Your RHOA Board and membership are working for everybody in Rollingwood to make this the best and most desirable neighborhood community possible.

But we need your support! During the pandemic, participation in your RHOA declined significantly, and many of our usual activities were canceled or are now held virtually. The RHOA Board of Directors is actively looking for more involvement from our community. Our Neighborhood Watch program needs to be revitalized, too.

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 and minutes for HOA Board meetings, and photographs of our local events, to name a few. For your convenience, the newsletter now lists the email addresses of your Board.

**Let's hear from you!** We welcome your input and encourage your participation. If you or someone you know is interested in serving either on the Board of Directors or a related committee, please let us know: Doug Wickstrom, [wickinp@cox.net](mailto:wickinp@cox.net), or Judy Bayer, [jbayer3@cox.net](mailto:jbayer3@cox.net).

**Neighborhood Compatibility**

The City has implemented neighborhood compatibility studies to describe clearly the established pattern of development in each neighborhood. The studies ensure that new construction and modifications to existing homes respect the established pattern within various neighborhoods. Rolling Hills Estates Municipal Code, section 17.62 et. seq, Neighborhood Compatibility, lays out the relevant code sections to maintain the integral elements of the City's rural character. There also is a review process for new construction and modifications to existing structures in neighborhoods in the City.

**Rockbluff Park Playground Equipment**

Rockbluff Park is one and a half acres of beautiful parkland located at the end of Rockbluff Drive.



In Spring, the City sent out a survey to the neighborhood seeking input on the future playground equipment to be replaced at Rockbluff Park. With nearly 70 responses, the input received helped fine-tune features proposed. The play equipment is expected to serve ages 5-12 with a slide, climbing feature, shade and other creative play features. In addition, the City is also proposing a new swing set that will offer a regular swing in addition to toddler and accessible swings. The subcommittee continues to work with City staff and Parks and Activities Commissioners on finalizing the proposals which will be reviewed by the Commission at its next regular meeting of October 20, followed by City Council's review and ultimate approval.

**Vice President Doug Wickstrom's News from Community Relations and Ordinance Education RHE City News**

**Management Residential Organics Program.**

Organic waste disposed of in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane, a "short-lived" climate pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

To respond to the climate crisis, California is implementing statewide organic waste recycling and surplus food recovery through SB 1383, signed into law in September 2016 by Governor Edmund Brown Jr.



In case you missed it, Waste Management announced the change to its organic waste collection service in July 2021. You can now place food scraps (Produce, Meat, Dairy, Bakery, and Food-Soiled Paper) in your "WM Green Organics Cart" along with the usual grass clippings and yard trimmings.

WM recommends collecting the food scraps (listed above), wrapping them in newspaper or PAPER bags, and placing them in the green-colored collection cart. Plastic, glass, metal, and waxed paper are NOT acceptable for the green cart. The organic waste-filled paper bags should now be included with other green yard waste and not placed in the gray, general waste

container. For more information, please call Waste Management at (800) 774-0222.

**Residential and Commercial Projects on Hawthorne Boulevard at Via Valmonte**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the RHOA monitors the activity on the following projects due to their potential impact on traffic flow along Hawthorne Blvd. at the intersection with Via Valmonte:

• **24601 Hawthorne Boulevard Mixed-Use Residential and Commercial Project**

An 11-unit residential project (plus 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial space) is approaching the “Public Hearing” stage per City of Torrance Planning Department procedures. The department released an “environmental assessment” for public review on June 6 and received many written comments. Of those comments, the majority were in opposition to the project. The City of Torrance Planning Commission will consider the project for approval at a public hearing within the next few weeks. For further information, interested individuals can contact the Planning Division of the Torrance Community Development at (310) 618-5990.

• **Butcher/Solana Project**

The proposed 248-unit Butcher/Solana Real Estate Development in the City of Torrance (also near 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.

**Covid-19 statistics for LA County and the City of RHE:**

For RHE residents over the age of 12 years, **85.9%** have been vaccinated. As of September 4, there have been 1.4 million confirmed Covid-19 cases in LA County with 25.5 thousand deaths. For RHE, there have been 405 cases and eight deaths.

**September was National Preparedness Month.** The goal of National Preparedness Month is to create a secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the most significant risk to the area in which we live.

Check out the article on National Preparedness Month on the resource page on the city website. You will learn how to

- Create an emergency plan for your family.
- Build an emergency supply kit.
- Prepare for different types of disasters.
- Teach your children about being prepared for an emergency.



**Prepared Peninsula Expo, Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**Warren Arata, Community Appearance Updates**

**Beautification award:**

The beautification award goes to the DaSilva family on Willow Wood Rd. They just recently completed their landscape, and it looks beautiful! The lawn in the front is now gone, replaced with colorful drought-tolerant shrubs. Thanks to the DaSilvas for helping make our neighborhood look great. In recognition of their efforts, the Rollingwood HOA Board has awarded them a \$25.00 gift card.

**Kingspine Road Entry**

The HOA has submitted the plans to the Parks and Activities Commission for review. We hope to know by the publication date of this newsletter if they are approved and if we have received a matching grant to clean up the parkways and install the proposed landscape.

**Preventative Measures for a Safer Environment**

We are well into fire season, and properties with dense tree canopies and shrubs, especially if they are dead or dry, are potential fire hazards. Please refer to the following link regarding brush clearance. <https://fire.lacounty.gov/fire-hazard-reduction-programs/>.

This year, we have watched communities in the northern part of the state experience devastating fires resulting from a dangerous combination of massive amounts of built-up fuel and high winds. Low humidity and winds aided in carrying firebrands far from the leading edge of the active fire.

Summer ended on September 22 with the arrival of the autumn Equinox and our cooler Fall weather. We all should be looking at clearing out dead and dying plant material, pruning, and removing excess growth.

Most of Rollingwood comprises older single-family ranch-style homes indicative of post-war construction. Extended low-pitched roofs and exposed rafter tails are features that catch these firebrands. Any damaged roof vents will allow firebrands to enter the attic space and start a fire from within. Rollingwood is set on a sloped site, and houses are tightly spaced, which means a bit of participation is required from all to ensure that our entire neighborhood stays safe.

Several websites outline preventative measures and typical problems that we all have to some degree and how we can all create a safer environment.

[https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/acwm/216383\\_Clearance.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/acwm/216383_Clearance.pdf)

<https://fire.lacounty.gov/fire-hazard-reduction-programs/>

Overly tall and dense trees and shrubs also may impact the great views from some of the homes in our neighborhood. Please be aware of the landscape on your property and how it may affect your neighbors.

**Juanita Stucker, Rollingwood Membership Update:**

Please welcome our newest homeowners:

- Al & Caroline Perry Family, 29 Silver Spring
- Barry & Angela Witt Family, 4836 Elmdale
- Pascal & Nathlie Grappey Family, 15 Silver Spring

Delivery of our Rollingwood Homeowners Association Handbook to our new neighbors still fell under the Covid safety protocols, but we look forward to meeting our new neighbors personally as we continue to “get back to normal.”

Thank you to both our new and long-time residents for participating in our association. Rollingwood is truly a special neighborhood, with a volunteer HOA board working hard to continue that tradition. Hopefully, we will have some social events allowing us to get together soon.

If you have questions or would like to pay your dues for this year, feel free to give me a call or send me an email, and I will deliver a payment envelope to your home.

Dues are only \$20.00 annually. Juanita Stucker, [jmstucker@outlook.com](mailto:jmstucker@outlook.com).

**National Night Out held on August 3rd**

National Night Out was hosted by Lisa and Mark Pope and Diane Ross and Will McCown. What is National Night Out? It is a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The City of Rolling Hills Estates promoted the occasion. Neighbors enjoyed a lovely summer evening, refreshments in friendly outdoor gatherings, and visits from RHE Mayor Steve Zuckerman, Council Member Debby Stegura, City Manager Greg Grammer, Assistant City Manager Alexa Davis, Administrative Analyst Jessica Slawson, and Planning Manager Jeannie Naughton.

Neighborhood Watch Captain for Rolling Hills Estates, Bob Closson, also attended, as did Deputy Tami Bouse and other representatives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Lomita Station.



A big treat was the appearance of firefighters from the Los Angeles Fire Department in their huge fire engine.

A big thank you to our hosts, our City, our Sheriff’s Department, and our Fire Department for taking the time to make the evening a tremendous success.



Be sure to check additional photos on our website at [http://rwoodhoa.org/pdfs/national\\_night\\_out%202021.pdf](http://rwoodhoa.org/pdfs/national_night_out%202021.pdf)

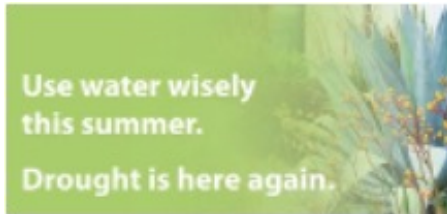
**Reminders**

- Trash goes out Wednesday morning, comes in by Wednesday night. No trash containers stored in your front yard.
- Dogs are welcome on City trails, in open spaces, and City Parks but must remain on leash and under full control of the owner. This rule is according to both City of RHE and LA County Codes.
- West Basin Water District has activated a Water Shortage Contingency Plan. For complete information, visit their website at [westbasin.org](http://westbasin.org).



**What's happening in Rolling Hills Estates**

- **64<sup>th</sup> annual City Celebration** held 9/24/2021, at the Empty Saddle Club. There were games for children, pony rides, games, hay wagon rides, rock wall climbing equestrian events, a Flag Ceremony, and greetings from Rolling Hills Estates Mayor Steve Zuckerman.
- **Concert in the Park with PV Symphonic Band,** 10/23, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Concert in the Park. Ernie Howlett Park, Equestrian Grass field area
- **Tracy Austin Doubles Tennis Tournament,** 11/13/2021 - 11/14/2021, Ernie Howlett Park



**Your RHOA Board**

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**2020-2021 Rollingwood Homeowners Association (RHOA)**

**Final Paid Membership List FY Oct 2020 - Sept 2021 (\$20/household)**

<b>Bluemound</b>	<b>Brokenbow</b>	<b>Rockbluff</b>	<b>Rollingwood</b>	<b>Willow Wood</b>
Breeding^	Strier	Hollingshead	Granacki	Greene
Ellison^	Wiese	Walker	Rosen	Fujita, L.
Hughes	Davis	Carlton	Austin	Fodor
Wickstrom	Fernandez	Ewing^	Willens	Doell
Chae	Hale	Galdones	Lutz/Heller	LaRue
Agustsson^	Slawson	Swank	LaBorde	Serhal
Hanson	May	Helf	Wilkins	Clossen
Arata	Corr	Zaslowsky	Fafard	Sans
Sasselli		Humphrey	Degener	DaSilva
Paul	<b>Elmdale</b>	Bertrand	Chu/Tsai	Ohlsson
Newman	Ireland	Saura	Yueh	Ventura
Khan	Saito	Lim	Graupner	Kan
Li^	Lininger	Bayer	Pessian	Agnew
Smith, S&E	Batley	Gragg	Faurite-Zawitkoski	Marshall
Espiritu	Walsh	Dyke	Plebuch	Pope
Park	Taylor	Cline	Lawniczak	Schill
Harriett	Hall	Woodland	Poon	Moghaddam
Matsubara	VanWie	Rutherglen	Suppelsa	Megginson
Hofmeister	Kurt	Raymundo	Badour	
Bailey	Ciszek	Schmitt	TiuLim	<b>Kingspine</b>
Libutti	Nielsen	Wills	Cumming	Coleman
Phillips	Rodriguez	Fowell/Colbert	Simeral	Sabai
Zaman	Brown	Ho/Huo	Buchholz	Sala
Gargano	Hills	Avalos	Granata	Chobanian
Gonzalez	Liu	Cole	Crowley	Gugisberg
McKee/Getman	Uppal	Gaw	Beylik	Knauf
Doolittle	Kato			Kasabian
Mendez	Witt		<b>Silver Spring</b>	Munger
			Medawar	Ponce
<b>Dunwood</b>	<b>Foxpoint</b>	<b>Silver Eagle</b>	Bitting	Guelff
Reichert	O'Neill	Hui	Valentekovich	Couture
Kabana	Campbell	Seide	Garabedian	Ghayduri
Leseberg	Kim	Kotsianas	Hall	Tumanjan
Wolf	Omeze	Hulse	McCown-Ross	Elliott
Stiebel	Son	Huang	Britsch/Rein	Apodaca
Stucker	Abelev		Dunn	Porter
Smith, J.			Kela	Zannella
Middelburg			Enders	
Chen			Grappey	

The ^ by your name indicates you are credited with 2022 membership payment; Thanks!

172 Paid members list was submitted 9/30/2021 by Treasurer- Kathy Walker