

# Rollingwood Homeowners Association

## Newsletter

### Welcome Spring!



We are in the season of renewed promise, of hope and renewal. A cloudless, iridescent blue sky promises days bursting with bright blossoms, birdsong, and leisurely walks throughout Rollingwood, where we greet old friends and meet new neighbors.



With the growing availability of vaccines and the easing of pandemic restrictions, the outlook for our future encourages refocusing on positive thoughts and an appreciation of all that we have. We are grateful and thank you for your caring outreach during the past year: for checking on a neighbor, saying hello, purchasing necessary items on a grocery store run, and so much more.

Not only are we working our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, but we also are recovering from a recent season of devastating fires and accompanying floods and landslides. Now is the time to ensure that we will be prepared for our future. Your RHOA has scheduled a virtual Let's Chat meeting with Captain Matt Levesque of the Los Angeles County Fire Department on April 28, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Captain Levesque will discuss Fire safety, prevention, and emergency preparedness, to name just a few topics.

Reminder: RHOA dues have remained at only \$20.00 a year. **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING TODAY.**

– Judy Bayer, RHOA President



### LET'S CHAT

### A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 pm.

### FIRE SAFETY, PREVENTION, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We are pleased to announce that on April 28, 2021, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, there will be a ZOOM presentation by Captain Matt Levesque of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Station-106, Rolling Hills Estates. We will learn what we may be facing during the summer with rising temperatures and arid conditions in high fire hazard zones, and about our related Homeowner Responsibilities. We will also hear about the Role of Neighborhood Watch, Evacuation Plans and Procedures, Brush Clearance, Home Safety, Power Lines, Real Estate Disclosure requirements, emergency preparedness, and more. Be sure to come prepared with your questions, and at the conclusion, feel assured of how to safely enjoy a fun-filled, relaxed summer, hopefully in the company of close friends and family.

If you would like to participate, please contact

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to obtain the Zoom link to join the meeting.

## Board Reports

### Vice President's News from "Community Relations and Ordinance Education" – Doug Wickstrom

#### RHE City News:

City-sponsored programs are beginning to return after the restrictions during the past year. Soon to launch will be an Earth Day celebration on April 17 with a Drive-In Movie Night at Howlett Park featuring the Disney movie "Wall-E." Tickets are required and are available on the RHE City website starting April 2.

The remaining special events anticipated for this summer include the Mayor's Breakfast Ride in May and the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce's Street Fair and Music Festival in June.

The City reports that municipal tennis courts at Ernie Howlett Park are open for limited play. There are restrictions relating to physical distancing, doubles playing only, and a few other issues. Details are available on the RHE City website.

For Rollingwood residents driving eastbound on Palos Verdes Drive North, the City reports that construction will impact traffic on PVDN between Crenshaw Blvd. and PVD East through March. This project relates to installing a 2" conduit for future fiber optic networking and 5G wireless technology. Southern California Edison will also be working on electrical infrastructure for this project. Work is expected to be completed by the end of March.

If you are interested in more detail about the City departments' many accomplishments during the past few months, check out the "City Manager's Mid-Year Status Reports" to the Mayor and City Council. You may access these staff reports through the agenda of the March 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The agenda is available on the City's website: <https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us>.

#### Development Projects near Hawthorne Blvd. at Via Valmonte:

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the RHOA is monitoring the activity on both of the following projects

due to their potential impact on traffic flow along Hawthorne Blvd. at the intersection with Via Valmonte.

#### 24601 Hawthorne Blvd. Residential Project

An 11 unit residential project (plus 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial space) is working its way through the City of Torrance Planning Department. An "environmental assessment" is expected to be released for public review and comment in the next few weeks. After a 30 day comment period, the project will be presented to the Torrance Planning Commission for approval. Due to the probable adverse impact of this project on traffic flow at the intersection of Hawthorne and Via Valmonte, the RHOA plans to submit a comment letter to the City of Torrance during the official comment period. The City of RHE says that it will likely submit a comment letter as well.

#### 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.

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### Community Appearance – Warren Arata

#### City address Rollingwood neighborhood sidewalks.

Our Board's efforts to get the City/ County of Los Angeles to address some of our sidewalk issues has finally come to fruition. The worst sidewalk areas on Rockbluff, Silver Eagle, and Broken Bow have been repaired. Not only were sidewalks repaired, but in some cases, entire driveway aprons were re-poured. If you have walked lately on these three streets, you would have noticed that the sidewalks, as a whole, are in much better shape and easily navigable even in the dark. Rollingwood will need to wait until January 2022 for further repairs to our neighborhood because of budget constraints. It's a slow process, and the City and County's ability to finance this year's repairs was undoubtedly hindered by the national health crisis we are experiencing. About 20 trees needed to be removed either due to roots impacting repair work or the tree's condition. The City

has an unofficial policy to replace trees that are removed but is still determining appropriate species of trees to install. We hope to hear back from the City in the next few weeks on their decision.

The Board still has a list of spots in Rollingwood where sidewalks are a problem. If you have noticed one on any walks you may have taken, please let us know. We will confirm on our master list that we forward to the City/County for review. You can let the Board know by going to the Rollingwood HOA newsletter and contact Warren Arata.

#### **Current status of unkempt homes.**

We are just about to enter Spring. The warming of the days will spur trees and shrubs to awaken from their winter respite. Unfortunately, weeds are on the same path. Neighborhood pedestrians noted a few homes with front yards that needed quite a bit of TLC, and with the help of the City, we were able to have the City address a few of the homes and got a favorable response from owners.

With the warmer weather will come more neighborhood walkers and more eyes on the street. If you notice any front yards that seem to be less than ideal due to neglect, you can contact our Rollingwood HOA. We will forward the concern to the City for action.

If you are interested in the actual letter of the law regarding non-compliant front yards, you can reference the Cities Municipal Code Chapter 8.12. To review the entire Chapter 8.12 - Abatement of Substandard Building and Property, please refer to [https://library.municode.com/ca/rolling\\_hills\\_estates/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8HESA\\_CH8.12ABSUBUPR](https://library.municode.com/ca/rolling_hills_estates/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8HESA_CH8.12ABSUBUPR)

#### **Community project**

2020 was not a great year for anyone and created an environment that eliminated the possibility of gatherings, which reduced our efforts to upgrade the Kingspine entry to zero. We hope that by the end of Summer/ Fall, the Rollingwood HOA can again look at cleaning up/ re-landscaping the Kingspine entry. It would include removing some shrubs, general cleanup, and planting. The HOA is always on the lookout for volunteers. If you are interested in getting a good workout, come later this Summer/ Fall, please contact the Rollingwood Board.

#### **Rolling Hills Estates General Plan Update**

The General Plan Advisory Committee just wrapped up its review and advisory work with the City's General Plan update. The GPAC's work started back in late 2017. Our neighborhood was fortunate to have two people from Rollingwood represent members of the public on this panel. If you are interested in all of what makes up the City's General Plan and how the updates will affect the City, please refer to the link:

<https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/government/planning/general-plan>

The City will be holding regular public meetings and Community workshops to get your opinions on all portions of the General Plan. Refer to the City's website for access to these public forums. It's your City. Take part and help plan our future.

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#### **Rolling Hills Estates Community News**

##### **SURVEY FOR NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT ROCKBLUFF PARK**

Due to the deterioration of the previous playground structure at Rockbluff Park, the city removed play equipment in February 2020. Your RHE Parks and Activities Commission and neighbors are seeking your input to envision the future of the playground equipment at Rockbluff Park! Tell us what you would like to see in its place. Take the survey today! Scan the QR Code below with your phone or tablet's camera, or visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rockbluff](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rockbluff).

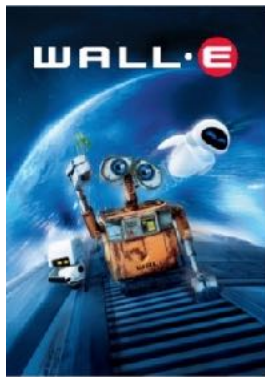


Check out the Spring Calendar in the Spring Community Services Newsletter.

[news@rollinghillsestates.gov](mailto:news@rollinghillsestates.gov)

Earth Day will be celebrated on April 17, 2021 with a Drive-in Movie Night at Howlett Park - featuring Disney's Wall-E.

The fee for vehicle entry is \$10.00 and requires online ticket registration.



Ticket registration opens April 2, 2021 at 8:00 am on the City's event webpage. Space is limited and tickets are required for entry.

RHE Trails are open with a request to please keep our trails safe.

Tennis and Dog Obedience classes are available. Parks are open with guidelines in place to maintain safety.



For further information, contact the City of Rolling Hills Estates at <https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us>.

There have been many coyote sightings in Rollingwood and throughout the City. Please be aware.



**Preventing human-coyote conflict in your neighborhood**

- Feeding coyotes is prohibited and subject to penalty fines.
- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- Remove sources of water and fallen fruit from yard areas.
- Keep trash & compost lids closed at all times.
- Secure doggie doors and limit usage.
- Discourage a coyote's approach by "hazing" - yell loudly, wave your arms to make yourself large, stomp your feet, and throw projectiles at it.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these precautions.

**Remember:**

- NEVER run away from a coyote!
- If the coyote doesn't leave at first, increase the intensity of your hazing
- Continue hazing until the coyote completely leaves the area.
- Call 911 for emergencies/Report to City

Report coyote encounters online here: [RHEcoyote.com](https://www.rhecity.com/COYO)



- Local Resources
- Crafts for all ages
- Indoor exercise tips
- Advice for Seniors

<https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/departments/community-services/virtual-recreation>



Please stay safe and healthy!

**HELPFUL LINKS:**

<https://myturn.ca.gov>

My Turn is where you can find out if it's your turn to get vaccinated and schedule vaccination appointments.

[LA County COVID-19 Vaccine - LA County Department of Public Health](#)

Book an appointment, get general information, and more at the County's COVID-19 Vaccine webpage.

[publichealth.lacounty.gov](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov)

L.A. County residents can also call 2-1-1

[COVID19.ca.gov](https://COVID19.ca.gov)

[cdph.ca.gov/covid19](https://cdph.ca.gov/covid19)

[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://cdc.gov/COVID19)

[who.int/coronavirus](https://who.int/coronavirus)

[South Bay Live Dashboard](#)

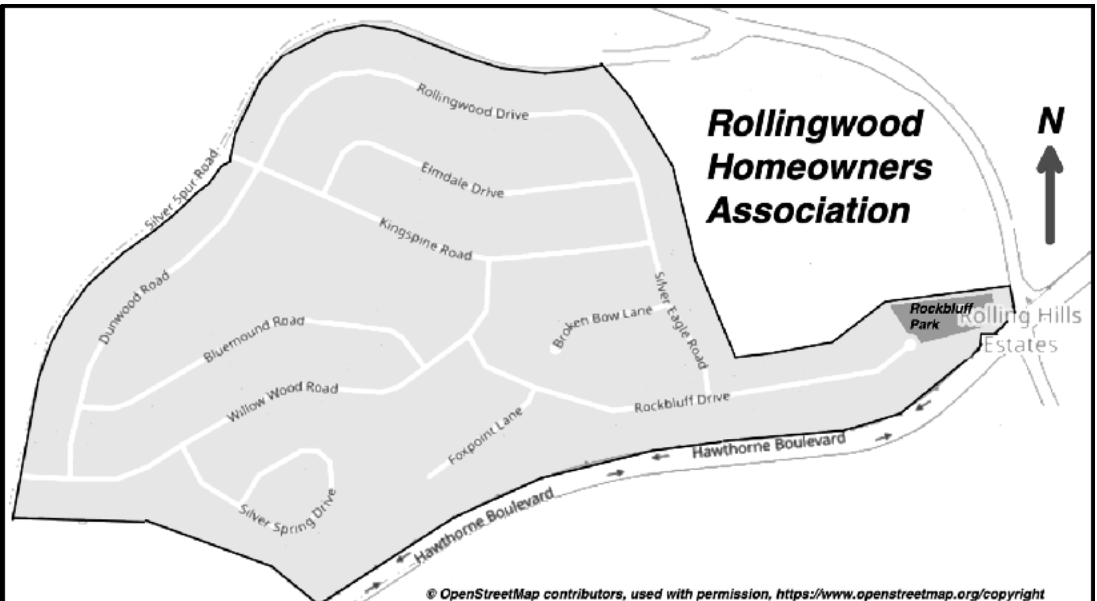
Los Angeles County [COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard](#)

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**The Streets Where We Live**

- ◆ Bluemound Road
- ◆ Broken Bow Lane
- ◆ Dunwood Road
- ◆ Elmdale Drive
- ◆ Foxpoint Lane
- ◆ Kingspine Road
- ◆ Rockbluff Drive
- ◆ Rollingwood Drive
- ◆ Silver Eagle Road
- ◆ Silver Spring Drive
- ◆ Willow Wood Road



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