



# Rollingwood Homeowners' Association

## Newsletter

### Rollingwood Homeowners Association Virtual Annual Meeting

October 27, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Guest Speakers: Kathleen McGowan and Harold Williams

**Kathleen McGowan** and her firm provide environmental consulting services to small municipalities, including the City of Rolling Hills Estates. Her environmental consulting experience spans more than 30 years of varied work for public and private sector clients, with the past 20 years focused on surface water quality and watershed protection.

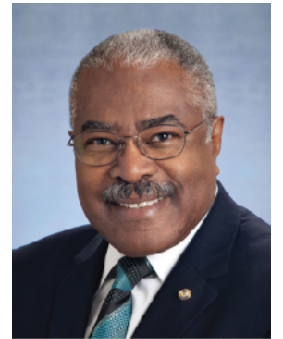


Kathleen earned B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Johns Hopkins, M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Georgia Tech, is licensed in California as a Professional Engineer (Chemical), and is an Envision Sustainability Professional certified through the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure. She is delighted to speak to the Rollingwood HOA, as she lived on Rollingwood Drive for 18 years, where she and her husband raised two boys.

Ms. McGowan will cover the following topics:

- ✦ Integrated water management and the nexus between water conservation, rainwater collection, and surface water quality
- ✦ Local water quality and supply challenges and projects designed to address them
- ✦ What residents can do on their properties to support water supply and water quality
- ✦ Where to go for more information on the above topic

**Harold Williams** was elected to the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors in November 2014. He represents the Division I cities of Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and the unincorporated Los Angeles County area of Rancho Dominguez. His colleagues appointed Williams to serve as one of two West Basin representatives on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) board of directors. He is also a board member of the [CalDesal](#) Executive Committee. Williams is a California registered civil engineer by profession, a career he has held for over 40 years. Williams was elected to the Carson City Council in a special election in 2004 and was re-elected in a regularly scheduled election in 2005.



West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is an urban water wholesale agency providing access to imported water supplies from the State Water Project and Colorado River Aqueduct to seventeen municipalities and unincorporated portions of coastal Los Angeles County (including the Palos Verdes Peninsula). West Basin's mission is to provide a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to the communities we serve. For the past 75 years, West Basin has done this successfully. After three years of consecutive drought, California is forced to reimagine how we use water and make conservation a California way of life. West Basin will be joining the Rollingwood Homeowners Association Annual Meeting on October 27, 2022, to discuss the ongoing drought crisis, West Basin's regional approach to ensuring water reliability throughout our service area, and opportunities for the Rollingwood HOA to conserve water, save money, and be a part of building a sustainable future.

**Your participation is highly encouraged!** Contact Doug Wickstrom, [wickinpv@cox.net](mailto:wickinpv@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:** Three Board members are running for re-election to two-year terms:

Judy Bayer, President    Doug Wickstrom, Vice President    Kathy Walker, Treasurer

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

### From the RHOA President, Judy Bayer

The long, hot summer days have been harsh, and we look forward to the crisp, clear days of fall and, hopefully, more normal times. Thank you to Rollingwood residents who have remained vital and caring during the difficult period of the pandemic. It has been a delight to meet and greet so many of you as you walked our neighborhood, your leashed pets at your side.

We still face the possibility of devastating fires and extreme drought conditions. Water restrictions have been imposed. The power grid is unstable. While many neighbors have invested in beautiful drought-tolerant landscapes, others are trying valiantly to maintain landscapes that have turned tawny brown with prized trees and flowers wilting.

To help guide us through these difficult times, your RHOA Board has planned two special speakers for the Annual Meeting to be held virtually on Thursday, October 27, at 7:00. Pm. We very much hope you will join us.

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

### National Night Out

Brand new playground equipment offered our neighbors a perfect gathering spot on Rockbluff Drive overlooking Rockbluff Park to celebrate National Night on August 2, 2022. A great success! Thanks to all who came out and to Richard Fowell and Melanie Colbert, who hosted our event.

Firemen from Station 106 were our “first responders.” Children of all ages were completely engaged, trying on their new fire helmets, climbing on the massive fire engine, and best of all, holding the big fire hose and directing its powerful spray toward Rockbluff Park.



The firemen explained their responsibilities to protect life, property, and the environment through their direct involvement in fire prevention, firefighting, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster response, public education, and community service. A crucial topic was how each of us could contribute to our safety and neighborhood.



Representatives from the Lomita Sheriff’s Station and the new Neighborhood Watch representative, Brian Russel, also joined us.

In addition, Greg Grammer, RHE City Manager; Alexa Davis; Assistant City Manager; and Jessica Slawson, Management Analyst, stopped by, along with City Council members Brit Huff, Mayor Fran Zerunyan, and Debby Stegura.



Neighbors and visitors chatted enthusiastically, and all had a wonderful time.

Be sure to visit the photo gallery on our website at [rwoodhoa.org](https://www.rwoodhoa.org).

**Save the Date: October 29, 2022 — Rollingwood Octoberfest! Details forthcoming.**

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

### RHE City News and Information:



#### New Play Equipment for Rockbluff Park:

Installation of the new playground equipment by

the City's vendor is essentially complete, but there is still important work to be completed. According to the City, "the playground equipment is fully functional (it is 100% installed!), but the walkway still has additional work required, so we appreciate exercising caution."

**Covid-19 statistics for the City of RHE** (yes, it is still a threat): Through August 3, there have been 1265 Covid-19 cases in RHE and 11 deaths, compared to 1,915 cases and 14 deaths in PVE, and over 3.3 million cases in LA County.

**City Web Site:** If you haven't checked it out, look at this nicely organized, online source of information (<https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/community>). You can also sign up for the periodic newsletter, which is loaded with information. One FAQ example: "How do I have my City street tree pruned or removed?" The answer: "Most City street trees are pruned on a four or five-year interval. Residents can request permission, in writing, to pay for more frequent pruning or the removal and replacement of a City street tree. Removal requests are reviewed and approved by the Park and Activities Commission. For more information about the City's street tree maintenance program or view restoration policy, please contact Mike Goldsmith at (310) 378-4504."

**Curb-side Mail Box Location:** A Rollingwood resident inquired about the approval authority for replacing or relocating a residential mailbox. After checking with the City and the Palos Verdes Post Office, we found the following: The City does not get involved unless a structure (such as a brick or stone pilaster) is planned to house the mailbox (es). Additionally, the local

postmaster determines the location of mailboxes. The height and setback for mailboxes are determined by USPS rules (available on their website). Regarding mailbox locations along the parkway, the PV Post Office says the locations were determined by the safe and efficient routing of the mail delivery trucks and should not be moved.

#### Street Widening / Intersection Work at the Intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Blvd.:

The project engineering manager for the City of Torrance reports that lane reductions at this critical intersection will continue through the end of 2022 and that we should avoid the intersection during this period.

#### Warren Arata, Community Appearance

We are officially into Summer and feeling the heat. The news is punctuated with drought stories and possible rolling blackouts here in SoCal. The combination of the increased heat, consumption of power with air conditioning, and an old transmission system servicing Rollingwood have led to a few power outages. SCE could be worried about failing systems causing fires, so they may be extra prudent in not letting their systems be overloaded.

Look to be prepared for possible outages. Make sure you have batteries, flashlights, etc. Those external cell phone batteries can come in handy.

One of the significant losses you can experience is food in your refrigerator/ freezer. SCE does have a policy for filing loss claims. See the link for more information: <https://www.sce.com/customer-service/request-support/claims>

Better yet, get a generator. They are relatively inexpensive and don't require much maintenance. In addition, there are many dual fuel ones now that can run on propane and gasoline.

Water rationing towards the end of summer will also be an issue. The Metropolitan Water Department (8/15/22) has asked their customers to suspend watering for 15 days starting on 9/6/22 to allow for the repair of a major pipeline. See the link for more information, <https://www.mwdh2o.com/projects-in-your-community/>.

Many of our water delivery systems are also aging. As a result, we may experience more frequent water outages due to required repairs. Be prepared. In the summer you will need water. Keeping a supply of emergency water is easy, and it doesn't take up too much room. There are plenty of websites that take you through the process of storing emergency water.

We are currently at level 2 measures – our assigned two watering days. Hopefully, everyone will do their part and conserve. If not, more draconian measures await. It will be challenging to landscape our homes with more drought-tolerant plants and use low-volume irrigation.

The time to transition is now, not later. Some don't like the appearance of native landscapes, but it is inevitable – water is fast becoming scarce. Drought-tolerant shrubs and trees will soon become the norm, and owners of ornamental turf lawns may quickly be frowned upon.

**Home Beautification Award.**

Shirli Kabana on Elmdale Drive won this season's Home Beautification Award. Shirli spent a great deal of time and effort converting her front yard and parkway into a drought-tolerant display, which is a tribute to her efforts. Thank you, Shirli, for helping to keep Rollingwood beautiful.



**Rolling Hills Estates News and Updates**

**General Election.** On August 23, 2022, at the RHE City Council Meeting, the November 8, 2022 election was canceled, and Britt Huff and Pam Brown Schacter were appointed each to four-year terms of office as City Council Members.



**George F. Canyon Nature Center Community Center**



Proposed Nature Center Community Center

The City of RHE has proposed demolishing the George F Canyon Nature Center Facility and constructing and operating a new Nature Center Community Center. The new facility will be a single-level building with a view

deck, an outdoor classroom with a canopy, and appropriate parking space.

Current field trips and activities facilitated by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy include Wilderness discovery trips, Scout programs, nature walks, and full moon hikes. In addition, monthly bird walks are arranged with Wild Birds Unlimited, and there are monthly plant sales on Saturdays and Sundays, along with free monthly events at the family nature club. All this and a planned small community room for small local events.

**Waste Management Organics Waste Program**

Don't forget, to help to ensure the City meets new regulations under SB 1383, the City rolled out an organics waste program to the community last year. Residents may divert food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste into their green carts. Waste Management takes



this material to an organics processing facility to create mulch. As a reminder, not all materials can be placed in the green cart. Questions? Contact WM Customer Service at (800) 774-0222.

**A reminder:**



**Dean Flores** joined the Rolling Hills Estates team as Associate Planner in November. Our Community Development staff works hard to create a safer, more business-friendly, and resilient community. Dean's past city experience includes work with the cities of Azusa and Temple City.



So if you call or see Dean at City Hall, be sure to say hi.

RHE City Celebration, September 17, Empty Saddle Club, 39 Empty Saddle Rd Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

The City Celebration will take place from 9 am to 3 pm and will have classic attractions! Hayrides, pony sweeps, petting zoos, stickers, and stick races will be waiting for you there! Equestrian competitions and a poker chip ride will be available for equestrians. So mark your calendar. The 64th Annual City Celebration will be the best one yet!

For More Information Rosa Pinuelas, Community Services Supervisor (310) 377-1577, ext. 109.

**Rolling Hills Estates'**  
**65th Annual City Celebration**  
**Schedule of Events**

**Food and Beverage**

- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Empty Saddle Club Beverage Services
- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Martin Performance Horses Lunch Service
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. City's Birthday Cake (Free!)

**Special Activities**

- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Community, Sponsor, and Commercial Booths  
 Corn Pit, Giant Picnic Games, Temporary Tattoos  
 Rock Wall
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hay Wagon Rides, Pony Rides, and Petting Zoo
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Volleyball Match (City vs. Sheriff)
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. Flag Ceremony
- 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mayor's Welcome
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Water Melon Eating Contest and Bean Bag Toss Competition

**Equestrian Events**

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. PVPHA Raffle Ride
- 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Gymkhana Events, Musical Poles, and Egg & Spoon Race
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Raffle Ride Prizes Awarded
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Junior Drill Team Demonstrations
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Gymkhana Finale (faster crowd)
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stick Horse Rodeo Events

Appaloosa Sponsors:

Mustang Sponsor:

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<b>2021-2022 Rollingwood Homeowners Association (RHOA)</b>					
Payments Received By Sept 1, 2022: 160/377=42%					
<b>Blue mound (38)</b>	<b>Dunwood (37)</b>	<b>Rockbluff (48)</b>	<b>Rollingwood (51)</b>	<b>Willow Wood (52)</b>	
Breeding	Chang	Hollingshead	Badour	Ohlsson	
Ellison*	Leseberg	Ewing	Granacki	Sans	
Agustsson	Wolf	Boucher/Bertrand	Yueh	DaSilva	
Li	Denis	Walker	Degener	Larue	
Gonzalez	Kabana	Humphrey	Cummings	Serhal	
McKee/Getman	Nguyen	Helf	Fafard	Fodor	
Hughes	Middelburg	Schmitt	Ji	Closson	
Wickstrom	Reichert	Swank	Faurite-Zawitkoski		Marshall
Paul*	Smith	Ho/Huo	Granata	Schill	
Khan	Dennen	Raymundo	Plebuch	Moghaddam	
Arata	Stucker	Gragg	Stamler	Ventura	
Doolittle	Chen*	Carlton	Heller	Kan	
Newman	12/37=32%	Hodgkinson	Graupner	Agnew*	
Sasselli		Zaslowsky	Chu	13/52=25%	
Hanson		Bayer	Simeral		
Matsubara	<b>Elmdale (37)</b>	Saura	Austin		
Libutti	Ireland	Rutherglen	Ericson	<b>Kingspine (41)</b>	
Park	Ciszek	Avalos	Lawniczak	Mytko	
Harriett	Lininger	Gaw	Lim/Wong	Ponce	
Phillips	Van Wie	Galdones	Buchholz	Chobanian	
Hofmeister	Witt*	Cline	Rosen	Knauf	
Mendez	Hall	Colbert/Fowell	Willens	Kasabian	
Gargano	Rodriguez	Woodland	Wilkins	Aarabi	
Zaman	Liu	23/48=48%	Crowley*	Gugisberg	
Bailey	Budde	<b>Silver Spring (32)</b>	Poon	Munger	
25/38=66%	Kurt	Medawar	Suppelsa*	Guelff	
	Walsh	Valentekovich	Beylik	Akbar	
<b>Broken Bow (14)</b>	Nielsen	McCown/Ross	27/51=53%	Sabai	
Wiese	Wakamatsu	Britsch		Sala	
Fernandez	Kato	MacFarlane		Elliott	
Davis	14/37=38%	Bitting	<b>Foxpoint (15)</b>	Couture	
Strier		Caplan	O'Neill	Tumanjan	
Park	<b>Silver Eagle (12)</b>	Enders	Omeze	Apodaca*	
May	Hui	Lomino	Kim	16/41=39%	
Hale	Huang	Grappey	Kalin		
7/14=50%	Seide	Kela	Campbell		
	3/12=25%	Dunn	Abelev		
		Fujita	Son		
		13/32=41%	7/15=47%		

Please note: The 2022 list includes 8 flagged members \*, that sent duplicate 2022 payments in recent months. Since the RHOA is within a few months of the next fiscal year (10/22-9/23), it will be applied to their 2023 membership. Duplicate payments received before June were voided with notification sent by email or letter.