



# Rollingwood Homeowners' Association

## Happy Holidays and New Year!

### From the RHOA President, Judy Bayer

Thank you all so much from your RHOA Board. We appreciate your care and concern for your neighbors and your neighborhood. Your comments on the 2022 questionnaires reflect your appreciation of Rollingwood: your "love of all of your neighbors," our safe, quiet environment, tree-lined streets, lovely views, the growing number of young children, taking walks, and so much more.

Looking back, we accomplished a great deal in 2022, considering the restrictions of the pandemic. At our Annual meeting in October, we enjoyed hearing from speakers Kathleen McGowan, environmental consultant to the City of Rolling Hills Estates, and E.J. Caldwell, Assistant General Manager of West Basin Municipal Water District (see below).



Octoberfest, planned by Kathy Swank and Kathleen Campbell and hosted by the Campbells, was a great success with over 40 attendees.

The progressive Wine and Cheese Gathering at the homes of Lisa and Mark Pope, Kathy and Bob Swank, and Kathleen and Steve Campbell was a perfect ending to the year, and a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends old and new and have a good time.



Many thanks to the Swanks, Campbells, and Pops for their gracious and warm hospitality.

We look forward to a 2023 filled with optimism, success, and more social events. Anticipated events in the new year include the completion of the new Rockbluff Park playground and the planned ribbon-cutting ceremony; a "Let's Chat" with Deputy Ben Russell, the Neighborhood Watch representative with the Lomita Sheriff's office; a Spring Easter Egg Hunt; a summer block party; and more. In addition, we look forward to the resurgence of our Neighborhood Watch program. Your ideas for additional events are most welcome.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT JOINED THE RHOA, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO TODAY**

Please be sure to check out the RHOA website at [rwoodhoa.org](http://rwoodhoa.org). Suggestions welcome at [jamesknauf@verizon.net](mailto:jamesknauf@verizon.net).

Again, this year, along with the hand-delivered newsletter, you are receiving the RHOA questionnaire, and an **envelope addressed to Kathy Walker, RHOA Treasurer, 4902 Rockbluff Drive, in which to mail your \$20.00 RHOA dues.** Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire and include it with your check made out to the Rollingwood Homeowners Association in the envelope provided (okay to tear off the last page of the newsletter!). So far this year, less than 50% of our neighbors have paid their dues. Dues are modest and have not risen in several years, but we need your participation to continue to provide HOA benefits and resources to you.

### [Vice President Doug Wickstrom's News from Community Relations and Ordinance Education](#)

#### **RHE City News and Information:**

**Progress on New Play Equipment for Rockbluff Park:** Installation of the new playground equipment by the City's vendor is nearly complete. The City is arranging to add protective handrails for the equipment play area and should complete the job early in 2023. Although the play equipment is in place, residents should respect the contractor's yellow "caution" tape and use safety precautions when enjoying the facility until the City officially opens it.

**Cal Water Customer Conservation Efforts:** California Water Service's October water use report reflected that Cal Water continued to lead the state's efforts to reduce water use for the sixth consecutive month. The water service areas in Palos Verdes exceeded a 27% reduction in October.

**Covid-19 statistics for the City of RHE (Covid continues to be a threat):** Through December 15, there have been 1,435 Covid-19 cases in RHE and 11 deaths, compared to 2,095 cases and 14 deaths in

PVE, and over 3.6 million cases and over 34 thousand deaths in L.A. County.

**L.A. County Sheriff's Department Community Liaison Deputy:** Deputy Ben Russell is the current liaison deputy for Rollingwood and Rolling Hills Estates. We plan to invite him to speak at one of our "Let's Chat" events sometime next year. You can reach Deputy Russell by phone at the Lomita Sheriff's Station: (310) 539-1661.

**Conclusion of Street Widening/Intersection Project at the Intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Blvd.:** You probably have noticed that this significant project is virtually complete, and traffic seems to flow nicely through this intersection. However, there may be some minor landscaping work to finish, so please drive carefully in this area.

**City Web Site:** If you haven't already done so, take a look at the excellent online source of information covering City activities and resources (<https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/community>). Two examples: The City contracts with the Sheriff's Department to help families plan and prepare to survive disasters in the City. The City also developed and maintained a Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and emergency planning consultants.

#### **Rollingwood Homeowners Association Annual Meeting October 2022**

Environmental consultant Kathleen McGowan spoke to us about the idea of "One Water, which considers the urban freshwater cycle as an integrated system. It recognizes that all urban water sources are resources, whether they are surface water, groundwater, wastewater, or stormwater. This idea of integrated water management considers the interconnectedness of these water resources to achieve multiple goals in water supply, flood protection, recreation, and natural habitat. Integrated management of these water resources

will increase our region's resilience, especially in times of drought.

Assistant General Manager of West Basin Municipal Water District, E.J. Caldwell, discussed groundwater and surface water resources with a focus on stormwater resources, along with some exciting, locally planned projects that will illustrate how our water resources are connected and why the term One Water is apt.

### Warren Arata, Community Appearance Updates

**Kingspine Landscaped Entry:** Our first round of plans submitted to contractors was much more expensive than our potential budget. Consequently, we downsized our scope, but we still are not close to what we can afford. Contractor pricing has not ebbed since the perceived end of the worst of the Covid event. Materials pricing has remained high, too, and the lack of workers has compounded struggles for landscape companies. We are now looking to do the upgrade in-house and will soon be looking for volunteers who want a bit of exercise and may enjoy socializing on the job.

### Holiday Home Decorating for Rollingwood:

We looked again this year, and none could unseat the fantastic display of lights and decorations at 4740 Rockbluff.



Many other homes were beautifully decorated and provided a beautiful display of holiday spirit in our neighborhood.



Hopefully, you had the opportunity to walk by and see them (better to walk than drive).

**Winter Rains:** This year is looking pretty good as far as precipitation goes. Last year we got early rains and snow in the mountains, which looked promising. Unfortunately, the rainfall petered out, resulting in a relatively dry winter and less-than-normal snowpack. So far, this season looks much better. We have experienced multiple rain events, and Sierra's snow looks more like past seasons.

It is a good idea to ensure that your gutters are clean and that any drains are clear of dirt and debris. Ensure positive drainage from your home to the street (not your neighbor's property). You may use a good trash can and set it under a downspout to capture rain. You will be amazed at how fast a 50-gallon trash can will fill up. You may purchase rain capture barrels with kits to attach to many existing rain gutter systems. Keep an eye out for flyers from the Water District, as they routinely give away rain



This year's honorable mention was the display at 5285 Willow Wood, right at the corner of Dunwood and Willow Wood. Those lucky enough to enter Rollingwood at night via Willow Wood see it every time they enter.

barrels. These programs are very popular and invariably run out of barrels quickly.

**RHE City News**

At its meeting on December 13, the Rolling Hills Estates City Council recognized outgoing Councilmember Steve Zuckerman for his 25 years of public service. First elected in 1997, Zuckerman is the longest-serving Council Member in the City's history and has served in many capacities. He was also named Hometown Grand Marshal in this year's Holiday Parade of Lights.



*Pictured (L to R): Councilmember Debby Stegura, Mayor Pro Tem Velveth Schmitz, Mayor Britt Huff, Former Councilmember Steve Zuckerman, Councilmember Pam Brown-Schachter, Councilmember Frank Zerunyan*



Retiring Councilmember Frank Zerunyan also was recognized for his year as Mayor, and newly-elected Councilmember Pam Brown-Schachter was sworn-in. Councilmembers selected fellow member Britt Huff to serve as Mayor for the upcoming year and Councilmember Velveth Schmitz to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. They join Councilmember Debby Stegura, who continues to serve her first term. City councilmembers serve four-year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are chosen by their colleagues to serve one year in the respective positions.

**Interested in serving on a City Commission/ Committee, assisting in the decision-making of the City Council?**

There are appointments available on the Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory, and Traffic & Safety Committees.



The City is accepting applications for vacancies through **Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

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2021-2022 Rollingwood Homeowners Association (RHOA)						
160/377=42%						
Bluemound (38)	Dunwood (37)	Rockbluff (48)	Rollingwood (51)	Willow Wood (52)		
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	Liningier	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		Poon	Munger		
25/38=66%	Kurt	<b>Silver Spring (32)</b>	Suppelsa	Guelff		
	Walsh	Medawar	Beylik	Akbar		
<b>Broken Bow (14)</b>	Nielsen	Valentekovich	27/51=53%	Sabai		
Wiese	Wakamatsu	McCown/Ross		Sala		
Fernandez	Kato	Britsch		Elliott		
Davis	14/37=38%	MacFarlane	<b>Foxpoint (15)</b>	Couture		
Strier		Bitting	O'Neill	Tumanjan		
Park	<b>Silver Eagle (12)</b>	Caplan	Omeze	Apodaca		
May	Hui	Enders	Kim	16/41=39%		
Hale	Huang	Lomino	Kalin			
7/14=50%	Seide	Grappey	Campbell			
	3/12=25%	Kela	Abelev			
		Dunn	Son			
		Fujita	7/15=47%			
		13/32=41%				

**ROLLINGWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION QUESTIONNAIRE  
2023**

Happy New Year from your Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board. This year, we are asking you to answer four questions to help us improve communications throughout our neighborhood and to provide feedback on our website and newsletter. Your thoughtful response will assist us in making informed decisions to assure our news is viewed and enjoyed by you and will serve your needs.

**First and Last Name(s) of adults in your home: (Please Print)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to receive communications from the RHOA (check all that apply)?

- Website
- Newsletter
- Email
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you check the RHOA website (rwoodhoa.org)?

- Weekly  Monthly  Occasionally  Never
- If never, why not? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the website useful to you? \_\_\_\_\_
- How could the website be improved? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in contributing to the newsletter, website, or their production?

- Yes, writing content
- Yes, newsletter layout
- Yes, website upkeep
- No

Do you receive the email announcements, invitations, and notifications the RHOA occasionally sends out?

- Yes  No
- If yes, are they useful to you?  Yes  No If not useful, why not? \_\_\_\_\_



**Thank you very much from your Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board of Directors. Please make out your check to the Rollingwood Homeowners Association and return it along with your questionnaire to Kathy Walker, 4902 Rockbluff Drive, in the envelope provided.**

**RHOA DUES ARE ONLY \$20.00 PER HOUSEHOLD**