



Rollingwood Homeowners' Association

Newsletter

From the RHOA President, Judy Bayer

Thank you so much for your positive responses to our 2022 questionnaires and your RHOA dues payments received over the past several months. Your appreciation of our Rollingwood community and fondness for our beautiful neighborhood is heartening.

Many of you liked our quiet, scenic, and safe neighborhood and friendly residents. So a return to in-person events was a high priority—block parties, a potluck in the park, Oktoberfest, and a December progressive dinner were mentioned. Even a neighborhood book club was on the list, along with suggestions for holiday fun.

It was heartening to hear that the newsletter and website were valued. Jim Knauf has done an excellent job maintaining the website while keeping it current. Check it out at rwoodhoa.org.

Creating a roster of Rollingwood families was suggested. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping to create one.

Many of you hoped neighbors would tidy up their yards and suggested that organized work parties could help clean up the property of willing neighbors. Others requested street parking ordinances and posted speed limits be respected. Several respondents would like to see the neighborhood's trash barrels put out Wednesday mornings, brought in by Wednesday evenings, and not stored where visible from the street.

Other suggestions were to revitalize Neighborhood Watch and to install license plate readers at the entrances to Rollingwood.

We appreciate your suggestions and comments and will consider them in the coming months, especially as our governments continue to ease Covid restrictions. Volunteers to help with these activities are most welcome. Please let us know in what way you would be willing to help.

Mail Pirates

We've had at least one instance where a USPS-mailed RHOA dues check may have been stolen from a mailbox. While it is not clear the check was taken from the mailbox, it was mailed but never received, then ultimately found online to have been cashed elsewhere for a large amount. A police report was filed. The RHOA Board is aware, and discussion of possible solutions may be a topic for a Lets Chat this year.

Check out our Rollingwood Homeowners Association group on Nextdoor! It's a great place to meet our neighbors, share local happenings, and more. It's free to join — simply open your phone's camera and scan the code below.

nextdoor



Or type this link into your browser:
<https://nextdoor.com/g/e0jwyp9km/>

Thanks to Brian Greene for suggesting this.

Coyote Update

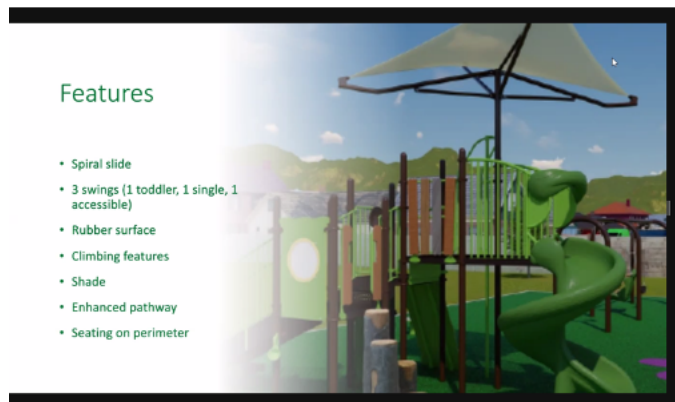
Over the last several weeks, coyotes were trapped at a few properties in Rollingwood, and city representatives visited several residences and canyons. For now, it appears most of the coyotes have moved from Rollingwood. Interestingly, there were some increased sightings across Hawthorne Blvd. in the Los Ranchos Verdes neighborhood, which has been surveyed as well. We'll keep the lines of communication open with City Hall to ensure they are aware of any coyote activity in our neighborhood.

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

RHE City News

Rockbluff Park Playground Equipment

The City of RHE has ordered the new play equipment for Rockbluff park and expects installation by late June. Alexa Davis, the City's Community Services Coordinator, made an interesting and comprehensive presentation to the RHOA's "Let's Chat" virtual event held on March 24. The new play equipment features a slide, climbing wall, three swings, and an improved play surface. Additional seating and other enhancements should be very popular with Rollingwood kids and their parents or grandparents.



Waste Management Residential Organics Program:

Waste Management's organics collection program has been operating successfully for several months.

Please use the small, green plastic container (the light green plastic basket delivered to RHE homes by Waste Management in October and November of 2021) to collect your food scraps. Place the scraps in a paper bag in the green waste barrel for collection each Wednesday. The organic waste collected includes food scraps such as Produce, Meat, Dairy, Bakery, and Food-Soiled Paper. The waste must be placed in a separate paper (not plastic) bag in the "WM Green Organics Cart," along with the usual grass clippings and yard trimmings. Remember that plastic, glass, metal, and waxed paper are NOT acceptable for the green cart. For more information, please call Waste Management at (800) 774-0222.



Covid-19 statistics for the City of RHE:

Los Angeles County reports that 95% of RHE residents have received one or more Covid-19 vaccination shots through March 21, 2022. Also, as of March 21, there have been 977 Covid-19 cases in RHE and nine deaths.

Residential and Commercial Projects on Hawthorne Blvd. at Via Valmonte:

The City of Torrance Planning Department reports that the two residential/commercial projects located at Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Blvd. remain

inactive. The tall silhouette frame and flags for the project on the north side of Via Valmonte have been removed. The RHOA will stay in contact with the City of Torrance to monitor the activity on both projects.

Reminder for dog owners:

Your dog is 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.

Warren Arata, Community Appearance Updates

We are officially in the Spring season and hopefully into weather that will allow us to gather outside again. We had a promising winter with early storms, but little precipitation in January and February left the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada well short of what is considered normal. Statewide we are only at about 63% of snowpack level bringing the bad news of a 3rd consecutive year of drought.

We will more than likely see more restrictions regarding water use when we enter summer. It's a good idea (more so now than ever) to reassess our water use and ensure we are doing our best to ensure we are not wasting water – and paying more than we should for water. The easiest thing you can do is check for leaks. Running toilets, dripping faucets, leaking hoses – they all seem benign, just a drip now and then, but it does amount to quite a bit when you add it up. For example, a running toilet can waste 3 gallons a minute; this equates to 180 gallons/ hour, 4,320 gallons/ day, and 30,240 gallons/ week. So in a week, a running toilet could fill a small swimming pool.

Water waste can be even more significant when it comes to outside irrigation. Since we are not always outside, these leaks can go undetected for quite some time. Unfortunately, you may only find out when you get your water bill. There are now flow sensors that you can attach to your water meter to

detect when water is passing through your meter. It can alert you when small amounts of water have been running for more than a couple of hours. Pair this with a new irrigation controller that can connect to your WIFI and weather forecast, and you have a simple system that can automatically shut off if the forecast calls for rain or high winds. The new controllers and associated equipment have improved technological features and user-friendliness and significantly reduced pricing. Over time, the systems can easily pay for themselves through water savings and the avoided repair costs associated with a damaged or leaking pipe or fixture.

The past year also brought many Rollingwood homeowners into the fold of native and drought-tolerant aficionados. Kudos to those who have transitioned away from turf to low water use landscapes. The new landscapes make trekking up some of the steep streets in Rollingwood worth the effort. Great ideas can be had just by walking our neighborhood.

A topic that has come up is synthetic turf and its use in the landscape. We can provide a bullet-points here to provide some important information:

- The City of RHE does not allow synthetic turf within the right of way and any easements. This includes any parkway strip – the space between the back of the curb and the edge of the sidewalk. Rolling Hills Estates' Municipal Code section 17.59.020 A prohibits synthetic turf in this area.
- The City must receive and approve a request from the homeowner to install synthetic turf in street-facing yard landscapes. The submittal is simple and is in place to ensure that a minimum quality product is specified and a qualified installer is used.
- There are good products currently available, the technology has improved, and many types look quite good. The proper installation of synthetic turf requires a minimum base installation. It cannot be installed directly on soil. A poor

installation of even the best material will eventually look bad.

- Costs of synthetic turf will vary with quality; however, you can expect to pay more for properly installed synthetic turf than real turf. Maintenance for the synthetic turf is close to zero. No need for water (except for cleaning) or chemicals. No mowing either.
- Is synthetic turf a good play for kids and dogs? Nothing beats real turf. Some of the lower quality synthetics will stain with pet urine. Synthetic turf also may get very hot in the summer, sometimes so hot that you can't go barefoot.
- Does synthetic turf present a health risk? The research is ongoing. Research the available data and make the call yourself. One concern is that the common infill for synthetic turf is crumb rubber made from scrap tires, which may have adverse health effects.
- Does synthetic turf harm the environment? The available information is in conflict. There is a myriad of information available, much of it a bit biased and some incomplete.

I hope the above has encouraged potential homeowners to think about using artificial turf on their property and to look into it carefully. I believe all residents have received a flier from Cal Water regarding upcoming water use restrictions and penalties for non-compliant water use. Cal Water also provides rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, etc. Looking at upgrading to more efficient equipment? Better sooner than later as funds could run out. For more information on Cal Water policies and rebates, see: www.Calwater.com/conservation

Juanita Stucker, Rollingwood Membership Update:

Tom and Mary Judge, who have lived in Rollingwood for the past 55 years, will be moving soon to be close to their son and grandchildren in San Juan Capistrano. They have been active participants in local and City activities. Tom has served as a member of the Rollingwood Homeowners Association and our Rollingwood Neighborhood Watch. Think of Tom as you pass the

Silver Spur Road curbs and a white 3-rail fence that he was very active in securing for our community. He also was active in Boy Scouts, AYSO soccer, and Little League Baseball. He retired after 30 years in the Navy Reserve as a Captain. Tom & Mary loved Rollingwood, Rolling Hills Estates, and Palos Verdes. We will miss them very much and wish them well in their new home.

[Rolling Hills Estates News and Updates](#)

In March, Susan Matthews joined the City's team as Code Compliance Officer and works with the community to ensure compliance with City codes, rules, and regulations. Susan's past city experience includes work with the cities of Santa Monica and Palos Verdes Estates. If you see Susan out and about, be sure to say hi!



Know a senior or adult who needs help understanding how to operate a smartphone or tablet? Every first Saturday of the month, from 10 A.M. to noon, you can get help from TechKnows at the PVLD's Peninsula Center Library Community Room (701 Silver Spur Road RHE, CA 90274) For more information, call: (310) 377-9584 x 601

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Save the date for our annual Earth Day Celebration, in partnership with Waste Management, South Bay Environmental Services Center, and Promenade on the Peninsula on Friday, April 22, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Promenade on the Peninsula. Free paper shredding services will also be available outside El Pollo Inka's parking lot. More info to come!



SCE Medical Equipment Help

Southern California Edison (SCE) provides customers who use electrically operated medical devices in their home with a Medical Baseline program. Those enrolled will receive additional electricity per day at a discounted rate.



Medical Baseline customers who rely on life-support equipment will also be notified about upcoming power outages.

SCE is also expanding the [Critical Care Backup Battery Program](#) eligibility to include all Medical Baseline customers. Learn more at: sce.com/medicalbaseline.

If you want to connect with the City of Rolling Hills Estates and receive their weekly news updates, email news@rollinghillestatesca.gov and let them know.

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2021-2022 Rollingwood Homeowners Association (RHOA)

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