



# Rollingwood Homeowners' Association

## Newsletter



### From the RHOA President, Judy Bayer

Greetings and sincere wishes for a brighter, happier, and healthier 2022 to our Rollingwood residents. How fortunate we are to live in this special neighborhood



on the Palos Verdes Peninsula with our glorious views, green vistas and lovely homes. Watching the morning sunrise with its assurance of a bright day fills us with the hope that the pandemic with its horrible trappings soon will be a memory, a piece of the past. We will look forward to constructive change and cogent solutions to the many issues of the past two years. Many thanks for your continued support and understanding as we have negotiated our way through 2021. With Zoom, your Board was able to offer virtual events such as our Annual Meeting with the informative presentation by Captain Kip Louttit, Executive Director of the Marine Exchange of Southern California & Vessel Traffic Service Los Angeles and Long Beach and with the planned Spring "Let's Chat" with Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager of Rolling Hills Estates, who will tell us all about the new

playground equipment that will be installed at Rockbluff Park.

Congrats to the RHE Holiday House Decorating Contest winners at 39 Silver Saddle Lane and 4740 Rockbluff Drive, our neighbors, the Grays! And thank you to all the other homes that participated. Our neighborhood was alive and happy with your beautiful holiday displays.



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

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 and fill out the questionnaire and send your check for \$20.00 made out to the Rollingwood Homeowners Association in the envelope provided (okay to tear off the last page of the newsletter!).

Congratulations! For the first time in a very long time, the Rollingwood Homeowners Association members have exceeded 50% participation. Think about it: While the cost of living has been rising steadily, RHOA dues have remained at only \$20.00 a year. To maintain a high level of services provided, your continued support is critical. Thank you.

**PLEASE JOIN TODAY**

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

### RHE City News

#### Rockbluff Park Playground Equipment

Rockbluff Park is one and a half acres of beautiful parkland located at the end of Rockbluff Drive. With involvement of a neighborhood subcommittee, in spring, the City sent out a survey to the Rollingwood neighborhood seeking input on the future playground equipment to replace the outdated set at Rockbluff Park.



With nearly 70 responses, the input received helped fine-tune features proposed. The play equipment will serve ages 5-12 with a slide, climbing feature, shade and other creative play features.

In addition, the City also proposed a new swing set that will offer a regular swing in addition to single, toddler and accessible swings and a structure with a curving slide and climbing features with shade.



The subcommittee continued to work with City staff and the Parks and Activities Commissioners on finalizing the

proposals which were reviewed and approved by the Commission at its meeting of October 20, followed by City Council's review and ultimate approval on December 14<sup>th</sup>. City staff estimates the project will be completed in about four months.

The RHE City Council acknowledged the succession of Frank Zerunyan to the position of mayor of RHE at the December 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Frank succeeds Steve Zuckerman who has served several terms as mayor during his many years of service to the City. Both Frank and Steve have been strong supporters of the Rollingwood community over the years.

Captain James Powers, commander of the Lomita Station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, gave a presentation during the December 14<sup>th</sup> RHE City Council meeting. He said that the number of patrol units in the City was increased starting in November, 2021. That explains the increased visibility of sheriff's cars in our neighborhood over the past few months.

Also, Cpt. Powers reported that overall crime statistics for RHE, year-to-date, have decreased 21% versus 2020. The only significant increase was in auto thefts which doubled from 3 reported thefts to 6 reported thefts this year. Cpt. Powers reminded residents to lock their cars and keep valuables out of sight in their vehicles. He also recommended that we participate in the **Neighborhood Watch** program and report any unusual incidents to the Lomita station of the Sheriff's department at (310) 539-1661.

#### **Waste Management Residential Organics Program.**

Waste Management now has its organic waste collection service in operation. Food scraps (Produce, Meat, Dairy, Bakery, and Food-Soiled Paper) must be placed in a separate paper bag in the "WM Green Organics Cart" along with the usual grass clippings and yard trimmings. WM recommends collecting the food scraps (listed above), in the light green plastic basket that was delivered to RHE homes in October and November. The food scraps should then be placed in PAPER bags and deposited in the green-colored yard waste 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 along with other green yard waste and not placed in the gray, general trash container. For more information, please call Waste Management at (800) 774-0222.

**A reminder: dogs are welcome** on City trails, in open spaces, and in City Parks but must remain on leash and under full control of the owner. This rule is according to both City of RHE and L.A. County Codes.

**Covid-19 statistics for the City of RHE:** For RHE residents, 92.4% have been vaccinated through December 16, 2021. As of December 21, there have been 479 Covid-19 cases in RHE and 8 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 the intersection of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Blvd. have become inactive for the immediate future. As mentioned previously, 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. The projects in question include:

- (1) **The 24601 Hawthorne Blvd. Mixed Use Residential and Commercial Project and**
- (2) **The 248 unit Butcher/Solana Real Estate Development**

The Torrance Planning Department has suspended action on both mixed-use projects pending further steps by the developers.

**Trash Barrels Reminder:** Put out late Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning and bring in by Wednesday evening. Do not store in your front yard in view from the street.

RHE Municipal Code: Chapter 8.20 – INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT 8.20.080 - Use and placement of containers and bulky items.

B. Time of Placement. No person may place a container adjacent to a street or public right-of-way before 4:00 p.m. on the day before the regularly scheduled collection day, nor may any person place any bulky items adjacent to a street or public right-of-way before 4:00 p.m. on the day before the collection day set by the solid waste collector. All containers or bulky items must be placed in a proper collection location by 6:30 a.m. on the day of collection.

D. Return to Storage Location. After the collection of solid waste, each container must be promptly removed by no later than 8:00 p.m. on the regular collection day and returned to a location on the lot where the container cannot be viewed from the street.

**Upcoming Events:**

Presentation on the new playground equipment at Rockbluff Park. “Let’s Chat” with Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager, Rolling Hills Estates. Date to be determined. Enjoy a PowerPoint presentation with all of

the details, expected opening date and colorful illustrations.

**SCE Aerial Inspections**

Over the next few weeks, Southern California Edison will be conducting aerial inspections in the area.



**Community Emergency Response Training**

Training Classes starting Saturday January 15, 2021

C.E.R.T. TRAINING IS COMING TO PALOS VERDES  
SIGN UP NOW!  
**FREE!**

The Los Angeles County Fire Department is proud to present this training to the public.

Following a major disaster, police, fire, and medical personnel may not be able to fully meet the demand. People will have to rely on each other to meet immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

Developed through FEMA, the L.A. County Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program provides basic training in safety and life saving skills for the public.

The course curriculum covers the following modules:

Saturday, January 15	Saturday, January 22	Saturday, January 29
1. Disaster Preparedness 2. Disaster Fire Suppression 3. Disaster Medical Ops 1	4. Disaster Medical Ops 2 5. Light Search & Rescue 6. Disaster Psychology	7. CERT Organization 8. Terrorism 9. Course Review & Disaster Simulation Exercise

The training course will be a series of three classes on:  
**January 15, 22, & 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm**

**MASKS MUST BE WORN**

**Rancho Del Mar Continuation School  
38 Crest Rd West,  
Rolling Hills, CA 90274**

C.E.R.T. training is free

Sign up by emailing [gk1319@yahoo.com](mailto:gk1319@yahoo.com) or 310 780-6867

Please include your name, phone number, and email address.

Class size is limited. Sign up today to reserve your seat.

CERT Class information is also posted on the Fire Department website: <http://fire.lacounty.gov>  
\*Students must complete all 20 hours of the course to receive a certificate of completion. If you must miss any units, you can make them up anywhere CERT is taught to receive your certificate.

**Warren Arata, Community Appearance Updates**

**Update on the Kingspine entry landscaping**

This has been a tough time to get landscaping done. Now that we are looking at another spike in Corona Virus, most companies are even more understaffed. We

are currently looking at alternatives to getting the work done, including waiting a bit for the current business climate to cool down a bit.

**Winter Rains.** Since the last update, the year prior, we had seen a few homes address issues with unkempt yards. Overall, since last year we have seen an improvement community-wide. The heavy rainfall a few weeks ago was a mixed blessing. We got much-needed precipitation, but it all came at once and created a few problems with runoff. There are areas where soil and rock have washed over sidewalks. Please look to see that the sidewalks in front of your homes are clear and safe for pedestrians. The great weather we have had has brought out the neighborhood walkers.

With all the moisture, we will soon get a new crop of weeds. They are actively growing now and will soon be sending out seed heads. If you can get out there and look to knock down the weeds before they go to seed, we can slowly eliminate them. Letting them go to seed will lay the ground with seeds for next year.

We have had a big storm that brought a lot of water to our area, but we are by no means out of the woods. The Sierra Nevada now has 51% of the normal snowpack. We are still in the throes of a years-long drought. With our current drought status, California has proclaimed a state of emergency and has stated that the "...Water Board may adopt emergency regulations, as it deems necessary, to supplement voluntary conservation by prohibiting wasteful water practices. Please see the link for these wasteful practices: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/10.19.21-Drought-SOE-1.pdf> Don't forget about weed abatement! It doesn't seem like the time to talk about fire prevention, but with all of the new moisture we have received, we will get a new crop of weeds and shrub growth on slopes and areas that are not actively managed. It's not hard to remember last summer and all of the fires we had in California alone. Please see the link for information from Los Angeles County about weed abatement: <https://acwm.lacounty.gov/all-about-weed-abatement/>

**Juanita Stucker, Rollingwood Membership Update:**

Real estate was certainly robust in 2021 and the trend doesn't seem to be slowing! We saw a double digit increase in price per square foot over 2020 for the Silver Spur school area of the Peninsula of which Rollingwood is part. Yikes and Yea!!!

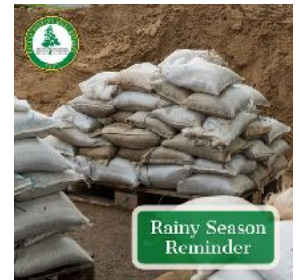
Please join us in welcoming five new neighbors to Rollingwood: The Witt family at 4836 Elmdale, the Byoungbum/Park family at 4930 Elmdale, the Schmitt family at 4918 Rockbluff, the Grappey family at 15 Silver Spring, and the Bizoumis/Katz Family at 5005 Willow Wood.

Last year we hoped to be able to start meeting in person for all our annual gatherings in 2021 but unfortunately that was not the case. SO, of course, we again are looking toward 2022. Thank you to our new neighbors for supporting our association and thank you to ALL our Rollingwood neighbors for your continued support. Please feel free to contact your RHOA Board with any questions or concerns.

**In The Spotlight**

**Reminder: Sandbags available**

Sandbags will be available at Ernie Howlett Park Maintenance facility Mon. – Fri. 7AM – 3:30PM. Sandbag filling station is also available at Fire Station 106.



**Drought Prohibited Uses of Water**

Although the recent rains helped, we are still in a drought.

Cal Water wants to ensure our customers are aware of the following prohibited uses of potable water:

- Applying water to outdoor landscapes that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures
- Using a hose to wash motor vehicles unless the hose is fitted with a shutoff nozzle or device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use
- Applying water to driveways and sidewalks
- Using water in a water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system
- Applying water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall (0.25 inches)
- Irrigating outside of new construction without drip or microspray systems
- Irrigating landscape between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

<https://www.calwater.com/conservation/drought/prohibited-uses-water/>

**The Annual Rolling Hills Estates Holiday Parade of Lights** was held on Saturday evening, December 4. The parade route was around the Peninsula Center along the Silver Spur Road and Deep Valley Drive. Several hundred residents enjoyed the event so be sure to catch it next year if you missed the parade in 2021.



24th Annual Peninsula Holiday Parade of Lights  
Saturday, December 4th 2021

Judy Mitchell RHE Council Member and mayor - City Grand Marshall and Kenley Jansen, Dodger Relief Pitcher, and family - Grand Marshal

### Your RHOA Board

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**ROLLINGWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION QUESTIONNAIRE  
2022**

Happy New Year from your Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board. This year, we are asking you to answer only two questions to provide feedback assisting us in making informed decisions for the ongoing success and enjoyment of our neighborhood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are living through extraordinary times, sharing moments of hope and resilience with friends, family and loved ones. Your Rollingwood Homeowners Association Board is asking you to answer the question asked below to provide feedback in how best to get through another year of best to foster the ongoing safety and connectivity with all of our neighbors.

Please tell us first what you like best about living in Rollingwood.  
Second, what would you recommend to make Rollingwood a truly engaging, caring community – how to promote involvement and participation in community service and activities, and how to encourage neighborliness.

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**And 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 to Kathy Walker, 4902 Rockbluff Drive in the envelope provided.**



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