

#### FROM JUDY BAYER, RHOA PRESIDENT

We have persevered through the fog, wind, and mist of May gray and June gloom. We are optimistic about a sunny, warm summer, a time for picnics, garden parties, and community gatherings. Now is a perfect time to be a part of your neighborhood, volunteer to help a neighbor, serve on your Rollingwood HOA Board of Directors, and pay your yearly dues. There are many opportunities to become involved and demonstrate that you care.

#### RHOA dues are only \$20.00 per year. Help us reach at least 50% participation this year. We're not there yet, and we need YOU.

And good news! We've added an electronic payment option for your convenience. If you have the Venmo app on your smartphone, search for our link: @rollingwoodhoadues or tap on the QR code or simply scan this RHOA QR code to submit your \$20 payment. Please include your name, address, and contact info (email/



phone). The RHOA profile setting is set for PRIVATE, which limits text visibility to the sender and RHOA treasurer. You may still provide or update your information by emailing Kathy Walker at <u>koreklaw@gmail.com</u> a completed RHOA questionnaire that you can find on our webpage (<u>rwoodhoa.org</u>) or delivered to you with our annual Winter Newsletter (January). And please be assured that personal checks are always welcome. For those still paying by check, please make your check payable to Rollingwood HOA and mail it to Kathy Walker, 4902 Rockbluff Drive. Many thanks for the hard work of Kathy Walker and her team to set up the Venmo account for us. They did an outstanding job!

After three years of dedicated service, **Jim Knauf**, our RHOA Communications, Web Master, and Newsletter Editor, is retiring from the Board of Directors. Jim updated and maintained our website, edited our quarterly newsletter, and sent email notices and updates to all our neighbors-professionally, adroitly, and skillfully.

Jim is a retired aerospace engineer, a twenty-sixyear veteran, and retired US Air Force colonel. He was a senior consultant, a member of the board of the local chapter of the Air Force Association, and an Associate Fellow and Chairman of the Space Transportation Technical Committee for the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics. He now enjoys writing and photography, especially of the night sky.

## **MYSTERIOUS AND MAGICAL NIGHTS**



A Photo Essay by James Knauf jamesknaufphotos.com

The RHOA Board and the Rollingwood community thank Jim for his efforts, and we wish him the best with his continuing adventures.

Please be sure to check out the RHOA website at rwoodhoa.org. Suggestions welcome at jamesknauf@verizon.net

Jim's departure means we need a new Communications Chairperson. Do you have the skill and the interest in joining our Board, or do you know a neighbor who does? Jim will be willing to chat with a potential candidate about the job requirements and follow up with any assistance needed. Communications are essential to our wonderful neighborhood, and the people who reach out with a helping hand make it outstanding. Everyone can make a difference.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION**



Our latest RHOA Beautification Award has been awarded to Will McCowan and Diane-Ross McCowan, who live at 6 Silver

Spring Drive. They recently renovated their front vard, replacing their turf lawn with a great-looking water-wise landscape. They received a nice rebate from the water company for eliminating their lawn. Walk the neighborhood and check it out; it looks great! Thanks to the McCowans for making our neighborhood look great!

And thank you to the Rollingwood residents who have renovated their front yards and those who are maintaining their property so well. Your efforts truly enhance the beauty of Rollingwood!

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

## SUMMER CELEBRATION, AUGUST 26, 2023, **1:00 PM ROCKBLUFF PARK**

Please join friends and neighbors for an End of the Summer Ice Cream Social Neighborhood Party on August 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM to celebrate the Official Grand Opening of the Rockbluff Park playground. Bring your children and grandchildren and enjoy our beautiful park's new playground equipment. There will be delectable ice cream treats. special games, and a ribboncutting ceremony with staff and City Council representatives



from Rolling Hills Estates.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 1, 2023

Rollingwood will again be holding National Night Out on August 1, 2023. Lisa and Mark Pope, 5257 Willow Wood Rd., have again offered to host. If you also are willing to be a host, please contact Judy Bayer at jbayer3@cox.net.



National Night Out is an annual communitybuilding occasion held throughout the country that promotes strong law enforcementcommunity partnerships and neighborhood friendships to

make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Participation is a positive opportunity to learn about neighborhood safety and emergency preparedness, to meet friends, neighbors, and City and Law Enforcement Officials, and to participate in your community's efforts to keep you, your home, and your family safe. RHE City Council members, City staff, and representatives from the L. A. Sheriff's Department,

Lomita Station, and LA Fire Department will be at our gatherings again this year.

## VICE PRESIDENT DOUG WICKSTROM, NEWS FROM COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND ORDINANCE EDUCATION

## **RHE City News Highlights:**

## New Play Equipment at Rockbluff Park:

The City has completed the installation of protective handrails along the walkway in the equipment play area, and the equipment is available for use by the public. A separate replacement water fountain is still in the works, but 'caution tape'



around the play equipment section has been removed. Weather and contractor issues pushed the inauguration date back several times; however, the good news is that the Official Grand Opening of the park will be on August 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

**Resources for Residents:** For folks who would like some help with the latest innovations in personal technology, there is a program at the Peninsula Center Library called "TechKnows." It operates the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Library Community Room (701 Silver Spur Road, RHE, 90274). For more information, call: (310) 377-9584 ext. 601. **Update from Waste Management Company on Recycling Food Waste:** In a revision to previous instructions regarding the handling of food waste, WMC provides these instructions:

How to use your kitchen pail to recycle food waste

- 1. Scrape your food waste and place your foodsoiled paper item into your pail (note: provided by WMC last year).
- 2. Place your items directly into your pail. Do not bag your food waste not even with biodegradable bags.
- 3. Empty your pail into your organics (green) cart.

**Dogs On Leash:** The City newsletter recently published a reminder that dogs are welcome along trails, in open spaces, and within parks. However, dog owners remember that to promote the safety of the animals, the public, equestrians, their horses, and surrounding wildlife, dogs must always remain on their leash under the full control of their owner, as required under City Municipal Code Section 12.24.090 and LA County Code Section 10.32.010.

Crime Report from LA County Sheriff's

**Department:** After several quiet weeks, there was a report of a "Grand Theft (Catalytic Converter)" on Broken Bow Lane sometime between 9:00 AM on May 27 and 2:30 AM on May 29. Other crimes reported in other parts of the City during May included shoplifting at Peninsula Center, mail theft on Buckskin Lane, and an assault on San Miguel. You can sign up for the RHE 90274 Neighborhood Watch crime report by contacting Bob Closson, Coordinator, at **rhenw90274@cox.net**.

**City Web Site:** If you haven't already done so, look at the excellent online source of information covering City activities and resources (<u>https://</u> <u>www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/community</u>). 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 maintains a Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and emergency planning consultants.

#### KNOW YOUR ZONE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PREPARATION ZONE - RHE - E008xt VISIT <u>PVPREADY.GOV</u>

The Palos Verdes Peninsula cities, in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management and public safety partners, have launched a new evacuation tool for the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Local public safety agencies (law and fire departments) and your Peninsula cities will use the Know Your Zone maps to prepare you in the event of an evacuation. In urgent situations, when an evacuation need arises, residents, businesses, and visitors will be provided with timely critical information for impacted zones.

Knowing your zone is critical to the evacuation process. If there is a wildfire or emergency, navigating the Know Your Zone map can help determine your next steps in emergencies affecting where you live, work, and play. Signing up for important emergency notifications through the Alert Southbay system is also essential.



## WARREN ARATA, COMMUNITY APPEARANCE UPDATES

We are officially into Summer, and much of the weed growth that occurred right after the deluge of water we received earlier in the year is now starting to turn brown. Many manroot vines that quickly grew over shrubs and trees are now dead and hang lifeless on plants in PV. The grasses, mustards, and thistles all are starting to go to seed, with some already beginning to brown. These will burn readily when dry.

We still have quite a few properties in our neighborhood that require attention. Excessive weed growth also hides both gopher and rodent activity.

Our last newsletter noted that June 1 was the start of LACFD neighborhood inspections regarding brush clearance. For reference, the link to the original notice is:

https://www.rollinghillsestates.gov/departments/ public-safety/brush-clearance

The regulations for compliance with the new requirements in AB 3074 and enforcement thereof appear to be somewhat unsettled. The RHOA Board will do its best to keep you up to date.

On June 8, there was a Community Meeting regarding this year's annual brush clearance notice and requirements to ensure compliance. Here are notes from the meeting:

- The requirements and enforcement of Assembly Bill 3074 (AB 3074), an extension of existing law, were a primary focus of the conversation.
- The LA County Fire Department is required to enforce the fire code, which comes from the state and Cal Fire.
- The four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula (Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates) accepted in 2008 the designation of their entire cities as being high-fire areas.
- June 1 to July 15 initial inspections:
  - All homes are to be inspected this year. Not all were inspected in the past.
  - This year, of ~21,000 homes on the peninsula, ~11,000 had been inspected as of the meeting, with ~98.9% compliant.

- Brush inspections: Engine companies will inspect homes, and if the home backs up to a canyon or heavy brush, it will be fully scrutinized.
- All property owners will receive an inspection report showing either 'In Compliance' or the violations that must be corrected. Owners have 30 days to correct if found non-compliant. After a second inspection, a penalty can be applied if still not compliant, but the fire department representatives stated they would work with homeowners if they see progress.
- Regarding the new AB 3074 rules:
  - AB 3074 became law on January 1, 2021. The law's language requires a new defensible zone around homes/structures--Zone 0, with no vegetation within 5 feet of the structure.
  - AB 3074 will not be enforced until the State approves vegetation clearance requirements; this is expected in the fall of 2023. Full enforcement on existing structures will not be required until one year after the State approves the final requirements, anticipated for inspections in 2024. Full enforcement on new construction will take effect immediately upon approval of final clearance requirements.
  - \* The fire department representatives stated the language regarding the new rule is "out of date," that AB 3074 "will not be enforced in the near future," not in 2023 and probably not in 2024 or 2025, "cannot be enforced," and that the brochure is "out of date," as "the language has not been finalized."
  - Furthermore, they are NOT expecting property owners to rip out their landscape vegetation to comply with the new Zone 0 ember-resistant zone that allows no vegetation within 5 feet of the house. The Fire Department is just looking for homeowners to trim their vegetation, eliminate flammable dead vegetation, mulch no more than 3" deep, and avoid "fire ladders" that can lead fire into structures. Have us help them to help us.
  - Find the latest information at <u>fire.lacounty.gov</u>.
    Direct inquiries to the LACFD Brush Clearance Unit at (626) 969-2375. And if you have not

signed up for RHE updates and notices, please do so here: <u>E-News | Rolling Hills Estates, CA</u>.

Below are a few other links that may be of use.

- <u>https://fire.lacounty.gov/fire-hazard-reduction-programs/</u>
- <u>https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/</u> 2021/05/Defensible-Space-booklet-2021WEB.pdf
- https://openstates.org/ca/bills/20192020/AB3074/
- <u>http://fire.lacounty.gov</u>

## JUANITA STUCKER, MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our new neighbors at the following homes. We have delivered our HOA handbook to their homes, though unfortunately, some were not home to be welcomed personally. The RHOA board welcomes you and hopes to have an opportunity to meet you soon. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the board.

> 5028 Willow Wood 5150 Willow Wood 5005 Willow Wood 5014 Kingspine 26348 Dunwood Road 4716 Rockbluff 4842 Rockbluff 5003 Rockbluff

The low inventory and high demand for property on the Peninsula, supported by our great schools and weather, account for the market here continuing to set record prices despite the interest rates.

Also, I'm happy to say our RHOA is "getting back to normal" with our social events. Thank you to all who have come out to participate. Rollingwood is truly a special neighborhood with an HOA board working hard to continue our traditions. Thank you to our new and long-time residents for participating in our association. If you have any questions or would like to pay your dues for this year, please call or email me, and I will deliver an envelope to your home. The dues are only \$20.00.

# JIM KNAUF, COMMUNICATIONS, WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Rollingwood's communications director these past three years (although I still have a few months left, and Elaine and I will still be here in Rollingwood).

## FROM ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

Overnight street parking is prohibited in the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

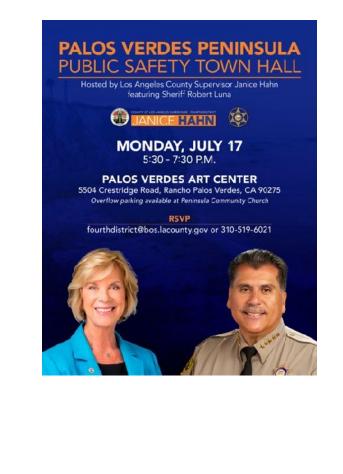
Per RHEMC Section 10.24.090 (B)(1): Permits allowing all-night parking of vehicles may be issued by the city manager dependent upon the length of time required by the applicant as follows:

Temporary permits for up to five days without application or investigation. Temporary permits may be renewed for additional five-day periods not more than twice consecutively or fifteen days maximum within any given calendar year.



LA County Sheriff Robert Luna regarding public safety in the region. Attend the Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Town Hall on July 17 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM to hear from LA County Board of Supervisor Janice Hahn and

Please RSVP at <u>fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov</u> or call (310) 519-6021.



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2022-2023 Rollingwood Homeowners Association (RHOA)						
		138 as of 7/7/23				
Bluemound (38)	Dunwood (37)	Rockbluff (48)	Rollingwood (51)	Willow Wood (52)		
Ellison	Chen	Walker	Suppelsa	Agnew		
Smith	Wolf	Hollingshead	Crowley	Serhal		
Paul	Stiebel	Helf	Faurite/Zawitkoski	Роре		
Wickstrom	Stucker	Bertrand/Boucher	Lai	Green		
Matsubara	Leseberg	Humphrey	Granacki	Sans		
Li	Reichert	Cline	Austin	Anderson		
Newman	Middelburg	Swank	Yueh	LaRue		
Arata	Patterson	Saura	Stamler	Fodor		
Sasselli	Smith/Harris	Nodado-Rutherglen	Fafard	DaSilva		
Park	9	Но	Chu	Marshall		
Harriett		Bayer	Rosen	Ohlsson		
Breeding		Zaslowsky	Cummings	Schill		
Toumayan		Gaw	Plebuch	Closson		
Libutti	Elmdale (37)	Wills	Lutz	Greene		
Getman/McKee	Witt*	Schmitt	Trujillo	Chaney		
Hanson	Cizcek	Fowell/Colbert	Graupner	Ventura		
Hofmeister	Ireland	16	Wilkins	16		
Doolittle	Batley		Lawniczak			
Bailey	Lininger		Willens			
Phillips	VanWie		Lim	Kingspine (41)		
20	Hall		Granata	Apodaca		
	Rodriguez	Silver Spring (32)	Simeral	Ponce		
	Wakamatsu	Britsch	Badour	Sala		
	Kurt	Valentekovich	Buchholtz	Knauf		
	Nielsen	Fujita	24	Elliott		
Broken Bow (14)	Gilster	Bitting		Porter		
Wiese	Kato	MacFarlane		Chobanian		
Strier	Walsh	Medawar		Munger		
Park	14	Garabedian	Foxpoint (15)	Guelff		
3		Nickel	McArthur	Cohen		
		Enders	O'Neill	Sabai		
	Silver Eagle (12)	Hall	Omeze	Ghayouri		
	Hui	Dunn	Campbell	Fukasawa		
	Seide	Grappey	Kim	13		
	Wong	Dettling	Schreiber-Lenz			
	Caplan	13	6			
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