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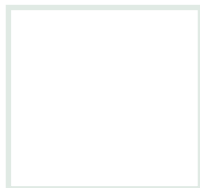


The Spring Gardening Club took place in the beautiful backyard of Jerry Baker's and John Provasoli's home overlooking Lake Hollywood and the Los Angeles skyline. We thank Beautification Committee Co-chairs Charles Malki and Brad Fickes for sharing their time and expertise every season with neighbors who come away inspired, informed and ready to acquire, plant, prune, weed, fertilize and, for the time being, water wisely, their own beautiful gardens.

Email us at hollyknolls@yahoo.com to join 500 of your neighbors who receive regular emails from HKCC

If your name or address are incorrect on this label, please tell Tree Lockie at (323) 874-5600.

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Hollywood Knolls Community Club
3360 Barham Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90068
*Representing the communities of Hollywood Knolls,
Hollywood Manor and Lakeridge Estates*

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Founded in the 1930s, the Hollywood Knolls Community Club (HKCC) is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to addressing issues that affect our community and to protecting the interests of our residents.

Letter from the President:

Dear Neighbors,

As I sit here, listening to the illegal Sunday construction noise coming from a house somewhere nearby, it underlines a topic that merits discussion, especially in this time of increasingly frayed nerves. HKCC has no desire to be the administrator of a "nanny state" but I do think it's appropriate to encourage a certain level of consideration and help promote a greater sense of neighborhood togetherness.

We're currently taking action on several topics that fall under the topic of being good neighbors in the literal and figurative sense. For example, the residents of upper and lower Wonder View are currently being asked to tolerate hordes of hikers who flood their streets, trample their property, cause traffic accidents and create numerous other safety problems. They have independently come up with some interesting "win-win" ideas and we are working with them and Councilmember Ryu's office to arrive at a solution.

Other residents have complained about the noise and collateral chaos caused by people renting out their homes via the likes of Airbnb and HomeAway. In addition to making our voice heard by the City Council which is currently considering an ordinance to regulate Home Sharing, we're also trying to help behind the scenes, offering affected neighbors advice and imploring those absentee renters to better manage their guests.

Responding to your concerns about incidents of crime, we are rebooting our Neighborhood Watch and will soon be asking for volunteers to be block captains or even just to help pass on news or photographic/video evidence when an incident does occur.

We hope you'll join us to make our little oasis in the middle of Los Angeles one we can be proud of and an example of how we can work together and get along, even in these contentious times.

Regards,



Daniel A. Savage
President
Hollywood Knolls Community Club

HKCC's Annual BBQ/Fiesta Event
Sunday, May 21, 2017
12 - 3pm
3541 North Knoll Drive



- Back by popular demand, the Taco Cart, complete chicken/beef taco lunches
- Also: homemade salads, desserts, kids drinks, sparkling & bottled water, wine and beer
- Socialize with and meet new friends and neighbors
- Games and activities for the kids
- Bring-A-Book, Take-A-Book Exchange
- Fire Truck and Firefighters
- Info regarding important neighborhood issues

**Free for current 2017 member households
\$35 at door for new member households**

IT'S BRUSHFIRE SEASON; PROTECT YOUR HOME AND YOUR LIFE

Last month, the bumper crop of wild mustard, grasses and brush on the local hillsides started to turn gold and brown. With one of the wettest seasons in recent years, the brush has grown quickly and will be soon be a fire danger. DWP clears its hillsides around the lake but we need to take care of our own front and backyards. The Los Angeles City Fire Department has started to schedule inspections in our neighborhoods to verify that we are all compliant with the guidelines set forth. Questions? Visit the LAFD website for brush clearance at www.lafd.org/fire-prevention/brush or call them directly at (800) 994-4444.



Speakers at the April HK Garden Club included Steven List (center), an instructor at Sylmar Agriculture Learning Center; Charles Malki (L), HKCC board member, plant biologist and garden expert; and Brad Fickes, HKCC board member and avid gardener. Topics included "Growing Vegetables," "Plant Propagation" and "Citrus Selection and Care." Plenty of great information and plant giveaways.



HKCC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM REBOOTS

With the recent reports of mail thefts, home burglaries and burglaries from motor vehicles in the area, the HKCC Security Committee has launched a new, comprehensive Neighborhood Watch program to include the Knolls, Lakeridge Estates and the Manor. HKCC Board Members (LtoR) Brad Fickes, Chairperson Sherice Recke, and Tom Otero have been collaborating with LAPD senior lead officers to gather support and information for this program. The immediate goal is to establish a network of responsible residents that can serve as "block captains" (Yes, some of our streets will be divided in several blocks.) Would you like to serve "your block". Do you want to learn more? Visit our table at the Annual HKCC BBQ on May 21. - Brad Fickes



OUR FIREFIGHTERS AT STATION 76

As a personal thank you to the firefighters and first-responders of Station 76, HKCC brought dinner - enough food from Little China restaurant to serve two shifts - to the Cahuenga Blvd. firehouse. Hanging out with the fine folks in uniform are Board members (clockwise) Bob Knox, Sherice Recke, Tom Otero, Charles Malki, Tree Lockie and Eileen Peterson. Sandy Gitmed, Social Chairperson, handled the catering. L-R: Captain Leon, Firefighter/Paramedics Alvarado, Leon and Quintana, Engineer Scogin, and Firefighter Marquez (sitting). We are looking forward to seeing you guys May 21 at the BBQ!

Dear Neighbors: If you bought your home expecting to enjoy pleasant years alongside similarly responsible homeowner residents, you may be in for a terrible surprise, as I was with the affects of Short-term Rentals. There are some responsible homeowners who rent a part of their house while they're on premises with no negative consequences for their neighbors but unfortunately, the "bad apples" are ruining that option for everyone. If you want more information about Short Term Rentals, then search "Council File: 14-1635-S2" on the web. I urge you to follow the issue and when you read about the City's upcoming proposal, express your feelings with phone calls, letters and emails to our Councilmember David Ryu and L.A. City Planning Dept.

- Daisy Marco, Manor resident

GRIFFITH PARK / WONDER VIEW DRIVE

You don't have to live near the Hollywood Sign vista to feel the impact that the tourist magnet has on our neighborhood. Even people a mile away suffer from an onslaught of issues including tour buses, standstill traffic getting in and out of the neighborhood, and a general Runyon-ization of our residential streets and front yards. This dangerous and disruptive situation that has been steadily intensifying over the past several years is recognized as now being past the breaking point and has forced the City to finally address the issue.



Recently, the City Council voted unanimously (10-0) to approve Councilmember David Ryu's request to spend \$100,000 of CD4's discretionary funds on a comprehensive study for improving park access, safety, and mobility in these areas. Issues under consideration include optimizing public access to the park including its trails, while preserving local residents' quality of life, enhancing safety and protecting the natural ecosystem. The beginning of this study cannot happen soon enough as is supported by recent events.



Ignoring "No Turnaround" warning

Due to a lawsuit brought by the Sunset Ranch Hollywood Stables, the City has just closed off pedestrian access to the Beachwood Canyon trailhead into the park where thousands of people typically go to see the sign and get "the picture." Although Beachwood is "on the other side," there's no telling what the impact of this development will be on our neighborhood.



Hikers by the hundreds on weekend

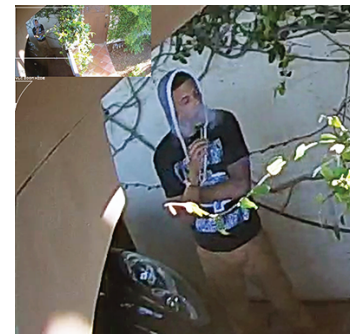
At the same time, the popularity of the "Wisdom Tree Hike" has made it impossible to sustain the local infrastructure and the integrity of the neighborhood of Upper and Lower Wonder View streets. The residents of those streets who have provided these pictures have come together and have asked for HKCC's help in improving the situation, and with the City's study being done, the timing seems very opportune.

Beyond the noise and disruption at all hours, and the destruction of personal property and local flora, this tsunami of hikers also represents a threat to personal and fire safety. The hope is that by working with all relevant parties, there can be a solution that's both fair to the Wonder View homeowners while also allowing tourists and hikers to enjoy our beautiful city resources without putting themselves and others in danger.



Hikers by the Busload!

Meetings with local officials are already happening and there's hope that relief could start being on the way in advance of the heavy, summer tourist season. - Daniel A. Savage, President



Smoking in our carpoort. FIRE!



Used toilet paper!



Cactus cruelty!



Thieves carrying away our FedEx boxes!!!