

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 protecting the interests of our residents in the Hollywood Knolls, the Hollywood Manor and Lakeridge Estates.

Dear Neighbor,

A recent walk to Lake Hollywood revealed a beautiful yellow blanket of mustard plants. While not as dramatic as Lake Elsinore's "super bloom," it was a wonderful reminder of this season of renewal.

For those of you unaware of the HKCC's history, it started as a garden club in 1939 which is quite fitting as it has evolved over the years into an organization dedicated to nurturing our neighborhood's quality of life. The all-volunteer board is comprised of representatives of the Knolls, Hollywood Manor and Lakeridge Estates, and while new member participation is always welcome, there is also a core group who have become experts in particular areas and have built relationships with the public officials who have the ability to help when it's needed.

One such regular, longtime HKCC Treasurer Bob Knox has decided to literally and figuratively move on, and he and his wife Sue will be starting a new adventure 40 miles away. While their absence will be deeply felt, we're delighted that after over 35 years of tireless service, they will be getting much deserved "time off for good behavior."

We're in the process of recruiting a new Treasurer and, just as I had the good fortune to take over a stable HKCC as President, our new addition can begin knowing that Bob has left our financial house very much in order.

And so our cycle of renewal continues as new residents will slowly but surely pick up from the current Board's activity. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved in HKCC, and please do join us for our annual social event—a Sunday brunch, open to all members, on Sunday May 19.

Regards,



Daniel A. Savage, President
Hollywood Knolls Community Club



Free for current 2019 member households;
\$35 at door for new member households

HKCC'S ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT
A PORTO'S SUNDAY BRUNCH

3541 North Knoll Drive

May 19, 2019

11AM - 2pm



PORTO'S PASTRIES & SANDWICHES

Mimosas,, Wine, Coffee,

Socialize with old friends; meet new neighbors

Meet and Greet our Councilmember David Ryu

Storytelling, Face & Hand painting for the kids

Info regarding important neighborhood issues

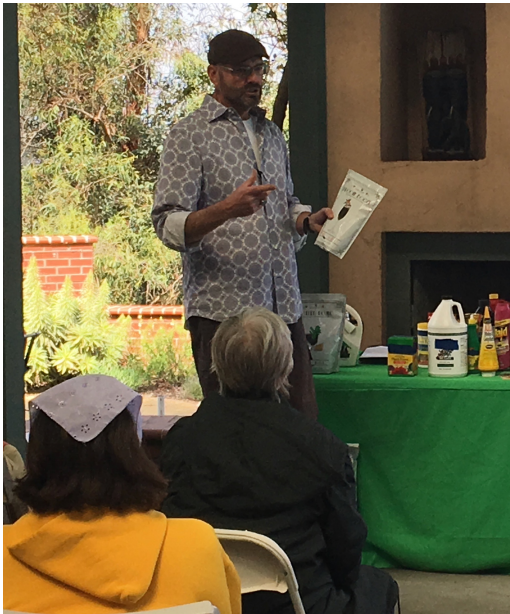
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Firefighters

Nicholas Ling and son Hunter

SPRING GARDEN CLUB CLASS



Brad Fickes (left) and Charles Malki, co-chairs of the Garden Club and the Beautification Committee, share their expertise with attendees of the Spring class., which was devoted to weed and pest control, fertilizing and pruning.

Brad Fickes points out that the abundant rain that graced our gardens this winter is also responsible for an excessive crop of weeds. Don't reach for Roundup! Brad shared the recipes of several organic & homemade weed killer solutions, using ingredients like vinegar and castor oil. Folks also learned mushroom "roots" exchange nutrients with the soil. To deter unwelcome garden rodents, you can install an "owl box" to invite a cool character who will take control naturally.



Mike Shapiro has a question.



Charles Malki illustrates the cycles of fertilizing in an organic garden via seasonal nutrient release.



Under the wisteria, Spring Garden Club at the Hollywood Knolls home of Eileen Peterson and Mike Shapiro

On the diving board with Brad and Charles is celebrity guest gardener Kaye Kittrell, host of "Late Bloomer," an Urban Garden web series.



"Succulent Saturday" at the Triangle property on Lake Hollywood Dr. and North Knoll Dr.

The HKCC Garden Club and local residents gather together at various gardens within our community each season. Meet your neighbors, gain inspirational on-site garden ideas, learn how to make this growing season your best, and enjoy free plant giveaways. Learn the latest and greatest lessons on organic gardening, propagation, native plants, tree care, irrigation, and so much more. Don't miss out on future gatherings by signing into the HKCC email tree at hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com.

Workers from R to L: Charles and Isobelle Malki, Jerry Baker, Brad Fickes, Eileen Peterson, Rowan and Noah Meenen. Plant contributors Melissa Farnsworth, Sheila Irani, Kristine Ling, Tom Otero, Miriam Seger, and Kevin Trudgeon

Traffic Signal Improvements at Barham Blvd. and other Critical Intersections in the HKCC

We are pleased to report that the HKCC Board, acting in conjunction with Councilmember David Ryu's office and the LA Department of Transportation (LADOT), has been successful in getting improvements in the signal timing at the intersection of Lake Hollywood Drive and Barham Boulevard, so that in the afternoons there will be additional green light time to enable more cars to make the turn from Lake Hollywood onto Barham during each light sequence.

We are still working on improving the signal timing at Barham and DeWitt, to enable more cars to make the left turn from Barham without a backup caused by a red light at DeWitt. We continue to work with Councilmember Ryu's office and LADOT on that aspect of the signal timing improvement request, and have been told that this request remains under evaluation with LADOT.

We have raised additional issues which also remain under consideration for remediation, including:

- (a) improving the traffic flow at the intersection of La Suvida, Primera and Lake Hollywood including remediation of issues caused by the new stop sign installed there – this may include red curbing towards the bottom of La Suvida on the southbound side of the street as cars parked there make it difficult for cars to navigate in both directions with the restricted roadway space and the increased queueing of cars caused by the stop sign placement;
- (b) evaluating potential red curbing of portions of Lake Hollywood where the roadway is too narrow for parking on both sides of the street to coexist with the traffic flow in both directions (this is also a serious issue of emergency vehicle access, as fire engines and ambulances must be able to navigate Lake Hollywood); and
- (c) evaluation of potential parking restrictions towards the top of Knolls, including on Lake Hollywood and Wonder View Drive, to reduce traffic congestion and to preserve parking access for residents, particularly on weekends when there are numerous visitors who park their vehicles for lengthy periods of time while they hike to the Wisdom Tree, the Hollywood sign, and within the Lake Hollywood Reservoir area.

We are doing everything we can to improve the livability of our community and navigability of our roads, in coordination with City officials. Next, HKCC will request a design for the safer exit of vehicles leaving Lakeridge Estates and merging onto the free-flowing traffic of Cahuenga Blvd. East.

--Joel Samuels, Chair
HKCC Traffic Committee



HKCC is working with L.A. City officials to correct this kind of car jam as La Suvida and Primera merge into Lake Hollywood Drive headed down to Barham Blvd.



RYLAN is a free service offered by the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department that helps residents prepare for disasters such as earthquake or fires. Disasters can overwhelm the capacity of emergency responders and even when

they are able to respond, accessibility can be an issue. Neighbors can play an important role in an emergency, but having an advance plan is imperative. The RYLAN plan recommends having a group of 10 - 20 households (referred to as your "neighborhood") with a block captain as leader. The first step is to meet with neighbors along with a RYLAN representative who acts as facilitator for the meeting. These are called MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) meetings. The RYLAN facilitator supplies information specific for any emergency and discusses issues that apply to your "neighborhood". The goal is to bring immediate neighbors together to prepare for any disaster. We recommend discussing this with your neighbors to see if there is sufficient interest to get a RYLAN plan started.



Questions? Want to schedule a meeting? Contact: Jerry Baker - probay@att.net – co-chair, HKCC Disaster Preparedness Committee.

For further information, check the RYLAN website: www.emergency.lacity.org/RYLAN/about

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--LOCAL HKCC INFO ONLY--**

The HKCC email tree makes such a difference in our lives by reporting lost and found pets, home burglaries, car break-ins, construction or traffic tie-ups, red flag days, emergency info - all the news you need to know.

Email us at hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com to join 800 of your neighbors who receive pertinent emails from the HKCC..

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Representing the communities of Hollywood Knolls,
Hollywood Manor and Lakeridge Estates*

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