

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.

Letter from the President:

Dear Neighbors,

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our annual stakeholders' meeting on Tuesday, November 14. It's a great opportunity to see neighbors and friends and for you to tell the HKCC board what your concerns (and frustrations) are. And while Councilmember Ryu and his deputies have proven to be accessible and responsive to our issues, it's always great to have the chance to hear his vision for the upcoming year and to be able to ask him questions directly.

HKCC has been active over the past year. After many stops and starts (pun intended), we finally got the traffic improvement we helped design at Barham and Cahuenga West. Cars going over the bridge west toward Studio City will now have a protected lane and a constant green arrow to make the right turn (unless the rare pedestrian presses the button to walk). This improvement will significantly decrease the maddening backup on Barham.

We've also made slow but steady progress on an issue facing everyone who lives on or in the vicinity of Wonder View Drive. While the crush of hikers, mostly from outside the neighborhood, has not abated, the City, spurred on by us, with support from the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, has finally recognized the situation as a problem that needs to be fixed. While a study of the overall area is being completed and recommendations considered, we've seen increased enforcement by traffic and parking officers and park rangers, especially on peak weekends. A new state law, recently signed by Governor Brown, also promises relief from the nuisance of tour buses on our local streets.

We've also lent our voice to the ongoing issue of short-term rentals and party houses and while we're still waiting to see the final short-term rental ordinance, the L.A. City Attorney has started cracking down on the party houses, recently filing charges against two homeowners in the Hollywood Hills.

The pattern is clear. The above problems would have continued unabated without the work of many people who made that extra phone call, sent that extra email and went to another meeting. So please attend on November 14 and let us know what's on YOUR mind.

Regards,



Daniel A. Savage
President
Hollywood Knolls Community Club

ANNUAL HKCC MEETING

Tuesday, Nov 14 , 6pm

**Councilmember David Ryu will address current issues in CD4 and L.A. citywide
Reps from LAPD and LAFD
will be on hand for questions**

Traffic, Sidewalks, Fire, Crime, Beautification

**What's your complaint, comment,
compliment?**

Only paid-up 2017 members may vote for the new Board of Directors. Speaking of, it's time to pay dues for 2018 -- still only \$35 per house, which you may do via the enclosed envelope, by PayPal (send \$35 to hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com), or in person at the meeting. If you paid at the BBQ in May, that was for current year of 2017.

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive

From Cahuenga West, turn right onto Woodrow Wilson Drive, enter school parking lot ahead. Plenty of parking space, but carpool if you can. Why not invite and bring a new neighbor?

Join Beautification Day Sat. Nov. 4, 8-11am

Put on your garden gloves and grab your favorite garden tools. Be part of the team effort by the HKCC Beautification Committee on Sat., Nov 4 to clean up three sites in the community that need pruning, planting and sprucing up.

Meet up on the corner of Barham Blvd and Lake Hollywood Drive and choose a site and a job from Beautification Co-Chairs Charles Malki and Brad Fickes. to-do list. A focussed effort from 8-11am will refresh some tired spots and spiff up our streets and avenues.



Don't miss out on future gatherings by registering with the HKCC email tree at hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com

SUMMER AND FALL GARDEN CLASSES

The HKCC Garden Club and local residents gather together at various gardens within our community no less than four times (each season) every year! Meet your neighbors, gain inspirational on-site garden ideas, learn how to make this growing season your best, and enjoy our free plant giveaways. Learn the latest and greatest lessons on organic gardening, propagation, native plants, tree care, irrigation, and so much more.



We are so fortunate to have professional advice and information from Brad Fickes (left) and Charles Malki who have brought this Garden Club to a Masters level. They also serve as Co-Chairs of the HKCC Beautification Committee. Thank you gentlemen.



BEHIND -THE-SCENES DRAMA AT BBQ

The HKCC Annual Fiesta BBQ In May was a very exciting event. Within minutes of parking the hook-and-ladder at Emily and Bill Martin's North Knoll Drive home, the firefighters of Station 76 received an emergency call and roared off. Folks milled around waiting for Daniel's Tacos cart to arrive. Beer and salads were consumed. Where was the food?

Uh, oh. Social Chairperson Sandy Gitmed received the very bad news that that the food truck had broken down. The children's magician had no tacos up his sleeve. Switching into Solution mode, Sandy coaxed the manager of Poquito Mas Restaurant to start turning out hundreds of tacos..



Sandy Gitmed and Jerry Baker drove back and forth to Poquito Mas on Chuenga West picking up trays of steaming food as fast as it was produced.



Neighbors hungrily lined up to enjoy delicious Mexican fare from Poquito Mas. Daniel's Tacos picked up the tab.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE PLANS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP FOR EARLY 2018

Neighborhood Watch Chairperson Brad Fickes ran an informational table at the annual BBQ, letting folks know about his efforts to bring valuable security practices to our community.

On Sept.11, the HKCC Neighborhood Watch Committee hosted an all-community Neighborhood Watch meeting for the Knolls, Lakeridge Estates and the Manor. New Hollywood division LAPD Senior Lead Officer Annabelle Eubank and North Hollywood division LAPD Senior Lead Officer Robert Benavidez spoke about issues such as homeless people in the neighborhood, burglaries from vehicles, pass-through traffic speeding on local streets, and illegal parking. Phil Dienstag did a presentation on the Ring doorbell, an affordable security device for home protection.

At the next Neighborhood Watch meeting in early 2018, Brad will focus on Emergency Preparedness. Topics will include the basics of safeguarding your home and family in the event of a disaster such as fire, earthquake or worse.

The presentation will also cover emergency supply kits for your home and vehicle and a community plan for any potential events. Stay posted.

CONNECT WITH THE EMAIL TREE

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 regular emails from HKCC..



Photo by Charles Malki

QUICK SPOTTING QUENCHES BRUSHFIRE

On a quiet morning in early September a brush fire broke out on a Knolls hillside just above Cahuenga East, threatening homes on Tareco Drive. Firefighters from Station 76 were on the scene right away and quenched the dangerous outbreak from above and below. Station Captain Kory Jackson said the cause was "undetermined."

No matter the source, we all need to be vigilant, as we have recently seen from the terrible fires in Northern California. Doing everything we can to prevent fires and learning how to evacuate or shelter in place are critical survival skills for every resident in California.

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Halloween in the Manor

This year marks the 11th anniversary of “Halloween in the Manor,” a festive troupe of neighborhood kids and parents who visit a lineup of preselected homes for trick-or-treating on Halloween. Originally organized by Marianne Poravas, Dawn Aguilera and Chris Monte, the effort begins a week in advance with flyers handed out to homes along the route. Participating households post the flyer to signal that the kids are welcome. At dusk on Oct. 31, the witches, wizards, superheroes and superheroines head out.

“We hope that the kids don’t grow up too fast because the parents have as much fun as they do,” says dad Chris Monte.

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