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**WOOD BURNING FIREPLACES**  
They're rare and they're now illegal  
in new homes.

We Angelenos know the smell of wildfire smoke in the air. Indoors, fireplace emissions also affect our health and that of our pets. Consider forgoing the old-fashioned charm of a wood burning fireplace and check out the alternatives.

It takes just a spark up the chimney to set off a real wildfire.

— Tree Lockie

***Our neighborhood is in a VHFHSZ,  
Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone***

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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

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

Dear Neighbors,

Better days are indeed here, now that the surge of COVID is slowly but surely receding. Regardless of the challenges faced in the past year, HKCC maintained its schedule of meetings, and carried on with its work. Our continuity has a lot to do with your support and for that we're grateful. While we've seen a dip this year in the percentage of households contributing their \$40 dues, much of that can be attributed to our lack of face-to face interaction.

November is when we usually get together for our annual stakeholders meeting and once again, in an abundance of caution, we will be holding it virtually via Zoom. In this newsletter, you will find an envelope for the coming year's dues. You can also also donate via PayPal to [hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com](mailto:hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com). Every contribution counts and we hope we can count on you.

As a reminder, and for those who are new here (and welcome if you are!), HKCC is your advocate and facilitator with City officials, and generally promotes our quality of life, including working on issues such as traffic mitigation, crime, fire danger, emergency preparedness, oversized real estate developments and beautification. Residents who aren't on the Board are welcome and encouraged to participate, so if you'd like to lend a hand or have an idea, please don't be shy. Stay safe and see you soon—either on the street or on a screen.



**Daniel A. Savage, President**  
**Hollywood Knolls Community Club**

Kind regards,



Beautification co-chair Charles Malki (L) together with some of the team of Beautification Day helpers who worked on Sunday, Nov. 7 to prune, plant and clean various sites in the HKCC.

Their efforts are our reward. Together with co-chair Brad Fickes, the Garden Club, taught by horticulture professionals Charles and Brad, will resume its popular outdoor classes in the new year.

**ANNUAL MEETING, STILL VIRTUAL, NOV.18**

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 18, for a virtual Annual Meeting of the HKCC at 5:00 PM. Our Councilmember Nithya Raman will arrive at 5:30 to meet us and outline her positions and CD4 goals.

Our returning LAPD Senior Lead Officer Heather Mata will also be there, as well as a representative from Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN), an outreach program of L.A. City's Emergency Management Team. Think earthquake, wildfire, mudslides, helping yourself, helping others.

All those on the HKCC Email Tree will receive a zoom meeting link. If you're not receiving our emails, message [hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com](mailto:hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com) with the subject line **JOIN**. There will be a brief period for Q & A, so please submit any questions in advance by email to the above address.

**SUPPORT HKCC WITH YOUR DUES**

Seventeen HKCC board members volunteer year-round to keep you informed and connected to important issues. In doing this important work, the organization has operating expenses: publishing/ mailing print newsletters, liability insurance, operating our website and email network. We also give back to our community via donations to local charities and doing good works, such as sending meals to our local LAFD 76 fire station.

And when we're able to be physically together again, we'll throw a helluva outdoor BBQ which is FREE to all dues-paying households.

We're there for you; please be there for us.

2022 dues, \$40 PER HOUSEHOLD. Please remit by check or PayPal via [hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com](mailto:hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com), roughly the cost one Starbucks coffee per month, will help us cover our annual expenses and keep us relevant.

A postscript from Senior Advisor Chris Capps:

**"AND PROBABLY THE MOST POWERFUL REASON — FOSTERING LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS"**

### TALKING TRASH

We all know the drill: Trash cans on the street by 6:30am and off the street by 8:30pm. They cannot remain on the street all week. If reported, you may receive a warning, then a fine. Extra green cans cost you \$7.50/mo., extra black can \$10/mo.

On the street or off, what to do with that parade of unsightly black/blue/green bins your neighbors have to look at?

The LADWP has suggestions for good curb appeal:

- 1) Store cans in your garage
- 2) Buy or create an enclosure
- 3) Add a door or fence to your side alley
- 4) Add some camouflage with plants or hedges

Ask your gardener or handyman for some ideas

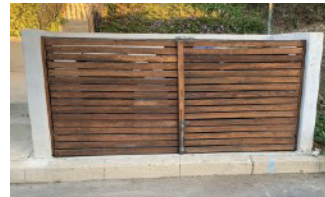
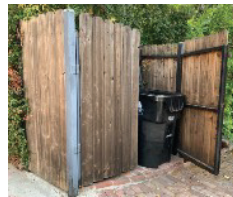
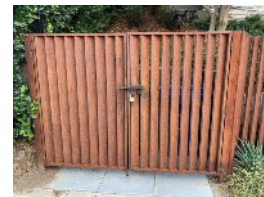
Check with Pinterest, Home Depot, Lowe's or Ikea.

Keep it simple or make it an opportunity to enhance your property.

Here are a few we saw in the Knolls, Manor and Lakeridge Estates.



They're necessary but they're definitely not pretty.



### LAKERIDGE, A HIDDEN GEM



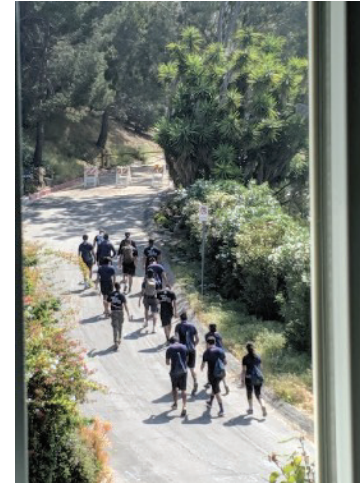
— D.M. Osborne

A tight-knit enclave of 58 homes—all but four of which were built between 1957 and 1962—Lakeridge Estates is the youngest of HKCC's three neighborhoods. It has two primary streets: Lakeridge Road, which runs uphill from Cahuenga East; and Lakeridge Drive, which overlooks the Hollywood Reservoir on one side and hovers well above the 101 on the other. Lakeridge Place intersects with the Muholland Bridge, and Longdale Lane branches off the main road. End-to-end, Lakeridge spans less than six-tenths of a mile.

A handful of homes here have been passed down through family. Two original owners remain: Harriett Steinberg, 95, wife of the late HKCC board member Howard Steinberg, and Sakaye Aratani, 101, wife of the late George Aratani, a founder of Kenwood Electronics and Mikasa. John Legend lived here for several years as did Jordyn Sparks, two of many entertainers who have found homes and privacy in our HKCC neighborhoods.

Deer, coyotes and the occasional bob cat roam freely, enjoying slopes that adjoin both a wildlife corridor and the reservoir access road. Neighbors know one other and recognize that the quiet, abundant open space all around them make Lakeridge a hidden gem.

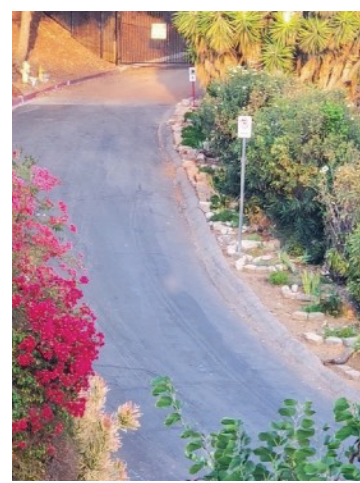
### THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH VISITORS – WHO NEED MANAGEMENT



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IF YOU BUILD A GATE, THEY MAY STOP COMING



2021

### SOME BACKGROUND and UPDATES

— Ken Gralla

While some of us actually live in the Hollywood Hills, many others want to visit our spectacular landmark locations like the Hollywood Sign, the Hollywood Reservoir, and the vista views of L.A. to the Pacific Ocean. Consequently, the Hollywood Knolls, Lake Hollywood Estates, and Beachwood Canyon are all overrun—understandably!

In 2017, these neighboring communities sought to gather actual data that would lead to a plan to help our inundated area. Former Councilmember David Ryu used CD4 discretionary funds to pay for an exploratory study by Dixon Resources, a consulting firm specializing in municipal transportation and parking issues. Dixon proposed several changes, some of which have been achieved, such as the gate across upper Wonder View Drive, as well as serious progress on a recommendation to relocate the trailhead.

This relocation strategy from the Dixon Study has been approved by the L.A. City Council.

HKCC Board member Ken Gralla invited Mehmet Berker, CD4's Field Deputy for current Councilmember Nithya Raman, to review the area in person. Gralla showed him the potential risks for fire, safety, erosion, trash, homeless, wildlife corridors, as well as the complications of intersecting interests: LADWP which owns the land, RAP which manages its borders with Griffith Park and Cahuenga Peak, and adjacent homeowners whose properties are the threshold port of entry. We hope to have the support of CD4 as we go forward.

### DONE AND DONE — AND TO BE DONE

Your HKCC Board has been busy with a number of projects concerning the inundation of visitors to our community. **We have progress to report!**

--We were able to get the Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks (RAP) provide fire safety monitoring on upper Wonder View Drive for the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends. HKCC Board members Jerry Baker and Ken Gralla met with Fire Chief Armando Hogan, and pressed RAP's Tracy James to provide patrols and monitors. **DONE**

--We got the City to control access to the Cahuenga Peak/Wisdom Tree trailhead at the end of Upper Wonder View Drive with a lockable gate now closed dusk to dawn. **DONE**

--HKCC is working to promote a new trail from lower Lake Hollywood Drive near the underground tanks through LADWP property to merge with existing trails, an idea originating with the late CD4 Councilmember Tom LaBonge. **TBD**

--Board members and residents are reporting illegal tour buses in our neighborhood. **TBD**

--HKCC provided feedback to L.A. City's plan for a new hiking trail behind the Ford Theater, another idea from Tom LaBonge, an avid hiker. **TBD**

### HALLOWEEN IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS

