

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.

HIKERS LACKING WISDOM

COVID-19 has brought the issue of access to the Wisdom Tree “trail” via upper Wonder View Drive into much sharper focus. This narrow street has been flooded in recent years by thousands of hikers going up and down, leaving noise, cigarette butts and garbage in their wake. As much of an inconvenience as this activity was previously, it became a genuine health hazard with residents feeling trapped in their house for fear of what infection awaited them outside their front door. The closure of the City’s parks and trails on April 11, gave credence to these concerns but preventing hike access proved problematic as there’s no gate that could be locked as at Runyon Canyon.

Working with Councilmember Ryu’s office, HKCC was able to get peak time guard coverage from Rec & Parks which provided much needed relief. With the reopening, the problem has come back in force with many hikers observed walking up the street and trail without any face covering or keeping social distance. Even NBC news took notice in three different pieces they broadcast. HKCC will continue to do all it can to keep its stakeholders safe and to do our part to help “flatten the curve” as this pandemic rages on.

-- Ken Gralla



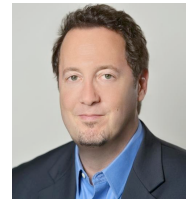
During Guarded Trail Closure



Street after Reopening

Dear Neighbor,

We’ve seen cataclysmic change since we all last gathered in December, but HKCC has stayed constant in upholding our role to be there for the community. Working virtually (our Board meetings are now conducted on Zoom) we’ve worked hard trying to keep people safe and supporting those in need such as the L.A. Food Bank and our local LAFD 76 station, while also preparing for a time when the “normal” challenges of traffic, party houses, fire season and overdevelopment come roaring back. I know that we don’t see each other in person as much as we used to, so please reach out to us via email, hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com, with any questions or concerns.



Daniel A. Savage, President
Hollywood Knolls Community Club



IN MEMORIAM

Even before COVID-19 began to devastate our community, one of our dear friends in the Knolls left us too soon. Rene Auberjonois, 79, a resident of the Hollywood Knolls since 1978, died of cancer December 8, 2019. The prolific actor, recently well-known known for TV shows “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,” “Benson,” and “Boston Legal,” played Father Mulcahy in the 1970 hit movie “MASH.” Born in NYC, Auberjonois studied drama at Carnegie Mellon. Early in his impressive career, he won a Tony Award for his role in the Broadway musical “Coco,” which starred Katherine Hepburn. A thoughtful activist, he raised money for Doctors Without Borders at Star Trek conventions. He is survived by Judith, his wife of 56 years, son Remy-Luc, daughter Tessa, and three grandchildren.



SHOUT OUT TO HOUSE OF AMBROSE

In impromptu conversations, many neighbors out walking the hills have applauded the addition of grocery and household items at House of Ambrose. Folks say they find it's an easy and safe local place to shop.

Ambrose owner Ryan Askar has installed plexiglass at the cash register, and he's been ordering fresh grocery items 3 to 4 times a week. Fortunately, the new, fully stocked refrigeration cases are humming along on solar power. Ryan intends to continue offering the community an expanded inventory at least until the health crisis is over.

-- Tree Lockie

CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

Although home robberies are down in our neighborhoods (duh, we're always home), incidents of mail and package theft, and car break-ins continue. Residents, as well as the LAPD, suspect that teams or couples, possibly impacted by the financial downturn of the COVID-19 pandemic, are committing such crimes during both daytime and evening hours, and HKCC has requested extra patrolling by LAPD.

Here are some tips to stay safe:

- Be observant and take notes on any unusual vehicles or strangers you see, especially if they are looking into cars or going from door-to-door.
- Install video cameras and motion detectors with spotlights as deterrents for opportunists. A recording device can capture footage of suspects in the area for later review.
- Park in your garage. If you must park on the street, don't leave valuables in your car.
- Switch from paper to email for bills and bank and credit card statements. Check your mailbox frequently, as clever thieves are even breaking into locked and secure boxes.

-- Brad Fickes



Winter Garden Club Meeting

The HKCC Garden Club met at the Manor home of Tree Lockie where guest speakers Brad Fickes & Charles Malki, our resident plant and tree specialists, discussed the values of using mesh, mulch and vermiculture in your garden. For colorful spots in your Spring gardens, plant pre-chilled bulbs like ranunculus, gladiolas, crocus and daffodils. Attendees received the Coastal SoCal Planting Calendar for vegetables. Wish you'd planted some cucumbers and carrots back then?



Add to Succulent Garden

Everyone is invited to add a plant cutting of your own to the HKCC Succulent Triangle at the corner of Lake Hollywood and North Knoll Drs. We have blue agave, aloe, firesticks, you-name-it. Just come by, dig a hole and add your contribution to this exotic and relatively unthirsty garden. We weed and water occasionally. But remember, low plants at the curbside, medium in the middle and tall succulents on higher ground.

If you suspect criminal activity, contact the LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) for your area via email.

Knolls and Lakeridge Estates:

Officer Heather Mata – 40988@lapd.online

The Manor:

Sgt. Katheryn Paschal – 36128@lapd.online

For non-emergency response: 877-ASK-LAPD
877-275-5273

A Proposed Multi-Family Apartment Building in the Hollywood Manor Brings Concerns

-- Jeff Galvin, Chair, Manor Development Committee

The HKCC has teamed up with Manor residents to voice traffic and residential concerns regarding a proposed apartment building on Floyd Terrace. This large development and its tenant numbers/cars could have a substantial impact on neighborhood traffic and pedestrian safety.

According to plans obtained from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), the developer has proposed an 18-unit (two of which would be reserved for low-income tenants) apartment building, the maximum possible for the lot, and open rooftop parking for at least 18 cars with access from a driveway ramp on narrow Floyd Terrace.

The property, located at 3446-3450 Floyd Terrace is a 15,000 sq. ft. lot on a steep slope extending from Floyd Terrace all the way down to Barham Blvd (hence its alternate address of 3445-3451 Barham Blvd). The entire property has R3 multi-residential zoning, even though the proposed access to the property and access to it is not on Barham.

A building permit has not yet been filed at LADBS, and the COVID pandemic has slowed progress on the project. Once a permit is filed, HKCC plans to reach out to local organizations, City agencies, and elected officials to determine the best path forward to mitigate all the potential negative impacts. Anyone with questions or who would like more information can contact me at jg7294@outlook.com.

SUPPORT HKCC WITH YOUR DUES

Seventeen HKCC board members volunteer year-round to keep you informed and connected to important issues. But the organization has operating expenses: print newsletter, liability insurance, email tree, signs, donations, e.g. LA. Food Bank, LAFD, Holiday Gifts for Kids, Homeless in LA, etc.

\$40 dues per household will cover annual expenses and keep us relevant.

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



DOG WALKING THESE DAYS IN THE KNOLLS

Everyone knows these "Safer at Home" days have meant drastic reductions in street traffic. But there's a flipside: a drastic increase in dog traffic. Everyone is walking their dogs all the time. It was a fun novelty at first. Those of us who are morning walkers would bump into the afternoon walkers, and our dogs were thrilled to meet other dogs they'd only smelled the presence of before.

But it's devolved into chaos: Two dogs meet and want to say hello. The owners try to maintain social distance between the dogs, but leashes are eight feet long, times two, plus six feet for the people, and suddenly you've got twenty two linear feet of dog-related activity occupying the entire street. At that point, additional dogs approach the scene from different directions; they have to stop and wait for things to break up, and suddenly you've got a full-on dog jam.

North Knoll Drive has become the canine 405.

--- Bill Martin





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With heavy growth from winter rains,
hotter weather and windy days,
we have the Perfect Storm for
Wildfires!

-- Jerry Baker

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