



Vice-President's Message

Doug Wickstrom

Plans for your Rollingwood Homeowners Association are well underway for the New Year. There are several new projects being worked on as well as recurring ones like the "Let's Chat" events and the Neighborhood Watch program. Current events related to emergency preparedness and fire protection for our residences are at the top of our list.

In order to provide community meetings and activities for the Rollingwood community, it is vital that we maintain a vibrant member base. At the start of the calendar year, your RHOA conducts a membership drive along with the distribution of this winter newsletter.

The RHOA asks for an annual dues payment of \$25 to keep the Association in operation. Some of the activities and events sponsored and provided by the RHOA are listed on the page 5 and 6 of this newsletter. Take a moment and look over this list. We can only continue to provide these activities with your support.

Since the RHOA is an activity by and for the community, we would like to receive your comments, suggestions and criticisms. The attached information sheet and questionnaire is a regular feature in the RHOA Winter Newsletter. If you have some ideas, or have some time available to support the RHOA, please let us know on the questionnaire.

Finally, if you have questions about the RHOA or our activities, please feel free to contact our president, Judy Bayer, or any of the Board members listed in the newsletter. If your checkbook is handy, please take time to fill out the attached questionnaire and use the attached self-addressed envelope to send your check for \$25 payable to **Rollingwood Homeowners Association**.

Payment may also be made with your smartphone VENMO app and our link: @rollingwoodhoadues or simply scan our RHOA QR code on the last page of this newsletter to submit your \$25 payment.

Remember to include your names(s), street address, email address and phone number(s).

News from the Membership Chair

Kathleen Warford-Campbell

It's always a fun and memorable day when I meet and introduce Rollingwood HOA and it's benefits to our neighbors. Please welcome: The Adamo Family at 26514 Dunwood Road, The Marshall Family at 2 Broken Bow Lane, The Cerrina Kaye Family at 5127 Elmdale Drive, The Chung Family at 5 Broken Bow Lane, The Jennings Family at 5159 Bluemound Road and The Quinto Family at 5241 Willow Wood Road. We look forward to seeing them around Rollingwood and our HOA events.

Special request: If you know a neighbor that I have missed welcoming, please send me an email at kwc9rose@gmail.com and I'll touch base with them ASAP.

Community News

Doug Wickstrom

Holiday Lights In Rollingwood

A big Rollingwood Homeowners Association shout-out to our residents who took the time and effort to place decorative lights on their property during the holidays.

There were many standouts in the realm of home decorations, and we apologize since there are too many to mention them all.

Two that deserve particular recognition are the Gray's home on the corner of Rockbluff and Silver Eagle, and the Espinoza family on the corner of Dunwood and Willow Wood. The Espinozas placed lights on the Willow Wood entry sign and extensively decorated the outside of their home. Board member Warren Arata handled the decorations on the Rollingwood entry sign at the Kingspine entrance.

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Holiday Progressive Wine & Cheese Gathering



The annual Holiday Progressive Wine & Cheese Gathering was a smashing success. Our thanks go out to the Popes and Graggs for hosting this year's gathering.



Wildfire Readiness

Even though we are in the middle of the 2024/2025 “rainy season”, the threat of brush fires will remain into the indefinite future. In early January, the City of Rolling Hills Estates published a special edition news update regarding ‘Wildfire Readiness.’ Here are a few highlights:

- The City remains vigilant and prepared by working with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, and other partners to respond quickly to a fire emergency using air and ground firefighting resources to protect lives and property.
- Ernie Howlett Park is designated to shelter large animals that might be affected by evacuation orders. The City contracts with LA County Animal Care and Control to service this site if an evacuation is needed in our area.
- LA County Fire is providing a “Ready! Set! Go!” brochure which presents information on creating a defensible space around your home, retrofitting your home with fire-resistant materials, and preparing to safely evacuate ahead of a wildfire. This brochure is available at the LA County Fire Department web site: lafd.org.
- To reduce the risk of wildfires, residents and workers should avoid activities that could generate sparks, limit grass mowing and landscaping activities on dry, windy days.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand when working with machinery outdoors and refrain from smoking outdoors.

Rolling Hills Estates Emergency Alerts & Notifications

The City of Rolling Hills Estates had partnered with other South Bay cities to establish a ‘mass notification’ system to keep communities informed about disasters and major emergencies. Emergency messaging is through text and e-mail and informs subscribers of immediate public safety alerts, traffic advisories, and emergency/disaster-related information.

More information and sign-up instructions are available at: www.alertsouthbay.com.

Terms Used During an Emergency Event

During an emergency event, it is important to understand and follow directions from public safety officials. Here are several important terms:

- **Advisory:** An advisory is a notification about a potential hazard or situation that may require your attention. While not as urgent as warning or orders, advisories should be closely monitored.
- **Shelter in Place:** When directed to shelter in place, stay where you are whether at home, work, or another location. You should remain indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows, and be prepared to self-sustain until further notice is provided. It is typically issued when it is safer to remain indoors than to evacuate.
- **Evacuation Warning:** An evacuation warning means to start preparing to leave. If you have animals or children or need additional time evacuating, consider departing at this stage due to these special circumstances.
- **Evacuation Order:** If you receive an evacuation order, this means you need to leave immediately. Emergency responders have determined there is an imminent life safety risk and you need to evacuate.

As a general comment: Always stay informed through official channels and follow the guidance of local authorities during emergencies.

Find Out About an Evacuation “Go Bag”

This is a handy method of taking what you, your family, and your pets need in the event of an evacuation. A few examples of the contents include appropriate clothing, medications, spare glasses, laptop, cell phone, chargers, and essential medical equipment.

More preparedness information is available at: <https://ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-survival-guide/>

Rolling Hills Estates City Services and Staff

RHE City staff is available to help with your questions during regular business hours:

- Monday to Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
- Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

You can contact City Hall at (310) 377-1577 or through the web site: RHE.city/contact which provides a list of services and staff contacts.

For after hours support, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lomita Station can be contacted at (310) 539-1661.

For emergencies, call 911.

RHE City Web Site: If you haven't done so, take a look at this excellent on-line source of information covering City activities and resources (<https://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/community>)

Community Appearance

Warren Arata

We are about mid-way through winter and a bit behind on normal rainfall here in SoCal. The Southern Sierra is below normal snow pack measurements at about 50% of normal as of this date. We are hoping for a bit more rain in the last half of our winter.

Being optimistic, we should look to clean those gutters and drains and make sure that there isn't anything blocking flow lines so water doesn't pool or concentrate flows over slopes. Catching rain coming off of roofs during a rainstorm is a nice way to store a bit of water for the garden in the spring. South Bay Cities Council of Governments/ West Basin Municipal Water District has a rain barrel give away every year. They normally have 5 or 6 dates for give aways. The last one for this season was on 1/25 over at Peninsula High School. These are very popular. You can sign up on the WBMWD web site for alerts on dates for these rain barrels. In lieu of a fancy rain barrel, a 50-gallon trash can will do. It's amazing how fast a large trash can will fill with water from rain off the roof.

SoCal experienced devastating wildfires further north in Palisades and the foothills near Pasadena. As of this printing, they should all be pretty much out or well under control. Hopefully, a bit of seasonal rain will prevent any new fires from cropping up. From the Palisades and Eaton fires all of us, (at least around our house) got a light dusting of ash in the yard, over vehicles and even in the house. Please be aware that this ash can be hazardous for those of us with pre-existing conditions. Keeping this ash out of the air is important. After a dusting of ash in the driveway and in the yard, you should not be using a leaf blower. This just gets the dust airborne again. Pets are affected by this as well.

The HOA has been working to re-landscape the front parkways at our neighborhood entrance on Kingspine

at the intersection of Kingspine and Silver Spur. We did get approval from the City to proceed when we are able, with the City paying for half the cost. As you know, during Covid contractor pricing went through the roof. Since then, pricing has not come down. With the incoming administration and all of the re-building work that will be occurring as a result of the fires, pricing will most likely rise even higher and qualified contractor availability be very low. So, to get the ball rolling the HOA would like to get some of the work done "in house". In other words ask for volunteers to do some of the work. If you are interested in getting in a few hours of exercise please contact Warren Arata, (email: riffledesigner@gmail.com) for more information. I will send interested parties what we intend to do and what you can do to help. Thank you for your support.

RHOA Treasurer's Report

Kathy Walker

Show Your Support and Join the Rollingwood HOA - Only \$25

The Rollingwood HOA Winter Newsletter again kicks off the current fiscal year 2024-2025 membership drive! Membership is open to all Rollingwood residents (owner/lessee). Please show your support of our neighborhood by joining.

The RHOA Board has responded to increasing overhead costs, and a drop in neighborhood membership participation rates, by emailing 3 of 4 quarterly newsletters and printing all event and "Lets Chat" flyers on our treasurer's home printer. If you do not use email, please contact any Board member and your newsletters will be hand delivered.

The City of RHE does not maintain the parkway landscape at our Rollingwood entryways; that expense falls to the RHOA. Our Board has gone through the process of developing renovation plans and getting them approved through the City. This project has been on hold for 3 years due to a lack of funds. Please refer to the Community Appearance section for more information regarding the re-landscaping plan for the parkway planters.

Examples of our routine annual overhead costs:

- Maintenance of entryway areas- \$1860 slated to increase to \$2100
- SCE utilities- \$240

- Insurance- \$550
- Website- \$100
- Neighborhood events- \$500
- Printing of Winter Newsletter- \$700

If you support the entryway cleanup and replanting project, please include a donation with your membership fee. Thank you!

Rollingwood Neighborhood Watch

Andy Rein

Block Captain Volunteers Needed!

After a period of dormancy due to the pandemic, our Neighborhood Watch program for Rollingwood is still in the rebuilding mode. The basic template for the program is that we encourage residents to try to get to know their immediate neighbors, so they can watch out for each other for whatever events might happen.

To be a block captain all you have to do is create a phone list of your immediate neighbors and deliver a copy to each person on your list. That would be the minimum you would be asked to do as a block captain.

Our county emergency services are normally very responsive, and I believed that the dominant feeling in the neighborhood is that this is a very safe place to live, and the crime reports over the years support that conclusion. But given the events in Pacific Palisades and Altadena the past two weeks, we should have a renewed sense of urgency in preparing for adverse events and emergencies.

So far, we have commitments from 4 individuals (including myself) to serve as block captains. The recommended level of homes per block captain is 10 to 20 neighbor homes per block captain. The neighborhood of Rollingwood is comprised of 12 individual streets, and 377 homes ($377/20=19$) so to achieve the recommended level of outreach, we need to recruit 15 more block captains, and I'd like to again appeal to all residents of Rollingwood to consider spending a little of your spare time visiting your neighbors.

As a block captain, your duties would be to visit a few neighbors on your street, prepare a phone list with their names and addresses, distribute Neighborhood Watch information to them as it becomes available,

and attend a periodic zoom meeting with all the block captains and the coordinator.

When we hopefully receive more block captain volunteers, I will put together a street address plan for each block captain and call a meeting to discuss the path forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact me if you are willing to act as a Block Captain and get to know a few of your neighbors. Thanks.

Andy Rein

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Why Join Rollingwood HOA

Prospective new members of the RHOA may want to know the benefits of membership.

Here are a few examples:

- Spring Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- National Night Out (meet and greet local government leaders, fire service, and law enforcement officers in a friendly atmosphere).
- RHOA Annual Meeting (held each October for members to elect board members and featuring guest speakers from local government, emergency services, etc).
- Oktoberfest Neighborhood Get Together.
- Holiday Wine and Cheese Party.
- Let's Chat Neighborhood Meetings with guest speakers. Topics are of general interest to members.
- Home beautification awards for holiday decorations or landscape improvements
- Worked with the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of RHE to replace playground equipment at Rockbluff Park (located at the north end of Rockbluff Dr.
- Reviewed requests for home improvements based on neighborhood compatibility.
- Maintain contacts with the Cities of RHE, RPV, and Torrance, as well as Southern California Edison and Waste Management Co. of California, regarding issues that may have an impact on Rollingwood residents (such as the proposed 482 unit Silver Spur Canyon condominium project).

- Monitor the condition of streets, sidewalks, and landscape in Rollingwood and coordinate with the City and County on remediation efforts.
- Publish and post on-line at our website: <http://www.rwoodhoa.org> the quarterly Rollingwood Homeowners' Association newsletter.

Please take a moment to join (if you have not already done so). RHOA membership is only \$25 per year. Checks should be made payable to:

Rollingwood Homeowners Association and mailed to:

Rollingwood Homeowners Association
Attention: Kathy Walker, Treasurer
4902 Rockbluff Drive
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Payment may also be made with your smartphone VENMO app and our link @rollingwoodhoadues or simply scan our RHOA QR code to submit your \$25 payment. Remember to include your name(s), street address, email address, and phone number.



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2024-2025 Rollingwood Homeowners Association (RHOA)

27/377 as of 1/26/25

Bluemound (4/38)	Dunwood (2/37)	Rockbluff (4/48)	Rollingwood (4/51)	Willow Wood (4/52)
Daly	Leseberg	Walker	Cummings	Putrimas
Wickstrom	Gassel	Nodado	Crowley	Kan
Newman		Wills	Granacki	Reyes
Jennings		Woodland	Faurite	La Rue
Broken Bow (2/14)	Elmdale (1/37)	Foxpoint (1/15)		Silver Spring (4/32)
Hale	Walsh	Warford-Campbell		McCown
Chung				MacFarlane
Silver Eagle (0/12)		Kingspine (3/41)		
		Sala		
		Chobanian		
		Ponce		