



December 2021

HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION-Post Office Box 5235-Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By: Scott Martin

I write to you as President of the HHIA excited that Los Angeles County, the Golden State of California, and our Nation is rounding the curve in seeing great progress towards beating COVID-19. The lasting legacy of this Pandemic came at the cost of lives of loved ones, neighbors, and friends. We will all be in a better place as compassionate, selfless people see the benefits in being vaccinated and making the difficult decision to vaccinate their children. A national crisis, a world-wide crisis, like this tests our abilities to reach out and help those who we know and those we do not know. Stay the course and fight this virus. Stay Well!

I am also excited that for the first time in 20 months the HHIA's Board of Directors will hold our first in person meeting on January 24, 2022. Like last January a combined meeting of our Annual Business Meeting and our January Board of Directors Meeting will be held in the Hacienda Heights Community Center at 7:00 PM; please mask up and join us in representing your community.

Support from our Members and volunteerism by our Board Members continues to be very important. How the HHIA aligns itself with our Mission Statement will determine the continued relevance of our existence and whether our elected officials continue to reach out to us for our guidance and counsel. Our influence and support in how the closed Puente Hills Landfill is turned into a passive park, how environmental concerns are addressed, how homelessness improves for those less fortunate, and how Hacienda Heights continues on the path to a better life for its residents is completely dependent on how involved all of you are and how you use the power of the HHIA as a Civic League to influence our elected leaders.

Scott W. Martin, President

January 24, 2022: Combined 2022 HHIA Annual Business Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting In-Person at HH Community Center

HHIA Members:

To comply with our Bylaws to hold an Annual Business Meeting and hold our January Board of Directors meeting, a modified meeting will be held and the good news is we will meet **IN-PERSON** at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Invitations will be sent out asking for "Saying Goodbye to 2021" comments and recognition from:

- 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn
- 39th Congressional Dist. Congresswoman Young Kim
- 32nd State Senate District Senator Bob Archuleta
- 57th State Assembly District Assembly Member Lisa Calderon

Introductions to our Public Safety Liaisons will include:

- Deputy Jose Cruz and Lt. Hoang, LA Co. Sheriff's Department, Industry Station,
- Officer Kevin Tao, CA Highway Patrol

Other evening activities will include completing the election requirements, asking our outgoing board members to step down and seating incoming board members, recognition of outgoing board members, the Presidents Report, Accomplishments in 2021, projects under way, and goals for this new year. Additionally, each Committee Chair (or Chairs of "Standing Committees" as described in our Bylaws) will provide a 4-5 minute summary of their committee's accomplishments in 2021. Last will be any New Business or Old Business required as part of our regular January Board of Directors Meeting. WHEW! That will be an action-packed combined meeting. Please come and attend this important meeting!

**ELECTION INFORMATION
ENCLOSED – No Vote This Year**

Nomination and Election of Directors

By Scott Martin

The HHIA Board of Directors is only as strong and well supported as the Residents of Hacienda Heights who are willing to volunteer their time to maintain a 73 year old nonprofit who looks out for our best interests. To that end, below are the names of SIX eligible HHIA members. FOUR of those are incumbents (Shou-Jen Kuo, Geri Kleinpell, Scott Martin, & Andrea Gordon) and two nominated members, John Ford and Steven Wu. Two Board Members, Eleanor Haan and Victor Yang have decided to end their terms as Board Members. As a result there will be no voting for 2022. We will enact a “Viva Voce”. The following describes the nomination and election of Directors and Officers:

1. Nominating Rules: Each Director shall be a member of this organization for at least six (6) months immediately preceding election. Be a permanent resident of Hacienda Heights and a HHIA member in good standing.

2. Procedures: Nominee must be present, in person to accept or reject nomination, except that they may accept by written/signed statement presented by the person making said nomination.

3. Schedule: At a monthly HHIA Board of Directors Meeting the following occurs on the following months: September - A Nominating Committee (5 HHIA Members in Good Standing) and Committee Chair (Board Member) is selected.

October/November - Nominating Committee Chair presents a 'slate' of Director candidates. In the Nov. meeting the 'slate' is presented to the combined Board and Membership, Nominee(s) must accept nomination (as described under 'Procedures')

December - Ballots to be mailed on or before December 10th. Provided in December Newsletter including incumbent and nominee biographies.

December/January - Completed ballots returned by Mail to HHIA P.O. Box or hand delivered at the Annual Business Meeting by 7:00 PM.

2022 Election: Nominee Biographies

Nominee: John Ford, occupation - Relator

“I have lived here in Hacienda Heights for about 30 years (the majority of my life), raising my family while launching and growing a successful, local business. Growing up in Hacienda Heights, I attended Los Altos Elementary, Newton Middle School and Los Altos High School. I am married and we just celebrated our 10-year anniversary. My wife and I have two children, Nicole and Paul. Both children are in local schools, Nicole attends Grazide and Paul attends Kwis.

I am interested in this community and making sure that it remains safe and vibrant. In

2018, I started a neighborhood watch program within the area we live. Since that time, I have served as the block captain and together the group has successfully reduced crime in our neighborhood.”

Nominee: Steven Wu, occupation - Doctor

“Dr. Steven Wu is a Gastroenterologist who has been practicing and residing in Hacienda Heights for over 18 years, serving the Hacienda Heights and Greater Los Angeles area. He regularly gives disease wellness talks and also works together with Hsi Lai Temple to provide patient wellness workup to the Hacienda Heights community. He has done charity work on behalf of organizations like American Cancer Society. His vision is to help contribute to the growth and well-being of the Hacienda Heights community.”

Making My Home and Property Safe **By Scott Martin**

An unprecedented number and rise in crimes has developed in our community of Hacienda Heights. A proactive defense to these events can include taking a moment from our busy lives to conduct a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of our property and state of readiness.

Assessing one's property can include asking ourselves did I lock the vehicle, am I leaving ANYTHING that a desperate person might want, i.e., change left in a cup holder, a jacket, electronic equipment in plain sight? Is a garage opener remote sitting in plain view in your vehicle; clipped to a visor or between seats?

Assessing one's home and vulnerabilities can help immensely. Starting with your mailbox, if it cannot be locked, hangs open, suggests disrepair this is an open invitation to a criminal to explore vulnerabilities. Next your home, does the physical well-being of your home, both interior and exterior suggest the homeowner is in charge of their safety? On the HHIA website is a Home Security Self-Assessment tool capable of creating an awareness and opportunity to improve your security preparedness. Develop a Community Watch Program for your neighborhood by contacting the LA Co. Sheriff's Department, Industry Station. A Liaison Deputy is assigned to Hacienda Heights. Deputy Jose Cruz can be reached at: Email – j4cruz@lasd.org or desk phone – 626-934-3083.

Lastly, know your neighbors, stop crime in your neighborhood. Keep in touch and help each other out. See Something – Say Something. Report suspicious activities to the Industry Station at 626-330-3322 (Dispatch) (add to your contacts). To download a copy of a Home Security Self-Assessment tool go to the HHIA website under Document tab, June Reports, "Home Security Self-Assessment"

Membership Corner **By: Geri Kleinpell**

HHIA's Membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Renewal notices will be mailed to Annual Members in May. Annual memberships end on June 30. Member's name(s) will be removed from the membership list if renewal is not received by August 31; ALL MEMBERS. HHIA is an IRS 501(c)(4) non-profit civic organization run by elected volunteers.

We currently have 275 total household members consisting of 217 Life Members and 58 Annual Members. 11 Memberships have expired or moved away. In spite of the Covid 19 lockdown and having only virtual meetings, we have replaced these with 14 new memberships for a net gain. The Board truly appreciates your support.

How Do I Become a HHIA Member?

*A larger version of the Membership Application can be downloaded on the HHIA website (www.hhia.net) on the right side of the home page. Click on "Membership Application".

Please complete a form and mail it with your check to the address below. We thank you if you have already submitted your renewals.

Life Time Members – We appreciate your continued support and remind you that Donations are always welcomed and needed.

Important Notice: Per HHIA's By-Laws, the Annual Membership Term is from July 1st through June 30th. Your Annual Membership Dues (\$20.00) covers that period of time. Dues received within the 2nd calendar quarter will be applied to the upcoming term.

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**Contact Information for Federal, State, County:
Government & Support Services**

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HHIA MEMBERSHIP FORM
Date of payment _____
Last Name _____
First Name(s) _____
Home Address _____
_____ Hacienda Heights, Ca. 91745
Phone _____
*Email _____
Address _____
Annual Dues \$20 _____ Life Time _____
Membership Dues \$150 _____
Newsletter Administration Donation \$10 _____
Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ Renewal _____
_____ New Member _____
Please tear off this portion, place in an envelope and mail to:
HHIA
P.O. Box 5235
Hacienda Heights, Ca. 91745
Website – www.hhia.net
(on right side “Membership Application”)

H.H. Community Center Trick or Treat Village

The Department of Parks & Recreation held an outdoor Trick or Treat Village at the Hacienda Heights Community Center on October 27, 2021. The HHIA had a table where attendees tried to toss rings onto the Stinger of Willimina, our Mosquito Mascot. Pamphlets and membership applications were made available.



As A Reminder: Celebration (NEW YEARS EVE) should be demonstrated WITHOUT illegal fireworks...that is the law in Hacienda Heights. "\$1,000 Fine"-LASD

NO FIREWORKS – ALL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED – FINES & JAIL SENTANCES MAY BE IMPOSED

County of Los Angeles Fire Department
County of Los Angeles Fire Code, Section 5601.1.3

Illegal fireworks cause fires and distress our animals. You can anonymously report illegal fireworks use to the Industry Sheriff's Station. Call: (626) 330-3322

Flu Vaccinations, Submitted by: Maury Edwards

Last year, we had a very mild flu season. Experts think this was because of strict social distancing and masking guidelines. "All of these protocols we had in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19 really reduced the spread of the flu," says [Lucienne Zenieh, M.D.](#), an internal medicine physician with Henry Ford Health System. "But because of this, we weren't exposed to the flu last year, so it's likely that we now have reduced immunity against it. That's why an early and severe flu season has been predicted."

Getting the flu vaccine (and the [COVID-19 vaccine](#)) is the best way to protect yourself this fall. Those who are unvaccinated are at risk of contracting severe cases of COVID-19 and the flu. If you contract them at the same time, or even around the same time, it could take a huge toll on your health.

"Both the flu and COVID-19 are respiratory viruses, which means they both affect the lungs," says Dr. Zenieh. "Getting both of these infections is dangerous because it could overwhelm your lungs and your whole immune system. Symptoms could be severe, and probably leading to hospitalization and death."

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), you can get the flu vaccine at the same time as your COVID-19 vaccine. You won't have worsened side effects, there won't be any interaction between the two vaccines, and it won't affect your immune protection.

Extracted from Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit memo to staff courtesy of Jelena Verkler, staff immunologist

Non-Conforming Vehicle Ordinance, Is It a Fit for Hacienda Heights?

By Scott Martin

As COVID hit many recreational vehicles became part of our landscape. Sometimes one or more parked along residential streets becoming full-time dwellings and others bought as an idea that the RV Lifestyle might be in one's cards however; the new owners forgot that these vehicles cannot be 'stored' on public streets.

First let's clarify the parking of Motor Homes or Travel Trailers (including trailers carrying/storing off-road vehicles, boats, construction equipment). From LA County's Title 22 providing planning and zoning regulations regarding the parking of these vehicles/trailers. Sec. 22.112.070 Location of Parking Areas: "A person shall not keep, store, park, maintain, or otherwise permit any vehicle or any component thereof in the front yard, corner side yard, or any additional area of a lot situated between the road and any building or structure located thereon, except that the parking of passenger vehicles including pickup trucks, other than a motor home or travel trailer, is permitted on a driveway." RVs & travel trailers cannot be parked in driveways or any part extend beyond the setback of the garage protruding beyond the garage towards the sidewalk.

Today if a RV is parked on the street, being 'stored', one calls the Industry Station of the LA Co. Sheriff's Department (626-330-3322), Parking Enforcement Division, a Parking Enforcement Officer responds and will place a red tag on the windshield directing the owner to move the vehicle or in 72 hours the vehicle can be cited. All the owner has to do is roll forward or backwards a foot or two and they have technically moved the vehicle.

A remedy: Title 15, Sec. 15.64.075 "Non-Conforming Vehicles" which describe that under California Vehicle Code Section 22507, local authorities are authorized to prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles on certain streets or highways, during all or certain hours of the day. Those vehicles are considered non-conforming vehicles and are described as: "any trailer or vehicle, if any part of such trailer or vehicle, together with all fixtures, accessories, or property affixed thereto (other than single-post radio antennas), measures more than (1) 8 feet in width; (2) 7 1/2 feet in height; or (3) 20 feet in length."

Non-Conforming Vehicle Ordinance (continued)

This ordinance is in place in some Unincorporated Areas, not in Hacienda Heights. Under the provisions of the ordinance, operators of nonconforming vehicles may obtain up to 30 one-day (24-hour) permits per calendar year at their local Los Angeles County Sheriff's station. These permits may be used consecutively for a maximum of two 24-hour periods.

AB-39 Fire Safety: Low Cost Retrofits – Regional Capacity Review – Wildfire Mitigation

Provided By: Andrea Gulo, Executive Director
Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Basically, the interesting thing about Assembly Bill 38 (chaptered in Oct. 2019) – is that it puts fire prevention safety measures more on the structure. Meaning hardening existing homes (not only new homes) is a key component to fire prevention. The state is recognizing that fuel clearance alone is not the answer to fire prevention.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB38

This bill, on or after January 1, 2021, would require the seller of any real property located in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone [We are located in these zones] to provide a prescribed disclosure notice to the buyer if the home being sold was constructed before January 1, 2010. The disclosure must include the following:

- A statement disclosing that the property is located in high or very high fire hazard zone and the home was built before the implementation of the Wildfire Urban Interface building codes.
- A list of low-cost retrofits developed and listed pursuant to Section 51189 of the Government Code. (Starting on or after 7/1/2025) Low cost retrofits here: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/Low-cost-Retrofit-List-Final.pdf>
- A list of features that make the home vulnerable to wildfire and flying embers. (including: eave, roof coverings made of untreated wood shingles, combustible landscaping etc.)



How to Contact Your Government Representatives

Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor
<http://hahn.lacounty.gov>

Young Kim, 39th Congressional District
<https://youngkim.house.gov>

Bob Archuleta, 32nd CA State Senate
<https://sd32.senate.ca.gov>

Lisa Calderon, 57th District Assembly
<https://a57.asmdc.org>

Recent HHIA Board Support for Activities/Initiatives by Scott Martin

July:

-HHIA requested of Supervisor Hahn the introduction of the term “Unincorporated Areas” in the body of a July 27 motion related to input on homelessness for the Blue Ribbon Committee on Homelessness.

August:

-HHIA creates a package of documents to assist our residents in navigating how to manage a barking dog
-HHIA sends a letter to Senator Bob Archuleta encouraging his financial support for Phase 2 of the Regional Fire Protection Program for the City of La Habra Heights.

September:

- HHIA receives a ‘thank you’ from the Puente Hills Native Habitat Authority for sending in a letter supporting the Habitat Authority’s application for grant monies for the Puente Hills Fuels Reduction Project of the CalFire California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Application Program.
- HHIA sends letter to Steve Armanino, with the Olsen Group, thanking him for providing an update in the September HHIA meeting on the townhome development project at 15716 Tetley.
- Letters dated Oct. 12, were sent to LA Co. Sanitation Districts Board of Directors and Norma Garcia-Gonzalez, Dir of LA Co. Dept. of Parks & Recreation, thanking them for coming to an amicable agreement to move forward towards designing a regional park on the closed Puente Hills Landfill.

Volunteering

By Mike Williams, Past HHIA President

Do you have time on your hands or are looking for some way to contribute to your community?

You can contribute with the most expensive thing you own or have: Your Time. HHIA offers lots of opportunity to really get involved in the operation and maintenance of our Unincorporated Community: Hacienda Heights. In the newsletter and on the HHIA.net website, there are numerous topics you may find interesting. If none of these appeal to you, then I suggest you look at Volunteering at the PIH Health Whittier Hospital. I have been volunteering for 8 years. If you are interested contact Marianne Cota, Director, Volunteer Services at: (562) 698-0811 Ext 12425.

A Little Bit About Mike Williams

By Scott Martin

Our lives are measured by what we do for others. Sometimes we do not realize immediately what impact someone has had in our forming who we become. In my service to the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (2004 – 2009 and 2018 to present) a few leaders have helped me to best serve this organization in the various roles I have held. One certainly is our Past President, Mike Williams. Mike is a 20-year Life Member. Elected to the Board in 2003-2006 and President 2004-2006. Re-elected to the Board 2012-2018, President 2017-2018. Mike's most important role has been as Husband to his lovely wife Sigi, also to his Country then his community. The following is a snapshot of his service:

Michael J. Williams retired from the United States Air Force after 21 years of service in 1979. He served in Morocco, Germany, Vietnam and Italy.

In 1980 Mike and his Wife Sigi moved to Belmont Heights, in Long Beach, and he went to work for Hughes Space and Communications Group, Hughes Aircraft Company. In 1986, while visiting a friend in Hacienda Heights, Sigi and Mike fell in love with the area. They bought a house in May 1986 and have lived there since.

During his work at Hughes Space and Communications, Mike traveled the world however; this left him little time to work and know our Hacienda Heights community. Then in 2000, he retired from Hughes.

After languishing for months, he joined the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association and really became involved in our community.

In 2001 he joined the HHIA Board of Directors. In 2002 and 2003 he was Chairman of the Citizens for Cityhood committee. In 2004, 2005 and 2006 he was elected President of HHIA by the Board of Directors. Some of many activities he involved himself in while on the HHIA Board included being active in the Hacienda Heights Kiwanis and the "I love America" 4th of July parade committee, he participated in many Jim Davis Beautification Days. He also found time to be a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty of Whittier. He left the Board in 2008 and returned in 2012. He was elected Vice-President in 2015 and 2016. In 2017 and 2018, he was again elected and served as President of HHIA.

Mike has represented the of community Hacienda Heights, and HHIA, in many meetings with the Southern California Association of Governments, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 4th Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles, the 39th Congressional District of Congress, California 57th Assembly District, California Senate District 32 and numerous other local organizations.

Thank you Mike for your Service!

Closing Comments

HHIA President, Scott Martin

I hope you made your way through this version of the HHIA December 2022 Newsletter. This newsletter includes articles and content submitted by some HHIA Board Members and reflects our efforts to try and provide you as members with information we gather and solicit related to the goings-on in Hacienda Heights. Your being an informed HHIA Member shows you care about the future of Hacienda Heights and in being interested you are a Community Leader. To improve upon our communications with you, and if you use email as a media , please email our Membership Chair, Geri Kleinpell (geri.kleinpell@hhia.net) and HHIA Secretary Eleanor Haan (eleanor.haan@hhia.net) and share your email address and other contact information so we can update our membership list and add your email address to our distribution list.

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