



June 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 with much hope that as a Country with all of us collectively caring and fighting for health and freedom from the worst health crisis in over 100 years that we all see the light approaching us, a light full of prosperity and opportunities to start anew.

For the HHIA that means we are in conversations and planning to return to the Hacienda Heights Community Center hopefully sometime in the latter part of 2021. When we gather again in person there will be social distancing, protecting each other by probably wearing masks, and an awkwardness like trying to remember how to dance again.

Some of our Committee Chairs will start getting really busy as the HHIA starts planning how and when we reach out to our Members and Community at community and HHIA sponsored events. We will start seeing a return to “normal” hoping we are aware of the suffering many people experienced and extending a helping hand lifting them up. I hope we see a renewed sense of support for the organization we all are responsible for; the continuation of the HHIA tradition.

As we enter into our 74th year, since the North Whittier Heights Improvement Association was formed, and 66 years since the HHIA was given our Articles of Incorporation by the State of California, support from our Members and continued volunteerism by our Board Members will be very important. How the HHIA aligns itself with our Mission will determine the continued relevance of our existence and whether our elected officials continue to reach out to us for our guidance and counsel.

Take a deep breath, six feet away from anyone and out in an open area, and pick yourself up by your

bootstraps and march forward. March towards that walk you started taking and are now surprising yourself as to how many miles you have walked. Check in on that neighbor and create a sense of community on your block.

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning” - Benjamin Franklin

January 25, 2021: Combined 2021 HHIA Annual Business Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting

HHIA Members:

To comply with our Bylaws to hold an Annual Business Meeting and hold our January Board of Directors meeting a modified meeting was held. To make time to manage the required business, we had no updates from our Law Enforcement & Public Safety officials or our Community Representatives. Eliminating those updates allowed time for required business activities such as, completing the election requirements, asking our outgoing board members to step down and seating incoming board members, recognition of outgoing board members and board members who left during their term of office, the Presidents Report, Accomplishments in 2020, projects under way, and goals for the future. Additionally, each Committee Chair (or Chairs of “Standing Committees” as described in our Bylaws) provided a 4-5 minute summary of their committee’s accomplishments in 2020.

Stepping down from the board was Diego Loya having served a two year term. Also, Ryan Kelley and Lucy Pedregon were recognized for their service as board members. Ryan resigned on August 15, 2020, and Lucy resigned on August 17, 2020

That evening Officers were selected to include:

President – Scott Martin

Vice President – Maury Edwards

Treasurer – Randy Black

Secretary – Eleanor Haan

Lucy Pedregon Receives Plaques/Certificates from Scott Martin



Kiwanis Announces 2021 Scholarship Winners

By: Maury Edwards

Kiwanis Club of Hacienda Heights announced the scholarship winners for Los Altos and Wilson High Schools. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, community service and extra-curricular activities. \$500 scholarships are awarded for Key Club, Kwin’s and non-club members. Winners of this year’s scholarships are:

Wilson High School- Key Club: Nichol Tong
Kwin’s: Emma Chang Non-club: Emma Chang

Los Altos High School- Key Club: Christina Laio
Kwin’s: Abby Hackbarth Non-club: Abby Hackbarth

Annual July 4th Parade Canceled- Replaced by Caravan

By Maury Edwards

The annual July 4th “I Love America” parade has been canceled for the second year due to the COVID pandemic. As was the case last year, it will be replaced by a car caravan winding through Hacienda Heights. This year’s caravan will be a longer route to cover a greater portion of the community and highlighted by including the three finalists for Miss 4th of July, Nyah Zhang, Emma Chang and Jasmine Saldano. The caravan will be limited to a maximum of 30 vehicles. It will be held on Monday, July 5.

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, and even though it is only June, preparing for the end of year nomination and election of Directors and Officers requires explanation. The following describes the process:

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.

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 Ruano can be reached at: Email – jaruano@lasd.org or desk phone – 626-934-3052.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERS, IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

*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.

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")

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

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway

With a generous donation made to the HHIA, the Hsi Lai Temple loaned use of the front of the Hsi Lai Center on Saturday, March 20, 2021, to allow HHIA Members and residents of Hacienda Heights to drive through and receive a bag containing hand sanitizer and face masks all donated by Hsi Lai Temple.

With planning assistance from HHIA Board Members, Gena Ooi, Hsi Lai Temple, LA Co. Industry Station Sheriff's Deputies Moran and Cruz, and LA County Public Works, a community received much needed protective equipment. Additional support was given by BLIA Members and Venerables who packed bags with the giveaway items and staffed the tables where drivers were handed bags.



PPE Giveaway at Hsi Lai Center





hazardous facilities over the previous 10 years of operation. Serious violations are scored higher, less serious are scored lower. The scores for a facility are added together and then divided by the number of inspections conducted over the previous 10 year period. Serious violators have many inspections thus receiving an over-all score much lower often allowing for the continued operation of the facility-even though they are a serious and repeated violator. While other facilities could have very few violations, far less inspections, and receive a higher violations score because the initial score is divided by the number of inspections. The net effect is that less serious violators could be denied their permit while serious & repeated violators are allowed to continue to operate.

There have been ongoing issues in our community with the Quemetco Lead Battery Recycling facility having committed 29 violations for which the state was suing Quemetco for those violations. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has held two health resource fairs- in Hacienda Heights & in Avocado Heights, published a booklet to inform residents of the dangers of living near Quemetco, conducted free blood lead level testing, Public Health nurses went door to door in the area to inform residents, and all 5 of the Board of Supervisors have actively and consistently supported efforts to inform residents and to improve the situation in our communities.

We were confident that SB 575 would correct the scoring inequities and result in relief for our community, if it passed and became law. While SB 575 passed the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on a 4-2 vote, it did not pass the Senate Appropriations Committee where it died in Committee on 5/20/2021. SB 575 faced severe opposition by Quemetco, the hazardous facility professional organizations throughout the state, and the DTSC, the regulatory agency whose responsibility it is to oversee & provide the protections we as residents expect.

We continue to believe that SB 575 is the best possible means of providing fair and equitable scoring of toxic and hazardous violations and would provide relief for anyone working or living near hazardous facilities. We will continue to work with the legislature, neighbors and environmental advocacy groups like the Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights, Earth Justice and HHIA. We invite you to join us to assist in our efforts to provide a clean and hazardous/toxic free environment in our community.

4th of July is a day to celebrate our Independence as a Nation and appreciate our freedoms. Celebration should be demonstrated WITHOUT illegal fireworks...that is the law in Hacienda Heights. "\$1,000 Fine"-LASD



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 and HELP KEEP THE PEACE!

DTSC: Fixing the Violations Scoring Procedure (VSP)

By Andrea Gordon

SB 575

Authored by Senator Maria Elena Durazo

Co-Author: Senator Gonzalez

Co-Authors: Assemblymembers Garcia & Santiago

Senate Bill 575 would have changed the procedure used to score violations committed by hazardous facilities and regulated the permit issuance process used by the state Department of Toxic

Substances Control (DTSC). Currently the DTSC assigns a point score for violations committed by

Schabarum Dog Park – ‘Dali’s Dog Park’
 Submitted by HHIA Parks & Recreation Committee

On Friday May 21, 2021, a beautiful day providing a sunny morning with bright blue skies many dogs showed up at Schabarum Regional Park, Rowland Heights, at the invitation of Janice Hahn, LA County 4th District Supervisor. Over near the podium was Dali sporting his red bow tie, along with his human Dr. Perla Hernandez Trumkul, talking to his friends, most regulars at Thomas Burton Park where the idea of a Dog Park was imagined. Ninja was there with human Ed. Others who received an invitation & attended included Puppy Shumpy/Olivia & Lola w/humans Lisa and son Andrew. Zhea w/human Richard Gonzales, Peggy Sue & Shirley w/human Sara Orona, Timu with his human Mary, and Ni w/human Ian Liang. Missing the day’s events was Bali who went to Doggy Heaven and is missed deeply by human Rudy Tsujimura. Speakers for the event were Janice Hahn, Norma Gonzalez, Dir. of Parks and Recreation, and Dr. Perla.

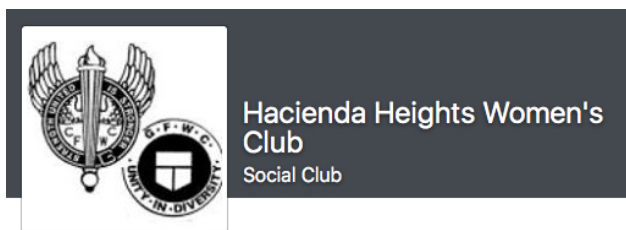
In 2015, the Thomas Burton Dog Association, led by Dr. Perla and regulars to Thomas Burton Park advocated and started reaching out to LA County for a Dog Park. Adding to the support for a Dog Park were HHIA’s Sandy Keat & Joan Licari who audited all of the parks in HH and created a “Hacienda Heights Parks Visited – Dog Park and Improvements” report which was created on February 10, 2018, and shared with LA County Department of Parks & Recreation. Having broken the ground, the projected opening of Dali’s Dog Park is planned between December of 2021 & January of 2022.



LOCAL BUSINESS/ORGANIZATIONS

The business/organization logos represent some HH & local businesses and community support organizations that have supported the HHIA over the years. Please visit them and help keep their business alive:





Hacienda Heights Women's Club
Social Club



Puente Hills Land Fill Park: Blight or Wilderness HHIA Parks & Recreation Committee

The Board of Directors for the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (HHIA) has sought support from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the topic of the impending use of the property that is the closed Puente Hills Landfill. Property that this Board feels can represent the majority of Hacienda Heights residents by insisting this property should be returned to the community as a Passive or Wilderness Park. Since November of 2013, we have seen a return of wildlife and birds to the hills and every measure of restraint should be made to not impede that natural course of action. Congesting the hills with vehicular traffic and impacting the wildlife reverses this new course of revitalization.

On July 30 2012, in a meeting with Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) representatives, based on meeting notes provided by the late Jeff Yann, there were discussions and recommendations made by the HHIA for the impending closure of the closed Puente Hills Landfill:

Puente Hills Land Fill Park: Blight or Wilderness

- Preference for native plant landscaping with the park devoted largely to passive activities (walking, wildlife observations, picnicking, other low-impact activities)
- No direct vehicle access to landfill slopes from Hacienda Heights
- Protection and expansion of the Puente Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor
- Inclusion of "open hillside" areas directly West of HH (potential collaboration with NHPA or WCA)
- Park opening as soon as possible after closure activities by CSD

LA County's Department of Parks & Recreation is threatening a lawsuit against the LA County Sanitation Districts. "Los Angeles County is suing the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, alleging in a multi-million dollar lawsuit that the agency has yet to fulfill an obligation to put a park on top of the former Puente Hills Landfill near Hacienda Heights. The county is seeking

\$238 million, plus \$4 million “in perpetuity” from the Sanitation Districts...Sanitation Districts has only \$37 million in its site development fund, according to the Los Angeles Superior Court suit.” **LA County Sues Over Failure to Develop Park Atop Puente Hills Landfill by City News Service (March 1, 2020)*

In a document dated 25 Oct. 2016, to The Honorable Board of Supervisors, recommendation were made to turn this property into a Regional Park described as “the project will offer diverse, healthy, passive, and active recreational and educational experiences.” There is no need to invest millions of taxpayer dollars into an amusement park, an overdeveloped unnecessary financial burden and blight to further insult the residents of Hacienda Heights and surrounding communities. There is no need to assault our hills with Slides, a Planted Pedestrian Bridge, Bike Skills Course, a Gondola Lift, Bike Rentals, Zip Line, a place for Pop-Up Food Trucks to park, paved roads and parking lots to name a few proposed and unnecessary amenities.

The proposed project would continue development through the year 2045. The full implementation of the project is proposed to be in six (6) phases over 75 years. Phase IA development is estimated at approximately \$45,926,000. Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4 (Hacienda Heights) will each provide an additional \$5,000,000 in Project Funding. The combined total estimated cost for Phase IA, IB, I and II is approximately \$168.93 million.

COVID 19 Vaccine- Do I need that second shot?

There has been a lot of discussion concerning the need for the second “booster” shot of the COVID-19 vaccine. There’s data that indicates that upwards of 50 – 85 % efficacy after the first shot and the full 95% effect after the second shot. Advocates are suggesting that a single shot would be adequate and the vaccine for the second shot could be used to vaccinate others. Recent data indicates that 18% of vaccinated persons do not get the second dose. Everyone is eager to get a vaccine right now and one dose is certainly better than none but with new variants spreading that are more contagious and deadly it’s important that everyone is as protected as possible.

Here’s why the second dose is necessary. When the immune system first encounters a vaccine, it activates two important types of white blood cells. First up are the plasma B cells, which primarily focus on making antibodies. Unfortunately, this cell type is short-lived, so

although your body might be swimming in antibodies within just a few weeks, without the second shot this is often followed by a rapid decline.

Then there are the T cells, each of which is specifically tailored to identify a particular pathogen and kill it. Some of these, memory T cells, are able to linger in the body for decades until they stumble upon their target – meaning immunity from vaccines or infections can sometimes last a lifetime. But crucially, you usually won't have many of this cell type until the second meeting. The booster dose is a way of re-exposing the body to the antigens –, once you've had your boost you'll have a higher frequency of memory T cells and ditto to some extent for the size of the pool of memory B cells you'll have. They'll also be making higher quality antibodies."

Otherwise, a person might be immune after a single vaccination but it won’t last very long. The 50-85% numbers from a single dose were reported shortly

after the vaccine became effective, 14-21 days. Longer term efficacy has not been determined. The bottom line is, “Get both doses”.

Special thanks to Jelena Verkler for her expert advice on the subject.

Here’s an excellent reference on the subject:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20210114-covid-19-how-effective-is-a-single-vaccine-dose>

Public Relations Committee

Submitted by Adriana Quinones

Our nation faced the pandemic for over a year, possibly the most challenging event in our lifetime. However, our lives are beginning to look better due to people getting vaccinated and people following safety protocols. We need to continue using face masks, hand sanitizer and social distance. Soon we will be able to have HHIA meetings in person.

As Public Relations Chair, I need assistance from the community in identifying contacts for local organizations, churches, and clubs. I want to contact them and invite them to join HHIA and promote their events and have them promote HHIA. Please contact me at: **adriana.quinones@hhia.net**

Below is a list of information beneficial to our community:

Pet Licensing Amnesty Program- Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) is waiving late fees for renewed or new licenses purchased through June 30th, 2021. In addition to the late fee waiver, DACC is happy to offer a free microchip for all non-microchipped pets licensed during this time. Pet owners can access their pets' licensing records on the DACC website at <https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>, or call (562) 345-0400, or email licensing@animalcare.lacounty.gov.

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance-If you've have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses. For more information about FEMA's funeral assistance program, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/.../economic/funeral-assistance...> How to Apply: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number Applications begin on April 12, 2021 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program- If you have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent or utilities, and have a household income that is not more than 80% of the area median income, you may be eligible to receive help to pay past due or future rent and utilities from the State of California. Property owners and renters can verify eligibility immediately by visiting [HousingIsKey.com](https://housingiskey.com), or by calling 833-430-2122 <https://housing.ca.gov> Property owners and renters can verify eligibility immediately by visiting [HousingIsKey.com](https://housingiskey.com), or by calling 833-430-2122.

Energy Assistance Programs -IHSS Customers-you can get help to pay for the cost of operating your electrically-powered medical equipment, for more information: <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/.../ihss/resources-links.html>

Tutoring Program--CalWORK customers if your kids need extra support, the CalWORKs Tutoring Program can help, Visit: <https://bit.ly/DPSSGAIN> for more information. Also: <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/jobs/gain.html>

Help for students--College students who are eligible for "work study" or have a \$0 expected family contribution may now be eligible to receive CalFresh benefits. Learn more at www.getcalfresh.org/students or call 1-866-613-3777.

Los Angeles County Mortgage Relief Program to Offer \$20,000 Grants to Property Owners Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic. Property owners can apply for the Mortgage Relief Program by calling (888) 895-2647 or

visiting nhslacounty.org/mortgagereliefprogram. Also: <https://nhslacounty.org/mortgagereliefprogram/...> To find more ways how LA County can help property owners, visit DCBA's foreclosure prevention website at dcba.lacounty.gov/foreclosure-prevention & <https://dcba.lacounty.gov/foreclosure-prevention/...>

Homeless outreach--Union Station Homeless Services, provides Housing Navigation services to Hacienda Heights and surrounding areas. This includes outreach to individuals who are literally homeless, engaging them and building relationships, Public Relations Committee identifying barriers to housing and developing personalized plans to overcome each of these barriers. Their work is supported by partnerships with agencies like the Dept of Mental Health, Dept of Health Services, local employment agencies, non-profit legal aide organizations, etc.

*If there is an individual in your neighborhood in need of services you can submit an outreach request through LAHSA's outreach portal: LA-HOP

<https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>

**We recommend using this portal to submit outreach requests to help us better track and respond to the needs of specific areas. In addition to their outreach teams they work closely with LAHSA's outreach teams, their own Multi-Disciplinary outreach team, and the Department of Mental Health outreach team. Many residents requested information on how to report pothole repairs, graffiti removal and illegal dumping. You can download "The Works" for iPhone or Android and submit a report. See <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks/>

Social Media Community Concerns-The most common concerns continue to be: Fireworks at different times during the day and night. They are not common fireworks; they are much more powerful. The community would like law enforcement to start enforcing the laws by writing citations. Another concern is the continues homeless encampments throughout Hacienda Heights but most commonly close to the Motel 6 site. Lastly, car racing specially on Stimson Avenue, normally late at night.



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>

Proposed Heli-Hydrant in City of La Habra Heights by Scott Martin

The HHIA is represented by my guest attendance at the City of La Habra Heights (CLHH), Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. A current topic of discussion and very timely and critical to a response to wildfire mitigation is the intention to place a Heli-Hydrant tank in La Habra Heights. The challenge is the best location as suggested and approved by LA County Fire, Aerial Fire Suppression Command, and CLHH Fire Department is on a 0.1 acre patch of property, owned by the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (PHHPA); the 0.1 acre parcel previously known as the Diaz Property. Amicable conversations and a site visit has occurred between the CLHH and PHHPA and the PHHPA Board of Directors has given an approval to start working towards a formal approval as soon as further discussions occur to address the legal ability for the PHHPA to release the land for this use and potential ecological concerns are reviewed and/or mitigated.

The Board of Directors of the HHIA have strongly emphasized to the PHHPA Board, LA Co. 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn, and CLHH Mayor Dennis Leherly that in concept the installation of a Heli-Hydrant is very important given the current and year-round “fire season” yet we have no subject matter expertise to state the Heli-Hydrant must go on PHHPA land as suggested. What the HHIA, and I feel we are speaking for the residents of HH, feels that cooler heads must prevail, sacrifices must be made to follow protocols certainly to protect “protected species” but everyone must realize if it is between 0.1 acres being slightly disturbed to create the ability to retrieve (snorkel) water by helicopter in close

proximity of a fire in our hills and open spaces to save one’s home and property, then I strongly support the installation on that PHHPA parcel measuring 0.1 acres.

Recent HHIA Board Support for Activities/Initiatives by Scott Martin

February 3, 21: A letter to the Sanitation Districts Board reminding them that the HHIA board does not approve the Parks & Recreation Department’s intent to build a Mega Park as a Puente Hills Landfill Park.

March 9, 2021: A letter to the Department of Regional Planning regarding this boards concerns over the Pacific Heights Development planned in the hills immediately South of (going West to East) the cul-de-sacs of Lazy Brook Lane, Sleepy Spring Way, Whitehead Lane, Anvil Tree Lane, Cranberry Lane, and a home or two on Rocky Knoll Road.

March 11, 2021: A letter to John Pespisa, Chairman of the City of La Habra Heights Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee supporting their exploring the installation of a Heli-Hydrant, a giant tub of water, in La Habra Heights providing a rapid loading of water into helicopters capable of fighting fires in our local hills.

March 20, 2021, HHIA sponsored distribution at the Hsi Lai Center of hand sanitizer and masks, all of the items were donated by Hsi Lai Temple. Certs of Appreciation were given to LASD & Hsi Lai Temple.

On March 24, 2021, Scott Martin spoke on the HHIA’s behalf at the LA Co. Sanitation Districts Board of Directors meeting in objection to the Puente Hills Landfill Park, a Mega-Park proposed and the cost being forced upon the Sanitation Districts by the LA Co. Dept. of Parks & Recreation. The Mega-Park is estimated to cost \$168.93 million dollars demanding the development of Slides, a Planted Pedestrian Bridge, Bike Skills Course, a Gondola Lift, Bike Rentals, Zip Line, a place for Pop-Up Food Trucks to park, paved roads and parking lots to name a few proposed and unnecessary amenities.

A letter dated March 30, 2021, was sent from the HHIA Board of Directors to the Honorable Ben Allen, Chair of the CA Senate Environment Quality Committee in support of Senate Bill 575, titled ‘Fixing the Violation Scoring Procedure’ related to better equipping the Department of Toxic Substance Control to more

HHIA Board Support for Activities/Initiatives

accurately assess the compliance history of hazardous waste facilities.

A letter dated April 13, 2021, a third letter was sent by HHIA Board of Directors the 1st starting with then HHIA President Mike Hughes on Sept. 15, 2008, 2nd by then HHIA President Mike Williams on January 22, 2018, and this 3rd sent by Scott Martin, approved by a responding majority of this board sharing no concerns over a planned development on 12 acres at 2342 Via Cielo, on property owned by Arturo Barrera.

On April 29 a letter was sent to the CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) supporting the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority's Grant Application for the Puente Hills Fuels Reduction Project.

May 14, 2021: CHP Ofc. Marcos Iniguez, Public Safety & Health Cahir Maury Edwards, and Scott Martin had a meeting to discuss a schedule for deploying a radar trailer in Hacienda Heights. A group of major streets and sections of those streets were selected to initially start a deployment schedule. Further coordination has been planned with a CHP Officer whose duties include physically deploying a radar trailer which is kept on LA Co. Public Works property.

May 17, 2021: A letter was approved by the HHIA Board of Directors and sent to the LA Co. Sanitation Districts' Board of Directors citing our concern over the rectification and dropping of the lawsuit being rendered by LA CO. Parks and Recreation towards the Sanitation Districts and HHIA offered a recommendation that the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority be considered to oversee the creation of a Passive or Wilderness Park on the closed Puente Hill Landfill.

May 17, 2021: The HHIA created a letter supporting the City of La Habra Heights' application to CALFIRE to support their request for Grant Funding to clear vegetation from established fire evacuation routes.

Closing Comments

HHIA President, Scott Martin

I hope you made your way through this version of the HHIA June 2021 Newsletter. This newsletter and the contributions made by the Newsletter Workgroup: Maury Edwards, Randy Black, and myself along with articles and content submitted by some HHIA Board Members 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.

Please join the HHIA Board in welcoming our newest Board Member, Cindy Greenup. Excerpts from Cindy's Biography:

- "I moved to Hacienda Heights in September 1986.
- Involved with AYSO Region 23, serving on the executive board as Secretary and various age group liaisons,
- Certified referee and liaison to the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District.
- Coached teams and served as manager and treasurer for Spring Select travelling teams.
- Treasurer for AYSO Area 1U
- Treasurer on the executive board of Cub Scout Pack 727
- Leader for Girl Scout Troop 7487
- Served on several PTA and parent foundation boards from 1988 through 2017

Cindy has been appointed to Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee

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