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This year is almost over, the holiday season is here. It is time to celebrate with our loved one and start thinking about new plans for 2024.

There is a lot of important information that I need to report to the residents of Hacienda Heights. I will cover what is happening with Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, 4th of July Parade, CERT training, Puente Hills Landfill Park, Business Watch/Neighborhood Watch, Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Quemetco/Ecobat, Short Term Rental proposed ordinance. 7th Avenue Village Project.

Our Facebook page is continuously updated with information that may be of importance or interest to our community. Please visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3182301181886262/> You can also visit our website at: <https://hhia.net/>

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

A Reconfiguration Committee recommended that four schools be closed and other changes:

Los Robles Academy and Bixby Elementary located in Hacienda Heights will close.

Del Valle Elementary and Sunset Elementary located in La Puente will close.

There are other changes. For more information, visit the following page:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1699314909/hlpschoolsorg/ioe2swjvqznwt52quyt7/EIAFinalReportHacienda11623.pdf>

There were many community members from Hacienda Heights, La Puente, Valinda that are very upset. There have been marches, the board meetings have been full of

people. The residents state that there was no members of the community and/or students included in the Reconfiguration Committee. The residents also state that the community outreach was minimal and confusing. The news media covered the story, for more details see:

NBC Los Angeles

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/parents-disheartened-by-planned-closures-of-four-schools-in-hacienda-la-puente-school-district/3266064/#:~:text=In%20a%20bid%20to%20counter,with%20the%20Los%20Roses%20Academy.>

KTLA

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/hacienda-la-puente-school-district-considers-closing-campus/>

San Gabriel Valley Tribune

<https://www.sgvtribune.com/2023/11/11/hacienda-la-puente-unified-school-board-approved-plan-to-close-campus-heres-why/>

ABC7 Los Angeles

<https://abc7.com/la-puente-hacienda-unified-school-district-reconfiguration-schools-closing-protest/14029605/>

Parents started a petition to slow down the reconfiguration process. It currently has over 1,900 virtual signatures.

https://www.change.org/p/a-community-call-to-slow-down-the-hlpusd-reconfiguration-process?original_footer_petition_id=17759495&algorithm=promoted&source_location=petition_footer&grid_position=6&pt=AVBldGI0aW9uAHWuPQIAAAAZR8Cbl9XEpI1Y2UzZTM0OA%3D%3D

Fourth of July Parade

The first parade was in 1988, the Kiwanis Club of Hacienda Heights has organized this annual event with community groups and volunteers. There were changes last year

regarding funding and expenses /fees that had not been previously charged. There are some key organizers that will be stepping down and we may not have a parade if we do not get volunteers to organize the event and raise funds to cover the expenses.

We need the residents of Hacienda Heights and businesses in the area to help with this event. It as been part of our community for so long, we don't want it to end.

CERT Training

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a free resource that can help create a neighborhood preparedness network in your community. Taught by local fire and law enforcement agencies, this 20-hour FEMA approved training curriculum provides residents with information on basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members are encouraged to support first responders by becoming leaders in emergency preparedness in their community.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department posts dates and locations for CERT trainings that they offer online. Please consider registering to this important training, please visit the following page: <https://ready.lacounty.gov/cert/> or call (888) CERT-939.

Puente Hills Landfill Park

The Puente Hills Landfill, which used to be the nation's largest trash heap, is set to become the first regional park L.A. County has created in 30 years. Many residents In San Gabriel Valley and throughout Los Angeles County are excited about this project. Please read about it , see this page:

<https://puentehillslandfillpark.org/>

Business Watch/Neighborhood Watch

Deputy Jose Ruano and Safer HH are working together to organize neighborhood watch block by block and Business Watch one shopping center at a time.

If you are interested in joining or organizing a neighborhood watch or business watch, Deputy Ruano at: jaruano@lasd.org or 626 934-3052, please CC adriana.quinones_safehh@yahoo.com

Puente Hills Habitat Preservation

They are planning for the future of the Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon and would like your feedback. Please fill out the survey to let them know your priorities for the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. You can find survey at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHGoz7I3pt13Cf_DS1beqBEaUEzPe75jlhDTQQgpjFoGGyQ/viewform?pli=1

Quemetco/Ecobat

The Board of Environmental Safety (Board) will hold a hybrid public hearing on the appeal of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Permitting Division's (Permitting) July 22, 2022, approval of a Temporary Authorization Request made by Ecobat Resources California, Inc. (Ecobat), formerly doing business as Quemetco, Inc.

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm -7:00 pm (public comments start at 4:00 pm)

Location: Hacienda Heights Community Center
1234 Valencia Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

OR

Via zoom at:

Background

Ecobat operates a facility that recycles lead from spent lead acid batteries and other lead-bearing materials. On February 11, 2021, Ecobat submitted a temporary authorization request to install two equipment units (compression auger and centrifuge) that can remove liquids from hazardous waste material. On April 19, 2021, DTSC approved Ecobat's temporary authorization request. The approval was appealed by Earthjustice on behalf of the Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights. On January 26, 2022, DTSC's Permit Appeals Officer granted Earthjustice's appeal and overturned the temporary authorization decision.

Please **[RSVP](#)** and let us know that you will be joining (optional) :

<https://bes.dtsc.ca.gov/rsvp-bes-meeting/>

Join the meeting online in English and Spanish

Zoom - <https://csus.zoom.us/j/82080542932>

Call-In Information:

English Zoom Call-in Number: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 820 8054 2932 and enter # key

Spanish Call-in Number: (916) 535-0993

Phone Conference ID: 682 154 383 and enter # key

For more information:

DTSC

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/hw-projects/ecobat-battery-recycling/>

Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier & Avocado Heights

<https://cleanaircoalition.org/index.html>

Earth Justice:

<https://earthjustice.org/feature/report-quemetco-southern-california-lead-smelter>

Brochure from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health "Protect Your Health-Living near Quemetco"

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/quemetco/ProtectYourHealthBooklet-en.pdf>

Proposed ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals (Airbnb, Vrbo etc)

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors postponed the discussion regarding the proposed Short Term rental ordinance. We will let our community know when this will be on the agenda.

Please view information regarding the proposed ordinance at:

<https://ttc.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/STR-FAQ-Final.pdf>

We will need our community to write letters, emails, and make phone calls to show support for this ordinance.

7th Avenue Village Project

7th Avenue Village is a proposed 142-unit permanent supportive housing project in the Hacienda Heights area of the County of Los Angeles with an anticipated completion of construction scheduled for late 2024; the property is a conversion of a former Motel 6 property at the site.

A HomeKey development with funding from the State of California and the County of Los Angeles, the property will offer housing with intensive supportive services to formerly homeless individuals, with a priority for homeless individuals in the surrounding area. Supportive case management services will be provided by our contracted partner, Housing Works.

For more information, please visit the following page:

<https://www.worksusa.org/housing-developments/projects-in-the-pipeline/>

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We wish you a great Thanksgiving!

Respectfully submitted,

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