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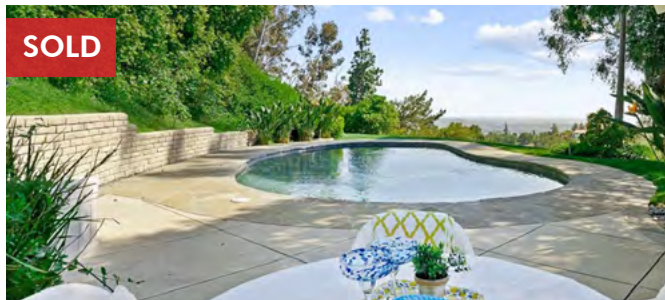
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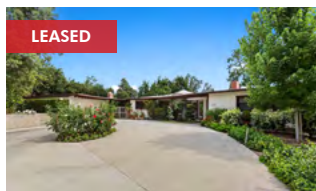
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Every July, we cordially invite you to become a member of La Habra Heights Improvement Association or to renew your LHHIA membership with our sincere thanks.

Founded in 1939, LHHIA is a 501(c)(3) independent, all-volunteer charitable organization that is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations in accordance with IRS Section 170.

LHHIA is *not* part of the City of La Habra Heights and receives no city funding. We rely solely on the support of our members and sponsors to help pay for:



- **Heights Life magazine**, which spotlights community events and residents and provides articles pertinent to our rural lifestyle. We rely on your dues to help with publishing and mailing costs (which have risen considerably) so that we can produce 11 issues each year. *Heights Life* has been an integral part of the Heights since 1949.

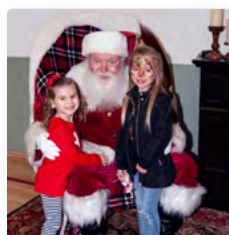
• Music in The Park concerts:

We hold these well-attended concerts on Wednesday evenings during the summer at our beautiful La Habra Heights city park. Thanks to the generosity of our members and sponsors, we provide an entertaining opportunity for our community to gather, listen to good music, dance, picnic and spend quality time together (see page 8).



- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Held annually at The Park, this popular event features egg hunts for three different age groups, free pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, photos with the Easter bunny and prizes for golden egg winners.

- **Halloween Haunt:** Each October 31, our community volunteers transform the gym at The Park into “La Haunted Heights” so that kids can enjoy a fun, safe Halloween with our trick-or-treat alley, games, events and refreshments. We’ve been “haunting” since 1980! Bring your children or grandchildren for a spooktacular evening!



- **Morning With Santa:** Every December, we begin celebrating the Christmas season in La Habra Heights with our Morning With Santa event that features photos with Santa Claus and holiday crafts, games, music and goodies. Bring the whole family for a morning of holiday fun!

- **Special community programs and projects:** LHHIA sponsors Welcome Wagon and our annual Photo Contest (see the June issue of *Heights Life* for our most recent winners). As our name implies, LHHIA also regularly organizes and funds a variety of community improvements and projects, most recently including facility repairs, upgrades and renovations at The Park and the gym.

LHHIA membership levels

LHHIA offers the following annual membership levels:

- **Regular** Membership: \$35 per year
- **Bronze** Premium Membership: \$75 per year
- **Silver** Premium Membership: \$100 per year
- **Gold** Premium Membership: \$250 per year
- **Platinum** Premium Membership: \$500 per year
- **Diamond** Premium Membership: \$1,000 or more per year

We thank all our members, and we’re especially grateful to our many Premium Members, who are recognized in *Heights Life* twice each year—they’re shown on page 4 of this issue. Their additional financial support is a crucial part of our annual budget.

In addition to their memberships, La Habra Heights residents sometimes donate funds for particular LHHIA programs and projects that benefit our community. For example, we have a great group of *Friends of Music in The Park* whose generous donations help ensure that this three-decade Heights tradition continues.

With your financial support and the help of our many much-appreciated volunteers, LHHIA will continue providing ways for our community to come together and celebrate our special city.

To all our new Heights neighbors. . .

We’re especially eager to make all our new residents of La Habra Heights aware of the important role that LHHIA plays in improving the quality of life in this unique rural community that is now your home. We cordially welcome you to get involved in our numerous LHHIA events and activities. Just contact any of our board members listed on the back of this magazine or send an e-mail to MemberLHHIA@gmail.com.

You recently received a letter from LHHIA—please mail your check in the envelope you received to join or to renew your membership. You can also pay online anytime at lhhia.com.



La Habra Heights Improvement Association

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LHHIA

Premium Members

Each year we offer this special recognition to those who have purchased LHHIA Premium Memberships. We sincerely thank these Premium Members, and we invite you to join them (for details, please see *Become a Member* on page 16).

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Norm Zezula



At our June meeting, the city council expressed appreciation on behalf of all residents to Susan Brooks and the La Habra Heights Improvement Association for last month's successful Community Yard Sale.

The council also thanked David and Lisa Hansen, Marlene Garcia, Diane Garcia Taylor and Jesmar Properties for their generous donations of chairs, mattresses and a 75-inch Samsung television for our LHH Fire Department dorm. Our volunteer firefighters are really grateful for these donations from individual residents—which showed our firefighters that in addition to institutional support from the city, they are supported by residents who consider them members of our community even though firefighters' permanent residences may be elsewhere.

In 1997, residents voted to adopt a special fire tax, and voters later approved up to a 3% annual increase to offset inflation and an amendment to permit this tax revenue also to be used for paramedic services. Unfortunately, over the past 25 years, the greatly increased cost of providing fire and emergency services has far exceeded 3%. The city has found creative ways to supplement the growing shortfall, including using general fund revenue and occasional grant money—including the \$1,075,000 grant obtained by Senator Bob Archuleta to replace our existing fire apparatus structure and to help purchase a new fire truck. However, it has become increasingly difficult to rely on such short-term approaches. Accordingly, the council has formed an ad hoc committee to look at possible long-term solutions.

With the upcoming 4th of July holiday, we need to remind each other that **all fireworks are forbidden anywhere in La Habra Heights**. That restriction includes even so-called "safe and sane" fireworks—which are neither safe nor sane in a city that has been designated by the State of California as a "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone." The fact that La Habra Heights has such limited and narrow evacuation routes makes fireworks an even greater life-safety threat here than in other high-fire-hazard communities. Moreover, the unusually abundant weed and brush growth we're experiencing this year makes the Heights even more vulnerable to wildfires that could be started by fireworks!



During the extended 4th of July holiday, our fire department and law enforcement will be out patrolling our city. In addition, Fire Watch, a 501(c)3 organization of radio-equipped resident volunteers, will also conduct organized patrols, looking for fireworks and other hazardous activities, as they have done since 2007. Unlike the Fire and Sheriff departments, Fire Watch members will not confront anyone—they will use their radios to report hazardous activities to appropriate authorities. We're grateful to all those who are working to help keep our community safe.

—Norm Zezula



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Andrew Avola

Andrew graduated with distinction from Sonoma State University with a B.S. in computer science. He hopes to work for a major game corporation and pursue his masters in computer science.



Kaneiya Desai

Kaneiya was valedictorian at Sunny Hills High School with a full IB diploma. He was on swim and Science Olympiad teams and in Student Senate, Scholarship Federation and NSHSS. He will major in bioengineering and pre-med at UC Berkeley.



Samuel Canlas

Samuel graduated from La Habra High School. He was Top 100, an AP scholar, and in ASB and National Honor Society. He volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and works as a tutor. He will study biochemistry and biology at UC San Diego



Jonathan Franks

Jonathan graduated from La Habra High School with special honors in metal tech, FFA and veterinarian science. He plans to pursue a career in mechanical and electrical engineering.



Jessica Coburn

Jessic graduated from Whittier Christian High School with high honors. She was a member of NHS, CSF and student council and an ASB representative. She will attend Cal State San Diego and study developmental psychology.



Alyssa Marie Gonzales

Alyssa graduated from St. Joseph High School. As a varsity cheerleader, she won both CIF and national championships. She will be attending Cal Poly Pomona, majoring in animal science.



Raymond Hufnagel IV

Raymond graduated from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's in political economy. He was a senator in student government. He plans to pursue an MBA.



Celeste Rangel

Celeste graduated from La Habra High School with academic and athletic honors. She was President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and VP of National Honor Society. She will major in math at UCLA.



Benjamin Kornoff

Benjamin graduated with high honors and IB certificate from Sonora High School and earned three Coach's Award on the championship soccer team. He will major in mechanical engineering at Cal Poly, Pomona.



Elijah Robles

Eli graduated with high honors from Servite High School and served as the Alexis Prior. He will major in accounting at the University of Mississippi, where he will also continue to study Mandarin as a Chinese Flagship Scholar.



Jere McDonald

Jere received his bachelor's degree from UCLA, where he majored in political science with a minor in film, television and digital media. He plans to attend law school.



Amanda White

Amanda graduated with honors from Fullerton Union High School. She was dance captain and President of National Honor Society and Creative Writing Club. She will attend UC Santa Barbara, majoring in dance.



Madeline McDonald

Madeline graduated from La Habra High School. A scholar-athlete, she was on the track, soccer, cross country and tennis teams. She will study nursing at Cal State Long Beach.

About Los Compadres scholarships
 Six graduates shown here are Los Compadres Scholarship winners. Each year, the Los Compadres Club of La Habra Heights awards scholarships to exceptional high school graduates from La Habra Heights. Students must have maintained a 3.5 or better GPA and also have participated in school and community activities. Completed applications from qualified students must be received by the club in mid-March of the year in which graduation will occur. Selected students receive a scholarship cash grant and a certificate of excellence. Awards are presented in May of each year at the Los Compadres Awards Banquet.

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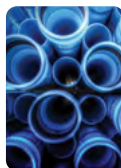
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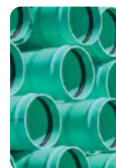
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Pending Sales	3	6	+100.00%
Closed Sales	7	2	-71.4%
Days on Market	9	15	+66.7%
Median Sales Price*	\$1,550,000	\$2,065,000	+33.2%
Average Sales Price*	\$1,492,143	\$2,065,000	+38.4%

Based on statistics pulled from PWR market reports | April 2023

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Heights Community Events

July 4 *Happy Independence Day!*
July 10 La Habra Heights City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m.
July 12 **MUSIC IN THE PARK:** 4 Lads From Liverpool: 6:30 p.m.
July 19 **MUSIC IN THE PARK:** AbSOULute: 6:30 p.m.
July 20 Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness: 6 p.m.
July 25 Planning Commission meeting: 6:30 p.m.
July 26 **MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Woodie & the Longboards: 6:30 p.m.
July 26 Roads Advisory Committee meeting: 6:30 p.m.



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LHH Fire Report

MAY 2023

Advanced life-support calls: 31 (17 in LHH, 14 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 5 (1 in LHH, 4 in LA County), Public assist: 4 (3 in LHH, 1 in LA County), Fire calls: 5 (3 in LHH, 2 in LA County), Traffic collisions: 7 (5 in LHH, 2 in LA County), Automatic aid into LA County: 23.

TOTAL CALLS: 52



Sheriff's Report

MAY 2023

Residence burglary: 1, Grand theft, vehicle: 2, Vehicle burglary: 7, Felony vandalism: 2, Petty theft: 1, Persons dead: 1, Non-criminal: 2.

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 16

Correction: BRIAN BURGESS won an Honorable Mention in our 2023 LHHIA Photo Contest. We apologize for misspelling his name in our June issue.