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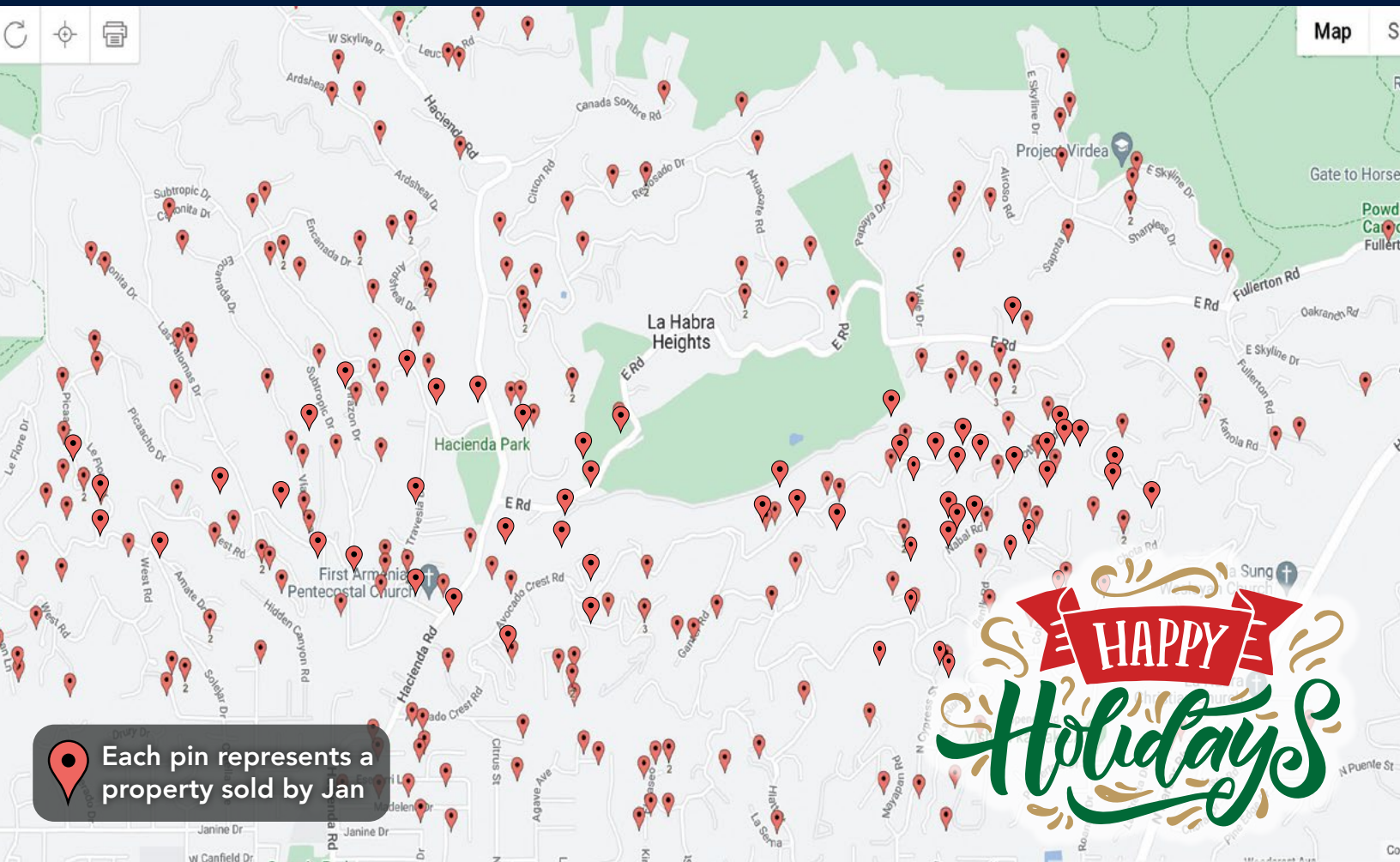
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- *The end of Daylight Saving Time on November 5 makes this the perfect season to enjoy beautiful dark skies in La Habra Heights! See page 6 for information about our city's unique 'dark skies' policy.*
 - *Get ready for 'Morning With Santa' on December 9—see page 5 for details.*
 - *See photos from this year's LHHIA 'Halloween Haunt' on page 8.*

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We delayed publication of this issue of *Heights Life* by a few days so that we could share Dan Stracner's photos from our 2023 LHHIA *Halloween Haunt* (see pages 8 and 9). We had a really great turnout this year!

Boardmember Angela Owen and I chaired this year's Haunt, and we offer our sincere thanks to all those who helped us transform the gym at The Park once again into "La Haunted Heights," including all our boardmembers and numerous friends.

Special thanks go to our sponsor, Ray Fernandez of Nextmove Real Estate, and to boardmember Diana Taylor and her friend Zaura Faulkner, who created a wonderfully spooky new entryway. We're also very grateful to all our volunteers from La Habra High School Associated Student Body and our friends from La Habra Christian Church, who have been helping us out for many years.

MORNING WITH SANTA



That big guy in the red suit will be coming to the gym at The Park on Saturday, December 9, at 9 a.m. for our annual *Morning With Santa* Christmas party (see page 5 for details)—so mark your calendar and get ready for some family holiday fun! We're going to delay publication of our December *Heights Life* for a few days so that we can bring you photos from this festive event.

PREMIUM MEMBERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

In our December issue of *Heights Life*, we'll be offering special recognition for our LHHIA Premium Members. The significant financial support that they generously provide helps make it possible for our 84-year-old volunteer organization to continue serving this unique rural community. To learn more, please see "Become a Member" on page 16.

—Lynn Kelley



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Cover photo of 2023 planet conjunction shot in La Habra Heights by resident Dan Stracner.



City Manager resigns

In late September, City Manager Fabiola Huerta resigned, and Assistant City Manager Rafferty Wooldridge was appointed Interim City Manager of LHH.

It's worth remembering that only a few weeks after Fabi became city manager, she had to deal with the catastrophic Hacienda Road failure that kept that heavily-traveled road closed for a year.

Just a year later, she had to begin dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only was she able to keep the city functioning, she and her staff reached out to our most vulnerable residents to make sure that they had access to necessities and essential services. In many instances, staff members brought what was needed directly to these residents.

I thank Fabi and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Habitat Authority to hold Open House on Nov. 14

All residents of La Habra Heights are invited to attend an Open House to be held by the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority on Tuesday evening, November 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rowland Heights Community Center at 18150 Pathfinder Road in Rowland Heights.

The Open House will focus on the Habitat Authority's recent work regarding preservation and wildfire preparedness and will also highlight long-term planning.

After a short presentation at 6:30 p.m., you'll have an opportunity to mingle and speak with volunteers, rangers and staff members—all of whom will welcome your input. Scan the QR code at the right to RSVP for the Open House.



For more information, visit habitatauthority.org.

Take the Habitat Authority online survey



The Habitat Authority is also currently conducting an online survey. Scan the QR code at the left to access the survey and provide your feedback about how the Habitat Authority is doing, especially with regard to La Habra Heights.

Complaints about farm animal noise



Our General Plan makes it clear that an integral part of our rural residential character is the "keeping of horses and farm animals." At a minimum, this means that life in La Habra Heights will necessarily include more farm animal noise than in most other cities.

During the last several months, some residents have complained about animal noise, and a few have even asked that all roosters

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be banned—even when some residents have had roosters in the Heights longer than the city has existed. The Planning Commission has held well-attended public hearings about these requests. Of the residents who spoke, the overwhelming majority—many of whom do not have roosters—strongly opposed such a ban. The city council met, made a minor clarifying change in our existing ordinance and agreed to revisit the matter in six months.

As is often the case in our city, the most constructive idea came from one of our residents during public comment. Joleen Gibbs announced that she and several other experienced Heights animal owners (including a professional animal trainer) have formed an “Animal Advisory Committee” on which residents can call to help deal with potential problems.

If invited by a resident, members of this committee would be willing to visit the property in question and advise where and how to build safe animal structures and to minimize noise that might bother a neighbor. This would not be an official city committee but a group of resident volunteers just trying to help out—in keeping with the finest Heights tradition.

—Norm Zezula

West Nile virus found in La Habra Heights

We have been notified by the Vector Control District that a mosquito infected with the potentially deadly West Nile virus was discovered in La Habra Heights on October 12.

Take precautions to protect yourself and your family. For details about bite prevention, visit the website shown below.



Fight the bite!

GLAmosquito.org | [@GLAmosquito](https://twitter.com/GLAmosquito)

Don't let this happen again!

Fourteen years ago in November, LHH resident Don Phillips took this photo of our firefighters knocking down a brush fire in the hills above Hacienda Road. It's a reminder that autumn is often the season when fire danger is highest in the Heights. Please help keep history from repeating by clearing your brush and trimming your trees!

NOVEMBER 11

Thank you to all who served

VETERANS DAY

He's on his way!



MORNING WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9

9 to 11 a.m. at The Park in La Habra Heights

Santa will arrive at the gym in a La Habra Heights Fire Truck!

Bring your cameras and take photos with Santa!

Games and prizes, treats, face-painting and holiday crafts.

MORNING WITH SANTA is presented *free of charge* by La Habra Heights Improvement Association for all Heights residents and their families.

Please join us for a special morning of holiday family fun!



The Moon has been putting on a spectacular show lately in our Heights sky, including a recent, exceptionally rare Super Blue Moon (left), which won't occur again until 2037.

There are two types of Blue Moon, neither of which has anything to do with the color of the Moon. A seasonal Blue Moon is the third full Moon in a season that has four full Moons. The next one of these will occur on the night of August 19, 2024. A monthly Blue Moon refers to the second full Moon within a single calendar month—you won't see another one until May 31, 2026.

Because both types of Blue Moon occur infrequently, we sometimes say that a rare event only happens "once in a Blue Moon."

A Super Moon means that a full Moon occurs close to perigee, the point when the Moon comes closest to the Earth during the Moon's elliptical orbit—so the Moon appears larger in the sky. When a Super Moon also happens to be a Blue Moon, we see a really unusual event: a Super Blue Moon.

Fall means beautiful dark skies in the Heights

One of the great things about our rural environment in La Habra Heights is the beautiful night sky, and there's no better time to enjoy it than in autumn, when Daylight Saving Time has ended and we've returned to the natural diurnal cycle of shorter days, earlier evenings and longer, cooler nights.

That's why it's so important for all Heights residents to help protect our unique ambiance and to abide by our community's long-standing "dark skies" policy.

Throughout our small city, you'll notice a marked absence of streetlights and other bright, high-level light fixtures that could obscure starry skies that we all enjoy viewing from our yards, decks and patios.

Some newer residents, used to conventional urban living, might be inclined to install high-intensity lighting systems that might provide a heightened sense of security to those unfamiliar with the pleasures of rural living—but which can also become a major annoyance to neighbors who moved to La Habra Heights expressly to avoid urban glare.

To help preserve our cherished dark skies, our city ordinances have this to say about security lighting: "External lighting fixtures must not create any light trespass or spillover impacts [onto neighboring properties]. This lighting may not remain on all night and must be equipped with motion sensors and adjusted to detect motion only within the lighted area."

If you're planning to install outside lighting, please contact the Planning Department at La Habra Heights City Hall and familiarize yourself with our city's ordinances. It will save you time and money.

If you already have outdoor lighting installed, please check it and make sure that you're following these simple dark skies guidelines:

- Use subdued, low-key outdoor lighting.
- Shield all light fixtures and aim them downward.
- Direct light away from public roads and adjoining properties.
- Keep bulb intensity to a minimum (a universal dimmer switch will help).
- Check to see how your lighting looks from your neighbors' properties, and make sure your lights won't keep neighbors awake at night or interfere with their Moon and star gazing.
- Always turn your lights off promptly when they aren't needed, which also saves money. Installing a timer is an excellent idea.
- If someone in your neighborhood is violating our dark skies policy, please report it to city officials (see page 16 for their contact information).

We think you'll find that this more considerate, neighborly approach to lighting will not only be more attractive and appropriate to our rural environment, but that it will provide plenty of safety and security as well.

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- Payment for each ad or ad cancellation must be received by the deadline date for ad artwork, which is the 10th of the month prior to the issue date (e.g., ad artwork and payment for the March issue are due February 10).

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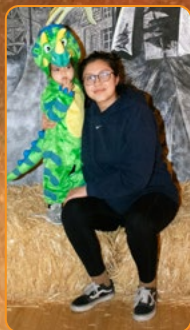
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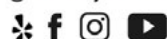


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November 11  **Veterans Day**
November 13 City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
November 16 Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness: 6 p.m.
November 22 Roads Advisory Committee meeting: 6:30 p.m.
November 23 *Happy Thanksgiving!*
November 28 Planning Commission meeting: 6:30 p.m.



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LHH Fire Report

SEPTEMBER 2023

Advanced life-support calls: 32 (19 in LHH, 13 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 10 (5 in LHH, 5 in LA County), Public assist: 2 (all in LHH), Fire calls: 10 (8 in LHH, 2 in LA County), Traffic collisions: 4 (3 in LHH, 1 in LA County), Automatic aid into LA County: 21.

TOTAL CALLS: 58



Sheriff's Report

SEPTEMBER 2023

Residence burglary: 3, Grand theft vehicle: 1, Vehicle burglary: 2, Fraud: 1, Telephone annoyance: 1, Felony vandalism: 1, Vehicle impounded: 1, Vehicle repossessed: 1, ID theft: 1, Traffic accidents: 2, Suspicious activity: 1.

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 15



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