

EUCALYPTUS HILL

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

FROM THE BOARD

We hope you were able to join us for the EHIA Annual Meeting at the stunning Hull Estate on Sunday, May 21. Our guest speakers were the always enlightening and humorous historian Neal Graffy, along with Superbee—Live Bee Rescue & Removal Service, and Anne Marie Parkinson from the Santa Barbara Fire Safe Council, who leads the Firewise Communities Program.

During the last week of April and the first week of May 2024, we are on track to bring in **Ventura Brush Goats** to the upper canyon off Eucalyptus Hill Road, below Eucalyptus Hill Drive and

above Alston Road. We first did this area in 2021. After all the rains this past spring and the new growth that has built up, it's time to do this canyon again.

This will be the Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association's third year using these herbivores to reduce fire fuels growing in the canyons of our neighborhood. We are hopeful that all residents owning and bordering these areas will contribute funds to this effort. We also are encouraging anyone that lives in our Eucalyptus Hill neighborhood to consider contributing as well,

as we all benefit from this fire prevention program.

If you'd like to make a donation toward our efforts, please visit the EHIA website at www.eucalyptushillia.com/grazing-for-fire-abatement or you can send a check to EHIA, PO Box 40182, Santa Barbara, CA 93140. If you have any questions, you may contact us at info@eucalyptushillia.com.

Remember that your membership in the Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association is an investment in your neighborhood and helps our association build a safer community!

EHIA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE RAIN AND DRAIN

Now is the time to clean out your roof gutters and curb storm drains as the rainy season is quickly approaching!

With all the debris that has built up over the past few months from fallen leaves, accumulated dirt and dust, etc., you don't want this ending up clogging

your drains and those on the streets near you.

Why it's Important

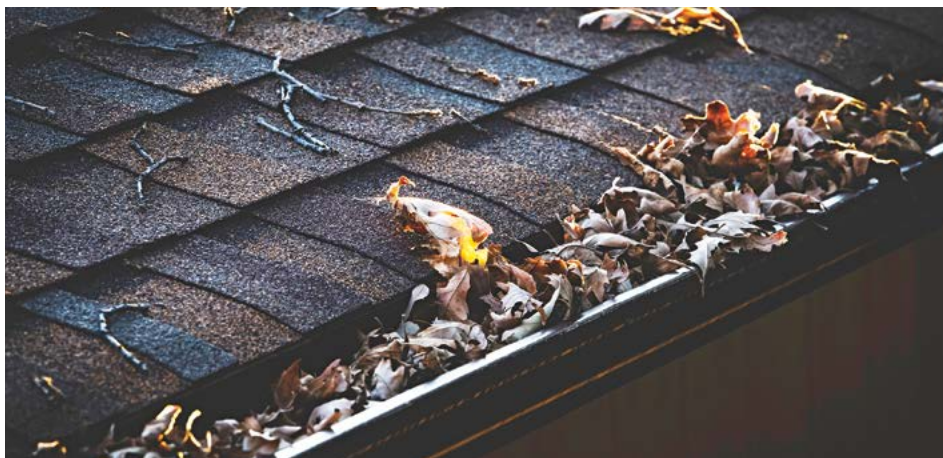
Removing the debris from your roof gutters helps water to flow freely down the drain. If your gutters are clogged, water backs up and can damage your roof. And when water runs over the gutters, it can damage the sides of your

home and the foundation. Wet debris build up in your gutters can breed mold-related issues that can start to grow on your roof.

A pair of gloves, a hand shovel, a bucket, and a ladder are an easy way to clean out your gutters. There are also companies you can hire to do this work.

Storm drains play an essential role in storm water management, providing a system that helps direct excess rainfall away from buildings and roadways. If you see that the storm drain on your street is covered in debris, grab some gloves, a rake or broom, and a bucket to clean them off. If it is more than you can handle you can also call the **Public Works Streets division for clogged/blocked storm drains or streets related emergencies at 805/564-5454**. This will benefit you *and* your neighbors.

You can also call the City of Santa Barbara Public Works street sweeping number at 805/897-1903 to request they come out to sweep your street.



Clogged gutters can damage your roof, as well as the wall beneath the roof gutter.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

GABE SANDOVAL—PRINCIPAL OF CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY

In the nine years that Gabe Sandoval has been principal of Cleveland Elementary School, there have been many changes and amazing academic results.

In the past year, Cleveland has been rated one of two schools in the Santa Barbara district to achieve overall improvement in state testing in reading, writing, and science. The English Language Arts (ELA) program in third through sixth grades has had an improvement of 14% overall, with an additional 5% improvement in math. The school exceeded their annual academic goals and will continue to strive to increase proficiency rates for all students. In the testing of Kindergarten through second grade, Cleveland was the top school in the district for reading in the fall of 2022 and in the top two schools in the winter of 2023.

Cleveland has also increased the expanse of their Social Emotion program—also regarded as the Culture and Climate of Cleveland School—which monitors how students and parents feel connected to the school. The program collects data about safety and school involvement, and 95% of Cleveland parents feel that the school makes them feel welcome and is meeting their needs. Gabe is working on making the students feel like they are leading their own education.

Cleveland has been training their teachers in what is called Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS), a systematic approach that lays out school-wide classroom expectations, such as noise levels in a classroom or how students walk from one classroom to another. It systemizes how students conduct themselves each day through PBIS social norms. For example, using the correct noise levels in different environments such as libraries, eating areas, and hallways are norms students learn about. The behavioral focus is on what teachers want to see happen, not dwelling on what they don't want to see. Over time, Kindergarten through sixth graders come to know proper social expectations and this same discipline guides them to achieve better study habits and their

academic goals.

Gabe plans to expand their STEAM Academy program (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) now that the new classrooms the district has built at Cleveland with the latest bond money, are finished. Presently, students participate in STEAM once a week, and Gabe hopes to increase that to two or three times a week.

Cleveland's STEAM teacher is being trained by the Dos Pueblos engineering team and their directors so Cleveland can be connected to the Dos Pueblos Engineering Academy. Gabe also wants to mimic what Santa Barbara High School's MAD Academy (Multimedia Arts and Design) is doing, so Cleveland's program will be a preview of what students will be doing once they reach high school.

Dos Pueblos has also created their own MOXI, like the downtown museum, and are managing a high school student-run MOXI center. Cleveland students will take field trips to the Dos Pueblos MOXI, so they can experience it and create their own projects. Gabe hopes to mimic this Dos Pueblos program.

Cleveland fourth graders are involved in the Wilderness Youth Project and participate in monthly outdoor learning experiences where they learn first-hand about the outdoors, beaches, canyons, wildlife, and plants. Gabe's goal is to expand this program to other grades.

Gabe received his teaching degree from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, and then taught in Stockton



Cleveland Principal Gabe Sandoval loves setting his students and teachers up for success.

for five years before coming to Santa Barbara. He taught at Adams School and Santa Barbara Academy, then spent three years as the assistant principal at Santa Barbara High School before coming to Cleveland School. He is married to Stephanie, who is a nurse working for local vascular surgeon, Dr. Casey. They have two daughters, ages four and seven, who attend McKinley School in a dual language Spanish immersion program. In his spare time Gabe is a member of the Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club, where he plays on the interclub tennis "A team," recently winning the championship against Knollwood.

Gabe's vision is to set students and teachers up for success. He wants Cleveland School to be the best learning environment available for current and future families.

Cleveland is always looking for volunteers and adult reading partners for their students. If you are interested, please call the Cleveland School office at 805/963-8873 to set up an appointment with Gabe so he can work to find the best classroom match for you.

PROTECT YOUR HOME IN A POWER OUTAGE WITH BACKUP BATTERIES

Electrical outages, surges, and brownouts can damage or destroy your electronics and appliances and in some cases, can cause fires. One of the best ways to protect your equipment is with backup batteries for individual appliances or large wall batteries for your entire home.

An uninterruptible power supply (UPS) or uninterruptible power source provides automated backup electric power to a load when the input power source or main power fails. A UPS differs from a traditional auxiliary/emergency power system or standby generator in that it will provide near-instantaneous protection from input power interruptions by switching to energy stored in battery packs, supercapacitors, or flywheels.

UPS units range in size from those designed to protect a single computer without a video monitor (around 200 volt-ampere rating), to large units powering entire data centers or buildings. For in-home use, a typical UPS uses rechargeable batteries as the backup power source, hence the name battery back-up, or BBU.

The primary role of any UPS is to provide short-term power when the main power source fails. However, most UPS units are also capable, in varying degrees, of correcting common utility power problems:

1. Voltage spike or sustained overvoltage;
2. Momentary or sustained reduction in input voltage;
3. Voltage sag (brownout);
4. Noise, defined as a high frequency transient oscillation usually injected into the line by nearby equipment;
5. Instability of the main line frequency; and,
6. Harmonic distortion, defined as a departure from the ideal waveform expected on the line.

Typical home use would involve one or more BBUs to protect personal computers, wireless telephone

base units, and networking equipment such as modems, switches, and routers.

A variety of units are available in sizes from 350 VA (volt amps), sufficient to protect one computer and monitor, to 2200 VA, for multiple computers, monitors, and networking gear. Before installing Tesla batteries to back up our entire house (the ultimate BBU!), we had one 1500 VA unit for the primary desktop PC, monitor, printer, modems, wireless phone base and network switch, a 450 VA unit for the router, another switch, and IP security camera, and another 450 VA unit for remote control hubs for various smarthome accessories.

A convenient calculator for determining what size BBU you need can be found at www.backupbatterypower.com/pages/ups-run-time-calculator. Obviously, the larger the BBU for a given load, the longer the run time. You can select a smaller unit that will just give you time to save your work and shut down, or a larger one to allow you to keep working for a longer time.

Wall batteries for your entire home have become a viable option that is even more attractive with current tax credits and incentives. These can provide peace of mind during power outages, especially when coupled with solar panels.



Smaller, less powerful UPS systems can successfully provide power backup for home computers in case of power outages.

There is a Federal Investment Tax Credit (nonrefundable) of 30% for solar roof and batteries from now through 2032.

California also has a Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) offering rebates for installing energy storage technology in your home. These storage technologies include battery storage systems that can function in the event of a power outage.

The second-generation Tesla Powerwall has a 13.5 kWh capacity. Under SGIP Step 6, you're eligible for an incentive rate of \$200/kWh, worth \$2,700. That's enough to cover a significant portion of the purchase of the Powerwall equipment, which is priced at \$6,700. There are several other options for home wall batteries that offer more features and functions.

LA Solar was the provider we used, and our three batteries cost us \$2,400—as opposed to a “list” price of \$39,500. Check to see if that program for special needs backup is still in effect.

—Bob Meltzer



A Tesla Powerwall unit measures 29.6" x 45.3" and is 5.75" deep and can provide power back up for homes.

WHY BELONG TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & AWARENESS

EHIA's volunteer member efforts have built a strong response network. Our goal is to help our small community be self-sufficient in disasters when first responders are overwhelmed. Our system has been praised by local emergency experts, and other homeowner groups are now following our lead.

Our efforts include:

- **Email networks** to homeowners from our board and block volunteers.
- **Block volunteer program** with over forty block volunteers who have collected data on their blocks regarding special needs, skills, and equipment.
- **Emergency preparedness** by encouraging neighbors to prepare for disasters.

Your Membership helps with our:

- **Radio network:** a base station, repeater system, battery back-up, antenna, and nearly forty radios with trained operators throughout the Eucalyptus Hill neighborhood.
- **Website:** www.eucalyptushillia.com.
- **Red Flag Warning program** ready to activate in high fire danger weather conditions.
- We have numerous **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** trained neighborhood volunteers.

These programs require a constant inflow of volunteers. If you would like to join our collective effort, we welcome any time you can offer. Email us at info@eucalyptushillia.com for more information.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your \$40 annual membership in the Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association is an investment in your neighborhood. Memberships paid now will cover one year of dues. Our website can also process membership payments, so visit www.eucalyptushillia.com/renew-or-join to join today! If you would like to renew your membership or join by mail, please use the form below and send this with your check to the address at the bottom of this form.

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Home Phone Cell Phone

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Comments or suggestions

Make checks payable to Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association. Mail to: EHIA, PO BOX 40182, Santa Barbara CA 93140-0182.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trash and Recycling Services

Residents are required—by city ordinance—to put away their trash and recycling cans within 24 hours after pickup. For a nominal fee, MarBorg can bring your cans out and return them to their storage area. This applies to green-waste cans as well; they should not be left out on the curb until or after pickup day.

Bulky Item Pickups

All residential customers are eligible for four free bulky item clean ups each calendar year (there is a limit of five items per pick up). Tenants are entitled to the free bulky item clean ups as well and may schedule them directly with MarBorg. There is no longer a need to schedule it through the property manager or account holder. Call 805/963-1852 to schedule your pick up.

Christmas Tree Pickup

MarBorg will also take your Christmas tree! You don't need to cut them down into smaller sizes unless they are taller than six feet. Simply strip the tree of ornaments, garlands, and tinsel (they do not take flocked trees unless you can remove the flocking); remove the tree stand; and set the whole tree out with your waste.

From December 26 through January 7, MarBorg will be collecting extra items from all city residential customers at no extra charge. Customers can put out up to 95 gallons of extra trash (brown bin), recyclables (blue bin), or green waste (green bin). Just leave bags or bundles out at your normal pickup location—no bulky waste is allowed. If there are excessive amounts of extra waste, please call MarBorg at 805/963-1852 so they can accommodate the special pickup.

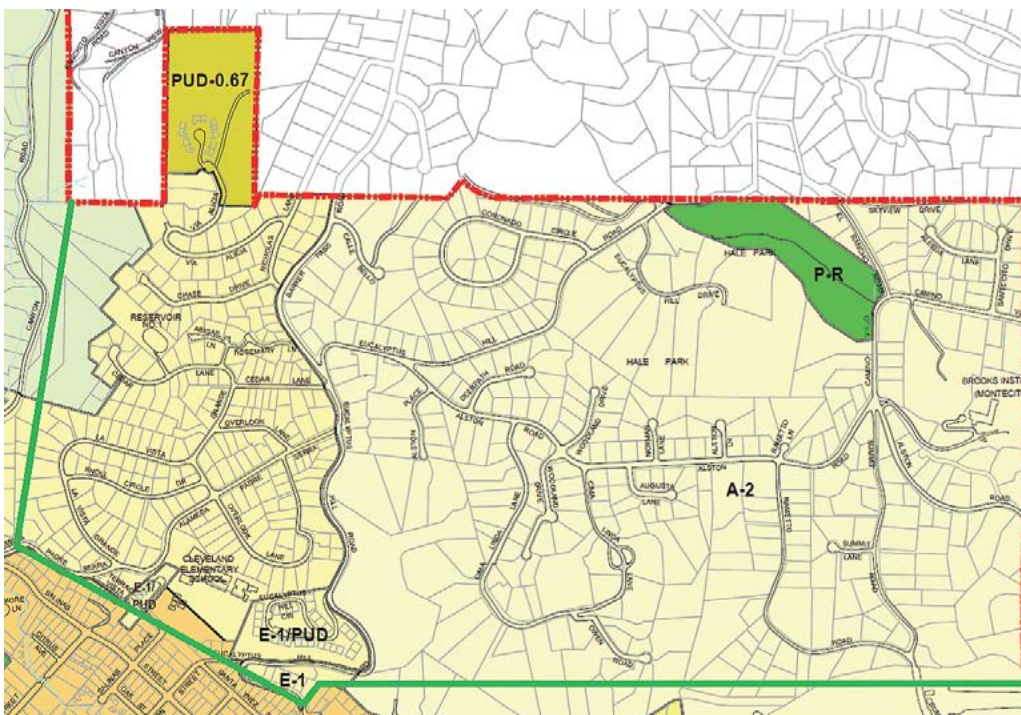
Batteries and Electronics

Batteries are hazardous and cannot go in blue recycle bins. They can be dropped off at a local recycling center. If you have small household batteries, seal them inside in a clear ziplock bag and place the baggie on top of your blue bin (not inside). All electronics are hazardous and cannot go into blue bins. They can however be dropped off free of charge at the e-waste MarBorg facility at 132 Nopalitos Way, or you can call MarBorg at 805/963-1852 to schedule a free bulky item pickup.



Old electronics to be recycled can be dropped off, free of charge, at 132 Nopalitos Way.

EHIA MAP



All of Eucalyptus Hill lies within the city limits of Santa Barbara. Several roads provide entrance and exit to the neighborhood. They include Eucalyptus Hill Road, Alameda Padre Sierra, Barker Pass Road, Alston Road, and Camino Viejo.

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