

EUCALYPTUS HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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JOIN US FOR THE EUCALYPTUS HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22, 3–5 p.m.

815 Cima Linda Lane
Catered by Coco LaForge

Guest Speakers:
Barney Melekian,
Interim Police Chief,
Santa Barbara
Police Department

Ryan DiGuilio, Fire Marshall
Santa Barbara Fire Department

Please join us to meet and
greet your neighbors and learn
more about our community.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE EHIA BOARD CONTINUES TO WORK HARD ON YOUR BEHALF

As the board president of EHIA, I have always felt a responsibility to focus on public safety, specifically, emergency preparedness. I'm sure by now, I must sound like the proverbial broken record reminding you to be prepared for any challenges that might be thrown our way. During my time as president, we've faced the Thomas Fire, the debris flow, and a pandemic. For the most part, I think our neighbors have risen to the occasion to take steps to be prepared and it lightens the load on my shoulders a bit. That being said, one can never be too prepared.

It's been a relatively dry winter despite our early rain and our latest March Miracle. Unfortunately, we will soon be dry again and as we look forward into summer and moving into fall, I'm concerned about our wildfire dangers. I urge all of you to please review your evacuation plans for wildfire, update as necessary, and prepare accordingly. I also hope you are taking steps to harden your homes against wildfire. Lastly, we still live in earthquake country, so we need to be ever mindful of our emergency preparedness for those as well. We are constantly updating our website

with helpful emergency preparedness information. www.eucalyptushillia.com.

Thank you for all your support and the time you have taken to plan for the safety of yourselves and your families, and most especially, I thank my board members and our block volunteers! Finally, we look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on **Sunday, May 22, 3–5 p.m.** (details are above).

Loy Beardsmore

Loy Beardsmore, EHIA President

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

HATTIE & MICHAEL BERESFORD

You might have noticed the name, Hattie Beresford, whose column regularly appears in the local weekly *The Montecito Journal*. She and her star volleyball coach husband, Michael, are our featured interviewees this issue. I was able to steal a little time with them, to learn more about our Eucalyptus Hill neighbors.

Hattie was born in Holland and moved to the United States when her father, an aeronautical engineer, was recruited by Lockheed in Burbank. In her teens she attended college at UCSB during the turbulent times of 1970 when the Isla Vista Bank of America was burnt down during student Vietnam demonstrations. Things settled down by the seaside campus and she went on to receive her dual BA degrees in English and history, and, after acquiring her teaching credential, she began teaching English at La Colina Junior High, later teaching core classes integrating English and American history at La Cumbre Junior High School.

After teaching for thirty years, Hattie retired in 2004 so she could spend more time with her also retired husband, Michael. But anyone who knows about retirement can tell you that new endeavors and projects soon appear. Hattie soon followed her love for history and began a career in researching and writing the history of the Santa Barbara area with focuses on the city of Santa Barbara and Montecito. One result is her column, "The Way It Was," that appears in the *The Montecito Journal* about once a month and the "Mansions & Moguls" column in the *The Montecito Journal Magazine* which comes out twice a year. She has written three books regarding area history, writes for the Santa Barbara Historical Museum journal *Noticias*, and lectures occasionally at various local venues.

Michael Beresford, Hattie's husband and a Southern California boy, was born in Los Angeles and brought up in Manhattan Beach, where he attended Mira Costa High School and loved to play beach volleyball. He too attended and graduated college at UCSB. He was the star volleyball coach at Dos Pueblos High School for twenty years, leading the men's volleyball team to the CIF finals in all but one year, an amazing accomplishment! In 2009 he was inducted into the "Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Athletic Hall of Fame." He was also instrumental in starting the men's volleyball program at UCSB. However, Mike's proudest accomplishments were assisting thirty-two boy and girl players in obtaining college scholarships over the years. He retired in 2002 and now enjoys staying out of the sand when he plays golf, also enjoying biking and hiking, and traveling with Hattie. Michael has two sons from a previous marriage, one living outside Boise and the other in Palm Desert, and he and Hattie both enjoy visiting their two grandchildren.

Hattie and Michael's local homestead, situated on La Vista Grande, was built in 1953 when the neighborhood was called the Ashley Tract, and purchased by them in 1975. They love this neighborhood and Michael loves to haunt the little lending libraries that are curbside at some homes in the EH neighborhood, saying he hasn't had to go to the public library



in years. They tell a fun story of a friend who placed pink flamingos in their dirt front yard while they were re-landscaping. Soon holiday clothing appeared on the flamingos from Lois Whittaker who once lived across the street. They purchased a set of pink flamingos and playfully placed them in Lois' yard late one night, and a neighborhood tradition was begun.

Their love for travel and biking has taken them all over the world to places like Holland, France, Romania, Italy, and Patagonia. They also like to kayak, hike, and camp. They are voracious readers, as is evident by the prodigious bookshelves in their living room full of books. And I would bet a fair number are nonfiction history—just a guess. —Sue Burk

WILDFIRE PREVENTION UPDATE

We are planning to bring in Ventura Brush Goats to graze in the canyon bordered by Rametto Road, Cima Linda Lane, Owen Road, and Alston Road sometime in mid- to late April and early to mid-May, depending on conditions. In February, we also worked with SureFire Training and they took down a few large Eucalyptus trees in this same canyon. We are hopeful we can continue this partnership.

Neighbors have also been working in this canyon, independently, to have trees removed to mitigate dangers on their properties and in consideration of the safety of their neighbors. This has also occurred in the canyon along Eucalyptus Hill Road where the sheep and goats grazed last year. We commend our neighbors for their consideration of others and the greater safety of our neighborhood! We cannot thank you enough for being responsible neighbors as we recognize this is a very expensive effort and it takes all of us working together to insure the wildfire prevention of our neighborhood. **Thank you!** —Loy Beardsmore

WHAT IS AN EHIA BLOCK CAPTAIN OR BLOCK VOLUNTEER?

They are one of your neighbors who has graciously volunteered to get to know their neighbors, gather contact information for emergency communication purposes, and connect with their neighbors to learn about those with helpful skills, tools/equipment, special needs, and possibly be there for the neighborhood during a disaster.

All neighbors need to understand that our volunteers are responsible for themselves first, their families, and then, *if willing and able*, they will help others. *They are not first responders*. All residents need to understand that our volunteers will do what they can to help neighbors, but each household needs to have robust plans to respond to wildfire and earthquakes.

Our goal is to help our small community be self-sufficient during disasters when first responders are overwhelmed. Many of our volunteers are radio carriers who have two-way radios, and we practice monthly to make sure the radios are functioning correctly and everyone is familiar with their use. We developed this radio network in case we should lose landlines or cell service, so that we could still communicate information during a disaster. We also use them during high wind events, storms, Red Flag Alert warnings, and to communicate any concerns in the neighborhood. Please check out the block volunteers on your street in this newsletter. If we don't have one listed, and you're interested, and would like to join our team, we'd love to have you!
—Loy Beardsmore

IT'S A GOOD TIME TO STEP UP!

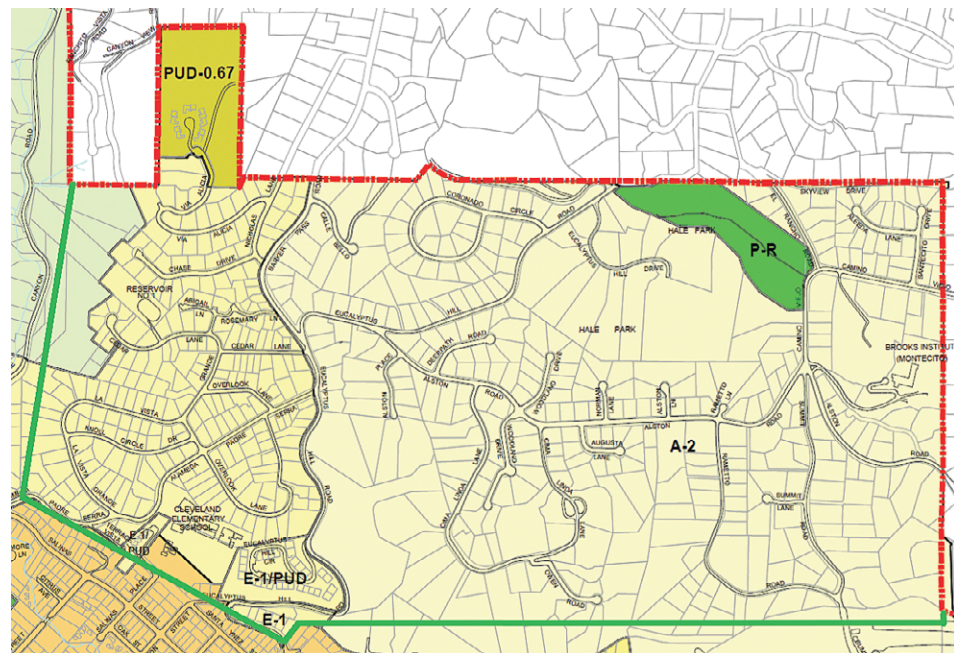
Cleveland School is looking for a few volunteers to be **"Reading Buddies"** with lower grade students (K–2nd grade). You would be reading books with one to two students and enjoying some dialogue about what you are reading. We would need these volunteers at least once a week, Monday through Friday, from 9–11 a.m., on a consistent schedule.

We also need a couple of volunteers to help process and sort books in the library for the next couple of months. We have a large order of books that need to get in the hands of students and it takes a lot of man-hours to get that done.

Please contact:
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EHIA MAP



PACASO FRACTIONAL HOME OWNERSHIP

You may be aware of a growing home buying company called Pacaso. It is managed fractional ownership, similar to a timeshare, but the owners actually hold title to a fractional share of real estate. Pacaso creates an LLC for each home, they find and vet the co-owners, take care of the sale, and maintain the property.

Some US cities are re crafting and

redefining their city ordinances to prohibit the Pacaso time share model, as they don't believe the current ordinances are sufficient to prohibit the Pacaso model. This has been brought to the attention of the Santa Barbara City Attorney's office. Currently they are observing what other cities are doing with impending litigation, which could take years to resolve. If this

is something you are concerned about, we encourage you to contact our District 4 representative, Kristen Sneddon (ksneddon@santabarabaraca.gov), as well as Mayor Randy Rowse (www.santabarabaraca.gov/contact/council/rowse/default.asp)

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 forty-seven 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 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.

Name(s)

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email(s)

Comments or suggestions

UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES

The board of the Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association is often asked about undergrounding utilities. Undergrounding increases property values, especially when poles, wires, and transformers interfere with a prominent view. It's also very much a safety issue impacting wildfire risk if power lines come down during storms. Since it is usually difficult to gather numerous neighbors to agree to participate financially, smaller projects stand a much high chance of succeeding.

As an example, seven years ago, in the EHIA neighborhood, five neighbors cooperated to underground approximately 800 feet of lines and seven poles, including one transformer. The cost was approximately \$240,000. Since then, those costs have dramatically increased. The cost of projects can vary greatly, depending on the distance, number of poles, number of utilities (electric, cable, phone), number of transformers, and number of addresses (meters). In 2017, SCE estimated the fees for undergrounding utilities to cost at least \$3 million per mile.

There are also drawbacks for undergrounding. The lines cannot be visually inspected, repairs or maintenance require more time to perform, and all of this can lead to higher customer rates. Also, there may still be poles and wires serving the telecommunications industry regardless of the power lines being undergrounded.

A project such as this is exorbitantly expensive and not all neighbors have the resources or the desire to take on the expense. While this is perhaps a worthy project, it is just not one that board members of the EHIA can take on. We encourage you to consult with your neighbors, should all of you choose to take on a project such as this in your area of the neighborhood.

—Loy Beardsmore

PREPPING GO-KITS

Assemble your go-kits before a wildfire or other disaster occurs, and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you need to evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. **Each person in your household should have a readily accessible go-kit and keep a spare for visitors.** Backpacks work great for storing these items and are easy to carry when you leave. Keep it light enough to be able to carry on foot, if needed.

Go-Kit Checklist

- A sturdy pair of shoes (preferably boots) and a spare flashlight near your bed and handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night
- Long sleeve shirt, long pants, cotton (all should be cotton or wool, bright colors are best)
- Leather work gloves
- Full coverage goggles
- N95 masks
- Map marked with at least two evacuation routes (if possible)
- Prescription medication (ask your doctor for a multi-day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- Filled water bottle/bottles
- A small supply of energy food
- Spare chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash, or traveler's checks
- First aid kit (compact)
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Spare batteries for flashlights, headlamp, and radio
- Sanitation supplies (toilet paper, feminine hygiene, baby wipes/diapers, etc.)
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- Pet supplies: carriers for each pet, leashes, food and water



Things to Take if Time Allows

- Easily carried valuables
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person
- Family photos and other small, irreplaceable items
- Personal computer information on hard drives and disks (off-site or cloud/online backup is best)



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