

# Hollywood Park Herald

Fall 2012 Vol. 4

Newsletter



*Celebrate the Season and  
Hollywood Park  
with us!*

H.P.N.A.

## Holiday Social & General Meeting

Wednesday, December 5th, 2012

6:00 p.m. Social & Refreshments

6:30-8:00 p.m. Meeting & Board Elections

Hollywood Park Elementary School Multipurpose Room

Donations of school supplies are appreciated.

(Small items such as fancy pencils, coloring books or spiral notebooks)

Sharing Table: Hollywood Park Neighborhood Produce Exchange

Please bring seasonal produce from your gardens to exchange.

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gift certificate you purchase that day. A great holiday gift idea. Hollywood Hardware also offers a 25% discount, which is good for any one item in the store. You will need to show this newsletter at both places to get these very special offers.

Happy holiday shopping!

Community Support Day at

Hollywood Hardware and Crawford's Books

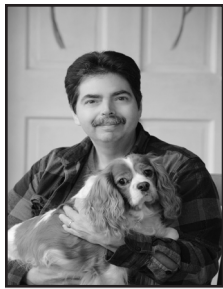
This holiday season the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association will have a Community Support Day on Saturday, December 8, featuring two of our favorite longtime neighborhood stores -

**Hollywood Hardware and Crawford's Books.** They're conveniently located right next to each other so you will not have to drive from one to the other. Crawford's Books

offers you a 25% discount on any



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## Words from the Prez! Matt Bistis

### A President's Year in Review

As I was cutting our lawn yesterday I heard (electric mower was quiet enough) our neighbor, Judy, call my name. She offered some eggs from her hens and handed them to me over the fence. This seemingly simple act of kindness struck me profoundly. It was part of a vision I spoke of the first time I ever addressed the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association years ago.

I voiced a wish for more community events and communication. I hoped for the opportunity to help people share goods & services locally within our area. I already knew there were things like this going on, but wanted HPNA to help lead a more active role for increased participation, especially for newcomers to HP. I'm happy to see this flourish more as each year goes by.

There is an abundance of food growing here that often goes to waste. John and Christina Maradik-Symkowic attended a board meeting one day and volunteered to start a food exchange program to help neighbors share their bounties. It has grown and now every HPNA event has a table with seasonal goods being shared. I wonder what will be at our annual Holiday Social this year?

We're about to hold our 2nd Community Support Day this year. John Reiger deserves the most credit for events like this. It is a "spin-off" of the successful Business Membership program, which he has built almost single-handedly.

Chantel Elder, Karla Fung, Jon Sevier, & Ben Anders have all worked on great projects to help HPNA reach out to communicate with the membership; which grew this year after slipping in 2011. New ways to keep in touch are paying off.

Since I've already mentioned 5 Board Directors, I can't help thinking of how much Becky McReynolds, Pat Pederson, & Irene Wilson (and OK, me too) have contributed towards a successful and rewarding 2012. Everyone also worked hard to host HPNA's first Movie Night.

That said, we be holding elections for two open HPNA Director positions at the Holiday Social/General Meeting. Please consider yourself and/or encourage others to run for the Board. The meetings are often as fun as the events!

By the way, breakfast was *eggsellent* this morning and once again, I was reminded of the wonderful feeling of "community" in Hollywood Park. See you at the Social.

Thanks, Matt

### Happy Holidays, Hollywood Park knitters!

And crocheters too! Join your neighbors for a knit/craft social every month or two. Crafty neighbors took turns hosting visits in July, August and October, and had a great time getting to know more about each other, yarn arts, and the neighborhood! With winter almost here, it's a comfort to spend time with friends and neighbors in our cozy homes, crafting warmth and holiday fun. We'd like to get together in early December; if you'd like to join us, please contact Catherine Rushworth at [cat.rush@yahoo.com](mailto:cat.rush@yahoo.com) or 454-4694.

## MEGA YARD SALE UPDATE!

### The 10th Annual Hollywood Park Mega Yard Sale appeared to be successful and fun again this year!

We had 42 families sign up and quite a few people sent in their advertising donations- Thank you! From telescopes to shower stalls, the variety and sheer number of items was enough to impress even the "hard core garage salers"- certainly there was something for everyone. As for those treasures that didn't seem to find a new home, how convenient was it that our new business neighbor, The Goodwill, was right here to help with quick and easy clean up as well as a tax deduction?!

In an attempt to be more "green" and appeal to the technology savvy, we published the map using Google Earth this year and emailed it to the participants, as well as attached it to online advertising. Your feedback was heard and appreciated!

I hope you all feel that wonderful sense of peace and accomplishment that comes from cleaning out your closets and garages and have an extra bit of pocket change for the coming Holiday Season!

- Heather Magee



Neighborhood  
Improvement Committee

**WE NEED YOUR  
HELP!!!**

The holiday season is a busy time for us and I want to thank all of our volunteers who climb those ladders in the wind and rain to hang the red bows on our lamp posts year after year. Unfortunately, our crew is shrinking and we need help. Volunteers usually decorate their street only, so some streets may not have bows this year. If you want to join the team and help, please call Irene Wilson at 455-1253 or email [iwilson@netzero.com](mailto:iwilson@netzero.com).

## Garden Light

By Valeriejeanne Anderson

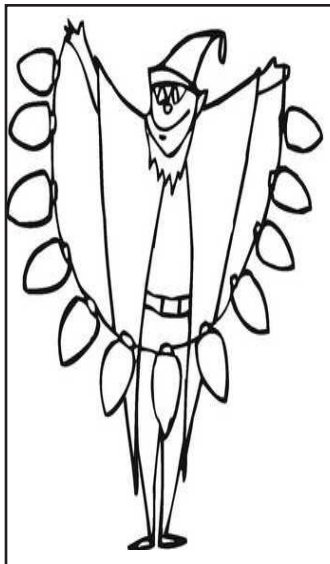
My spring bulbs are already up, and camellia buds are fattening for full flower. But just when I decided winter was not returning, here it comes. Cold winds are bringing down the fall leaves, and the compost pile is growing. Good, as I need more compost to protect the soil around tender plants from chills. It is also easier to do the heavy garden work when it is cooler. I think it is Mother Nature's way of encouraging us to assist her through the winter. Still I wonder, will the confused spring bulbs flower in spring?

The lawn has its winter feeding, waiting for the rains to work those nutrients into the soil. The last of the spring bulbs are in the ground, the summer corms lifted and stored for next spring and the watering controls are reset for winter. The seedlings for winter vegetables are ready to transplant into the garden. I do hope I can keep the snails away long enough to harvest home-grown lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and chard. We shall see how leftover beer works. I was unsuccessful in getting the almonds and pecans from my trees before the squirrels. Impatient little critters do not even wait for maturity; just munch them off while still green.

It is time to finish pruning fruit trees and working the beds up to add manure and wait for spring. If you had leaf curl on your pitted fruit trees last year, spray with lime sulfur or fixed copper spray. Sprays absorb best right after a rainfall. These jobs keep them warm in the morning chill, and pay off next spring when our gardens are easy to work and our fruit trees are filled with fruit. While trimming, think about winter decorations. Use vine trimmings as a base for wreaths, bows for swags on the porch, and sticks as markers in the garden or an impromptu trellis.

After cleanup, look around for areas that can use temporary spring color – especially from a window on a rainy day. That is a perfect spot for wildflower seed. We all can use a bright unexpected spot of color in the spring. Rake the soil loose and sprinkle seed over the area. The rains will do the rest in the best outcome, or you may need to assist the spot with a sprinkle of water or two until the seeds sprout. I love wildflower seed, as we never know what will come up – it is like Mother Nature's grab-bag. I am still annually replanting Gloriosa Daisy from a packet eight years ago.

Happy Gardening!



## The House Decorating Contest...

is on again this year!

Three lucky winners are due to receive a \$10 gift certificate from a local merchant.

Previous winners are not eligible to win again.

Have your house decorated by Sunday, December 16th to be judged in the contest.

Happy decorating!

## Wally's Gate by Wally



Can you believe we're talking about cold weather - it was just 80 degrees last week! I don't know about you, but my joints ache a little in this cold

weather. Thank God for doggie anti-inflammatories! Since we're talking about the weather change, I want to remind you to bring your pets in at night. We might have a coat, but it doesn't help much when the temps get down in the low 30's at night. Please make us a spot out of the elements where we can warm our bones and stay dry. I also know there are some homeless kitties in our hood. My mom found that an inexpensive option is a plastic storage bin you can buy at Target. Cut a hole in both ends (because cats like an escape route), keep the lid on for easy cleaning, add some newspaper, a blanket and Voile! A warm spot for a homeless kitty. By the way, making sure these cats are spayed and neutered is a good idea, too. There are cheap programs available through the City, SPCA and Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC). Check the websites for Spay and Neuter Days along with Trap and Release Programs. Although we love them, we don't want kittens in the spring. There are too many that die everyday at our shelters.

Also, we have had some lost dogs in the neighborhood lately, all of which had no identification. Some unfortunate news is that another cat was killed on Irvin Way by two of them. PLEASE get your dogs/cats collars and tags and use them! Consider getting us chipped! A chip will cost about \$35 and ensures our best chance to return home! Ask your vet. We deserve it.

Thank you for taking care of us!  
We appreciate the warmth during these damp and cold winter months.

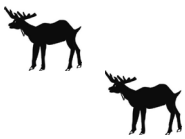
Happy Holidays. Woof!



Wally







# TEN BUCKS!

## Just Ten Bucks

to join the

Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association for 2013!!!



If you're new to our neighborhood or long time resident, we would love your help and support! Our membership grew a bit last year enabling us to do a few more events and improvements, but we could do MORE with your help.

If you are not familiar with our association, please come check us out at the General Meeting & Holiday Social on

**Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.** to find out more about who we are.

If you are interested in getting involved, we will be voting to elect new board members at our December meeting. All are welcome to run.

If a smaller role is what you are looking for, we have several committees where your ideas and hands would be appreciated!

Join us in making good things happen within our community!

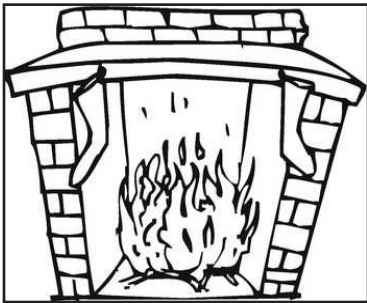
Dues are \$10 per household, individual or family per calendar year. Please make a check payable to HPNA and bring it to our general meeting or send it to PO Box 22278, Sacramento, CA. 95822

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Pay by Paypal coming soon!!! Ask about how to pay online at our general meeting.

## Have you had your chimney & fireplace inspected?

By Artemio Armenta



The cold fall and winter temperatures are upon us. Folks throughout Hollywood Park have already begun grabbing extra blankets and turning up the heat in their homes to stay cozy this season.

For some residents this means increasing the temperature setting on the thermostat. Others stay warm by burning firewood – smelled throughout Hollywood Park.

Certainly, these cold months can be dangerous, even deadly, if folks do not properly maintain their wood and gas-burning chimneys.

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. The numbers are higher in our immediate area given that many houses built in our neighborhood, including Curtis Park, Land Park, and South Land

Park, have wood-burning chimneys.

“Every year fire crews respond to house fires in our community that take place due to a lack of fireplace maintenance,” warned Niko King, Sacramento Fire Department assistant chief. “These fires often cause property damage and put lives at risk. With appropriate annual cleaning and maintenance of chimneys, these risks can easily be reduced,” says King.

Staying safe this winter means taking the right approach in terms of heating maintenance. According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Almost half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

Here are simple steps that can prevent most heating-related fires:

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Find a chimney sweep that is certified by either the National Chimney Sweep Guild, [www.ncsg.org](http://www.ncsg.org), or the Chimney Safety Institute of America, [www.csia.org](http://www.csia.org).
- Make sure your gas burning appliances, such as gas fireplace and heaters, are in good shape and burn clean. Carbon Monoxide, caused by poor burning conditions can easily kill you! If you think any of your gas burning appliances are not working right, contact PG&E and they will send someone out to check it.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire because it ensures that the fire receives enough air for complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container, which should be kept a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly. (Just a reminder that “fall back” time change is a good time to change your smoke detector batteries).

If you smell natural gas, leave the area immediately and then call 9-1-1 and PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.



## Our Changing Business Environment

By John C. Reiger  
Business Committee

Good bye Ford's Hamburgers. Hello Burgess Brothers Burgers on Sutterville next to KFC. We miss Ford's (often voted the best burger place in town) but, it's nice to see another brave business start-up in our neighborhood.

And, a big HELLO to the new Panama Pottery. Yes, you read this correctly. Panama Pottery is back, under new ownership, and with a new mission to bring in more artistic, fun, and funky pots and accessories. Please stop in and wish the new owner (Maria) success, and while you are there help insure that success by buying something for the holidays.

Two longtime businesses are the focus of our next **Community Support Day: Hollywood Hardware and Crawford's Books on Saturday, December 8**. Both stores offer special deals to our readers on that day, and both have great holiday gift options. See the "Community Support Day" article in this newsletter for details. Crawford's Books has been part of our neighborhood since 1988. They are a general stock bookstore but specialize in mysteries, cook books, and military books. Their children's book section is always looking for more gently used books - consider passing on those no-longer-needed kids' books. Gift certificates and books on CDs make fine gifts. What can be said about the great Hollywood Hardware that hasn't been better said before? As many of us know, if you need it, they have it! But don't forget their always interesting housewares and gifts area - turn left as you go through the door for some intriguing holiday ideas.

Rumor has it: Raley's will build a new store on the Capitol Nursery lot. What will happen to the current store.....?

Other new Business Members: IB Custom (on Sutterville) can fix you up with a new stereo system for your car, and also installs car alarms. And, if you need some handyman help or remodeling give John Gidding - J.P. Remodeling - a call (see his ad). He is new to HPNA, but not new to the handyman business.

The business climate, locally and nationally, can only be described as dismal, but most of our local stores and businesses are alive and offering you the products and services you need without wasting your gas and your drive time. Shop locally during the holidays and be good to yourself, our local businesses, the environment, and our neighborhood.

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**HPNA General Meeting & Holiday Social**  
Wednesday, December 5th  
6:00 p.m. Social and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Meeting and HPNA Board Elections  
**Community Support Day**  
Saturday, December 8th  
Crawford's Books & Hollywood Hardware  
See article on front page for details  
**Holiday Lamp Post Decorating**  
Saturday, December 8th  
Holiday Bow Pick-up 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Irene Wilson's house, 2107 Stover Way  
**Holiday House Decorating Contest**  
Sunday, December 16th  
See article for details

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## Local Community Events

**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
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Sunday, January 27th, 4:00 p.m.  
Dr. Ryan Enright will perform an organ concert.  
\$10 donation, child care provided  
**Centennial United Methodist Church**  
5401 Freeport Blvd. 452-4477  
Sunday, December 9th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Advent Celebration, games, food, Bible stories.  
Everyone Welcome!  
**St. Robert Catholic Church**  
2243 Irvin Way, 451-1475  
Saturday, January 5th  
9th Annual Crab and Shrimp Feed,  
7:00 p.m. - midnight,  
Dinner, raffle and dancing, \$40/person and  
everyone is welcome. Call Ed Rogala at 456-6768  
for tickets or information  
**Sacramento Zoo**  
3930 West Land Park Drive  
Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Holiday Magic**  
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holiday goodies. Bring a new unwrapped  
toy for Toys for Tots and receive \$1 off admission.

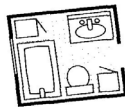
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## Something For Everyone

Our Ice Cream  
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Night soared to  
great heights this  
year and every-  
one agreed it was

the best ever. We moved it from June to September and also  
found a new location, Leonardo daVinci School. Many  
neighbors became members that day and enjoyed hot dogs,  
salads, chips, watermelon, drinks and ice cream for the

member price of \$2.00. Then on to the Bingo game, which had everyone paying  
close attention to their cards hoping to win many fun and fancy prizes. The Sharing  
Table was piled high with fresh produce, flower bulbs, and  
plants from neighbors' gardens. These were available for anyone who wanted them.  
Thank you everyone for sharing the bounty.

The grand finale of the evening was the much anticipated movie, The Lorax.  
Jay Schenirer, our City Councilman, sponsored the movie, which was shown on a  
forty foot high blow up screen on the soccer field at LdV. Over 100 neighbors gath-  
ered on blankets and chairs and munched on popcorn donated by Sacramento City  
School Board member, Patrick Kennedy.

A big thank you to Jay and Patrick!

Also, thank you to the HPNA Board of Directors who host this event every year.  
It was a great ending to a wonderful summer here in Hollywood Park.

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