

HOLLYWOOD PARK HERALD

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By Lauren Sneed

Preparing For A Megaflood

On August 19th, 2022, The Sacramento Bee released an article entitled "CA is at risk of a megaflood. Are Central Valley communities prepared for it?"

Hang on...did I read that correctly?! A MEGAFLOOD?! What the heck is that?! Apparently, it's "a very severe flood event across a broad region that has the potential to bring catastrophic impacts to society in the areas affected."

I did A TON of research (see sources below), and it turns out that California is indeed at risk for a megaflood sometime in the next 40 years. And Sacramento is one of the cities most likely to be impacted. YIKES!!

Reading about the megaflood got me wondering; how CAN we best prepare for an event like this? After reading numerous articles and talking with friends and neighbors, here's what I've come up with...

1. Have an evacuation plan: If you knew that a megaflood was going to hit within the next 2-3 days, where would you go? Are there flood shelters nearby? How would you get there? Who would you plan to meet up with? What would you bring? Be sure that everyone in your family and/or that lives in your home is aware of the plan.

2. Connect with your neighbors: The biggest resource we have is each other! Do you have an elderly neighbor that can't drive? How might you support them in an event like this? Who has a generator? A cabin on higher ground? Gear you could share? Start talking to your neighbors and include them in your plan.

3. Create an emergency "to go" bag: This bag should be easy to locate and filled with essentials (first aid, clothes, copies of important documents, batteries, a few days of food, water, whiskey...YES WHISKEY! Ok fine, maybe something with electrolytes like coconut water, and a deck of cards. Essential.) (Continued on Pg. 4)

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SAVE THE DATE!

HPNA Community Holiday Social & Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Social starts at 6 p.m. – Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Hollywood Park Elementary School

(Multi-Purpose Room) – 4915 Harte Way

? Enjoy holiday refreshments, music and mingle with neighbors.

? Everyone will receive a ticket for a chance to win several gift cards donated by neighborhood businesses. Drawings will take place throughout the evening.

? **HPNA Business:** a) President, Lynn Humphries, shall provide a written and oral annual report on the state of the HPNA for the previous 12 months. b) Treasurer, Debbie Keller, shall provide a written and oral financial report; c) Election of the 2023 HPNA Board.

? **Speaker:** Leslie Mancebo, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Sacramento, Department of Public Works, will provide an update on the Freeport Blvd Project.

? **Speaker:** Captain Dan Monk of Sacramento Police Department will provide safety tips during the holidays. Also, there will be a Q & A forum. If you have a specific question that you would like answered, submit your question in advance to info@hollywoodpark95822.org.

? **More Details to Come Soon!**

Message from the HPNA Board

It has been a busy year for the Board! After a hiatus due to Covid we were able to host in-person events including two Community Meetings, the Ice Cream Social and participated in National Night Out at Centennial United Methodist Church. We look forward to welcoming all of you back to more in-person events in the future!

The HPNA Board sincerely thanks the following neighbors (in no particular order) for all their help this year:

- Victor Vasquez for help with newsletter printing/coordination
- Anthony Skelton for expertise in maintaining the HPNA website
- St. Robert Church for the use of their facilities
- Centennial United Methodist Church for use of their facilities
- Hollywood Park Elementary for years of storage of HPNA materials and opening the school for HPNA's use for future events
- Pearl Skelton for her talent designing the HPNA newsletter
- Patty Turner for coordinating the neighborhood garage sale
- Former 2022 Board members, Jannelle Rattigan, Jeff Lidicker, Ralph McDaniel, and Molly Castro for all their work this year for HPNA.
- The many volunteers who distribute a total of 1600 HPNA newsletters to the neighborhood four (4) times a year.
- All the advertisers and business members who support HPNA.
- All the HPNA members for your continued support!

Join the HPNA Board!

At the Community Meeting and Holiday Social scheduled for December 7, 2022, elections will be held to select six (6) people to serve on the HPNA Board of Directors. Two (2) of the incumbents will be seeking re-election for an additional 2-year term, but anyone is welcome to become a candidate for the six (6) open positions. One (1) of the six (6) positions is for a 1-year term and the five (5) remaining positions are for 2-year terms. We would be thrilled to welcome more Hollywood Park neighbors as board members who will bring their own ideas and energy to the HPNA Board.

The core duties of each member of the HPNA Board are: attend board meetings once a month and quarterly membership meetings and help plan/host neighborhood events throughout the year as needed. Being on the HPNA Board is a great way to serve your community, be involved and develop friendships with a fantastic group of neighbors. No experience necessary!

Individuals interested in running for the Board, please contact Lynn Humphries at lyn Humphries@aol.com no later than Friday, December 2, 2022 and provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in being on the HPNA Board.



The Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) has been working to improve our neighborhood since 2001. We are active in monitoring local and county government projects, enjoy hosting annual neighborhood events and sharing neighborhood news.

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Hollywood Park Herald **Editor:** Chris Noey

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Events are tentative and dates are subject to change. For more details visit the HPNA website at www.hollywoodpark95822.org.

December

7: Holiday Social

8: HPNA Board Meeting

17-22: Decorating Contest

22: Caroling

January

12: HPNA Board Meeting

February

9: HPNA Board Meeting

March

9: HPNA Board Meeting

15: Community Meeting

April

13: HPNA Board Meeting

May

11: HPNA Board Meeting

June

8: HPNA Board Meeting

9: Ice Cream Social

21: Community Meeting

July

4: 4th of July Parade*

13: HPNA Board Meeting

August

10: HPNA Board Meeting

September

14: HPNA Board Meeting

20: Community Meeting

29: Ice Cream Social & Movie Night

October

7: Mega Yard Sale*

12: HPNA Board Meeting

26-29: Halloween Decorating Contest Judging

November

9: HPNA Board Meeting

*Neighborhood event, not sponsored by HPNA

MEET YOUR HPNA BOARD

Featuring Debbie Frayne Keller




Living in Sacramento her entire life, Debbie grew up in Land Park behind Dooley Field and Holy Spirit Parish School. She attended Holy Spirit Parish School and Bishop Manogue High School.

Debbie's father was born in Sacramento, grew up in Oak Park and was the eldest of two children. Debbie's mother was born in Yuba City, moved to Sacramento when she was a child and was an only child. Her parents worked together at the trial lawyers association for the state for decades. Her father was the executive director/lobbyist for the association and, he subsequently, lobbied for various sheriffs' associations and probation departments statewide. Her mother worked at the association as the executive assistant/office manager. Debbie was the eldest of her two siblings.

During high school, Debbie worked various part-time jobs at law firms in the downtown area. In her senior year, while working at a law firm, Debbie was offered a part-time job by her boss to also work for the trial lawyers association of Sacramento for which he was president during that time. In 1998, she was promoted as executive director and is still employed part-time by the association. Also, Debbie works part-time as a paralegal for family law attorney and has worked in this area of law for the last 30 years.

Debbie Keller moved to Hollywood Park in 1992. (Continued on Pg. 8)



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

(Continued from Pg. 1) **4. Plan for your pets:** From dogs to cats to chickens in the backyard and beyond, we love our pets here in Sacramento. So how can we make sure they are taken care of in the event of a flood? Can they come with us if we evacuate? If not, is there a way to elevate and supply them with enough food and water to be OK for a week or more?

5. Keep your tank full & car stocked: From the minute the rainy season begins in the Fall until it ends in the Spring, make sure that your car always has at least ½ a tank of gas, a few extra gallons of water, healthy(ish) snacks and a change of warm clothes.

6. Store sentimental items & important docs up high: Consolidate your sentimental belongings and important documents. Store them high off the ground. That way you can easily grab them when you leave and/or have them high enough that water may not reach them if your house gets flooded.

7. Prep your home: a. Clear debris from your roof/ gutters/ land, b. Move or elevate your furniture (at least 4 feet off the ground), c. Turn off your utilities before you leave home

8. Turn Around Don't Drown®: Experts advise that you avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Apparently just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away. Take this seriously.

9. Research flood insurance: Does your insurance company carry flood insurance? If so, how much is it? Is it worth the peace of mind to just get the dang flood insurance and be done with it?

10. Take the warnings seriously: Most experts agree that we should have a 2-3 day warning before a megaflood hits our area. If the city or state says a megaflood is coming, believe them! Put

your plan into action right away...especially before highways get clogged and driving becomes impossible.

The idea of a megaflood hitting our neighborhood is terrifying, but if we come together as a community to prepare as best we can, perhaps we can minimize the devastating impact of a catastrophe like this. Food for thought!

Sources: American Red Cross Flood Safety: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/flood.html>, City of Sacramento: How You Can Prepare For Flooding: [https://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/drainage/flood-ready/Your-Flood-Prep-New-\(Megaflood\)-Study-From-Daniel-Swain-and-Xingying-Huang-of-UCLA](https://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/drainage/flood-ready/Your-Flood-Prep-New-(Megaflood)-Study-From-Daniel-Swain-and-Xingying-Huang-of-UCLA): <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/climate-change-makes-catastrophic-flood-twice-as-likely>, The Sacramento Bee : <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article264571831.html>, Turn Around Don't Drown®: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood-turn-around-dont-drown> BIO: Lauren Snead is a local Hollywood Park resident, a proud parent and a small business owner with a survivalist streak. Please visit her website at www.laurensnead.love to learn more.

The CommuniTree Corner Planting Day in Hollywood Park + Carlton Tract

By Irene Wilson

CommuniTree Committee and Sacramento Tree Foundation hosted our 5th annual Tree Planting Day on Saturday, October 29th. We welcomed 35 eager volunteers to plant 27 new shade trees in our neighborhood. City Councilmember Jay Schenirer, County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy and SMUD Director Dave Tamayo greeted them while we all enjoyed donuts and coffee. After planting the trees, the teams returned to LDV for a pizza lunch. We greatly appreciate the donations of pizza from Jannelle Rattigan and coffee from Starbucks on Sutterville Road.

Since 1990 SMUD and Sacramento Tree Foundation (STF) have worked together to bring over half a million trees to our region. Their long term objective was to create a healthy urban forest which can reduce summer temperatures, improve air quality and enhance quality of life. CommuniTree and STF have planted 174 trees on Planting Days since 2018. Residents also planted an additional 223 free shade trees during the same time period. Great job everyone! Keep on planting. If you missed out on Planting Day, you can still receive a FREE tree to plant this year. Call 916-924-8733 or go to: Sactree.com/shadetrees.

Newly planted trees need to be watered 2-3 times a week totaling 10-15 gallons per week. Drilling a small hole in a five gallon bucket, filling it up with water and allowing the water to drip out works very well. A slow drip from your garden hose for several hours works well also. Spreading wood chip mulch in a 4 foot area around the trunk, 4 inches from the trunk and six inches deep keeps the soil moist longer. We are still in a drought and some of our mature trees died this year due to lack of watering. Deep



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soaking at the drip line twice a month and mulching with wood chips is usually sufficient to keep them healthy. **If you have any questions about the CommuniTree Project, please contact: Irene Wilson, 916-455-1253, eyerene625@gmail.com**

Note: Planting of trees as part of Sacramento Tree Foundation/CommuniTree events in our neighborhood is not sponsored by HPNA.

Sac County Office of Education

By Bina Lefkovitz Trustee Area 1, Sac County Board of Ed

I recently met a mother from Grante Bay whose son Zack, died of a fentanyl overdose. This young man was a star pupil, a successful athlete and had a bright future in front of him. His parents found him dead in his bed and learned that he had taken only one pill of fentanyl thinking it was Percocet. His parents had no clue Zack was buying sleeping pills that were not from a pharmacy. His family is now on a mission to share his story and make sure other young people do not die. They are partnering with the County's "Pills can Kill" initiative. Fentanyl poisoning is the leading cause of death for adults aged 18-45 in the United States, surpassing suicide, gun violence and car accidents. Fentanyl has been found in virtually all street drugs today. Illicit fentanyl is highly addictive and can cause sudden death. Sacramento County Office of Education offers drug and alcohol prevention training, positive alternatives to drug use through Club Live youth programs. Students have created media and marketing materials including billboards, social media, community events to increase awareness of the impacts of drugs and alcohol and reduce/prevent use. Parents, please talk to your students about this dangerous drug. Resource links: <http://1pillcankillsac.com/> and <https://www.songforcharlie.org/>.



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Goodbye from Jay

From the Office of District 5 City Councilmember Jay Schenirer

Dear Hollywood Park,

As many of you already know, in 2022 I am retiring from elected office. After 12 years of service on the City Council, I am able to take a step back and soak in the wonderful moments that have taken place. Of course, so many of those happened in Hollywood Park. From summer movie nights to the many dis-cussions with neighbors on how to make Hollywood Park a better and safer place to live, I can say Hollywood Park holds a special place in my heart. I'd like to thank the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association for the many years of support and involvement in our communities. While there is still a lot of work to be done, we took many steps forward, and none of those would have been possible without you.



Councilmember Jay Schenirer

While I will not be on the City Council, I am excited to watch Hollywood Park continue to progress and grow as a diverse community.

Thank you,

Jay



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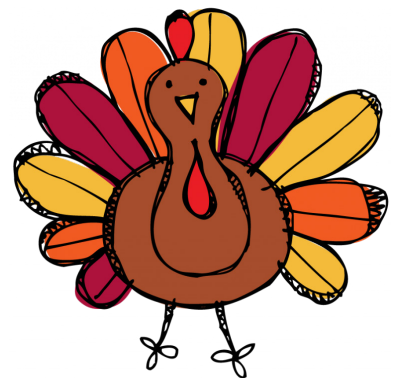
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(Continued from Pg. 3) Debbie was on the HPNA Board from 2002 to 2009 and returned to the Board 3 years ago and was appointed as treasurer.

Debbie has a daughter who is 23 years old who will be attending Cal Poly Humboldt next fall to obtain her Bachelor's degree in zoology after acquiring her AA in Interdisciplinary Studies: Math and Science and an AA in Interdisciplinary Studies: Social and Behavioral Science at Sac City College.

Debbie and her daughter have a love for animals and have rescued many. Debbie enjoys golfing, biking, gardening and home re-decorating. She loves living in Hollywood Park, has made several friendships, looks forward to meeting more neighbors and enjoys being on the HPNA Board.

Joy and Giving at Crawford's Books

Crawford's Books (5301 Freeport Blvd #200) is gearing up to help make everyone's holiday joyful. Looking for a place to donate new toys and books? We are partnering with Toys from Aiya-na to collect toys for UC Davis and Sutter Memorial Pediatric Units. We are also partnering with Operation Paperback to collect and ship books to children whose parents are in the military. Also, join us on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26 as we kick off the holiday season with our fellow independent bookstores for a Holiday Book Tour. More information to follow on our website and social media. Check out store improvements while you are here!

St. Robert Catholic School Open House

All who are interested should attend an Open House on January 29th, 11am-1pm, Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact Anthony Jackson, Interim Principal at ajackson@strobertschool.org for more information.

Fall Community Meeting

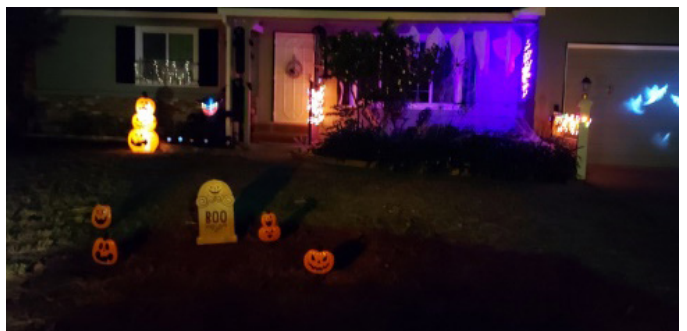
We were lucky on September 21st to be joined at our community meeting by a number of interesting guest speakers including a SMUD Board Member and both District 5 Councilperson candidates. We had neighbors out both young and old to ask great questions and socialize with others before and after. Please join for our upcoming Holiday Social!



Halloween Decorating Contest

By Judges Lynn Humphries, Debbie Keller and Kathleen Spitzer

We had a wonderful time driving around Hollywood Park looking at all the fabulous decorated Halloween houses. There are amazingly creative neighbors in Hollywood Park who provided us with many spectacular displays. As a result, it was a difficult decision to select just three winners. We finally narrowed it to the three families listed below, in no particular order: Lawler-Morris family on 23rd (1st Pic) and Joaquin Skelton Family on Fegan (2nd) and Meer Ruiz Family on Meer and Larson (3rd). Congratulations!



Holiday House Decorating Contest

HPNA is sponsoring its annual Holiday House decorating contest again this year! Three (3) winners will receive a \$20 gift card to a neighborhood business for best decorated houses in the neighborhood. Everyone is eligible to win! Judging will take place between December 17th and December 22nd. To participate, make sure your house is decorated and lights are on by December 17th. Let's light up Hollywood Park & Carleton Tract like never before!