

# HOLLYWOOD PARK HERALD

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 7th | 6:30 PM

Hollywood Park Elementary | 4915 Harte Way



Join your neighbors for HPNA's end of summer social and outdoor movie! As always, the film and popcorn are provided courtesy of our fabulous City Councilmember Jay Schenirer.

This year's feature film will be **JUMANJI!** Our hot dog meals (just \$2 for HPNA members!) include one drink and plenty of sides. Non-members can still sign up (\$15 annual per household) and take advantage of the special pricing. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with free ice cream for dessert. If you

plan to bring a side dish or a salad to feed 8-10 people, the hot dog meal is on us!

Please make sure to check out our neighborhood information tables, too.

Don't forget to bring a blanket or chairs because at sundown, the film will be projected onto a huge portable movie screen.

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# Letter from the HPNA President, Nilan Watmore



With the new school year beginning, Hollywood Park faces a unique challenge of providing safe routes for children traveling to and from the region's four schools. As we have seen on more than one occasion, traffic safety has affected everyone, from children, adults and even the elderly. Distracted driving and driving under the influence have, unfortunately, led to the loss of multiple lives this year, with many residents upset (and rightfully so) at the perceived "inaction" by community leaders or the lack of "immediate solutions" by the City of Sacramento. Rest assured, HPNA and the surrounding neighborhood associations have convened a community-led effort on traffic

safety with the goal of providing both short and long-term solutions to the City. More details on this effort can be found on the cover of this newsletter and I encourage everyone interested to provide their input on this important issue.

There are also plenty of other ways to be involved in our neighborhood. HPNA is always evolving and I can't stress the importance of our volunteers (including joining the board). The next big event is our annual Ice Cream Social and Movie Night. This fall will also feature more annual traditions such as our Mega Yard Sale, and Halloween House Decorating Contest, to name a few. Details on all future HPNA events this fall can be found in this newsletter or on our social media and email blasts. To keep up to date, please follow us or sign up today!

Finally, I'd like to introduce everyone to our newest HPNA Board Member, Jeff Lidicker!

You can learn more about him in this newsletter. If you see him around the neighborhood, be sure to give a friendly hello! Any resident of Hollywood Park or Carleton Tract can be involved as either a Board Member (we currently have three vacancies) or volunteer for any our committees or amazing events mentioned. Residents will have an opportunity to meet HPNA Board Members in an informal setting in the near future. Stay tuned!

I hope everyone has a fantastic fall season!

Your Neighbor and President,  
Nilan Watmore

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## Welcome New Board

### Member Jeff Lidicker

The Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association would like to welcome Jeff Lidicker as the newest member of the Board. Jeff moved to Carleton Tract one year ago after looking all over Sacramento for the perfect place to live. He lives with his sweetheart Lisa and their awesome cat Joey (or Joe Joe). Jeff walks to the light rail station most days to get to work downtown and really enjoys all of the great parks and businesses accessible by walking and biking. He has been building relationships with city hall and hopes to keep the city well aware of the issues and needs of our community. If you would like to get a hold of Jeff, feel free to contact him at:

[Jeff@hollywoodpark95822.org](mailto:Jeff@hollywoodpark95822.org)




## DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

<b>President:</b> Nilan Watmore	<b>Officers:</b> Cassandra Shahani
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## 4th of July Parade a Success!

Once again the 4th of July parade proved to be a time for Hollywood Park families and friends to meet and share patriotic community spirit. Over 200 marchers decked out in red, white, and blue gathered on Joaquin Way to walk the route led by vintage cars and Mason the red firetruck. Walkers on two and four feet, bike riders, scooters, and baby strollers were cheered along the parade route by families celebrating the event from their lawns. Neighbors generously shared food, drinks, and friendship. As in past years, children of all ages enjoyed a ride on Mason after the parade. Many thanks to all the neighbors who made the parade a success: the parade marshals, those who donated food and drinks, and the spirited decorating and clean-up crews. A



grand thank you is shouted out to Wally Clark and Bill Dishman for coordinating the vintage cars that add a wow factor to the parade.

## Back to School

Happy Fall and welcome back to school! We hope that your children have settled into the new school year. Our school is full this year and we are excited to begin educating our kiddos with the new Benchmark Advance curriculum. Technology and Visual and Performing Arts continue to be our focus as we prepare well-rounded students for the 21st century skills they will need. CLARA VAPA, Mr. Cooper, and the Crocker Arts Docents will be supporting our students again this year. Back to School Night is September 12th at 5:30. Neighbors are welcome to come visit our school and classrooms! Looking further ahead, our Fall Festival is October 19th at 3:30. All are welcome to attend this fun, yummy event! One small request...send us your Box Tops! You can drop them off in the office between 9-3 PM daily. We appreciate the support you give our neighborhood school. Enjoy the season!

Principal Luke  
Hollywood Park Elementary, your neighborhood school

## Updates from Councilmember Jay Schenirer



As school starts, whether you have kids in a neighborhood school, or whether you walk, bike, take transit, or drive to school, please

continue to be focused on the road, or aware of cars and hazards around you if you are a pedestrian. We are often

in a hurry to get to work, school, or home, and back, and too often other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists are not paying enough attention. Traffic crashes are more than simply “accidents,” but instead preventable incidents that can and must be systematically addressed - by education, enforcement, and infrastructure.

More than adding stop signs, speed

bumps, and traffic circles where cars need to slow down, the City’s Vision Zero approach is an awareness of everyone on the streets, bike lanes, and sidewalks—an awareness that we have to slow down, be aware of our surroundings, and watch out for each other. In addition, our police officers have been enforcing traffic laws and conducting sobriety checkpoints, and there are far too many violations than are comfortable for me.

In Hollywood Park, we know this all too well. In August, there was one fatal collision of a neighbor on Meer Way (at Staggs), and another collision later that week on Irvin and Alma – both caused by drivers under the influence.

This week, the Council adopted two things to move forward on preventing these accidents:

- **Vision Zero Action Plan** (<https://bit.ly/2MtDHTN>)
- **Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan** (<https://bit.ly/2MWeKgG>)

What do these two plans mean? First – a commitment to safety and to invest in areas that have the greatest need for better infrastructure and enforcement. The most expensive item to address - traffic signals and crossing infrastructure - is forthcoming. Yet there is a lot of need across the City and the Bicycle Master Plan helps address important bicycle infrastructure and intersections that we must improve to support bicyclists (and indirectly pedestrians and drivers).

On major arterials like Freeport and Fruitridge, the number of incidents still don't justify the immediate short-term needs – especially with other areas throughout the City with higher collision rates and more dangerous intersections.

Despite that, I know we will continue to hear from residents about traffic safety needs and continue to work with our traffic engineering department to monitor intersections and speeds. We've been working with neighborhood schools to make sure parents are slowing down as they drop off and pick up kids, and that residents are aware of what they can do to support our Vision Zero efforts. If you want any Vision Zero yard signs - call my office!

**As always, if you have any concerns, questions, or thoughts, please reach out to me or my office.**

- Jay  
[jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org)  
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## In the News: Stacia Way, 1950

By Jason Holt

A slice of life in early Hollywood Park, from the archives of the Sacramento Bee.

5/19/50

Warren R. Coffeen, of 2100 Stacia Way, is serving on the organizing committee for the upcoming Scouting Exposition at Cal Expo-- expected to be one of the largest to date. Ninety-three Cub packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer posts will converge on the Machinery Building on May 20th to participate in workshops and present exhibits on a variety of related topics, including: camp craft, woodsmanship, indian lore, hobby skills, and vocational training.

Owner of a local insurance agency for over 15 years, Coffeen and family relocated from Illinois to Sacramento in 1945. As a soldier during World War II, he did radio work and helped produce plays in military hospitals. Both Warren and wife Evelyn were highly active in local service and social organizations, and the former

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more like a conversation in which she addressed general tree care concerns and also answered specific questions. A few key notes from the presentation are: thick mulch (about 5") provides good insulation for the trees and helps to maintain the soil health, trees benefit most from slow, deep watering that can be produced by a soaker hose, and tree roots that drink water and take in nutrients are much further from the base of the tree than folks think. In general, the roots grow with the leafy canopy of the tree; watering near the trunk is not the best way to care for the tree.

## Save the CommuniTree Committee

In October 2017, Cassandra Shahani from HPNA and Torin Dunnivant from the Sacramento Tree Foundation hosted a listening session to learn about the community's interest in trees and to establish a baseline for learning opportunities.

In April 2018, Irene Wilson, Claire Bromond, Kathleen Taylor, Ellynrose Sheehan, and Russ Schmunk joined Cassandra and Torin to form the CommuniTree committee. Over the past year, everyone has worked to provide free workshops and tree-oriented community events. We received grant funding from our councilman's office as well as funding from the County. With the funding and people power available, the Committee is able to provide micro-grants to help individuals remove sick and dead trees, host more targeted community workshops, and find new and innovative ways to improve the shade canopy in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, the committee may disband.

At the end of December 2018, Cassandra will step down from her leadership role and, presently, there is not another person interested in taking over. Though committee members will likely remain engaged, a person is needed to be the primary point of contact for the Sacramento Tree Foundation and the community. Responsibilities include: planning and hosting monthly steering committee meetings, working with local businesses to provide space for workshops and community events, doing outreach to the community for events and workshops, developing a calendar of events for the year, maintaining the webpage, and establishing eligibility criteria and application methods for micro-grants. Of course, a new lead can determine the best way to move forward. If you are interested in heading the committee, please reach out to Cassandra at [Cassandra@hollywoodpark95822.org](mailto:Cassandra@hollywoodpark95822.org)

## Neighbor Spotlight: Danny Reynoso

Danny Reynoso loves living in Hollywood Park.

After three years in Hollywood Park, Danny reflects on the benefits of the neighborhood that people may take for granted. He enjoys feeling safe when he walks his dog, being on a first-name basis with neighbors, and walking to great restaurants or riding a bike to get a beer or cider. He's "blown away by the sense of community, the friendliness, the safety, and the beauty of my neighborhood."

To promote neighborhood well-being, Danny and his wife shop at local businesses, host a front yard party during the Neighborhood Night Out, attend HPNA meetings, and, of course, always pick up their dogs' poop during walks. He also designed the front of the CommuniTree Committee's recent outreach postcard. Formerly residents of a neighborhood in decline, Danny and his wife often find themselves saying out loud "Remember when we couldn't do stuff like this?" or "I love our neighborhood."

Danny's community mindset doesn't stop in the neighborhood. In May of 2017, Danny was diagnosed with an Acoustic Neuroma, a benign brain tumor that can be fatal if left untreated. This condition is very rare and is treated with radiation. For clarity, the tumor isn't cancerous and the radiation isn't chemotherapy but the condition is serious and hard to "fully come to grips with". To process what is happening to him, Danny posts video blogs and stories that document his brain tumor journey on his website: [BrainTumorFighter.com](http://BrainTumorFighter.com). Through the site, he has connected with brain tumor fighters from all over the world. Danny also makes t-shirts that he sells to raise money for the Acoustic Neuroma Association and to increase awareness for brain health and brain tumor research.



In May of 2018, he underwent radiation treatments to stop the tumor from growing.

When he's not fighting brain tumors, Danny shreds on his guitar with the Moans, his fun, high-energy band styled after The Ramones. He also works with a local wrestling group called Supreme Pro Wrestling.

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# Feeling Crafty?

By Megan Lane

I must admit, I'm a crafter. I've never been good at the finer arts like drawing or painting. But boy, can I block print a tea towel like a professional. Since I moved to Sacramento about 12 years ago, I've been on the lookout for arts and crafts classes and workshops to fulfill my passion for crafting. I've found some wonderful places with an interesting array of classes; for adults and children alike. Here are some locations to check out:

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### **Create marbled leaves with shaving cream:**

1) Spread shaving cream (foam not gel) all over a pan or tray. Next, squirt some acrylic paint, poster paint, or food coloring on the shaving cream.

2) Use a spoon, popsicle stick, or toothpick to swirl (but not too much) to create a marbled effect.

3) Trace a maple leaf template onto cardstock (like the one to the right) and then cut it out. Gently press the leaf into the shaving cream and let it sit for 10 seconds.



4) Remove the leaves and sit them onto paper towels for about five minutes to let the paint soak into the paper.

5) Now here is the cool part- using a squeegee, carefully scrape the shaving cream off of the paper leaf. Look at the awesome marbled effect it left behind!

-Art activity designed by Tamara Chilver

## Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Join us in making good things happen in our community.

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