

# **RHCA**

## **April E-Newsletter**



### **RHCA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**Stay updated on upcoming events, news from the Association, gate info, maintenance updates and meetings.**

### **Tree Maintenance and Overhead and Underground Power Lines**

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**In January, a New York Times article observed that California trees are toppling in breathtaking numbers because they are “Stressed by drought, whipped by wind and weakened at the roots by relentless rain and flooding”. While the rain is desperately needed after more than a decade of drought, too much of a good thing is just – too much. The ground is saturated and mature trees, weak from years of drought, might still be struggling.**

The hazard of a fallen tree increases significantly when they connect with power lines. In the February 25th storm, Rolling Hills had two streets blocked by fallen trees that also took out utility lines. On Crest Road West, the roots of a wind toppled pine tree pulled up underground communications wires. On Johns Canyon Road, eucalyptus trees fell across the street into the power wires.

In both cases, the roads were closed, and utility services were interrupted. In the case of Johns Canyon, the road was closed all night and power was out for more than 12 hours.



### **What Can Homeowners Do? – Things to Consider:**

**Tree Trimming:** Trees that have not been trimmed in recent years may be top heavy and put additional stress on root systems, especially in high winds.

**Leaning trees:** Does the tree grow at an angle and not perpendicular to the ground? Do you see roots starting to appear above the ground? The tree may be at risk of falling and need to be removed. Please consult a professional.

You may trim or remove a tree on your own property or from the easement of your property, you don't need permission from the RHCA.

**Planting:** Please do not plant in close proximity to overhead wires or too close to roads. The roots of a tree may have to be cut if they are in the line of underground utilities or cause the road to buckle. Trees planted under utility lines may be severely cut throughout their life to keep it out of the wires. A little planning before planting can keep your plants healthy and beautiful.

If you have questions about the trees on your property, we recommend you contact a certified arborist. Many tree companies have an arborist on staff, or you can have independent arborists evaluate the trees on your property and come up with a maintenance plan.

### **What are RHCA & Edison Doing?**

RHCA regularly evaluates and trims road easement trees for safety. Low branches are removed so they don't interfere with high-profile trucks. Taller trees have their crowns thinned out so they are less likely to drop branches in the heat and to allow wind to go through the trees in a storm. RHCA's ongoing maintenance program helped keep the trees intact and the roads open.

After the storm last month, the Board authorized removal of a handful of trees that were leaning out over the roadways, based on RHCA staff recommendations.

Southern California Edison regularly goes through the community and cuts back or removes branches that are near power lines. The power lines are the

thin wires at the top of the utility poles.

Together, we can preserve the rural character of Rolling Hills and reduce the risk of fallen trees in the community.

*\*nytimes.com/2023-01-06, "Wild Weather Swings are Robbing California of Its Trees".*

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## Roadside & Trail Weed Abatement

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The RHCA will be trimming back weeds on the roadsides and bridle trails

May 1st - May 26th

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The RHCA Architectural Committee currently has 3 positions up for re-appointments in June 2023; two residents, and one architect. The Architectural Committee reviews plans for new construction and property improvements to ensure they comply with the building regulations and are harmonious with the ranch style architecture of Rolling Hills. Any changes to the outward appearance of a building or other structures on a property must be reviewed and approved by the Committee. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 4:00PM to 6:30PM. Field trips are common and generally take place between 3:00PM and 4:00PM on the day of the meeting. Each member serves a term of 3 years.

### Resident Member

Two resident seats are up for re-appointment. The incumbent members, Gordon Inman and Ben Cheng have said they are interested in continuing to serve on the Committee. The newest appointee serves as the Alternate Resident Member.

All members of the Committee, including alternates, attend all meetings and participate in discussion. Alternative members vote when a resident member is recused or absent.



**To be considered, please submit a letter of interest addressed to the Board of Directors to [kbishop@rhca.net](mailto:kbishop@rhca.net). Your letter should include how long you have lived in the community, why you would like to serve on the Committee and any experience or insight you have in construction, remodeling or in the field of architecture. Please submit letter by **May 25th**.**

### **Architect Member**

#### **Qualifications for Architect Member of Committee:**

- 1. CA licensed architect.**
- 2. Have experience building new construction and/or major remodels in Rolling Hills or in similar communities, where plans have been approved, permitted, and built.**
- 3. Must have a strong understanding of California ranch architecture.**

#### **Application Process:**

**Architects who are interested in applying for the position should submit a letter of interest to [Kbishop@rhca.net](mailto:Kbishop@rhca.net). The incumbent architect, Joe Spierer, has said he is interested in continuing to serve on the Committee. Architectural Committee members are paid \$150 per meeting.**

**Please submit letter by *May 25th* please also include:**

- 1. Submit referrals, samples of exemplary work (ideally ranch architecture in design) and project list.**
- 2. Provide statement on what California ranch architecture means to you and the value of neighborhood compatibility.**



# ROLLING HILLS

— Courts Club —

**SUMMER EVENT  
SAT MAY 6TH**

**8.30 BREAKFAST  
8.30 PICKLEBALL  
& TENNIS CLINICS  
11 AM MARGARITAS SOCIAL  
11.30 TACO LUNCH**

ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME :)

**The Rolling Hills Courts Club Presents the Cinco De Mayo Summer Event! All RHCA residents are welcome! The event will start at 8:30am and will have a Taco Lunch. Margarita Social at 11:00am. The Tennis workshop will be led by Everard Groenwald and the Pickleball workshop will be led by Abbi Rahumi, see you there!**

**SAVE** *the* **DATE**

*Caballeros*  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21ST**

*more details to come*

Save the date for the Caballeros Pancake Breakfast May 21st 2023.



Playdates on the Green is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families with toddlers in Rolling Hills! Come and join us on the 2nd Thursday and the 4th Saturday of each month.

**Upcoming Playdates:**

**Dates:** Saturday, April 22nd & Thursday, May 11th

**Time:** 9:30am - 10:30am

**Bring:** Blanket or Large Towel, Toys, Snacks

**Ages:** 0-3 years

## **The Needs of Seniors Committee is Looking for New Committee Members**

**The Needs for Seniors Committee is a committee comprised of residents looking for beneficial ways to identify and meet the needs of seniors in Rolling Hills. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm at the RHCA office. The Committee discusses resources for seniors and plans social events within the community. If you would like to attend a meeting, they are typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of every even month, the next meeting will be on:**

*Wednesday, June 14th at 3:30pm.*

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## **Free Tai Chi on National Exercise Day May 2nd, 2023.**

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**RHCA Tai Chi Classes are held every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. by the hitching post in front of the RHCA office. Classes are \$10 per person and your first class is FREE! Please be sure to wear comfortable clothing and a hat. In appreciation of National Exercise Day, the RHCA will be hosting a Tai Chi class Tuesday afternoon May 2nd, 2023, in front of the RHCA Building. Tai chi is one of the more popular methods of movement for both active adults and those new to fitness. Tai Chi benefits include balance improvement, body awareness, low impact aerobics, and meeting your Rolling Hills neighbors.**

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**Save the Date: May 20th.  
Pickleball Basics Workshop**

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## Pickleball Workshop

**Want to learn how to play the fastest-growing sport in the U.S.? Residents & Pickleball ambassador, David Brown, will be leading a special Pickleball workshop!**

**Back to Basics: Where to be and where to hit, a pickleball workshop. David is a Rolling Hills neighbor, an ex-Professional Tennis Player and now a high level tournament pickleball aficionado. He is a USAP Ambassador and a PPA Coach. No previous experience needed.**

**There may be a charge for this event, more details soon! To reserve your place or find out more info please text *David Brown* at (310) 567 - 3570**

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## April Events



**DATES  
TO  
REMEMBER**

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Date	Event	Where	Time
Tuesday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Architectural Committee Meeting	RHCA Office	4:00pm
Thursday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors Meeting	RHCA Office	7:30pm
Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Moms and Tots Playdate	RHCA Lawn	9:30am
Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day	-	-
Wednesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Administrative Professionals Day	-	-
Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2023	Architectural Committee Meeting	RHCA Office	4:00pm
Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Board of Directors Meeting	RHCA Office	7:30am
Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Women's Club Meeting	PVT Residence	10:00am
Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Cinco De Mayo	-	-
Saturday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Courts Club Cinco De Mayo Event	Court 1	8:30am
Thursday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Moms & Tots Playdate on the Green	RHCA Lawn	9:30am - 10:30am
Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Mother's Day	-	-
Tuesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Architectural Committee Meeting	RHCA Office	4:00pm
Thursday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors Meeting	RHCA Office	7:30pm
Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Pickleball Workshop	Court 1	8:30am

## Weekly

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesdays Thursdays Sundays	Pickleball Drop In	Court 1	8:30am
Tuesdays	Tai Chi	RHCA Lawn	11:30am
Tuesdays	Tennis Tuesdays	Court 2	6:00pm

## Save the Date

Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	National Exercise Day: Tai Chi	RHCA Lawn	11:30am
Saturday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Courts Club Cinco De Mayo Event	Court 1	8:30am
Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pickleball Workshop	Court 1	TBA
Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Caballeros Pancake Breakfast	Caballeros Ring on Poppy Trail	8:30am
Sunday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Courts Club Autumn Event	Court 1	8:30am



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