



HOOFBEATS



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DLPOA Meeting

March 7, 2012

RHE Community Center

7:30 PM

On the first Wednesday of the month the DLPOA officers and board of directors will meet at the corner of PV drive North and PV drive East and YOU are invited to attend.

The RHE meeting room is nice and cozy and makes for a very nice meeting room.

Find out what's going on in your neighborhood. See you there.



Dues

If you haven't paid your dues this year you are past due.

As of the beginning of February 73% of the homes in the Lanes have paid their dues this year. If you are one of the minority don't be surprised if you get a knock on your door from the membership committee.

Why don't you just mail your check, or call Grant Mogford at 325-7299 and he will be more than happy to come by and pick it up.

DLPOA Officers and Board

President:	Grant Mogford	325-7299
Vice Pres:	Fred Hatch	534-0087
Secretary:	Paul Schwartz	530-7717
Treasurer:	Bill Steckbauer	326-3458

Directors

Dennis Ault	325-9396
Barbara Maynard	997-9011
Jan Packard	517-9518

DLPOA Calendar

DLPOA Board Meeting	March 7
Daylight Savings begins	March 11
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Easter Egg Hunt & Parade	April 7
Horse Show	??
July 4th Parade	July 4
Chili Cook-Off	??
Movie Night	??
Summer BBQ & Dance	September 8 ?
Annual DLPOA Meeting	November 7
RHE Christmas Parade	December
Christmas Party	December
Operation: Santa Claus	December 16

Airmail Trivia

The first letter to be sent and delivered by air mail was in 1785, when a letter was sent from England to France by hot air balloon.

DLPOA Architectural Committee

Over the last few years, we have had about a dozen new resident families buy homes and move into the Lanes. Some families had been told about our Architectural Committee but some have not. At the February 2012 DLPOA homeowner's meeting, the Board requested that an article be prepared for the Hoofbeats explaining the function of the Committee and its relationship with the Planning Department of the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

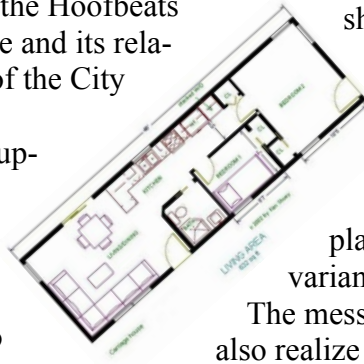
The DLPOA has a set of By-Laws, updated in late 2011, that govern many aspects of our association including review and approval of design, construction and remodel plans of the residences. These aspects generally relate to neighborhood compatibility of the homes.

The updated By-Laws will soon be posted on our web site at <http://www.palosverdes.com/DLPOA/>.

The Architectural Committee has been in existence for over 20 years and during that time has been a source of information about the regulations in our By-Laws and also about the RHE Municipal Code (Chapter 17) which outlines building codes for residences within the city. The Committee can also be a source of information regarding which types of projects could require City approval and/or an LA County building permit.

The City of RHE requests that our Architectural Committee review and approve things such as remodel plans for residences, pool additions/remodels, solar-electric installations and re-roofing. Although the following items are regulated by the City, the Committee provides information on property line set-backs, front yard hardscape and lot coverage, residence height and fencing in order to facilitate development of architectural plans. The Committee also advises residents that to minimize any City approval delays they should get adjoining neighbors' signatures, if possible, on the plans.

In addition, the Committee provides information on the RHE and LA County Planning Department approval process including the RHE appeal process, if plans are turned down or contested at any step in the approval process (Association → RHE Planning Dept → RHE Planning Commission → RHE City Council). There have been cases where the Chairman of the



Committee has testified in front of a City panel to help get a variance approved.

The hardest part of our Committee task is when we are called on to look at some remodel aspect that has been built without our involvement or the involvement of the City. In some cases, we are not called but a neighbor calls the City directly. History has shown that once a project has been completed, the owner is very reluctant to modify it for compliance.

Although it is preferable to discuss a construction issue between neighbors and/or with our Committee, a resident planning a remodel must realize that a code variance cannot be approved by our Committee.

The message is that all DLPOA homeowners should also realize that if a member of the City staff observes a non-compliant construction or is contacted about one, the City must take action to ensure compliance. The easiest way to avoid conflict is to work with the Committee and/or the City Planning Department prior to beginning construction to understand any limitations or regulations for codes that apply to the planned project.

If you have questions or concerns about your own or a neighbor's project, you can contact a member of the Architectural Committee at one of the numbers below.

Chairman: Jerry Gliksman 310-325-9315

Member: Arde Bedjanian 310-891-1372

Member: Barbara Maynard 310-351-9321

—Jerry Gliksman

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Neighbor of the Month

I am writing to nominate Claire Burke as Neighbor of the Month. She is a great example of an exemplary teenager that is growing up in our neighborhood. Claire is sixteen years old and a junior at Palos Verdes High School where she is a member of both the girls' soccer and equestrian teams.

My husband Michael was on the committee to help with the trash at the Dapplegray Lanes annual barbecue. Money was donated to hire four of the neighborhood teenagers to pick up trash from the tables after the dinner was finished; Claire showed up and brought friends to help. She did not take any money, but rather donated it to our neighborhood homeowners association.

Claire co-chaired the Dapplegray Lanes Homeowner Association Horse Show last year and is planning to chair it this year. She can often be seen at neighborhood events giving pony rides to the kids in the cart. She is always cheerful and ready to lend a hand and both children and adults love her. I have been told she often helps care for animals in the neighborhood as well.

It is a privilege to have my young daughter Kaitlin have such a commendable teenager growing up down the street from her. Claire is kind, smart and caring and she has a heart of gold. I would love to have the rest of the neighbors know of her generous acts of charity and goodness.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

---Kristine Castro Twomey

Easter Egg Hunt & Parade Saturday, April 7

It seems like a long ways away, but it's our next big event--and for the kids it's almost as big as Christmas.

We are very fortunate that Jeanette Jacobson has agreed to take charge of this event again this year.

Get your sewing machines out and start planning the costumes for your critters.

If you can help out please call Jeanette at 257-0174.

Be a Published Writer

If you've always wanted to be a writer, here's your chance to get published. The Hoofbeats is looking for articles that would be suitable for our monthly newsletter. No experience necessary.

Submit your work to Chuck at 50bucks@earthlink.net.

RHE Christmas Parade

Our neighborhood has participated in this parade in the past (and won awards), but we need someone to be a parade chairman to make it all come together. It's all fun and not very serious--just kids and animals and having a good time.

Last year we didn't have a volunteer, so we didn't participate. Contact any board member to volunteer for this fun event.

The "Parade of Lights" is designed to showcase the unique character of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The parade route is along Silver Spur Road and Deep Valley Drive, through the Promenade on the Peninsula to Norris Center Drive (Crossfield Drive) in the City of Rolling Hills Estates. After which, an Award Ceremony is held at The Promenade on the Peninsula.

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