

**Time to Sign-up or re-new HNA Membership !**

It's that time of year when we have our Annual Association Dues Drive. Please fill out the form as appropriate with \$20 dues checks payable to Hilltop Neighbors Assn or cash. Many of our neighbors make additional generous donations, for which we are very grateful. Thanks to all who have already sent in 2019 Dues. Others, please mail or deliver your dues to:

**Hilltop Neighbors, 3276 Keeshen Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90066-1002**

Thank you very much for being HNA members!

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

- Renewal—my information hasn't changed
- Renewal—updated info is included
- New membership— my info is below

Cell(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults/children in household \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Pets \_\_\_\_\_

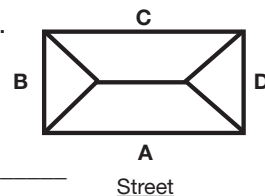
Household members: elderly/needing special care in a disaster:

Names \_\_\_\_\_

- I have an earthquake actuated main gas valve.

If not, on which side of home is manual shutoff? \_\_\_\_\_

- Languages other than English spoken: \_\_\_\_\_



**Information requested by Hilltop's Emergency Response Org. (HERO),www.HilltopHERO.org.**

- I want free Disaster Survival training to learn how to protect my family.
- I am willing to join and train with Hilltop's Emergency Response Org.'s:
  - Command Center Team (I can document, and organize and lead others.)
  - Communication Team (I have a ham radio license or will get one.)
  - Damage Survey Team (I can drive, walk, look and knock on doors.)
  - Search & Rescue Team (I can carry 50 lbs. for 50 feet.)
  - Medical First Aid Team (I can learn and give First Aid.)
  - Transport Team (I have a truck or van and can drive cautiously.)

**My out-of-state contact (to be used by HNA only in an Emergency):**

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**MEET YOUR HNA BOARD**

The Board of Directors consists of six Directors plus the President, and up to eight Permanent Committee chairpersons. The Directors, President, and Permanent Committee Chairpersons all have voting privileges. The six Directors plus the President, constitute the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which has special powers to make decisions and vote on issues under specific conditions.

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# HILLTOP BEACON

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**Hello Mar Vista Hilltoppers and Neighbors,**

**Well, we've done it again.** We blinked and the summer is very nearly over. School is back in session for LAUSD so remember to be careful while driving our side streets in the mornings and afternoons. We also just heard from our new LAPD **senior Lead officer Jennifer Muther (36051@lapd.online)** who reports that there has been a recent rash of home break-ins due to unlocked doors and windows. So please keep your house locked up.

Finally a big shout out to our very own newsletter editor Carolyn Honda for creating our brand new Hilltop website, **www.hilltopneighbors.com**. Please check it out. Besides being full of great information you can also sign up to get our emails if you haven't been receiving them. You can even pay your dues on line.

From everyone on the board, looking forward to see you at the annual picnic. The best dish competition is on! Bring your best and wear the crown on the hilltop. All in good fun!

Sincerely,  
Bill Koontz, President • President-Hilltop Neighbors Association



**Get the latest news about the Hilltop at our shiny new website.** You can get great information regarding safety, download the Beacon, let us know what you're thinking, pay dues, see upcoming events, and so much more! Be in the know on the hilltop.

Visit us at: <https://hilltopneighbors.com>

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SEPTEMBER 7  
4-7 PM**

**NEW THIS YEAR!  
POTLUCK COMPETITION  
GAME ON!  
WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY  
SALAD • SIDE DISH • DESSERT  
PICNIC WINNER GETS A PRIZE.  
AND BOASTING RIGHTS IN MV  
PICNIC ATTENDEES ARE THE JUDGES  
OCEAN VIEW FARMS TOURS**



## MAVRO COFFEE

Walk inside, and you are greeted by the inviting aroma of freshly brewed coffee, your eyes find their way to a towering selection of decadent pastries. You are contemplating what to order... Oat Milk? Almond Milk? Matcha? CBD?

When I visited I said, this is the beauty of Mavro Coffee. It seems they want to make your everyday coffee ritual an experience you look forward to. When you step inside, you realize, they are dedicated to delivering the highest quality of coffee/pastry selections along with unmatched customer service. Mavro has artisanal coffees, teas and pastry options. They will be relaunching the patio along with an exciting new food menu that will pair even better with the drink selection. If you haven't stopped in, make it a point to visit our newest coffee stop in Mar Vista. They are open seven days a week, 6:30am-4pm.



12224 Venice Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90066  
www.mavrocoffee.com  
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## COFFEE FACTS

**Coffee dates back to 800 A.D.**  
**Coffee beans are technically seeds.** They're the pits of the cherry-like berries found on the flowering shrubs, but we call them "beans" because of the resemblance to legumes.  
**Only two U.S. states produce coffee.** Kona coffee is the United States' gift to the coffee world. Because coffee traditionally grows best in climates along the equator, Hawaii's weather is optimal for harvesting beans.

**Espresso means "pressed out" in Italian.** This refers to the way espresso is made — forcing boiling water through pressed coffee grounds. And although espresso has more caffeine per volume than coffee, it would take three shots to equal the amount in a regular cup of joe.

**Coffee drinkers tend to live longer.** Research has linking moderate consumption (about three to four cups per day) with a longer life span, plus a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's, according to Harvard Health Publishing.

**One cup of black coffee only has one calorie.** Adding sweeteners, cream, and other mix-ins can quickly jack up the total. A venti Java Chip Frappuccino from Starbucks contains 88 grams of sugar and 600 calories — more than a McDonald's Big Mac!



## save the dates

September 7th - Hilltop Picnic at NVLL; 4-7 pm  
**POT LUCK COMPETITION!**  
October 24 - General Meeting - St. Bedes; 7pm  
**please join us!**

We need volunteers for all three events! Come and participate and meet your neighbors. email or call: 310-995-9562 • wburklund@aol.com

## Keep Your Eyes Open for SB 330 & SB 592

Now Senator Wiener is working to revive SB 50 for passage in 2020. In the meantime, you may want to keep your eyes and ears open for SB 592, and SB 330. SB 592 says: If a city rejects a luxury housing project as too big or too tall, developers can argue that city rules aren't "economically viable" for them. It exports Silicon Valley's tragedy to everyone: huge luxury dorm projects allowed statewide, destroying neighborhoods that investors want to gentrify for pricey micro-units. Lets developers demolish a 1,200-sq-ft home to build a 5,000-sq-ft mansion with a 400-sq-ft luxury mini-unit. No affordable units required. It's a big reward for corporate rentals. SB 330 needs our attention: Nancy Skinner's luxury housing bill FAILS to require a single unit of affordable housing. It silences the public, allowing just 5 hearings per project, forcing cities to hoard all 5 for entities like Planning Commission & City Council. Goodbye to neighborhood hearings. Urges developers to sue cities for \$10,000 to \$50,000 per "denied unit" if a city rejects a bad project. Skinner says it "streamlines" approvals. NO. Lawsuits will jam state courts. Trashes community planning, encouraging spot-zoning in which Sacramento hands power to luxury housing developers to decide what, and where, to build. Please pay attention to the developments around our area and whether your are for or against the upcoming bills, let your voice be heard.



## Mar Vista Cocktail Conversation Starters...Did You Know?

Grand View Blvd., between Venice Blvd. and Palms Blvd. (originally Ocean Park Ave.) was the first gated community in Los Angeles County. A mammoth wrought iron gate spanning Grand View Blvd. at Venice Blvd., with "Ocean Park Heights" across the top was quite impressive.

For the upscale people who built homes on Grand View Blvd., it's very wide street made it easy for a team of horses pulling a carriage to make a U-turn to head back down the hill to Venice Blvd. In 1910, Grand View Blvd. ended at Palms Blvd.

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**HOTDOGS, DRINKS AND CONDIMENTS PROVIDED  
NEIGHBORS ARE INVITED TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

**NEIGHBORS WITH LAST NAME A - M  
BRING DESSERT OR FRESH FRUIT**

**NEIGHBORS WITH LAST NAME N - Z  
BRING SALAD OR SIDE DISH  
(NO DOGS PLEASE)**

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DEMONSTRATION  
ON HOW TO TURN  
OFF YOUR GAS IN  
THE EVENT OF AN  
EMERGENCY**



**MAR  
VISTA**

# HILLtop

**NEIGHBORS  
ASSOCIATION**

**SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES  
YOU CAN SPONSOR /  
AND OR DONATE:**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

Extra Large Trash Bags  
Bouncer

**FOOD**

Mesh Covering For Food  
Hot Dogs  
Hot Dog Buns  
Hamburgers  
Hamburger Buns  
Chips  
Condiments  
Soda  
Juice boxes-  
no straw wrappers  
Water  
Ice  
Paper Plates  
Paper Cups  
Paper Towels  
Plastic Knives  
Plastic Forks  
Plastic Spoons  
Bags For Popcorn

**CASH DONATIONS**

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

**ITEMS FOR PARTY AREAS**

Bouncer  
Face Painting Table & Tent  
Arts & Crafts Table & Tent

**Hello Mar Vista Hilltop Supporters!**

**It's that time of year again for our  
ANNUAL PICNIC on Saturday, September 7, 2019.**

**With sponsorship comes great benefits for your  
business and your community.**

## Sponsorship Levels

### \$500

- Hilltop Neighbors Association Acknowledgement Email Blast for our supporters- Your logo included
- Acknowledgement of your support in a Hilltop Neighbors Association Website ad
- Annual Membership In Hilltop Neighbors Association
- Acknowledgement of Sponsorship At Event
- Half page ad In Beacon
- Key Placement Of Banner At Event with High Visibility

### \$300

- Hilltop Neighbors Association Acknowledgement Email Blast for our supporters- Your logo included
- Acknowledgement of your support in a Hilltop Neighbors Association Website ad
- Annual Membership In Hilltop Neighbors Association
- Announcement Acknowledging your Sponsorship At Event

**DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP IS AUGUST 31.**

For more information, please contact :  
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