

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

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT IN 2019 DUES!

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 _____

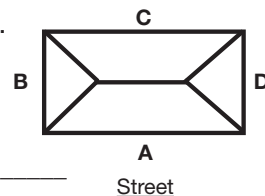
Household members: elderly/needing special care in a disaster:

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,

Over the last two years since I took the helm, Hilltop has had a number of challenges and a number of successes. We've had 2 wonderful picnics at the ball field with increased attendance and lots of new faces. On the 24th of this month we'll have another informative annual meeting with your neighbors at St. Bedes. We've created a flashy new website full of information to help consolidate communications and bring the HNA squarely into 2019 and beyond. We created a Facebook and Instagram page and continue to explore new ways of getting the word out and letting you share your experiences with your neighbors. Of course none of these things were possible with out our all volunteer crew of Brian, Carolyn, Wayne, Susan, the Bills, Doug and so many more.

Of course we have had our fair share of challenges as well. Sometimes our newsletters don't hit your porch in time. We have had a rash of burglaries lately. Traffic, homelessness and now excessive filming has taken over a number of blocks near the ball field. Unfortunately we are only a handful of volunteers with busy schedules and full lives. We're asking you, if you have an interest in the community or want to pitch in to help make it better, please email us and we can get you connected with the right people. The board emails are on the back page for your convenience. We would love your help in making Hilltop the best little neighborhood in all of Los Angeles.

Thank you and we'll see you at the meeting.

Bill Koontz, President



**SEE YOU AT THE
HILLTOP
GENERAL MEETING
ST. BEDE'S ON
GRAND VIEW
OCTOBER 24
7 PM**

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE TOPICS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU.

- MIKE BONIN WILL ATTEND FOR A Q & A
- OUR NEW SLO JENNIFER MUTHER WILL TALK ABOUT LOCAL CRIME AND TAKE QUESTIONS
- EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE EXPERT WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS!
- BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS
- AND MUCH MORE



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>



HILLTOP'S HEROES By Bill Pope • HERO Organizer

If you recently saw a group dressed in yellow and red, it was not a meeting of the Canary-Lovers Club. It was Hilltop's Emergency Response Organization (HERO) conducting their Annual Refresher Drill. HERO is composed of several specialized teams.

THE DAMAGE SURVEY TEAM, lead by Carol Schunk, reviewed the possible levels of damage to Hilltop homes as that will set the priorities for our Search & Rescue Team's activities. Damage Survey Team members then retrieved radios from the Wayne Burkland Emergency Equipment Container acquired with your HNA dues, and surveyed their assigned routes through the neighborhood looking for damaged homes depicted in photos. The Teams radioed in each incident as they were found. Participants were Barrie Levi, Julia Quinn, Bruce Dickieson and Anne Pope.

THE SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM lead by Bill Pope reviewed their SIZE-UP, SEARCH and RESCUE procedure where each letter serves as a memory-aid for what to do. Bill then presented the results of his work with a Structural Engineer from the State's Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Program on which damaged buildings are safe to search and which are not. The S&R Team then reviewed the appropriate extraction device and patient lift to use for a victim's injuries, and learned how to use our new Kendrick Traction Splint to greatly reduce the pain of a broken leg. Attending were Sam Bertolet, Harriet Fischer, Robert (Rab) Brown, Craig Jaffe and David Kent.

THE MEDICAL TEAM's Drill was led by David Shapendonk. David did a review of the Medical Team's standard tasks of Primary Assessment, Triage and Secondary Assessment and where each is performed. Medical teams will likely be the first HERO teams sent to lightly damaged homes because patients can be assessed, treated and left in their homes. Here Medical Teams will perform all three procedures including advanced First Aid. At moderately damaged homes, Search & Rescue Teams will locate, perform Life Saving Intervention and extract victims for treatment by Medical Teams outside or at the Ball field Command Center until hospitals open—which hospitals say may take several days.

Medical Team members then practiced the above procedures, taking turns playing victim. Participating were David Shapendonk, Marla Rubin, Ed Rugoff, Renee Tondelli, Mary Hruska and Lance Harding.

HERO will need many more members to help the many predicted to be trapped or injured after the long overdue Major earthquake coming our way. If you would like to join HERO to help others, or to ensure someone comes looking for you if you end up being one of those trapped or injured, fill-out the form on the [Join HERO page at www.HilltopHERO.org](http://www.HilltopHERO.org).

PLAY BALL! By Doug Tower

North Venice's fall baseball season is in full swing, with the largest turnout for the fall season in recent memory. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays, weekly until Thanksgiving.

There is a newer division called "50/70" which stakes the pitchers mound 50 feet away from the batter, and has 70-foot basepaths, to help intermediate players adjust from Little League to high school baseball.

The Major Division, which has boys and girls aged 10 thru 12, has 6 teams this fall. The fall season is the perfect time to teach new skills to players, and is not focused solely on winning ballgames. Games are usually 4-5 innings, with a 4-run cap per inning. Pitchers are only allowed to pitch 2 innings in the fall, to help protect their young arms.

The Minor Division, which has boys and girls aged 8-10, is the first time young players pitch at full Little League distance. These games are played with a 1 hour and 45 minute time frame, to keep the attention of the players. Stealing bases is permitted, but for

the fall season the home plate is closed for stealing, which encourages coaches to teach their young players to drive in runs.

5-Pitch and Farm are dedicated to the younger players, aged 5-8, depending on skill set. Fundamentals are the primary focus of the coaches for their young players at this level.

North Venice recently won BEST TEAM SPORTS ORGANIZATION in ALL of the Westside as voted by over 5000 votes in The Argonaut's Best of The Westside annual reader poll.

North Venice's goal is to create an amazing community environment, and is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping the league, please drop by the Snack Shack any weekend this fall, and submit your name.



WHAT A FUN PICNIC DAY IT WAS!

The day was full of sunshine, bounces, ponies, hot dogs, yummy food, goats, garden tours, prizes, yakking and even an alpaca! Thanks to everyone for their contributions. Hope you all met a new neighbor or two and left with a full tummy and a kiss of sunshine on your cheeks.



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!!

- BRIAN SELEM
- RUSTIC KITCHEN
- GEORGE CHUNG
- THE MAR VISTA
- BRYAN HAWKING
- KENPO KARATE
- MARNY MASLON
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- MVCC
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