

**A Greeting from the new HHA President**

Hello Neighbors of Hollywoodland!

Tuesday we had our first HHA Board meeting with the new board members, and I was elected President. I hope to be able to live up to expectations that the neighbors have for the board, but I can't do it alone and neither can the board. First I would like to thank the election committee of Lucy Gonzalez, Scott Freeburg, J.J. Blair, Paula Escott, Pete Riherd and Jonathan Rubin for compiling the ballots and votes!! Also I would like to thank Diane Murphy, Ben Sheffner, Clarissa Troop and Brandon Fisch for volunteering to be board members. We would love to have you be involved with one of our committees! Finally we thank Jim Van Dusen and Chip Clements for their service all last year.

We are a group of twelve that you voted into these positions, but there is always room for members of the community to volunteer to assist us. You could sit on committees, attending meetings to give us feedback, or acting as a liaison outside of our community. It would be great if everyone could volunteer time to our organization and really get to know all of our members, reach out to non-members, and see if we can get them involved.

I'll be available to field questions and comments and I want as much transparency and communication to the whole neighborhood of Hollywoodland. I look forward to meeting you and working hard in order to make Hollywoodland the neighborhood that I grew up in. Thank you for entrusting me with this position.

Best, Tara Stephenson- Fong

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEE HEADS**

**President:** Tara Stephenson-Fong  
**Vice President:** Chris O'Brien  
**Treasurer:** Jeanne Clark  
**Secretary:** Alexa Williams



**COMMITTEES: would YOU like to volunteer?**

Committee	Chair	Assisting
Membership	Sarajane	Chris and Soren
Safety	Jack	James, Jeanne, Scott, Sarajane
Archivist	Alexa	
HHA Facebook page	J.J.	
Newsletter and website	Soren	
Downtown & Public Works	Chris	
Community Liaison	Jack & J.J.	Both volunteer for Hillside Fed'n
Beautification	Robert	Volunteers here would be great!
Kid's Committee	Not filled	Residents with kids!
Social media pro-active agent	Scott	Jack and James
Merchandise & Trademark	Jeanne	Volunteers here would be great!
Activities	Scott	Lucy

**Fun**

The intention is to make 2016 fun & creative.

Blossoming and Sparkling of traditional annual events:

- the annual Flea Market
- the annual Crafts Fair
- the annual Christmas Festivities

Introducing new monthly *possibilities*:

- historic memories: illustrious former residents
- cooking shares
- Zone cleanups, starting with Village Green
- Native planting project updates
- Poems – submit one!
- Book shares & discussions: what are you reading?
- HOLLYWOODLAND under 30s group
- House tour
- Horse tour: partner with Sunset Ranch
- Rename P-22
- Start a young people of **HOLLYWOODLAND** group (as well as a KIDS committee)
- Politics: We will bring forth news, opportunities, issues, analysis, and recommendations

**2016 communication**

Connection between neighbors and within villages is right up there with family and “the force”. Let's combine our energies and creativity to generate more beauty and connections in **HOLLYWOODLAND**.

Step #1: communicate effectively and efficiently.

HHA operates a **Facebook** page to bring people together in joy and in support for misfortune. We abide by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of Free Speech, and since we are a community and not a nation state, we expect a level of civility and will enforce it. This means a tempering of shrill anger, an absence of obscenity, no ad hominin attacks, and a sharing of observations and opportunities. We encourage a turn towards the positive in our **Facebook** for 2016. This does not mean U cannot mention problems or express exasperation. It only means that we are weighted towards the power of the positive as we work towards solutions. Join the group.

**HOLLYWOODLAND** 2016 Newsletter: the aim is to produce by Friday after monthly meeting. Distribution will be electronic to members only (and hand delivered to members without email) and posted on the website.

**HOLLYWOODLAND** website will jump into timeliness.

## FEBRUARY HOLLYWOODLAND POEM

Beachwood oh Beachwood  
We love it so  
Up high on Deronda  
and down below:  
We love our stores  
and our café  
We love it all more  
than words can say.



The sunsets, the doggies, the friendly 'Hello'  
Our hangtags, our mailmen, and driving real slow  
around the curves, so sensual  
those curves that only residents know.  
We love our walls and the horsies, too  
The green below and, above, the blue.

Let's make '16 the finest year  
and each one find new neighbors dear  
To cook with and laugh and talk and plan  
and figure out how to speak to "The Man"  
downtown.

Egad, The City's part of this bliss  
Let's unite our neighborhood without hit and miss.  
Let's work with joy to come together  
in whatever the predicted or given weather.  
We've got historic steps and God-given beauty  
It must be preserved: it is our duty.



## PRIOR RESIDENTS

A Splendid Savage: The Restless Life of Frederick Russell Burnham by Steve Kemper reviewed in *The Wall Street Journal* last week. Burnham was an original **HOLLYWOODLAND** homeowner:

"How was I to know that I might find the real thing in Burnham, who carried coded messages for smugglers in Tombstone, AZ; outfought Apaches and Boers; fought alongside Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, in Rhodesia (where Baden-Powell adopted Burnham's brown Stetson and neckerchief); and had the 'rare ability to turn Theodore Roosevelt into a listener?'"  
"In real life Burnham is more interesting than any of my heroes in romance."

We invited Mr. Kemper to sign books and present an overview of his nonfiction book at the original Hollywoodland homes he built and lived in. Updates to members will follow.

## Happy Birthday!

Know any Aquarians or Pisceans? Let us know. We will celebrate!

Angels swept  
three staircases!



## January meeting report



Annual meeting was held  
on Sunday afternoon (1/31) at The Besant Lodge.  
2016 Board members were voted in & announced:

Alexa Williams	Lucy Gonzalez
Christine O'Brien	Robert Louis
Jack Conrad	Sarajane Schwartz
James Mykytenko	Scott Freeburg
Jeanne Clark	Soren Kerk
J.J. Blair	Tara Stevenson-Fong

## Upcoming events

- March 8, Tuesday, 7:30PM: monthly HHA Board Meeting at location TBA
- DRB Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thur each month. 6PM. R.E. Office @ 2700 N. Beachwood. Nuri Cho, LADCP, [Nuri.Cho@lacity.org](mailto:Nuri.Cho@lacity.org). 213/978-1177
- Easter Egg Fun to come soon.
- April event in honor of The Bard: Shakespeare

## ♥ HOLLYWOODLAND Readers

Drop off your unneeded books to our sharing library in the west gate adjacent to My Fair Lady's Flowers. While you are there find something free to read!



## PHONES

Hwd Police Wilcox: 213-972-2971  
**NEW** Sr. Lead Ofcr Manny Sanchez 213/793-0704  
Hollywood Watch Commander: 213-972-2971  
SLO main office (all of City) 323/871-4068  
LAFD Battalion 5: 213/485-6275  
CD4 Ryu: 213/473-7004downtwn  
323/957-6415Hwd  
Ranger Pete: 323/644-6661  
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Gas smell: 800/427-2200

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