

WELCOME TO THE HILLTOP NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

What is the Hilltop Neighbors Association (HNA)?

This organization was founded over 28 years ago by a group of dedicated community members who were, and continue to be, committed to the health and safety of their neighbors. The association includes all of the homes and apartments located from Centinela Ave. to Inglewood Blvd., and Charnock Road to National Blvd. The organization is dependent on a group of dedicated Block Captains who deliver the newsletter and coordinate neighborhood activities.

The HNA mission is threefold: We are dedicated to Neighborhood Watch, (Crime Prevention), emergency preparedness (Community Emergency Response Team), and the general improvement of the quality of life of the residents. Membership dues are \$10 per year and the money collected is used to pay for printing a quarterly newsletter, the "Hilltop Beacon"; providing decals for homes; installing neighborhood watch signs on streets; and investing in disaster supplies and much more!

For more information and to join, please contact hilltopneighbors@aol.com.

Please fill out the form below, enclose \$10 dues and optional HERO EQUIPMENT donation check in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope found in this newsletter

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 _____

HOW YOU CAN HELP

I have an earthquake actuated main gas valve

Languages other than English spoken: _____

I would like free CERT training. I would like free HERO training.

Please let me know the upcoming class schedules.

During a disaster, I could help at the Command Center at the Little League Field.

I have a ham radio license or would like to get one and will work with the Communications Committee; call sign _____

I have these special skills (e.g., medical training, building, electrical, law enforcement, first aid, counseling, fire suppression) _____

I can provide these tools/equipment (e.g., chain saw, crowbar, generator, ladders, bolt cutters, ax, truck/van, wrenches) _____

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

Names _____ phone _____

Phone/cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Sweet Lucie's

By Christine K. Min

SWEET LUCIE'S is a new ice cream shop in Mar Vista! Their premium, old-fashioned ice creams and sorbets are handmade in small batches with USDA-certified organic ingredients. They offer indoor seating, an outdoor patio, and even toys for the kids! Already a favorite of some of my Hilltop neighbors, I stopped by Sweet Lucie's for a scoop of ice cream and a quick chat with one of owners, Geri Czako.

How did you start Sweet Lucie's?

In 2008, I was pregnant and started an organic diet. Of course, I was craving ice cream, but there weren't many organic ice creams available, so I started making organic ice cream for myself at home. I started with a little Cuisinart, a basic instruction manual, and used different organic ingredients that I sourced myself. It was really fun! After a while, we decided to pursue it as a business. We started with an ice cream truck in 2010.

What made you choose Mar Vista?

[My husband] Mike and I are very familiar with the area. We noticed that a lot of people were moving to Mar Vista; and heard it referred to as "Mini Kinney". Also with the whole "Silicon Beach" thing going on, we felt Mar Vista was the perfect spot.

Do you live here in Mar Vista?

No, we live in San Pedro, but the goal is to eventually move here ... Hopefully everyone will buy enough ice cream! :)

Sweet Lucie's

12222 Venice Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90066
(310) 245-8242 • www.ilovelucies.com

Monday – Thursday noon – 9PM
Friday & Saturday noon – 10PM
Sunday 11AM – 9PM



Be sure to try Sweet Lucie's at our Hilltop Block Party on September 12th!

August 2015

HILLTOP BEACON



Hello Hilltop Neighbors!

I am privileged to be the newly elected President of the Hilltop Neighbors Association. Our organization is dedicated to bringing neighbors together to form a stronger community, to help insure our community is prepared for a disaster and to assist in crime prevention.

Regarding neighbors coming together, I've heard about neighbor conflict and I'd like to offer a suggestion on how to deal with each other. If an issue should arise between you and your neighbor, it would be great if you could approach them with a friendly gesture and respectfully address your issue. Back in the day, it was common for neighbors to talk it out. Sadly now we tend to have

too little personal communication with our neighbors. Bringing in the authorities to deal with the issue should be a very last resort.

Regarding crime in the area I would ask for feedback on your experiences with Police response in our area and to hear about crime you may have experienced but did not report.

Lastly I would like to personally invite you all to our Hilltop Neighbors Association Block Party – September 12- 4-7 pm. This event is a great time for everyone in your family of all ages to meet your neighbors, learn what the Hilltop Neighbors Association does for our community and have more fun than you can handle.

Sincerely,

Brian Selem
President
Hilltop Neighbors Association



Board of Directors Election

We recently held elections for the Hilltop Neighbors Board of Directors. We are here to do what we can to help our neighborhood so please email if you would like us to address an issue or concern at our Director's meeting.

HILLTOP NEIGHBORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTACT LIST (9/2015)

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A MAJOR * EARTHQUAKE WILL STRIKE HILLTOP AT 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER 12.

BY BILL POPE



Hilltop's Emergency Response Organization (HERO), Inc. will be conducting practice rescue operations the morning of September 12 before Hilltop's Annual Block Party Picnic. Some homes will be decorated to simulate damage. There will be white rope hanging across a road to simulate a fallen power line. There will be water in a street to simulate a ruptured water main. These are all simulations. DO NOT REPORT these to Emergency Services (911) or to City Services (311).

See HERO in action between 10:00 AM and Noon. Our Command Center will be on Grand View at Indianapolis. You will see how we assess damages in the neighborhood, plan our response, communicate when phones are out, cordon-off hazardous areas, rescue people in distress, and evaluate and treat those who will be injured.

When the Big One strikes, HERO will need volunteers to drive trucks and vans to transport rescue equipment to incident sites, and casualties to our Treatment Area. Visit our Command Center on Saturday Sept. 12 to join the fun and gain some valuable experience.

Want to join HERO? Attend one of our one-night refresher classes for your preferred Team to see how we train.
Classes start at 7:00 PM at 3277 Inglewood Boulevard (see photos of past training sessions at www.HilltopHERO.org):

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| Tuesday, Sept. 8 | Damage Survey Team. Requirements: Able to look, walk and knock on doors. |
| Wednesday, Sept. 9 | Search & Rescue Team. Requirements: Able to lift and carry 60 lbs for 60 feet. |
| Thursday, Sept. 10 | Medical (First Aid) Team. Requirements: Non-hemophobic. |

You can get involved:

- HERO is currently building a Transport Team. If you have a truck or van, please contact HERO Leader Bill Pope ASAP at billpope1@verizon.net or 310-391-3887.
- Want to support HERO? Send a tax-deductible donation for rescue equipment to: Hilltop Emergency Response Org. 3277 Inglewood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066.

In a real earthquake, remember to Drop, Cover and Hold on. Then do the B.A.S.I.C.S.

Basic life saving intervention for those:

Burning - Smother flames with fire extinguisher, blanket, coat, jacket, rug, or by rolling victim.

B **Buried** - Remove debris and weight from victim's face and chest.

Bleeding - Stop rapid bleeding by direct pressure, elevation, pressure point. Use belt or tie as tourniquet if necessary.

Not Breathing - Look at chest, Listen at mouth, Feel at diaphragm for breathing. If not, open Airway via Jaw Thrust.

A **Airway**. Keep the airway of an unconscious person open by placing them in HAINES (High Arm In Neck Exposes Spine) position.

S **Size-up**. (At home or business, do lap around outside.)

If:

- Pungent Gas Odor (Do not touch electric switches),
- Fire, Smoke, or Crackling sound,
- Moderate Damage (fractured walls) or
- Heavy Damage (tilting, off foundation, any collapse),

THEN:

- Evacuate all mobile occupants,
- Shut off electricity, small breakers, then main.
- Shut off gas at meter.
- Suppress any small fires if you can do so safely.

OTHERWISE continue in place.

- Spinal injury Check – If victim cannot move or feel either fingers or toes, do not move casualty unless in harm's way.

I **Immobilize** any large broken bones to prevent further injury before moving a casualty. Stabilize spine with ironing board/door.

C Carry immobile casualties out of harm's way using a 6-person Lift, 2-person carry, 1-person blanket or clothes drag.

S Severity of injury? Check victim's RPM's (RespirationRate > 30/min, Perfusion > 2 sec. or Mental status not OK = Severe).

To host a "Surviving the Big One" seminar for your block, send an email to BillPope1@verizon.net or call 310-391-3887.

*Simulated

BE PREPARED!

BY WAYNE BURKLUND

Every month that passes, we are a month closer to "The Big One", so it behooves us all to be as well prepared as possible. That means have at least a week's supply of food and water, and the food probably should be something that could be eaten cold if necessary. Naturally, the food and water should be rotated to keep it within the expiration dates. Of course, it could always be years or decades away, but we will have no warning. If you do not have at least two fire extinguishers, and an earthquake gas shut-off valve it is very important to get them. In the huge disasters like the San Francisco earthquake, the losses from cascading fires were something like five times the losses from the shaking.

A home gas or propane generator is also a good thing to have, so that you could keep a fridge running and have minimal electricity; and is essential if anyone in your home is on a dialysis machine.

The newer propane generators are far superior to gasoline since propane is much easier and safer to store and has no expiration or deterioration with age. Older gas generators can be converted to propane fairly easy. HNA has a secure data base of emergency contacts for those of you that have provided that information. Even if land line and cell circuits are out, there may be some possibility for us to make contact for you via our ham radio network.

You might want to re-read the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" article from the last beacon, since its far nicer to stay with a neighbor than in the FEMA or Red Cross or National Guard Shelters, if your home should be "red tagged" due to severe damage.

DID YOU KNOW?

SOME SANTA MONICA AIRPORT HISTORY



1917 The Santa Monica Airport is the oldest continuously operating airport in Los Angeles County since 1917.

Our Army trains at Clover Field. Clover Field was named in honor of Lieut. Greayer Clover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Clover of L.A.

1922 Douglas Aircraft Co. moved to Santa Monica in 1922 and established a factory on Wilshire Blvd. to manufacture military aircraft. Within two years, Douglas aircraft flew on the first "round the world flight", which attracted some 50,000 spectators to Clover Field.

1940 The day after our country's entry into WWII, the Federal Government leased the airfield from the city. The runway was constructed, and air traffic control facilities and hangars were added. To protect Douglas from bombing, a mock factory was built on the golf course side, while an all-out manufacturing effort began on the north side.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Young Musicians Foundation (YMF) was founded in 1955 to unify communities through exceptional classical music experiences for youth. We believe that young musicians at every stage of their development deserve high caliber music instruction in a supportive environment. To this end, we offer the opportunity to perform in, or experience, our Debut Orchestra (ages 15-25); provide outstanding music education to pre-kindergarten, elementary and middle school students through our Teaching Artist Program and assist young musicians with student scholarships.



➡ We are pleased to invite the Hilltop community to join us for a celebratory Debut Orchestra Concert in memory of our founder, Sylvia Kunin (1913-2015), on October 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010.

Featured will be Lawrence Foster, former New York Philharmonic Concertmaster, violinist Glenn Dicterow, cellist Nathaniel Rosen, and pianist Gerald Robbins. Maestro Foster will conduct Beethoven's Triple Concerto and Shumann's Manfred Overture. YMF's newly appointed Music Director and Conductor, Yuga Cohler, will lead the Debut Orchestra in Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun and Shubert's Overture to Rosemunde.

The concert is free of charge. Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Deutsch at 213-617-7707.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

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AND LOCAL BUSINESSES**

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

**SEPTEMBER 12
4-7 PM**

**PARTY & POTLUCK PICNIC
AT NORTH VENICE
LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD**

**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)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO
VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL:
BRIANHOME1@VERIZON.NET OR
HILLTOPNEIGHBORS@AOL.COM**

**CALLING ALL LOCAL
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HELP WITH:**

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Prizes
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And More!**

**EXTRA HANDS NEEDED-
PERFECT TIME TO GET
INVOLVED AND MEET
YOUR NEIGHBORS**

**Crafts & Activity
Supply Pickup & Drop-off
Food Pickup & Drop-off
Bounce House
Balloons
Setup
Cleanup**