

# Heights Life

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## Easter Egg Hunt

(Photos on pages 8 & 9)



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## La Habra Heights | 2026 Market Snapshot

### PENDING SALES IN FEBRUARY - 6

1707 Nabal Rd	3 Bed	2 Bath	2,304 sq ft	List Price	\$1,150,000
2480 Ardsheal Dr	5 Bed	5 Bath	3,221 sq ft	List Price	\$1,375,000
1071 E Avocado Crest Rd	3 Bed	4 Bath	2,846 sq ft	List Price	\$1,348,000
1500 Kashlan Rd	4 Bed	4 Bath	2,844 sq ft	List Price	\$1,599,900
1586 Cloister Dr	4 Bed	4 Bath	3,848 sq ft	List Price	\$2,188,888
1422 Bella Vista Dr	4 Bed	5 Bath	5,929 sq ft	List Price	\$2,999,888

### CLOSED SALES IN FEBRUARY - 1

346 Leucadia Rd	4 Bed	5 Bath	5,156 sq ft	Closed Price	\$3,060,000
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### ACTIVE LISTINGS IN FEBRUARY - 12

888 Reposado Dr	3 Bed	2 Bath	2,523 sq ft	List Price	\$1,300,000
<b>2034 Virazon Dr</b>	<b>4 Bed</b>	<b>5 Bath</b>	<b>3,204 sq ft</b>	<b>List Price</b>	<b>\$1,388,888</b>
171 Canada Sombre Rd	5 Bed	4 Bath	2,833 sq ft	List Price	\$1,395,000
1616 Kanola Rd	3 Bed	3 Bath	2,230 sq ft	List Price	\$1,400,000
<b>105 Reposado Dr</b>	<b>4 Bed</b>	<b>5 Bath</b>	<b>3,677 sq ft</b>	<b>List Price</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>
2364 Las Palomas Dr	4 Bed	4 Bath	3,078 sq ft	List Price	\$1,415,000
1918 Chandos Ln	3 Bed	3 Bath	2,762 sq ft	List Price	\$1,580,000
<b>1525 Bonnie Jean Ln</b>	<b>5 Bed</b>	<b>4 Bath</b>	<b>3,214 sq ft</b>	<b>List Price</b>	<b>\$1,848,000</b>
1436 La Riata Dr	5 Bed	3 Bath	5,595 sq ft	List Price	\$2,283,800
860 Reposado Dr	5 Bed	5 Bath	5,224 sq ft	List Price	\$2,950,000
1573 Nabal Rd	7 Bed	7 Bath	6,844 sq ft	List Price	\$3,780,000
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# MAYOR'S CORNER

Brian Bergman



## Overtaken truck blocks Hacienda Road

Hacienda Road was closed March 2 from 3 to 8:30 p.m. after a large box truck failed to negotiate the downhill turn just past Canada Sombre Road, tipped onto its side and blocked the road.



The oversized truck, which was loaded with cheese, exceeded the three-ton weight limit and should not have been traveling on Hacienda. The cargo had to be manually unloaded and transferred into two refrigerated trucks, which extended the closure time.

Although no one was injured, an expensive, recently installed guardrail was destroyed. The company that operated the truck will be required to replace the guardrail.

## Fire breaks out during severe Santa Ana winds



A large smoke plume erupted from a fire on property on Harbor Blvd. in the east Heights on Saturday morning, March 7, during heavy Santa Ana winds. Units from the La Habra Heights Fire Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department quickly extinguished the blaze, which was confined to a trailer, surrounding

vegetation and trees on the property. The prompt, effective response by firefighters averted a potentially dangerous situation since strong, gusty winds could have quickly spread the fire.

Harbor Blvd. was shut down, and heavy traffic was diverted onto Fullerton Road and other routes through the east Heights all the way to Cypress Street.

The burned property had come to the attention of the LHH Code Enforcement team in October 2025 for fire-related issues other than brush clearance. This incident is a reminder that Heights properties must be kept clear of *all* flammable materials, not just brush.

## LHH fiscal future discussed at workshop

The city held its fifth, final, well-attended community workshop on February 21. Residents raised concerns and offered suggestions about the city's fiscal future, and discussions about these matters will continue. (To view the workshop online, visit [lhcity.org](http://lhcity.org), *Meetings and Agendas*, click on the table, find the date, then click *View*).

[See **FISCAL FUTURE** on page 4]

Gil Taylor



## PRESIDENT'S PEN

### Great Easter Egg Hunt!

The Easter Bunny made his annual visit to La Habra Heights and once again presided over our joyous **LHHIA Easter Egg Hunt** at The Park on March 28. We thank Susan Brooks for once again chairing this event.

Our Bunny buddy arrived in the LHH Fire Department's shiny new engine, and a gang of kids were there to welcome him and get a tour of the engine from firefighters later. The Bunny made his way to the gazebo and posed for plenty of family photos.

Meanwhile, families lined up for our ever-popular pony rides, and petting zoo while waiting to take part in three different age-appropriate egg hunts, each with a hidden golden egg waiting to be found. Kids also enjoyed balloon toys and face painting and collected plenty of candy when they turned in their eggs. See Barbara and Dan Stracner's event photos on pages 8 and 9.

### Photo Contest deadline is April 30

You've only got a few days left to enter our annual **LHHIA Photo Contest**—the deadline is midnight on April 30 (see details on page 4).

Send us your three best shots—more chances to win! If you're entering a photo taken with your cellphone camera, be sure that it's the largest file size with the highest resolution available so that it will enlarge well, because all photos are enlarged to 8.5 x 11 inches for judging. Every year we receive shots that look fine on a small cellphone screen but become too bit-mapped or poorly focused when they're blown up to possible publication size.

Please remember that you must be a member of LHHIA to enter, so make sure that your dues are up-to-date—or to join for the first time, see *Become a member* on page 16.

### Community Yard Sale on May 30

Our much-anticipated **Community Yard Sale** is scheduled at The Park on May 30 from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost of a 10-foot x 20-foot space is just \$25. See page 5 for sign-up details. Admission is free for shoppers—so save the date!

### LHHIA Annual Meeting on June 3

We invite all members of La Habra Heights Improvement Association to our *2025 Annual General Meeting of the Membership and Election of the Board of Directors* on June 3 at La Habra Heights City Hall, starting with a reception at 6 p.m. and followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please save the date and join us.

### Meals on Wheels event on June 13

For many years, LHHIA has been a supporter of La Habra Meals on Wheels, which serves both La Habra and La Habra Heights. Their mission is to provide nutritious meals and care, including much-needed company, to homebound local residents.

The organization will hold its annual fundraiser, titled "An Enchanted Evening in the Garden," on June 13. Please see details on page 14 and save the date.

—Gil Taylor

La Habra Heights is currently in good financial shape, but we need to stay focused on long-term financial stability to protect our lovely community. In addition to inflation, factors contributing to projected financial shortfalls include rising costs of fire equipment, paramedic requirements, our law-enforcement contract (which increases every year) and street paving. Cutting safety services in our high-fire-risk area and reducing Sheriff's Department protection are non-starters.

The fire tax you currently pay is not sufficient to fund ongoing LHH Fire Department costs. For example, each new firefighter "turn out" suit costs up to \$5,000 and requires mandated periodic replacement. The council recently authorized \$150,000 to replace essential firefighter breathing apparatuses. Consider that a small fire engine in the late 1990s cost around \$250,000, while our recently acquired engine cost over \$1 million and was paid for by a non-recurring grant thanks to State Senator Bob Archuleta. In the early 1990s, La Habra Heights did not provide paramedic service, but today the current cost of such required emergency medical services (EMS) is budgeted at over \$500,000—a necessity due to our aging population in the Heights.

The existing road tax is due to expire and needs our attention. The cost of paving has approximately doubled since the current assessment was approved by voters in 2017-2018. Based on projected cost evaluations at that time, the assessment is due to expire after 2027-28. This matter will be discussed at the April City Council meeting, along with possible plans for the corner of Hacienda Road and West Road.

—**Brian Bergman**



## Calling all Heights grads!

Our June and July issues of *Heights Life* will once again celebrate all La Habra Heights graduates (8th grade, high school, college and advanced degrees).

We invite you to submit the following information to [HeightsLifeEditor@gmail.com](mailto:HeightsLifeEditor@gmail.com):

- Name of graduate and school name
- High-resolution photo of the graduate
- Honors, memberships, achievements
- Next school to be attended (if any)

Send us your information by May 10 for the June issue and by June 10 for the July issue. *Congratulations, Class of 2026!* We're so proud of you!



**Deadline for entries: April 30, 2026**

**First prize: \$100 Second prize: \$50 Third prize: \$25**

- You must be a member of LHHIA to enter (*see page 16 to join*).
- Enter up to three photos as *high-resolution* digital files (jpeg, PNG or PDF) and email them as attachments to [heightslifeeditor@gmail.com](mailto:heightslifeeditor@gmail.com). (Do *not* embed them in text!)
- By entering, you agree to allow your images to be published or displayed, without fee or other form of compensation, in *Heights Life* magazine, on the LHHIA website and at La Habra Heights public events. Published photographs will include photo credits.
- See the official *Photo Contest Rules* at [lhia.com](http://lhia.com). By entering the LHHIA Photo Contest, you agree to abide by these official contest rules. *Good shooting!*

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# Stop poisoning our wildlife!



**Y**ou may have noticed recent social media posts from La Habra Heights residents who have found dead owls and hawks or who have seen sick, emaciated coyotes wandering in our neighborhoods during daylight hours.

In most cases, the likely culprits are people who use toxic baits to rid their homes and gardens of rodent pests. In doing so, they're also putting non-target creatures—birds, coyotes and even domestic pets—at risk as well, because these animals eat rats, mice, gophers, voles and ground squirrels that have been poisoned. Our Heights-dwelling natural predators—e.g., coyotes, owls and hawks—are especially susceptible to toxic rodenticides, because they consume large numbers of rodents and feed them to their offspring.

Coyotes who don't die from consuming poisons often suffer from compromised immune systems that are unable to fight off the mites that cause mange. Such animals become too sick to compete with other predators that hunt naturally at night, so they wander in the daytime scavenging for any food they can find.

## **The worst poisons**

In 2002, a new generation of more deadly rodent poisons was introduced. These products contained long-lasting, second-generation anticoagulants that caused predators who ate poisoned rodents to sicken and usually die at drastically higher rates, according to studies conducted by the National Park Service. These products were advertised as “safe to use outside the home”—but they were anything but safe for wildlife!

Necropsies conducted on deceased animals determined that high levels of anticoagulants were found in the livers of dead coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, raccoons and skunks, as well as owls, hawks, ravens, crows and other predatory and scavenger birds—27 different avian species were affected!

The state of California conducted tests in 2018 that determined that 63 out of 68 mountain lion deaths were attributable to anticoagulant rodenticides. In 2021, the California Assembly passed new legislation banning consumer use of the following rodent poisons that contain second-generation anticoagulants:

- **Brodifacoum** (e.g., D-Con, Mouser, Ratak, Talon, Final Blox, Havoc)
- **Bromadiolone** (e.g. Contrac, Maki Mini Bloc, DeciMax)
- **Difenacoum** (e.g. D-Kill Rat Bait Blocks)
- **Difethialone** (e.g. First Strike, Hombre)

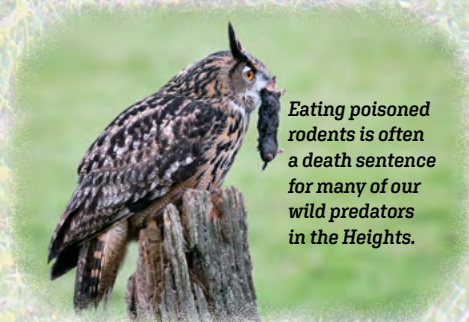
In 2025, California added additional poisons to the restricted list:

- **Chlorophacinone**
- **Diphacinone**
- **Strychnine**
- **Warfarin**

Following these state restrictions is critical to protect non-target wildlife from harm. Use caution when purchasing any types of rodenticides online to avoid accidentally buying restricted materials.

Check labels carefully, and if you have unused or partially used rodenticides containing these restricted active ingredients, take them to your local Household Hazardous Waste site for proper disposal.

Please consider using non-poisonous ways to control pests and help keep our Heights wildlife healthy!



*Eating poisoned rodents is often a death sentence for many of our wild predators in the Heights.*



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# Egg Hunt



**Golden Egg Winners** (left to right): Tegan Rolam, age 3; Logan Soto, age 6; and Amarena Keeling, age 7.

# ELAINE QUADE (1931-2026)

**E**LAINE QUADE, a resident of La Habra Heights for 49 years, passed away on January 5, 2026, just a few days before her 95th birthday. Stanley Quade, her husband of 72 years, still resides in the Heights.

Her family and friends gathered at the Quade home on February 28 for a celebration of Elaine's long and productive life.



She was born Elaine Blenda Barclay in her family home in Huntington Park, California, on January 26, 1931, to Porter and

Mildred Barclay. She had three brothers: Robert, Donald and Norman.

Elaine attended Los Angeles City College, receiving training as a dental assistant. She met Stanley Quade through her brother, Robert, who was working with Stanley at a summer job, and they began dating. They discovered that they had been born two weeks and two blocks apart.

The couple was separated while Stanley was stationed in Alaska with the U.S. Air Force, and when he returned, they were married on July 31, 1953, at



*Elaine was a very talented master quilter.*

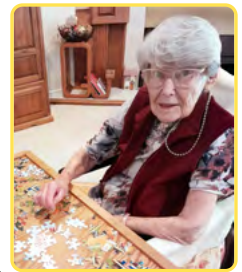
Huntington Park Baptist Church. They soon moved to Spokane, Washington, where Stanley earned his degree in physical education at Whitworth College and Elaine worked as a dental assistant.

In 1956, they returned to California and shortly thereafter purchased a home in Norwalk where their children, Renee, Dwight (passed away at three months) and Eric were born. In 1973, they became charter members of Whittier Area Baptist Fellowship, where Elaine worked as the church secretary for 20 years.

In 1977, the Quades purchased property in La Habra Heights, where Stanley built his dream tennis court in 1980. They enjoyed their beautiful ranch-style Heights home together for nearly a half-century.

Elaine was an active member of the Whittier Hills Baptist Church (now Redemption Hills), the Restless Legs Foundation, PEO and the Friendship Square Quilt Guild, for which she made and donated many beautiful, hand-stitched quilts, some of which required a full year of creative work. The Quade home is decorated with Elaine's quilts and Stanley's intricate wooden artworks and furniture.

In addition to quilting, Elaine loved to play and watch tennis, work on crossword and jigsaw puzzles, host gatherings and play the card game Hand and Foot—all while eating her favorite chocolates. She also enjoyed shopping at antique stores while traveling.



Elaine showed her far-reaching love and generosity by sponsoring more than 25 children around the world over 65 years through World Vision.

She is survived by her husband Stanley, daughter Renee Carlson (Ron), son Eric Quade (Heidi), grandson Kevin Carlson (Nubia) and great-grandchildren Scarlett Elaina, Sterling Eastan and Sapphire Eticia Carlson.

The name Elaine means "bright or shining light," which definitely describes Elaine with her bright smile and the ways she enlightened the lives of so many with her encouragement, hospitality and love. She truly embodied Psalm 118:24, her favorite Bible verse: "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."



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### Avoid over-improving your home.

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### Some repairs are essential.

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## Community Events

- April 5** *Happy Easter!* (Easter Egg Hunt photos, page 8).  
**April 11** Firewise Workshop: 9 a.m. at City Hall.  
**April 13** City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.  
**April 16** Emergency Preparedness: 6 p.m. at City Hall.  
**April 18** Hacienda Road Clean-up: 6:45 a.m. at City Hall.  
**April 18** Quarterly Waste Clean-up: 8 a.m.-noon at The Park.  
**April 22** Roads Advisory meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.  
**April 28** Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.  
**April 30** Deadline for LHHIA Photo Contest (page 4).



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## LHH Fire Report

**FEBRUARY 2026**

Advanced life-support calls: 19 (16 in LHH, 3 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 22 (5 in LHH, 17 in LA County), Public assist: 4 (1 in LHH, 3 in LA County), Fire calls: 8 (6 in LHH, 2 in LA County), Traffic collisions: 4 (3 in LHH, 1 in LA County), "LHH Island": 0, Automatic aid into LA County: 26.

**Total calls: 57**



## Sheriff's Report

**FEBRUARY 2026**

Forcible rape: 1, Strong-arm robbery: 1, Aggravated assault: 1, Elder or dependent abuse: 1, Suspected child abuse: 1, Vehicle repossessed: 1, Vehicle impounded: 1, Person dead (natural causes): 1, Traffic accidents: 3.

**Total incidents: 11**



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