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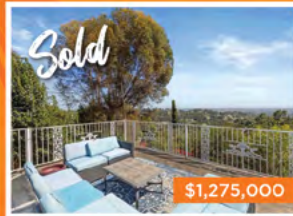
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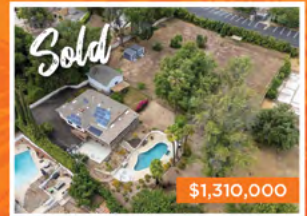
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Brush patrol truck now in service

A special four-wheel-drive brush patrol truck, used for much-needed mobility in small tight driveways and quick responses to fires, is now in service with the LHH Fire Department. The used Ford F-550 with only 15,000 miles was purchased from a volunteer fire department in Pennsylvania that was disbanding. Deputy Fire Chief Greg Terrill drove the truck to La Habra Heights. Fully equipped with a generator, a small water tank to attack fires and bright lights to illuminate emergency situations, the truck replaced our old unit that had a cracked cylinder head.



Brian Bergman



P R E S I D E N T ' S P E N

Gil Taylor



Get ready to get spooky!

LHHIA's annual **Halloween Haunt!**

Fall is almost here, and as you can see from the reminder above, LHHIA is getting ready for our favorite event of the season. Boardmembers Lynn Kelley and Angela Owen are once again making plans and seeking volunteers to transform the Park gym into "La Haunted Heights" for our annual *Halloween Haunt* on the evening of October 31. If you want to start getting spooky and have some fun helping with the preparations, you'll find their contact information on page 16.

Attendance at our annual "spooktacular" has been great for the past several years, and we'd love to have you help continue the trend! If you're planning to take part in our family-friendly festivities, please remember to bring one bag of individually-wrapped candy for each participating child. Our volunteers will be handing out all that candy to youngsters who call at our numerous trick or treat houses. You'll also find lots of games, goodies and spooky music, as well as a parade of creative costumes to admire and photograph.

As always, the November issue of *Heights Life* will arrive a few days later than usual so that we can include plenty of photos from the *Halloween Haunt*.

Thank you to our 'Friends of Music in the Park'

Every year a very valuable group helps us keep the music playing in the Heights by donating funds to our Music in the Park summer concerts. We're grateful to all these "Friends of Music in the Park," and we're giving them special recognition on page 5. Boardmember Monica Gunns, who managed this event, tells me that contributions kept coming in well after the last musical notes had faded away. We cordially invite you to join this much-appreciated group.

Save December 5 for *Morning With Santa!*

We're already in the midst of planning for our ever-popular LHHIA *Morning With Santa*, our annual Christmas season celebration in the Park gym that will take place this year on Saturday, December 5. Mark your calendar and join us at 9 a.m. for some yuletide cheer, and watch coming *Heights Life* issues for more information about this much-anticipated event.

November election will not include LHH city council

While state and national elections in November will likely be quite controversial, things will be quiet here in La Habra Heights, because the three incumbents—John Pespisa, Norm Zezula and Brian Bergman—filed to maintain their seats, but no opponents filed. By not having to run an election, the city will save about \$52,000, and our incumbents will serve for another four years.

While these incumbents possess a lot of institutional knowledge that has helped keep the city running smoothly, it is important that residents step forward now and in the future to participate in running the city. We welcome new ideas and new thoughts.

Help prepare LHH drainage system for El Niño

Thanks to volunteer John Dominguez and others, residents can now access maps to locate storm drains, culverts and areas requiring clearance before major storms.

To request a detailed map of your neighborhood, just email beautifylhh@gmail.com with your address or street and nearest cross street, and a printable map will be emailed to you.

Please be aware that Heights property owners are responsible for drainage maintenance on their private properties. Increase protection for your home and neighbors by locating drains that serve your neighborhood and making sure that they are clear and operable.

If you see a drain or culvert that needs clearing, contact City Hall before the rains begin. If you need to do any deep digging, first contact DigAlert.org or call 811 to locate underground utility lines.

Road system improving—but residents must help

Kudos to our Roads Advisory Committee that has steadfastly monitored a long-term program to evaluate priorities and upgrade our Heights roads and streets.

Since 2015, the city has prioritized working on roads that qualified for refurbishing rather than those needing complete reconstruction. The next large project will target roads that were deemed "beyond

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refurbishment” in 2015 and today have the lowest pavement condition index (PCI). At the August council meeting, the following roads and streets were recommended for our next roads project: all or portions of Avocado Crest Rd., Citron Rd., East Skyline Dr., East Rd., Fullerton Rd., Kashlan Rd., Le Flore Dr., Pleasant Crest Ln., Tangelo Ln., Vista Rd. and Walnut St.

Please be aware that under city codes, residents are responsible for clearing in front of their properties, removing dirt, plants and other impediments that cover any of the pavement edge. Residents will be notified of this ongoing obligation, and they will be held financially responsible if they impede paving by failing to clear their frontage.

The current road-funding measure will soon expire, and residents will be asked next year to vote to continue the current benefit assessment district to fund ongoing projects and future road upgrades.

It is vital that we maintain our road infrastructure since our road system is our community's most valuable asset. We must maintain the system to preserve the value of our properties and to meet safety standards.



—**Brian Bergman**



FRRIENDSHIP SQUARE QUILT GUILD will present *Kaleidoscope of Quilts* on Saturday, September 19 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), and Sunday, September 20 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd. Admission is \$10.

More than 100 handcrafted quilts made by guild members will be showcased, including traditional and contemporary designs. The show will also feature vendors, a silent auction and a boutique featuring quilts and other hand-crafted items for sale.

Special raffles will be held, with proceeds providing breast cancer treatment for local women in need of assistance. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawings will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m.; winners need not be present.

Drawings for two beautiful, handcrafted “Opportunity Quilts,” *’Tis the Season* and *Midnight Jewels*, will also be held Sunday, September 20, at 3:30 p.m. To buy tickets, contact a guild member or purchase tickets at the show for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Each year Friendship Square Quilt Guild donates hundreds of quilts to at-risk children and wounded veterans and gives quilts and financial support to local non-profits. The Guild raises funds for worthwhile causes at all its shows.

Fight bites by preventing mosquitoes in the Heights!



The first 2026 death in LA County from mosquito-borne West Nile Virus was reported on August 20—which just happened to be “World Mosquito Day” on which health organizations around the globe remind us how important it is to eliminate these dangerous insects.

That scary photo at the left shows mosquito larvae in water. It's scary because fast-breeding, disease-spreading *mosquitoes kill more people every year than any other creature on the planet.*

Did you know that mosquitoes only need as little as a teaspoon of water to breed? Take action to protect your home and family by eliminating standing water on your property. Even small puddles or forgotten containers can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. By removing these sources, you can prevent mosquitoes from finding a new home near you. Just remember: *No standing water means no mosquitoes.* Stay vigilant and help keep La Habra Heights mosquito-free. Visit bit.ly/GLAmosquito.

Now that our 2026 summer concerts have ended, La Habra Heights Improvement Association sincerely thanks all our Friends of Music in the Park whose generous donations help keep the music playing each year!

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Dan & Barbara Stracner produced our ads and flyers.

In addition to those named, we had a number of donors who wished to remain anonymous.

We're grateful to you all!

LHHIA has been bringing you summer concerts since 1989!



Please join us next summer for our 2027 Music in the Park!

Garden Plot

By **BEVERLEY LEPAK**, *Horticulturist
& Landscape Consultant*

Fall arrives with the Autumnal Equinox (see next page) on September 22 at 5:06 p.m. PDT. We hope the hot, muggy late summer weather will then fade away, but we know from past experience that heat might linger well into November! What's more, Santa Ana winds can blow in, bringing extreme fire danger, so we must keep up brush clearance, cut back foliage along roadsides and pathways and trim overgrown shrubs near structures.

El Niño could bring lots of rain

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has indicated that a "super El Niño" is forming in the Pacific Ocean (learn more about it in the story on pages 8 and 9). Such weather conditions may well bring us heavier-than-usual rainfall late in the year with the possibility of flooding and landslides in La Habra Heights, as well as uprooting of large trees due to extremely saturated soil.

It's best to take no chances and start preparing now for a very wet winter. Start by clearing debris out of culverts, drains and roof gutters—you might need to do this multiple times during our rainy season. Trim or remove low-hanging limbs and branches, especially near structures or outdoor parking areas. Reset or even turn off automatic sprinklers. If there are places on your property that flood during heavy rain, use sandbags to control the water flow and then find a permanent way to divert water safely in the future.

Really sticky mud forms when our heavy clay soil gets too saturated, so wear boots with deep treads while doing your gardening or outdoor chores, walk slowly to avoid slipping and put boot scrapers outside by entrances to your home. A sturdy bench there would be helpful to make it easier to take off muddy boots. Have plenty of old towels ready to wipe off muddy pet paws. If you have a dog that loves to roll in mud puddles, keep a hose handy! If you have outdoor animals—chickens,



Fall is almost here—along with fire danger and El Niño!



horses, goats, etc.—keep them dry and happy by mending any leaks in their outdoor structures and use sandbags or other barriers to prevent flooding. Of course, it's best to take care of all that before the rainy season arrives!

Early fall gardening

It's almost time to start harvesting those plumped-up pumpkins and other fall crops. Clean out old non-producing vegetables and plants. Rejuvenate soil with compost or let it fallow (i.e., don't plant for a season).

Cool-season vegetables to start planting: arugula, beets, carrots, cauliflower, chard, collards, kale, leeks, peas, radish, turnips and spinach. Sow some cilantro seeds and chives. Plant garlic cloves and other alliums in October. Replace old, woody herb plants, and plant new evergreen herbs for fresh flavors—try different varieties of oregano, French and English thyme and cooking sage.

Fall flowers

Bring in warm hues of autumn by planting chrysanthemums, marigolds and celosia. Later in the season plant pansies, fall-blooming sage and viola. Plant some colorful ornamental peppers for show—but not for consumption!

Spring bulbs

Yes! It's time to start shopping for spring bulbs. Some bulbs (tulips and hyacinth, for example) need to be refrigerated for six to eight weeks before planting. Without this required chilling treatment, they may not bloom or they'll produce short stalks and small blooms.

Daffodils, freesia and many others can be planted in mid-fall; just follow planting instructions on the packaging.

Enjoy your autumn!



Chard



Thyme



Marigold



Viola



Celosia



Hyacinth



Allium



Turnip



Sage



Freesia



Autumnal Equinox

The Latin word “equinox” means “equal night” and refers to the only two times each year when the length of day and the length of night are briefly the same.

The spring equinox (also called the vernal equinox or the March equinox) this year occurred on Friday, March 20, at 7:46 a.m. PDT, marking the official astronomical start of spring in the Earth’s Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

The autumnal equinox (also known as the fall equinox and the September equinox) will take place in La Habra Heights on September 22 at 5:06 p.m. PDT. That moment will officially be the end of summer and the beginning

of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere, the period astronomers call “astronomical autumn.” However, the seasons are flipped in the Southern Hemisphere, with the same equinox ending winter and starting spring.

Seasons are caused by the 23.5-degree tilt of the earth on its axis. Because of this tilt, day and night differ in length except on the two equinoxes, the only times when the moving edge between day and night runs perpendicular to Earth’s equator such that for a short time, the two hemispheres receive approximately equal light.

Put another way, an equinox happens when the Earth’s axis is tilted neither toward nor



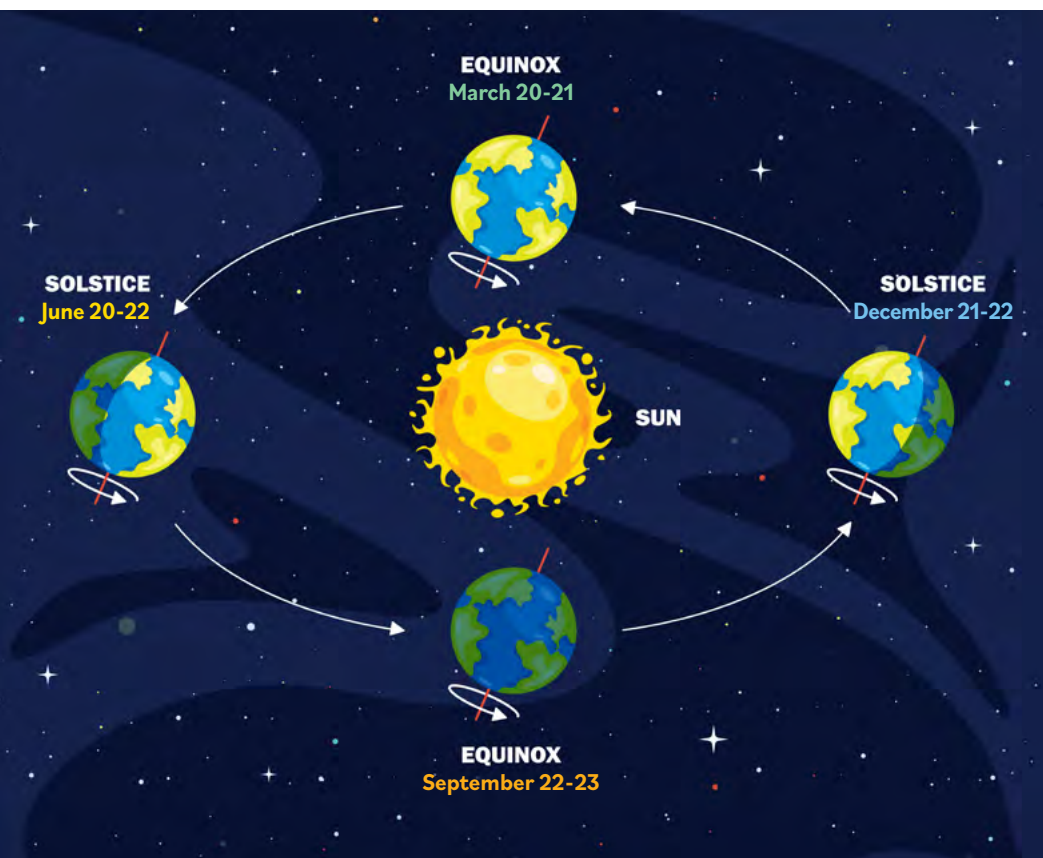
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

away from the sun and the sun is directly over the equator at noon. The satellite photograph above captures the equinox moment.

After the autumnal equinox occurs in the Northern Hemisphere, days immediately start getting shorter and nights get longer, culminating in the winter solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year, which will occur this year on Monday, December 21, 2026, at 12:50 p.m. PST and mark the official beginning of our winter. Conversely, the spring solstice is the longest day and the shortest night of the year.

“Autumn” derives from the ancient Etruscan word *autu*, which means “passing of the year.” The ancient Welsh, Celts and Druids called the season *elfed*, and their name for the autumnal equinox, a holy day, was *Alban Elfed* (*alban* means quarter-year). Some Welsh pagans called the equinox *Mabon*, the name of their God of Light, the son of their Earth Mother goddess; his coming signified the beginning of the harvest season. The equinox was an occasion for rituals and offerings to ensure a bountiful “harvest home,” the reaping and storage of the final harvest of the year.

In America and Canada, autumn is often called “fall,” a term with origins in Old German, Old Norse and Old English related to expressions for “fall of the year” and “fall of the leaf,” the time when deciduous trees begin shedding their leaves, when daytime shortens and nights become longer and colder as winter approaches.



Crowds gather at Stonehenge in England on each equinox and solstice. Modern Neo-Pagans regard this ancient edifice as a holy site.

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The last time Southern California experienced a bona fide super El Niño was in the winter of 1997-98, which is when Dan Stracner shot the ominous photograph on the front cover showing a menacing thunderstorm approaching La Habra Heights from the west.

Prolonged, torrential downpours from that El Niño caused widespread flooding throughout the region, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in property damage, severe coastal erosion and lengthy disruptions to outdoor businesses, especially agriculture and construction.

The Heights experienced flooding, mudslides, downed power lines, uprooted trees, closed streets and roads and extensive property damage.

Worldwide, damage from that massive weather event was estimated at \$5.7 trillion (equivalent to \$11.7 trillion in today's dollars).

And according to meteorologists, the gigantic El Niño currently in the Pacific Ocean is likely to be even stronger than the monster that did so much damage nearly 30 years ago. In fact, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has reported that "there is a greater than 90 percent chance of a very strong event during the winter of 2026-27, with models tracking ocean anomalies that could make it the most powerful El Niño recorded since 1950."

However, it's important to note that meteorologists have at times been wrong with their predictions. Back in 2015 when Southern California was suffering through a prolonged drought, NOAA weather experts said that a strong "Godzilla" El Niño was forming in the Pacific and that Southern California was probably going to have a repeat of the disaster that had happened 18 years before—if not worse. SoCal frantically prepared for heavy rains in January and

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February, and although the El Niño event did turn out to be very large, the rains never came. In fact, the region experienced below-average precipitation that winter.

Better to be prepared

One way or the other, history is going to repeat itself this coming winter, and either way, it's prudent to start getting prepared for severe weather. If the experts are right this time, the subtropical jet stream and primary storm track will be passing right over us, bringing soaking storms and powerful atmospheric rivers—like the one that did so much damage to the Heights on February 5 and 6, 2024 (see photos below).

As a minimum, here's what you need to do without delay:

- Check your roof for broken tiles, displaced shingles, damaged flashing (especially around chimneys) and rotted wood. Roofers are especially busy right now, but you should be able to get essential repairs done or, at the very least, get temporary plastic sheeting applied.
- Clear roof gutters and downspouts and be prepared to keep checking and clearing them, particularly after the first big rain fills them with accumulated leaves and debris.
- Clear all your street-level drains to prevent water pooling (and check them again after each downpour).

- Cut back trees that overhang your roof and trim trees that are susceptible to broken limbs, uprooting and falling when the ground becomes heavily saturated.

- Have emergency materials ready to go: sandbags, plastic sheeting, tarps and shovels. Wide push brooms are useful for clearing drains, moving debris and sweeping rising water away from entrances.

- Make a family emergency plan in case evacuation becomes necessary. Include preplanned meeting places and make sure everyone carries identification and *written* emergency contact information (cellphone emergency service might not be available).

- Register for city and county alerts, and check updates on the National Weather Service (*weather.gov*).

What causes El Niño?

El Niño is a natural, periodically recurring seasonal climate pattern characterized by unusual warming of surface waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. When such warming occurs, it weakens trade winds, shifts global atmospheric circulation and alters major weather patterns worldwide. In our case, El Niño conditions, which weather scientists call the Southern Oscillation, can shift the Pacific storm track southward, often driving heavy winter storms directly into Central and Southern California.

Past winter storm damage in the Heights



Super El Niño?

Historical effects of El Niño

El Niño has had an ongoing impact on humanity, causing flooding in some parts of the world and severe droughts in others.

El Niño conditions may have led to the demise of several pre-Columbian Peruvian cultures. When Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro made landfall in Peru around 1525, he noted rainfall in the deserts, the first written record of the impacts of El Niño.

A strong El Niño between 1789 and 1793 caused poor crop yields in Europe, which gave rise to widespread civil unrest that helped spark the French Revolution.

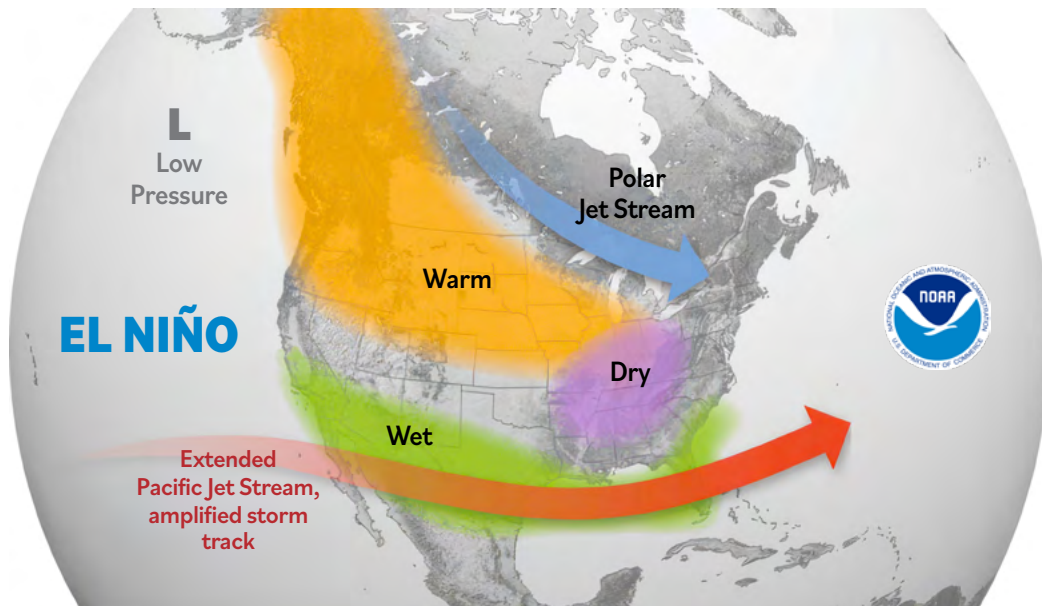
The extreme weather produced by El Niño in 1876–77 precipitated the most deadly local famines of the 19th century, including one in northern China that killed 13 million.

The strongest El Niño on record thus far occurred the following winter in 1877–78, causing widespread destruction and a global famine that killed more than 50 million.

What is La Niña?

La Niña, which means “Little Girl” in Spanish, has the opposite effect of El Niño. During La Niña events, trade winds are stronger than usual, pushing more warm water toward Asia. Off the west coast of the Americas, upwelling increases, bringing cold, nutrient-rich water to the surface, which attracts more cold-water marine species, like squid and salmon, to the California coast. These cold waters in the Pacific push the jet stream northward, often leading to drought in the southern U.S. and heavy rains and flooding in the Pacific Northwest and Canada. During a La Niña year, winter temperatures are warmer than normal in the South and cooler than normal in the North. La Niña can also cause a more severe hurricane season.

Sources: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NOAA Climate Prediction Center (CPC) and Relative Oceanic Niño Index (RONI), Wikipedia.



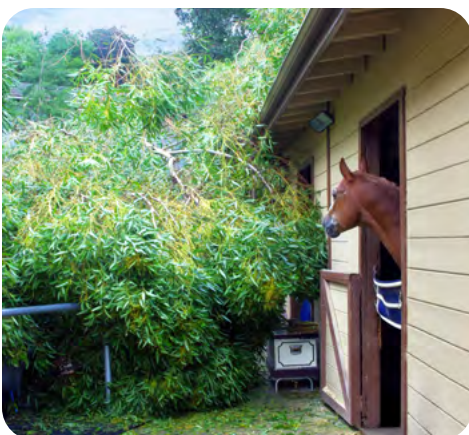
Saturated soils from back-to-back storms can heighten the danger of flash floods and destructive mudslides, particularly in higher-elevation communities like La Habra Heights, foothill areas and places with recent wildfire burn scars. Falling trees are also a problem when soil becomes saturated.

Because El Niño carries warmer air from the tropical Pacific, temperatures are often milder, which pushes the rain-snow line higher in our local mountains, potentially causing more rain at mid-elevations and heavy snow only on the highest peaks.

As warmer nearshore water expands, it raises local sea levels by up to a foot. Combined with normal winter high tides, this sea level rise significantly increases the risk of severe beach erosion and coastal flooding.

Why is it called El Niño?

Back in the 1600s, Peruvian fishermen noticed that in winter, the Pacific ocean current was sometimes noticeably warmer. Since this phenomenon usually happened around Christmas, they named it *El Niño de Navidad*—the little boy of Christmas (i.e., the Christ Child).



Community-resilience approach to wildfire preparedness

More than 500 acres of the total acreage managed by the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is located within La Habra Heights, primarily encompassing Powder Canyon. Numerous Heights homes are in close proximity to land managed by the Authority, which oversees some 3,870 total acres of public open space (see map below).

Wildfire preparedness is most effective when public agencies, land managers and residents all understand the important roles they play.

In keeping with this cooperative approach, the Authority conducts annual fuel clearance around the perimeter of the Puente Hills Preserve where open space meets neighboring homes, roadways and developed areas. This reduces hazardous vegetation that can carry wildfire and gives firefighters a safer area from which to defend neighborhoods, including those in La Habra Heights.

This past year, funding for this effort was from Measure PH, which voters approved in 2024. The Authority also received grant funds to clear regrowth at many of these areas in the wintertime.

This work is strategic—it goes beyond simply removing vegetation. Thoughtfully managing dry, invasive plants while supporting healthy native species helps protect habitat, stabilize soil and strengthen the Preserve's long-term resilience.

Grant funding* also allowed the Authority to complete a facility-hardening project this summer to help make structures and infrastructure more resistant to wildfire and wind-driven embers, which not only protects the improved structures but also reduces the likelihood that potential fires could spread to neighboring vegetation and homes. Particular attention was paid to *Zone Zero*, the area closest to a structure that is most vulnerable to embers and where combustible materials must be minimized. Key elements of this project included:

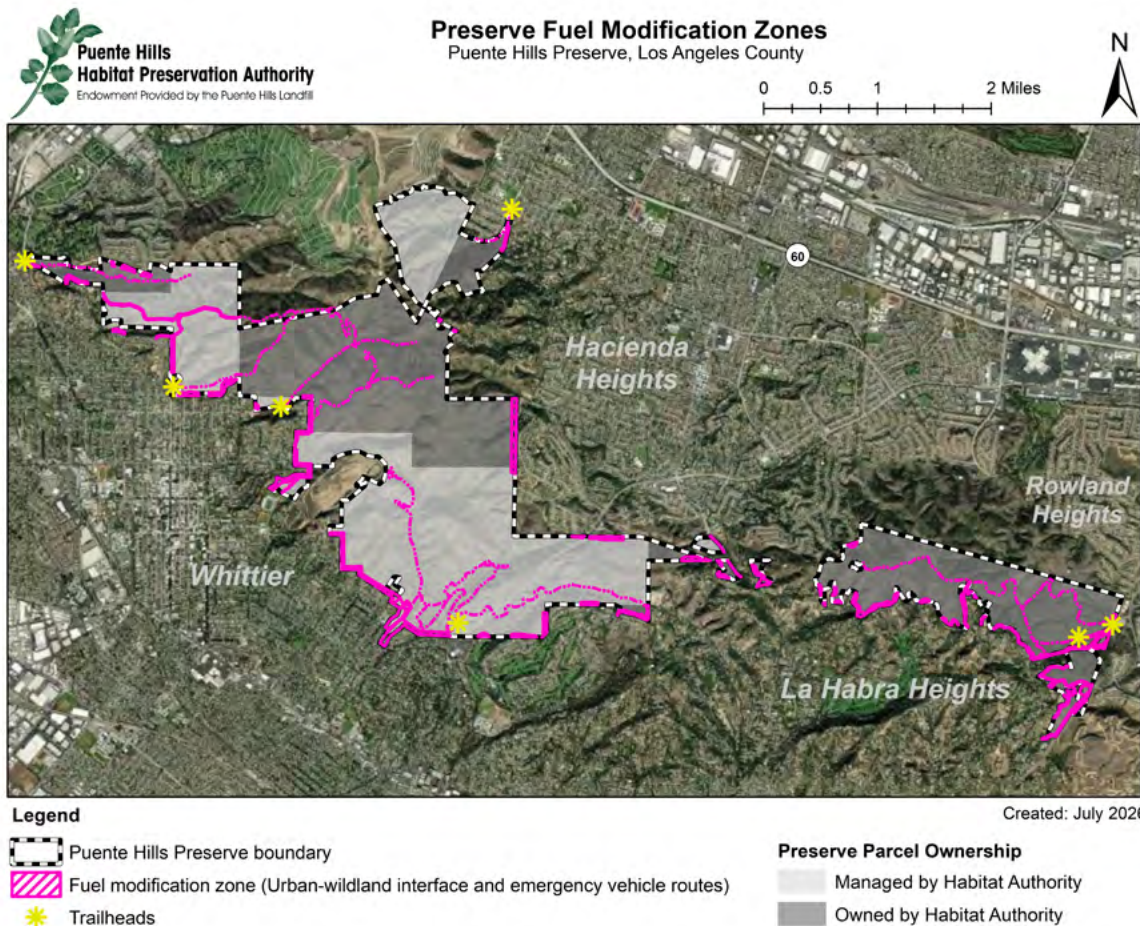
- Removing wood fencing that was within five feet of the structure.
- Removing all vegetation within five feet and replacing it with gravel.
- Replacing vents and soffits with 1/8-inch mesh to stop embers.
- Relocating sheds and propane tanks to beyond 50 feet.
- Painting the structure with fire-retardant paint.
- Replacing a wood deck with fire-resistant materials.
- Removing nearby excessive vegetation and hazardous trees.
- Replacing curtains with fire-resistant vertical blinds.
- Upgrading the roof to the highest level of fire resistance.

These and other ongoing agency efforts support California's *Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan* for statewide community resilience through its three core strategic pillars: building the resilience of the built environment, advancing landscape-scale treatments and empowering local communities through capacity building and planning.

Community members are an important part of this shared effort. La Habra Heights residents can further reduce wildfire risk by performing low-cost retrofits on their properties, such as maintaining defensible space around their homes, restricting places where embers could enter and avoiding creating sparks—particularly when fire risk is high.

By staying informed and each doing our part, we can all help protect homes, neighborhoods, wildlife and treasured open spaces. The Habitat Authority remains committed to wildfire preparedness. For more information, please visit habitatauthority.org/puente-hills-preserve-management/wildfire-preparedness.

*Grant funds used were from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for this Puente Hills Fire Resiliency project funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, and a grant through Caltrans sourced by Assembly Bills 178 and 179 sponsored by Assembly Member Lisa Calderon and State Senator Bob Archuleta.





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Community Events

- Sept. 7** Labor Day holiday: City Hall closed
Sept. 11 Patriot Day (annual 911 remembrance)
Sept. 14 City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Sept. 17 Emergency Preparedness: 6 p.m. at City Hall
Sept. 22 Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Sept. 22 Autumnal Equinox (see page 10)
Sept. 23 Roads Advisory Committee: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Oct. 17** Quarterly Clean Up: 8 a.m. to noon at the Park
Oct. 31 Annual Halloween Haunt: 6-9 p.m. at the Park gym



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JULY 2026

Advanced life-support calls: 16 (10 in LHH, 6 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 26 (10 in LHH, 16 in LA County), Public assist: 2 (2 in LHH, 2 in LA County), Fire calls: 5 (3 in LHH, 2 in LA County), Traffic collisions: 5 (2 in LHH, 3 in LA County), "LHH Island": 1, Automatic aid into LA County: 29.

Total calls: 57



Sheriff's Report

JULY 2026

Residence burglary: 1, Vehicle burglary: 1, Person dead: 1, Grand theft: 2, Fraud: 1, Elder abuse: 1, Forgery: 1, ID theft: 1, Vandalism: 1, Embezzlement: 1, Petty theft: 1, Possible child abuse: 1, Property lost or found: 1, Traffic accidents: 2, Mentally ill person: 1, Miscellaneous felonies: 1.

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