



2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The Future Is Now

Is It A New Day in L.A.
or More of the Same?

2022 Elections resulted in new representatives on the
City, County, State and Federal level.

Come to our annual meeting to meet these new
decision-makers and to find out what the future holds

MONDAY, MARCH 13 ★7:00PM

Food and beverages served 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Brentwood School East Campus
Middle School Auditorium**

Go to www.brentwoodhomeowners.org to register

President's Letter

A Message from Joel Ball

As grateful as we are for all the benefits that living in Brentwood provides, the work to keep our community safe, healthy and livable continues. By working together and with the support of our members, we can meet these challenges with greater success. By sharing information, raising awareness, and finding opportunities to give back to the community, we can collectively achieve our goals of keeping Brentwood the wonderful place we have come to enjoy.



In December, BHA purchased and donated about \$800 worth of toys to support the LAPD Holiday Toy Drive. We also purchased and donated over \$2,700 worth of household goods to Upward Bound House, whose mission is to help homeless families procure and maintain housing.

Board members Ray Klein and his wife Roberta, Donald Keller, and Kathleen Flanagan with Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk and other LAPD members.

In September, our picnic attracted hundreds of members and their families at our beautiful Crestwood Hills Park. It was great to see the community come together, meet neighbors and make new friends.

Our board members are continually seeking to create bonds with agencies and organizations to keep our community safe. BHA has reached out to elected officials, local Police and Fire Departments, schools and businesses in efforts to improve our quality of life and mitigate the factors that would threaten our neighborhoods and families.

We are engaging with our newly elected Councilmember Traci Park, County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath, State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and U.S. Representative Brad Sherman to ensure that the issues important to Brentwood are heard and addressed. We are forming a local chapter of the LA Wildfire Resilience Alliance, which will help us inform the community on how we can reduce fire risks and alert residents when fire danger is present.



Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk and Captain Jonathan Tom with members of BHA.

(president's message continued)

It may seem that the challenges of excessive traffic, runaway development, misguided legislation, crime, and homelessness are never-ending. However, we can find inspiration by recalling the following:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"

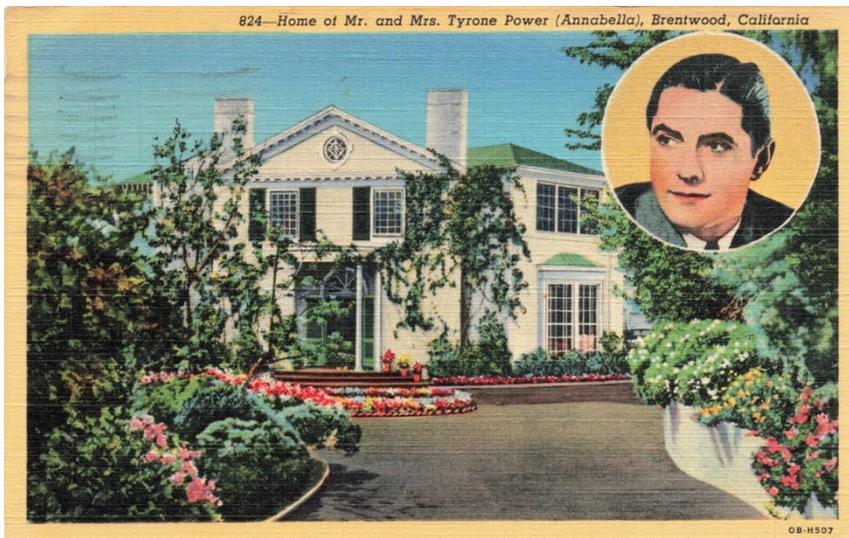
— Margaret Mead

We look forward to your continued support in the year ahead as we work together to maintain our thoughtful, committed approach to keeping Brentwood a wonderful place to live!

In 1962, Monroe bought her 23,200-square-foot property in Brentwood for a reported \$75,000. In 2017, the home sold for \$7.25 million.



824—Home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Power (Annabella), Brentwood, California



Famous architect Paul R. Williams designed this house in Brentwood that Tyrone Power purchased in 1937. It sold in 2021 for \$10.1 million

Home Evacuation Checklist

Prepare. Plan. Act.

Many of us have our Go Bags ready for the next threat of wildfire (don't forget a phone charger). But there is more you can do to be prepared if and when you need to evacuate. Here is a helpful list to prepare for evacuation from [CalFire www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org).

Inside the House

- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades, curtains and close metal shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the meter; turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning.

Outside the House

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.) or place them in your pool.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running, they can affect critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
- Put your Emergency Supply Kit in your vehicle.
- Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry your car keys with you. Always keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Have a ladder available and place it at the corner of the house for firefighters to quickly access your roof.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Patrol your property and monitor the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.

Always keep a sturdy pair of shoes and a flashlight near your bed and handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night.

Los Angeles Wildfire Resilience Alliance

Collaborating with LAFD to Protect Our Community



Experts say the fire season is now a year-round threat, no longer just a worry in late summer and fall. According to the U.S. Department of Forestry, "L.A. County ranks third in the country relative to the number of properties at risk of being burned by wildfire." BHA is taking the new reality seriously and will join the Los Angeles Wildfire Resilience Alliance.

The alliance is led by MySafe:LA and the Los Angeles Fire Department. MySafe:LA works directly with residents about proper preparation for wildfires and partners with the LAFD and other agencies to create readiness and evacuation training. BHA directors have met with LAPD Deputy Chief Richard Fields and David Barrett, Executive Director of MySafe:LA, to put things in motion.

Over the next months we will be doing our "homework" to qualify as a full-fledged partner in the alliance. The alliance provides education to area residents covering the basics related to Ready, Set, Go, but with localized focus on home hardening, route planning for evacuation and collaboration of residents among themselves to be better prepared for wildfire. Our BHA to-do list includes you. Once the paperwork is done, there will be a risk assessment of BHA territory that will include street layouts, infrastructure and poor home hardening practices. You and other interested neighbors will be asked to join a working group to help educate residents and tackle these problems.



Welcome Chief Fields

BHA is happy to welcome LAFD Deputy Chief Richard Fields IV to Brentwood and to **our annual meeting where he can answer any questions you may have.** Chief Fields succeeds Armando Hogan as the Bureau Commander of Operations West Bureau, which includes Brentwood. Chief Fields has served the Los Angeles City Fire Department for nearly 30 years and promoted through the ranks of Firefighter, Captain I, Captain II, Battalion Chief, and Assistant Chief.

In addition to working at a number of fire stations throughout the City, Chief Fields worked in Operations Valley Bureau as a Training Support Specialist, in Fire Prevention Bureau, and most recently in the Supply and Maintenance Division. Chief Fields has received a master's degree in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School and holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and Emergency Services Management.

Here to Help

A Look Back at 2022 and BHA's Efforts on Your Behalf

- Succeeded in removal of 75 sq. ft. illuminated sign on Luxe Hotel that was unlawfully installed
- Established a Residential Tree Preservation committee to address neighbors' concerns about tree removal in our community
- Successfully moved bus stop sign that was not visible on Sunset/Anita with LADOT's help
- Spearheaded Kenter Canyon School Traffic Committee of neighbors, LAPD and LAUSD to ticket parents who violate traffic rules during drop off and pick up and to create ongoing traffic program
- Hosted first candidate forum for 2022 election of city councilmember and county supervisor
- Notified City of disrepair of Anita/Carmelina Green Triangle; working to repair irrigation system
- Responded to member emails with questions about city ordinances and building permits
- Notified members of wildlife sightings and what to do if you encounter a coyote or mountain lion
- Provided updates on new water restrictions and sanitation programs for LA
- Submitted comments, attended hearings, filed an appeal and lawsuit regarding MSMU's 35,000 sf project in order to protect the neighbors and community from significant impacts from construction, traffic and fire/evacuation issues
- Attended meetings and provided comments on proposed project for Sepulveda Transit Corridor
- Connected member with LAPD to address concerns over noise issues from fireworks
- Hosted a picnic for members with free food, drink and entertainment
- Worked with Congressman Lieu's office to address ongoing issues with post office/mail delivery
- Worked with LAPD and ADL to address distribution of anti-Semitic flyers in community
- Met with leadership of Wilshire Boulevard Temple regarding remodel of former University Synagogue
- Attended meetings on proposed Wildlife Ordinance to monitor its future impact on Brentwood
- Worked with LAPD to advise members on recent trends in crime and how to protect their home and valuables.

Meet LAPD Captain Craig Heredia



BHA works closely with LAPD to address our members' concerns about crime and safety. An integral part of that relationship is our Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk and the Captain of our community police station. With the promotion of Captain Jonathan to Commander, Captain III Craig Heredia will be assuming his former responsibilities as the Commanding Officer of West Los Angeles Area. We are happy to have Captain Heredia in our community with his 27 years of experience as an officer. His career has included working undercover assignments as well as

assuming leadership roles in managing narcotics enforcement, gang detectives, and homicide investigations. We look forward to working closely with him to keep our community safe. **Captain Heredia will be at our annual meeting to answer any of your questions.**

Your New Representatives

Redistricting and Retirement Brings Changes



US Congressman Brad Sherman | 32nd Congressional District

Congressman Sherman is currently serving his fourteenth term in Congress and has served in the House of Representatives since 1997. Prior to redistricting Sherman's district only covered neighborhoods in the Valley from Woodland Hills to North Hills. Today, the 32nd district includes the city of Malibu as well as Pacific Palisades, Beverly Glen, Brentwood and Bel Air. Congressman Sherman takes over for Congressman Ted Lieu, 36th district. We look forward to working with him to make sure the area around the VA remains safe and accessible for everyone and the Vets receive the care they need. His office can help if you have an issue with the Post Office, the VA or any other federal agency.



State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin | 42nd Assembly District

Assemblymember Irwin now represents Simi Valley, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Malibu, Topanga, Pacific Palisades and Brentwood as well as continuing to represent the cities of Thousand Oaks (formerly its mayor), Camarillo, Moorpark, Westlake Village, and parts of Ventura County. She replaces Richard Bloom, 50th District, as our representative. With the recent spate of housing bills that will affect our community, we look forward to working with Assemblymember Irwin, as well as Senator Ben Allen, to keep our neighborhoods safe from fire and overdevelopment. Contact Irwin or Allen if you have questions about State legislation or experiencing an issue with a state agency.



County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath | 3rd District

Supervisor Horvath served on the West Hollywood City Council for nine years, appointed in 2009, elected in 2015, and re-elected in 2019. She was also the longest consecutively serving Mayor of West Hollywood. She assumes the seat formerly held by Sheila Kuehl. As one of only five supervisors who are responsible for spending its \$38 BILLION budget, Supervisor Horvath will play an important role in providing the housing and services our homeless neighbors need as well as funding for solutions to the horrible traffic in Brentwood. Contact her office if you need help with public health or mental health services or agencies as well as County parks or the Metro.



City Councilmember Traci Park | 11th District

While Councilmember Traci Park does not bring prior political experience to the job, she brings commitment and a desire to help everyone in CD-11. A successful municipal attorney for over 20 years, Park has promised that her office will be responsive to everyone in the district. Councilmember Park succeeds Mike Bonin as our representative on City Council. BHA has a long history of working closely, and successfully, with our councilmember and his/her team. We know Councilmember Park and her team will continue this relationship as we work together to help our members solve daily issues in CD-11. Come to our monthly meetings to meet members of her team who have hit the ground running and are engaged in finding solutions to our members' problems.

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Your Membership Matters

Join over 1,500 of your neighbors and become a member of the largest homeowners association in Brentwood—BHA. Your membership is vital to protecting our quality of life and preserving our neighborhoods, which are being increasingly threatened by crime, fire danger, excessive traffic and unreasonable development.

Membership in Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA) provides you with valuable benefits:

- A resource for up-to-date information regarding City services and regulations that govern your neighborhood.
- An opportunity to hear about proposed developments in our community and changes in our City's ordinances before they happen.
- A way to communicate your frustrations, concerns and ideas to City Hall.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO JOIN NOW
AND REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

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