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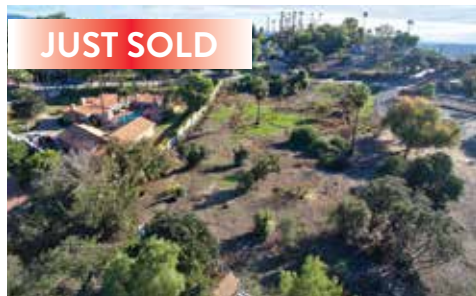
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We regret that the Halloween Haunt will not be held this year for the first time since its inception in 1980 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Of course, we still wish you and your families a Happy Halloween—and we're looking forward to celebrating our postponed 40th Haunt anniversary with you next October.

Yet another Heights celebration that has been postponed because of the pandemic is the 100th anniversary ceremony for Hacienda Golf Club, which was founded in 1920. Nonetheless, we congratulate all our friends at HGC, and we eagerly await better times when we can join your public celebration. Meantime, we'll soon publish a story about the founding of the club as part of our "History of the Heights" series currently running in *Heights Life* (see the latest installment on page 8).

An invitation to La Habra Heights military veterans

Each year at this time, we invite Heights military veterans and those currently serving to submit information for Veterans Day profiles published in our November issue. If your profile hasn't already appeared in past issues of *Heights Life*, please send the following information by October 10 to heightslifeeditor@gmail.com: your name, branch of service and rank, photos (preferably in uniform), years of service, duty stations, and any memories or reflections you'd like to share. You may also submit information about relatives.

—Pam McVicar

LHHIA Annual Report

For the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

REVENUE

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|---|--------------------|
| Ads in <i>Heights Life</i> magazine..... | \$27,129.70 |
| Sales of license plate frames..... | 150.00 |
| Member dues..... | 24,444.50 |
| Music in The Park 2019 sponsorships..... | 27,000.00 |
| Music in The Park donations to LHHIA..... | 8,609.00 |
| Miscellaneous donations..... | 590.50 |
| Morning With Santa sponsorship..... | 500.00 |
| Total Revenue..... | \$88,423.70 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Halloween Haunt..... | 1,513.97 |
| <i>Heights Life</i> magazine production & mailing..... | 46,237.31 |
| Membership..... | 4,537.32 |
| Morning With Santa..... | 1,178.71 |
| Music in The Park..... | 23,134.99 |
| Annual Photo Contest..... | 175.00 |
| Welcome Wagon..... | 2,026.77 |
| Miscellaneous expenses..... | 4,335.40 |
| Upgrade to The Park gazebo..... | 200.00 |
| Total Expenditures..... | \$83,339.47 |
| Reserve..... | \$5,084.23 |

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MAYOR'S CORNER

What an exhausting year!



As I write this under smoke-filled skies—reviewing the budget and coronavirus statistics, wondering when anyone will be able to take a carefree trip, go to a nice, elegant indoor restaurant or fly out of the country and not have to worry about quarantines—it's reassuring to know that despite all these unique conditions, our city is still functioning well and, so far, life in La Habra Heights has remained safe, serene and secure.

LHH firefighters join strike teams throughout California



During August, firefighters from LHH deployed to Santa Cruz, Sacramento and Riverside counties to join the fight against widespread wildland fires. One crew flew to the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) headquarters in Sacramento in a military C-130 cargo plane and served for 14 days. Teams also assisted up in Santa Cruz with the lightning-triggered CZU Lightning Complex fires and at the Apple Fire in Riverside County. In addition, our personnel have helped fight the Lake Fire near Lake Hughes and the Bobcat Fire threatening Bradbury, Arcadia and Mt. Wilson.



Such participation not only promotes our relationship and standing with the OES and partner fire departments in the area—we may need their assistance in the future!—it also provides invaluable experience for our personnel.

Be assured that Fire Chief Doug Graft is careful to maintain proper staffing levels in our city for our two water-carrying apparatuses and for other protective needs—the Heights is his number one priority.

LHH Fire Department obtains three beneficial grants

The LHH Fire Department successfully applied for and obtained three grants totaling \$222,960. This initiative on the part of Chief Graft and his team has really helped us fund our department. The Fire Department deserves a lot of credit in that these grants require detailed, ongoing monitoring and follow-up. We received \$204,584 in federal funding for fire assistance to be used for defibrillators, cardiac monitors, breathing equipment, masks and structural-turnout gear. CalFire provided \$4,717 to be used for VHF portable radios and accessories. We also received \$13,659 through the California Fire Foundation to purchase 36 sets of wildland protective gear, including brush jackets and pants. (Continued on page 4.)

On August 21, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) collected the first mosquito sample within La Habra Heights that tested positive for West Nile virus—which is really bad news! This virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito and, in extreme cases, can be deadly. You can view the presentation about the virus given by GLACVCD at the September 14 LHH City Council meeting on the city website under “Agendas and Meetings.”

Make certain that you eliminate any standing water, however small, that is more than one week old. You can request free mosquito fish for your ornamental ponds from the local GLACVCD. If you are aware of green, neglected swimming pools in your neighborhood, report them to GLACVCD by calling 562-944-9656. Also, consider joining the Mosquito Watch Neighborhood Program (see below), and find out more about how to guard against West Nile at glacvcd.org. —**Brian Bergman**

Join the Mosquito Watch Neighborhood Program

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Brush clearance works!

The comprehensive City of La Habra Heights Brush Clearance Program reduces risks and destruction from wildfires. It also provides essential safeguards to ensure an expedient response by fire personnel during an emergency.

General standards: La Habra Heights property owners must keep their properties free of combustible materials and fire hazards *year-round*. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, weeds, dead brush, dry or dead trees and tree limbs, dead palm fronds, combustible vegetation, as well as refuse and waste.

Standards related to emergency vehicle access:

- Vegetation impeding the line of sight for emergency vehicles must be trimmed back at least three feet from the roadway edge. All vegetation other than ground cover must be at least three feet from the roadway edge. Ground cover must be low enough so as not to block the view of oncoming traffic or traffic going around corners. Dirt or mud on the roadway must not impede vehicle passage.

- Tree branches and other vegetation along roadways must be maintained to provide a clearance of at least 13.5 feet above ground from one side to the other. Keep driveways clear of overgrowth.



Standards related to structures:

- Trees, shrubs, bushes or other vegetation adjacent to or overhanging any structure must be maintained free of dead limbs and other combustible materials.
- Roof surfaces must be maintained free of leaves, needles and other combustible materials.
- Trees must be trimmed to provide a minimum 10 feet of clearance around chimneys.
- Remove and legally dispose of all cut brush and weeds and collected debris.

Address markers: Address numbers must be clearly visible and legible from the street fronting the property at all hours of day and night. Address numbers must be a *minimum* of four inches in height with a half-inch stroke, be reflective and contrast with the background.



Fire hydrants located throughout La Habra Heights are the main source of water for the La Habra Heights Fire Department to fight fires. Property owners with fire hydrants adjacent to their property boundaries must maintain at least a three-foot zone clear of all shrubbery, dirt and debris around the circumference of fire hydrants. This is essential to ensure that firefighters have rapid access to water.



Emergency access: To facilitate emergency response, a secure fire department key box is required for all properties with restricted access (e.g., those with automated or padlocked gates). For details about how to obtain an authorized key box or padlock, call the La Habra Heights Fire Department at 562-694-8283.



Defensible space is the buffer you create between buildings on your property and grass, trees, shrubs or any wildland areas that surround it. Your defensible space must be kept clear of all combustible materials and fire hazards all year-round (see *General standards*, above). For more information, visit [CalFire at fire.ca.gov](http://CalFire.ca.gov).

LHH students sharing bounty from the Heights

Mary Murphy
harvests oranges
from one of many
citrus groves in
La Habra Heights.

You may recall our September 2018 *Heights Life* article about La Habra Heights native Shannon White (see the photo at the right), a Troy High School student who founded a unique non-profit organization called *Harvest Food For Thought* to help families in need by gathering surplus produce from the many gardens and groves in La Habra Heights and donating it to local food banks and charity distribution centers.

Shannon has since graduated and moved on to college, but her organization lives on thanks to the efforts of a group of La Habra Heights high school students now led by Mary Murphy (see the photo above), who attends Troy High School.

Other members of the Heights team are Caroline Chang and Tessa Young, also Troy students, and three students from La Habra High School: Ben Sirota, Lauren Krynen and Lisa Noguchi.

Next food pickup is on Sunday, October 4

The group held a successful food pickup in September, and since it's harvest time, they're holding another pickup on Sunday, October 4, from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

If you have home-grown produce—including citrus fruit—to contribute to this worthy cause, please put it in boxes or bags and leave it at the roadside by your property for pick-up. Call 562-367-0400 to let the students know you're contributing, or reach them online by entering forms.gle/1uSFmsF6zSafepdx6 on your computer.



Shannon White

Please write "HFFT" on each bag or box and leave your produce by the roadside or at the entrance to your driveway before 10 a.m. The students will practice COVID-19 preventive measures during all pickups.

You can also contact the organization at harvestfoodforthought@gmail.com, follow them on Facebook and Instagram and visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/harvestfoodforthought>.

Why their work matters

The students' goal is to help eliminate food waste and to provide fresh produce to people and organizations in need.

About 40 percent of the food produced in the U.S. is wasted every year—which is truly a shame when you consider that more than 40 million Americans face hunger annually (according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture).

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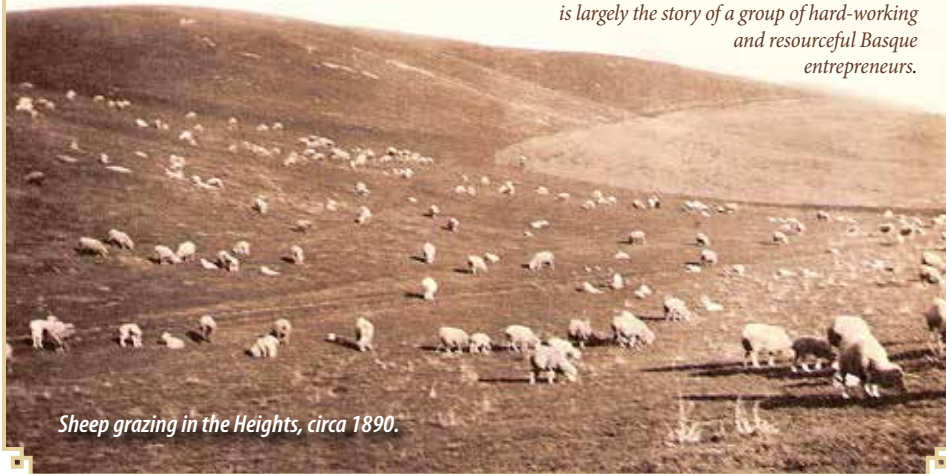


THE RANCHO ERA PART 3

A HISTORY of the HEIGHTS (sixth in a series) by Dan Stracner

Basque shepherds of the Heights

The history of the Heights in the last three decades of the 19th century is largely the story of a group of hard-working and resourceful Basque entrepreneurs.



Sheep grazing in the Heights, circa 1890.

Our last installment covered the period when the land that became La Habra Heights was owned by Abel Stearns (1798-1871), the “Yankee Ranchero” who was known as the richest man in California. He had vast land holdings until the great drought of 1862-65 forced him to sell most of his property, including the Heights, to a trust company that subdivided his empire into smaller parcels and put them up for sale.

Even though Sterns no longer owned the land, he nonetheless began leasing large plots of his former holdings in 1870 to sheepherders for 10 cents per animal, a practice that caused great consternation to investors in the trust company until Stern died in 1871 at the age of 73.

The Basques arrive

The first shepherd to whom Stearns leased land was Domingo Bastanchury (1838-1909), a native of Basque Country, the small, autonomous region in the Pyrenees mountains on the border between southern France and northern Spain. He was born in the tiny village of Aldudes (or *Aldude* in the Basque language) on the French side.

Bastanchury had heard about riches to be won in a mythical place called California, so in 1859 at the age of 21, he boarded a ship and set out to seek his fortune. The voyage took six months, including a perilous passage through massive storms off Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans meet.

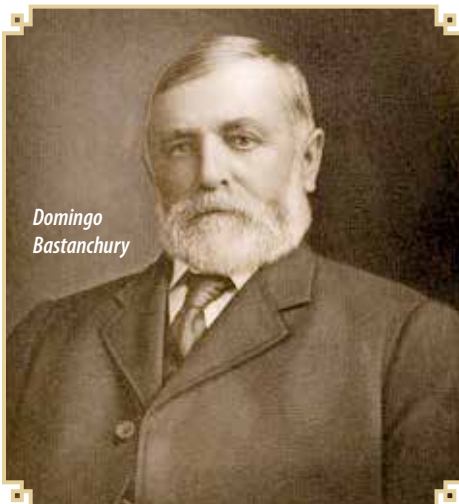
The young man arrived in California in 1860. He had no formal education, but he was strong, energetic, determined and accustomed to hardship. He found work as a herder of cattle and sheep, traveling up and down the California coast. He labored for a decade, learning English, saving his money and looking for the right opportunity.

He had already discerned that sheep were more profitable than cattle because of the growing demand for wool caused by the cotton shortage during the American Civil War—so he began buying sheep. He couldn’t yet afford to buy land, but when Abel Stearns put acreage in what is now Orange County up for lease, Bastanchury eagerly became his first customer in 1870 and set about grazing his growing flock in new pastures, some of which included the unfenced hills of the Heights.

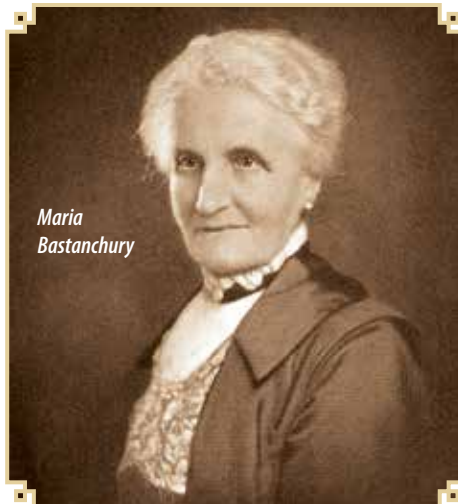
In 1873, he sent for Maria Oxarart (1849-1943), a 25-year-old lady from his own Basque village. They married on July 16, 1874, and began their lives together as pioneers in an undeveloped part of Southern California.

In 1878, a 24-year-old Basque shepherd named Jose Sansinena arrived in California and immediately went to work for Domingo and Maria Bastanchury. Sansinena was yet another native of Aldudes, and he had likely befriended Maria, who was about five years older than he at the time she left for America.

By 1885, Bastanchury had saved enough money to begin purchasing his own land, including acreage sold by the Stearns trust. Over time, in the area around what is now Fullerton, he acquired more than 10,000 acres. His flocks steadily increased in size, and he



*Domingo
Bastanchury*



*Maria
Bastanchury*

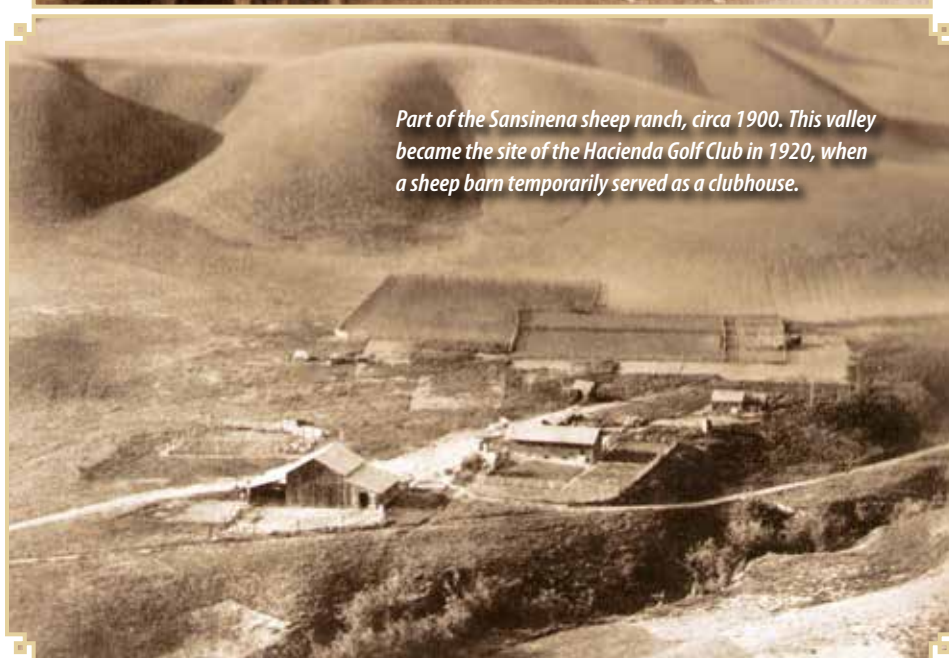


*Dolores
Sansinena
Eserverri*

(We could not find a photo of Jose Sansinena. If you have one, please contact heightslifeeditor@gmail.com.)



Sansinena sheep ready to be driven to market, circa 1890.



Part of the Sansinena sheep ranch, circa 1900. This valley became the site of the Hacienda Golf Club in 1920, when a sheep barn temporarily served as a clubhouse.

eventually became the largest sheep owner in the region with about 20,000 head.

Sansinena followed Bastanchury's good example by living frugally and saving his money to purchase his own property. The two men worked well together—and they worked hard. Because Los Angeles had no active sheep market at the time, Bastanchury and Sansinena had to drive herds of sheep all the way to San Francisco, where they earned up to \$2 per head, including wool. Each northward trip took about three arduous months.

Bastanchury eventually made Sansinena a partner in his business, which was branching out to include cattle and various agricultural crops, including barley and citrus.

The Sansinena Ranch

The year 1889 was very special for Jose Sansinena. He married Dolores Ordoqui, a

young Basque lady who had immigrated to Los Angeles at the age of five with her parents in 1872. In fact, *two* Basque couples married in a double ceremony: Jose and Dolores, as well as Jose's sister Martina, who had joined him in California, and Dolores' brother Manuel.

It was no coincidence that Dolores' father, Jean Ordoqui, was from Aldudes, the very same French Basque village in which the Bastanchurys and Dolores' new husband had been raised. Her mother, Maria (née Oroz), was from the nearby village of Espinal in Navarre on the Spanish side of Basque Country, and Dolores had been born in Navarre.

By the time of his wedding, Sansinena had amassed sufficient capital to fulfill his dream of going into business for himself. He purchased 5,000 acres from the Sterns trust, including most of the land that encompasses

what is now La Habra Heights and part of La Habra. Because Dolores' father was also a successful sheep rancher, she had learned a great deal about ranch operations and business before her marriage—so the newlyweds shared in the management of their new enterprise from the start.

They fenced off a nice parcel of pastureland in a verdant, stream-fed valley in the Heights and built their first small home and ranch buildings on the land where Hacienda Golf Club is now located. For winter and spring grazing, they used the surrounding open hills.

The ranch eventually grew to a sheep flock of 15,000, as well as about 300 head of cattle. The couple also planted walnut trees and citrus groves. In the early 1890s, they built a larger ranch house near Hacienda Road.

On May 1, 1895, Jose Sansinena died from pneumonia at the age of 42—when Dolores was pregnant with their fourth child. Their children were Antoinette (1891-1968), Jose (1893-1951), Magdalena (1895-1991) and Marian (1896-1982)—all of whom lived in the Heights and La Habra throughout their lives.

Heights acreage sold

In 1900, Dolores decided to sell 3,500 acres of her Heights land for \$15 an acre to Willits J. Hole, an Indiana native who had been a sales agent for the trust (renamed the Stearns Rancho Company) for three years, but who had also been buying up land in the area since 1893. (We will have much more to say about Mr. Hole in our next installment).

Dolores remarried in 1901 to Isidore Eseverri (1871-1954), an immigrant from her own Basque homeland in Navarre, and they remained Heights residents. They had one daughter, Josephine (1903-2004). Dolores died in 1937 at the age of 69.

In 1911, Willits J. Hole leased a portion of the former Sansinena sheep ranch to Jean Pierre Arroues (known to his Heights neighbors as "Pete"), an immigrant from the autonomous Béarn province that is adjacent to Basque Country in the French Pyrenees. Arroues worked the ranch until 1913, when Hole entered into negotiations to sell the property to real estate developer Edwin G. Hart. In 1920, the 150-acre parcel became Hacienda Golf Club. (We will cover these subjects in greater detail in future articles.)

Sources: Ranch photos courtesy of the La Habra Heights Historical Committee. *Bridge to the Pyrenees* (bridge2pyrenees.org) provided invaluable biographical data, as did the Orange County Historical Society (theorangecountyhistory.org).



Garden Plot

By Beverley Lepak, Horticulturist
and Landscape Consultant

Because of COVID-19—something *genuinely* frightening—the annual Halloween Haunt in the Heights unfortunately had to be canceled. But that doesn't mean we can't get into the Halloween spirit and have a fun holiday with the family. Kids can still have a great time making scarecrows, creating creepy decorations and picking out and carving pumpkins. Be fire safe by using battery-operated candles in your jack-o-lanterns!

All the awful fires in California this year are a grim reminder to clear out any dry brush and dead growth on your property (see the important related story on page 5). Remove low-hanging branches and clear along roadsides. If you have any elderly or disabled neighbors, ask older kids and adults to pitch in and help them out. We're all in this together!

With decreasing daylight and falling temperatures (we hope), some deciduous plants and trees may start changing color and dropping leaves. Enjoy the fall colors!

Is your vegetable garden getting scary?—Even though it's nearly Halloween, you don't need spooky shriveled vines and dried-out cornstalks in your garden! Clean out all those dead plants and either let the soil go fallow (don't plant for a month or more) or add some good compost or an amendment and plant late-fall and early-winter vegetables: arugula, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, garlic, kale, leeks, lettuce, onions, peas, radish, salad greens, shallots and spinach.

Also sow herb seeds: cilantro, dill, fennel and parsley. Lightly trim thyme and other evergreen herbs (e.g., rosemary, sage, bay and winter savory) so that they will grow plenty of tasty leaves for upcoming holiday meals.

Autumn flowers—Plant flowers with the colors of fall: asters, black-eyed Susans, celosias, croton (an interior plant with large orange, red and yellow leaves), chrysanthemums, calendulas, Iceland poppies, marigolds, ornamental cabbages and peppers, pansies, primroses, rudbeckia, snapdragons, stock and some potted sunflowers. For some hints of blue and purple, plant lobelia and fall-flowering sage.

Mum's the word! Nurseries and grocery stores will have lovely fall-colored potted chrysanthemums for sale. Decorate your porch and entryway with mums, along with some gourds and pumpkins (squirrels snack on pumpkins, so keep an eye out for them). This autumnal display can last all the way to Thanksgiving. Although chrysanthemums can be inside for awhile, they prefer being outdoors and can last for years if planted in the ground. Cut the plant back about one-third down, plant it in a sunny area and add some fertilizer. Trim regularly so that foliage will grow nice and full—if not trimmed back, mums can get "leggy" and will produce fewer blooms.

Now is also the time to plant spring bulbs, including crocus, hyacinths and tulips. Some will need to be "pre-chilled" in the refrigerator for six to eight weeks before you plant.

California native plants & trees—Most summer-dormant native plants should have started to grow new leaves. If it hasn't rained, start watering to give them a head start for their growing season. Most local nurseries should have some native plants and seeds in stock.



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For-profit business and private-party ads

| | 6 issues | 11 issues |
|---|-------------|------------|
| 1" line ad: black & white (3.75"W x 1"H) | \$ 93.50 | \$ 165.00 |
| 1" line ad: color (3.75"W x 1"H) | \$ 100.00 | \$ 175.00 |
| 2" business card ad: black & white (3.75"W x 2"H) | \$ 396.00 | \$ 660.00 |
| 2" business card ad: color (3.75"W x 2"H) | \$ 506.00 | \$ 770.00 |
| 1/4-page ad: black & white (3.75"W x 5"H) | \$ 660.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 1/4-page ad: color (3.75"W x 5"H) | \$ 880.00 | \$1,512.50 |
| 1/2-page ad: color (7.5"W x 5"H) | \$ 1,210.00 | \$2,200.00 |
| Full-page ad: color (bleed: 8.625"W x 11.125"H)* | \$1,760.00 | \$3,300.00 |
| Full-page ad: color (non-bleed: 7.5"W x 10"H) | \$1,760.00 | \$3,300.00 |

Paid non-profit 501(c)(3) ads (space guaranteed)

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| 1/4-page ad: black & white (3.75"W x 5"H) | \$ 330.00 | \$ 550.00 |
| 1/4-page ad: color (3.75"W x 5"H) | \$ 440.00 | \$ 770.00 |
| 1/2-page ad: color (7.5"W x 5"H) | \$ 660.00 | \$1,100.00 |

Free non-profit 501(c)(3) ads

Based on space available.

One-time ad

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| 1/4-page ad: color (3.75"W x 5"H) | \$ 165.00 |
| 1/2-page ad: color (7.5"W x 5"H) | \$ 220.00 |

Digital ad artwork must be in JPEG, TIFF or PDF format at 300 DPI resolution or higher in actual ad size. For bleed ads, see measurements above. Do not send ad files embedded in Microsoft Word or Excel documents. *Heights Life* is not responsible for poor-quality reproduction from low-resolution or out-of-focus files or for incorrectly-sized bleed ads.*

• Although we prefer digital files, we can scan good-quality camera-ready art. All typography and line art should be clean and sharp. If the ad includes photographs or pictures of half-toned images, they should be sharply focused and properly exposed. *Heights Life* is not responsible for the quality of photographic reproduction.

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LHH Community Events



Public meetings of the La Habra Heights City Council, the Planning Commission and the Roads Advisory Committee have been suspended until further notice due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. However, some meetings will be held remotely and may be viewed on the internet, and written and phone-in comments will be allowed. Visit lhhcity.org for additional information and up-to-date schedules.

OCTOBER 5 La Habra Heights City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 27 Planning Commission meeting: 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 28 Roads Advisory Committee meeting: 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 31 **Happy Halloween!** (The Halloween Haunt is canceled due to COVID-19.)



Emergency & City Numbers

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| EMERGENCY | 911 |
| CITY HALL: www.lhhcity.org | 562-694-6302 |
| SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (INDUSTRY STATION)..... | 626-330-3322 |
| RANGER SERVICES..... | 562-698-1446 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency)..... | 562-694-8283 |
| LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT..... | 562-697-6769 |
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL..... | 562-940-6898 |
| FIDO COME HOME (report lost and found pets)..... | 562-694-8090 |
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- Regular: **\$35**
- Bronze: **\$75**
- Silver: **\$100**
- Gold: **\$250**
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SHERIFF REPORT

AUGUST 2020

Burglary: 3, Grand theft: 4, Forgery: 1, Identity theft: 1, Controlled substance possession: 1, Under influence of narcotic: 2, Vehicle & boating laws: 1, Vandalism: 1, Petty theft: 2, Persons missing or found: 1, Persons mentally ill: 1, Traffic accidents: 4, Non-criminal: 3, Miscellaneous: 2.

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 27



LHH FIRE REPORT

AUGUST 2020

Advanced life-support calls: 25 (11 in LHH, 14 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 20, Public assist: 5, Fire calls: 8, Traffic collisions: 5.

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 63