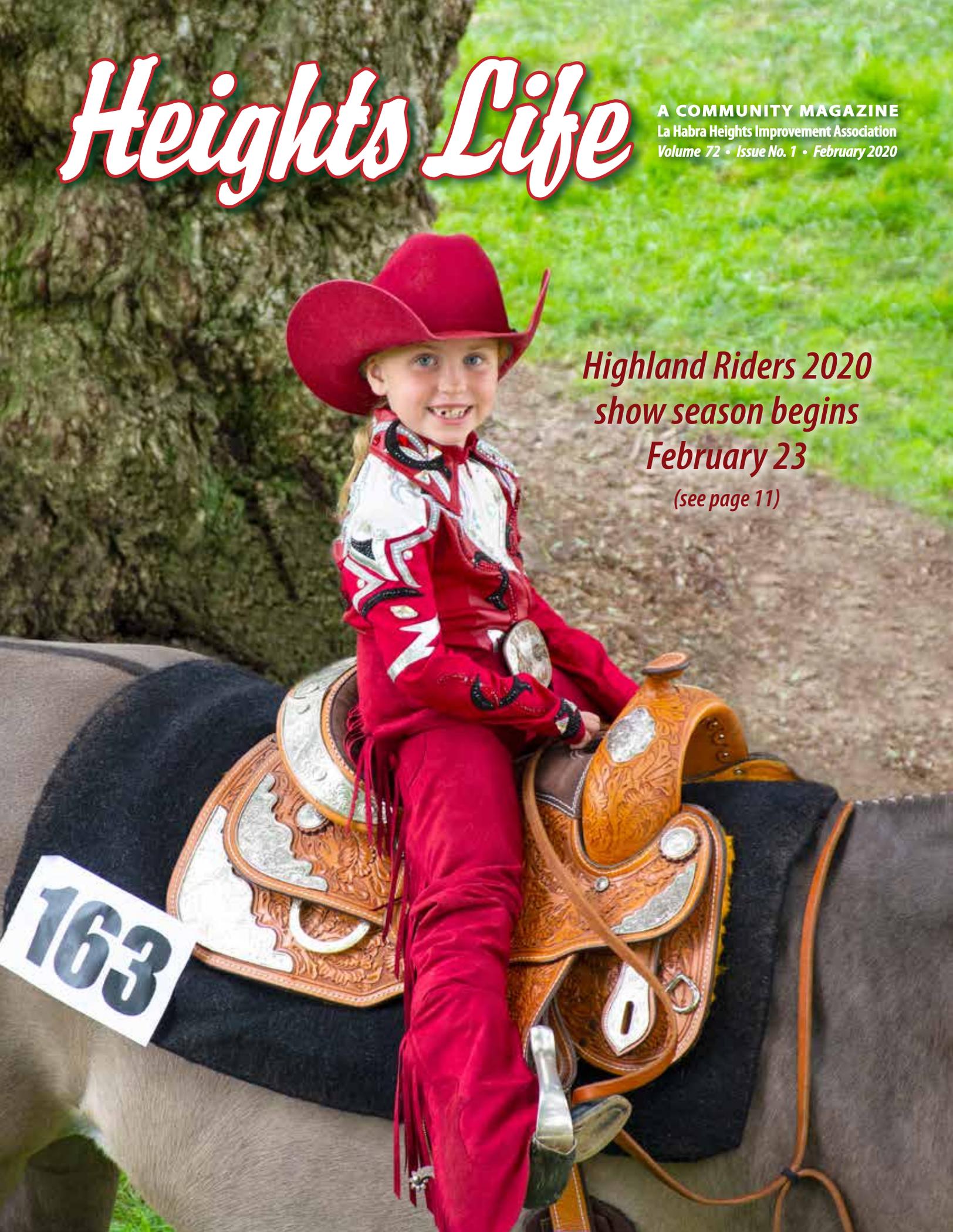


# Heights Life

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*Highland Riders 2020  
show season begins  
February 23*

*(see page 11)*



## 2020 Forecast Shows More Home Price Appreciation

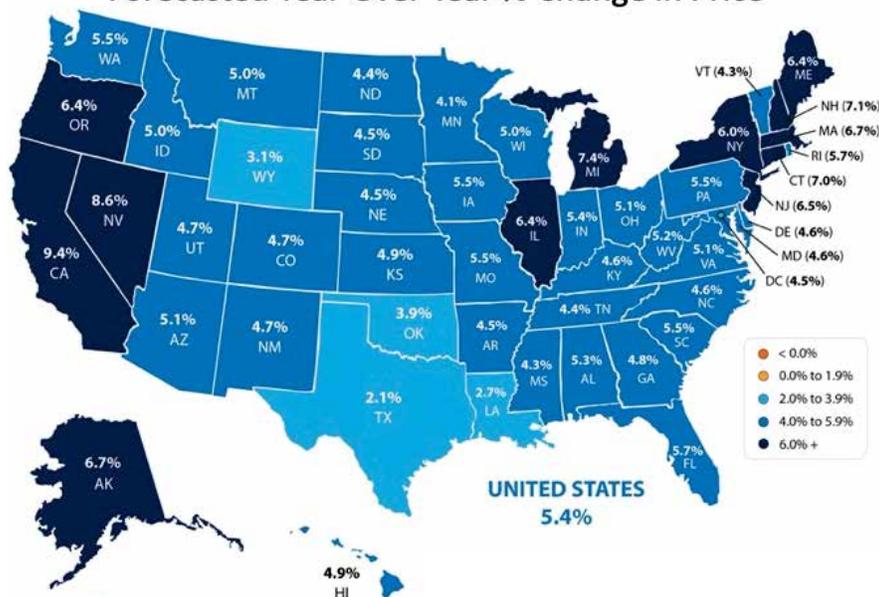
Questions continue to rise around where home prices will head in 2020. The latest forecast from CoreLogic shows continued appreciation at 5.4% over the next year (top right image).

Additionally, ARCH Mortgage Insurance Company in their current Housing and Mortgage Market Review revealed their latest ARCH Risk Index, which estimates the probability of home prices being lower in two years. Based on the most recent results, 32 of the 50 U.S. states (plus D.C.) had a minimal probability of lowering by 2021.

## Bottom Line

Experts forecast home price appreciation to continue at a moderate rate as we move through 2020 and beyond. With appreciation growing, now is a great time to reach out to professionals like us and to assist with planning your next move.

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## Hacienda Road now projected to reopen by mid-February

Although heavy December rains delayed construction on Hacienda Road, Phase 1 work is now complete. It is now anticipated that the road will be reopened by mid-February.

The timing and extent of Phase 2 work are yet to be determined. During the recent construction, geologists were able to examine the subsoil more closely. We now know that there is a need for additional drainage measures, and it is possible that the roadside might need additional strengthening.



*Phase 1 construction and repairs on Hacienda Road are now complete, and Phase 2 work has begun. Inclinometers, instruments that monitor movement, are being installed to detect any subsurface issues that could lead to a landslide. A thorough survey of the hillside along the road is being conducted, and new stripes are being painted on the entire road.*

For frequent updates about Hacienda Road and other city matters, sign up for *Guac Talk*, the city's online newsletter, and you will receive almost biweekly emails about Heights news and announcements. Go to [lhcity.org](http://lhcity.org), scroll down to the image of the avocado and sign up.

### Traffic mitigation is—and will be—getting a lot of attention

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee is in action. On January 7, John Pespisa (Subcommittee Chairperson) and Bradley Romstedt (Emergency Preparedness), and Don Struble and Glen Pedersen (Roads Advisory Committee) fielded comments from a meeting room packed with an extremely polite and concerned group of residents. This was the first of several planned community meetings seeking input from residents regarding their concerns about traffic both in their neighborhoods and throughout the city.

Residents discussed lights, speed bumps and no turns during specific hours, and some expressed fears that actions on main streets will have unintended consequences on smaller streets (e.g., cars using Ardsheal Drive if Hacienda Road is controlled). There is some community disagreement about whether Hacienda should be reopened. Legally, the city cannot permanently close that road.

The city has retained a traffic-planning engineering firm, General Technologies and Solutions, to provide legally required studies and data—including traffic volumes, speeds and movements—to support traffic-control measures.

Legal requirements for new traffic devices—such as stop lights, bumps, even striping—require professional study. Therefore, after Hacienda Road reopens, we will need to monitor “normal” heavy congestion for a period of time to gather necessary numbers required for installation of traffic controls and implementation of other mitigation. The situation is complicated by the fact that the City of La Habra will be doing a major, six-month reconfiguration of the Hacienda Road and Whittier Blvd. intersection, which is currently scheduled to start in April 2020.

One additional challenge involves the fact that the land across from La Habra Heights City Hall—the south half of Hacienda Road up to Avocado Crest Road and the south half of Avocado Crest all the way up Citrus Street—is under Los Angeles County jurisdiction. On a positive note, the county has already agreed to fund a study at the intersection of Avocado Crest and Hacienda to obtain traffic numbers needed for control measures. We have received a multitude of comments from residents about problems when entering onto Hacienda from Avocado Crest and Reposado Drive during rush hours. We are hoping that data will support, and the county will participate financially, in the possible installation of a traffic light at Avocado Crest, which would cost \$300,000. La Habra Heights staff has also been meeting with La Habra staff regarding management of traffic flow and possible synchronization of existing and future traffic lights.

This will not be an overnight project. Please be patient. The Traffic Subcommittee will hold additional community meetings and potentially cover all roads. Your input and concerns are valuable. Also, if you wish to lend your talents to the subcommittee, please call John Pespisa at 562-694-1371.

### A big thanks to Greg Steffle for a job well done

Outgoing Planning Commission Chairperson Greg Steffle has served on the commission since April 2011 and spent untold volunteer hours examining proposed projects, participating in meetings and working to ensure that the values of La Habra Heights have been recognized and upheld.

During this long tenure, Greg was always gracious and level-headed, and he brought logical reasoning and good sense to the commission. We should all give him a big round of applause and express our gratitude. Greg's wife, Judy, served on the commission from 2009-2011 and also did a great job.

—**Brian Bergman**

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*On the cover: In 2019, Highland Riders member Honey McRae went from showing in leadline classes to walk-trot competition—in which she won a silver high-point buckle. Photo by Dan Stracner.*



event, please give Susan Brooks a call at 714-222-5091.

On page 12 you'll find information about two LHHIA contests in 2020. First is our annual **Photo Contest**, which ends on April 30. Email your digital entries to [lhhiaphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lhhiaphotocontest@gmail.com), or mail prints to LHHIA, P.O. Box 241, La Habra, CA 90631. We're also looking for entries in our **Curb Appeal Contest**, which ends on June 30. You'll need to fill out a brief entry form available at [lhia.org](http://lhia.org) and send us before and after photos of your home-improvement project.

Be sure to visit the Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year! See page 10 for details.

Highland Riders, a Heights institution since 1961, is starting its show season at The Park on February 23 (see page 11), and they'd love to have you come out to cheer on our young (and older) local equestrians.

—**Pam McVicar**

**W**e're back from our holiday break, and we hope that your new year is off to a good start! LHHIA has a lot coming up in the next few months, and—as always—we'd welcome your participation.

Our next LHHIA event is our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at The Park on April 4, chaired once again by LHHIA board member Carolyn Boehringer along with her new volunteer co-chairs Susan Brooks and Susanne Spray. See page 6 for details. If you'd like to join their team of volunteers and help with this popular

## *Ruth Wolfarth retires as election official after 50 years*

**T**he local election last November 5 marked the end of two eras. It was probably the last time that Heights residents will vote at The Park, since Los Angeles County is establishing new regional voting centers this year. It was also the final time that Ruth Wolfarth was available to assist voters at the polls. After a remarkable 50 years of service, she has now retired as a Los Angeles County Election Official.

Also the longtime chairperson of the La Habra Heights Historical Committee, Ruth has been very active in our community for many years. Her late husband, Charles, was a member of our first city council in 1978.



*Ruth Wolfarth's friendly, familiar face has been a fixture at La Habra Heights polling places for five decades. She received a glowing thank you from the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office on her last election day as an official.*

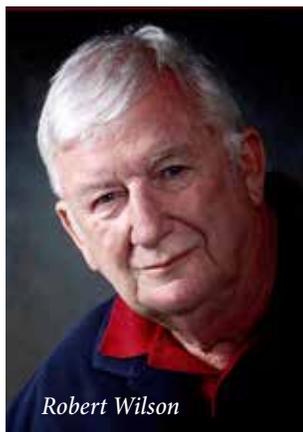
## **Robert Wilson retires from LHHC Water District board; James Crabb appointed to fill vacant board position**

**R**obert (Bob) Wilson has retired from the La Habra Heights County Water District board of directors after 20 years of service. He and his wife, Cheryl, have been residents of La Habra Heights since 1981.

He served as board vice president from December 2007 to February 2009 and also was the district's representative on the Association of California Water Agencies / Joint Powers Insurance Authority from 2006 through 2013; he was active on the employee benefits committee. During his two decades of board service, the district completed capital projects totaling \$16 million.

A retired firefighter, Bob served the City of Sana Fe Springs and the Disneyland Fire Department in Anaheim. His career experience helped him gain expertise in matters related to water supply and the need for a robust reservoir storage system for the Heights.

James Crabb, a resident of the La Habra Heights County Water District since 1997, has been appointed to fill the vacant board position. He has a background in the construction industry.



# Restored Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee seeks members



The City of La Habra Heights has restarted its resident volunteer Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. This community-based program will work to develop and enhance the city's ability to provide rapid and safe care for La Habra Heights residents in the event of a major incident or large-scale disaster.

During non-emergency situations, the committee will focus on public education and awareness to help increase the emergency preparedness of all residents in La Habra Heights. The committee will also provide a conduit for public concerns regarding public safety and fire-related issues.

The committee meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at La Habra Heights City Hall.

The committee is now seeking members. If you are interested in becoming part of the committee, or if you have questions, please contact Chairperson John Pespisa at **562-694-1371**.



## Census of large animals in La Habra Heights will help with emergency evacuation planning

Keeping large animals has always been an important part of the unique rural lifestyle of La Habra Heights. However, because we are now faced with year-round fire danger, an extra level of planning and preparedness is necessary to ensure that animals can be safely evacuated in the event of a wildfire or large-scale disaster.

To facilitate such planning, the City of La Habra Heights will conduct a census of large animals currently being kept in the city. The recently reinstated Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee (see story above) will help coordinate this effort.

Highland Riders has also agreed to assist with determining the size of the horse population in La Habra Heights. Other local organizations and resident groups may be asked to help with the census and subsequent planning.

### Large animal census information needed:

- 1) What types and numbers of large animals—horses, cattle, goats, sheep, llamas, etc.—are currently being kept on your La Habra Heights property?
- 2) Do you have enough trailer capacity to evacuate all your animals in a single trip? If not, do you have sufficient

transportation resources (from friends, neighbors, relatives or groups) available to you on short notice?

Please be prepared to provide this information, which will enable the city to determine what outside resources are needed and to plan evacuation procedures and exit routes to minimize traffic congestion. Large animals take extra time to evacuate, and anything that can be done to save time could be critical, especially during a fast-moving wildfire.

Watch future issues of *Heights Life* and *Guac Talk* (the city's online newsletter) for more information about the census and for procedures for providing the requested information.

Information obtained about the horse population in La Habra Heights will also be useful for future planning related to possible riding trails and other equestrian facilities and activities.



# Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday*  
**April 4**

*10 a.m.-noon*  
**At The Park**

- Easter Bunny photos
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- Petting zoo
- Face painting

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*Admission is free, but we ask that you please donate one bag of individually wrapped candy per child.*

## Los Compadres High School Senior Student Awards

**Application deadline: March 15, 2020**

Each year the Los Compadres Club of La Habra Heights awards scholarships to graduating seniors living in La Habra Heights.

To be considered, students must have maintained a 3.5 GPA throughout their high school years and participated in school and community activities. Selected students will receive a scholarship cash grant and a Certificate of Excellence at the Los Compadres Awards Banquet in May.

Qualified students may request an application from Los Compadres by contacting Brad Cooke at 562-694-4949 or emailing [brad@gbcookeinc.com](mailto:brad@gbcookeinc.com).

Completed student applications must be submitted by March 15, 2020.



## *New signs in the Heights*

You may have noticed new signage in La Habra Heights—thanks to the efforts of our public works staff. If you see them when you're out driving our rural roads, give them a wave!



# Shirley Jean Blackwell

(December 21, 1935 - December 28, 2019)

Shirley Jean Blackwell, a resident of La Habra Heights for 32 years, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 84 on December 28, 2019. Her son, Don Smith, was with her.



She was born December 21, 1935, in the state of Washington. Her family moved to California when she was a child.

An avid horse lover, Shirley became a nationally recognized breeder of Quarter Horse racehorses, many of which she bred and raised in the Heights (see below) after she moved here in 1971. Her horses ran primarily at nearby Los Alamitos Racetrack, at Bay Meadows Racetrack near San Francisco and at tracks in Arizona. Her most successful—and quite famous—racehorse was “Kips Cash.” During this horse’s racing career in the 1980s, Shirley

was rated one of the top 25 Quarter Horse racehorse breeders in the USA.

Shirley always said that her happiest times were spent living and raising her family in La Habra Heights, where she was very active in the community, especially in Highland Riders. She was a fixture at local horse shows and an inspiring mentor to many young equestrians.



In addition to horses, she raised dogs and birds, and she truly loved the rural atmosphere of the Heights.

For health reasons and after the death of her husband in 2003, Shirley decided to downsize, so she sold her house on Hacienda Road and moved to a smaller home in La Habra, but she maintained her Heights connections.

In addition to her horse activities, Shirley worked as a volunteer in various jobs throughout her long and productive life, most recently as a lunch monitor at El Portal Elementary School in La Habra. A teacher there commented that Shirley’s “kindness and loving spirit touched countless lives.”

She is survived by her son, Don; grandson, Brian; great-granddaughter, Kylie; and two brothers, Skip and Tony. She was predeceased by her son, Jack.



## LHH Fire Department again earns EMS award



La Habra Heights Fire Department has earned the *Mission: Lifeline Gold Plus Award* from the American Heart Association (AHA) for meeting rigorous standards of quality for emergency medical service (EMS).

*Mission: Lifeline* is the AHA national initiative to advance and improve care for patients with acute, high-risk, time-sensitive and life-threatening conditions, especially those that can cause heart attacks and strokes. The goal is to reduce mortality and morbidity for these patients while improving overall quality of care and patient outcomes.

Since paramedics and other EMS first-responders play such critical roles in saving lives of heart-attack and stroke victims, AHA has created awards to promote high-quality, time-saving emergency responses.

To earn the Gold Plus Award, the LHHFD emergency medical team had to meet very high standards both for initial treatment and rapid transportation of victims to hospital emergency rooms.

The Heights EMS team also earned a Gold Award in 2018 (see the November 2018 issue of *Heights Life*).



Bachelor's  
button

*Give your garden some love!*

# Garden Plot

By **Beverley Lepak**  
Horticulturist &  
Landscape Consultant

Winter will probably be clinging on until late March, but we can still enjoy a bit of spring in our gardens! Bring home a potted mini-rose for your Valentine, and then plant it in your garden or clay pot so that it'll last for years to come!

Orchids do well indoors if they are kept well-watered and fertilized. Some orchids can be a bit fussy, but using room-temperature distilled water rather than cold tap water will help keep them happy. And make sure to add some blooms to your garden to feed bees, butterflies and migrating hummingbirds.

## BRING IN SOME COLOR!

Plant winter-blooming annuals to bring in some color. Easy-to-grow flowers in sunny areas: bachelor's buttons, delphiniums, dianthus, larkspur, lobelia, marigolds, pansies, Shirley poppies, snapdragons, stock and viola. For partly-shady areas: cineraria, cyclamen, bedding begonia, impatiens and primroses (English and fairy). For something different, try planting ornamental cabbage or kale.

Sow seeds of spring and early-summer annual seed mixes in bare areas or along the vegetable garden to attract pollinators. Fertilize roses as they start to show new growth—emerging bulbs could use a bit, too!

## LATE-WINTER VEGETABLES & HERBS

Harvest old lettuce before it flowers and gets bitter, and it's not too late to add new varieties of lettuce that could provide crispy leaves well into April. Remove any old, non-producing vegetables and make room for artichokes, asparagus, beets, broccoli, Brussel's sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collard greens, endive, kale, leeks, mustard, peas, potatoes, radishes, rhubarb, spinach and Swiss chard. Sow these seeds indoors: eggplant, peppers and early-season tomatoes.



Camellias



Asparagus



Shirley poppy



Fennel



Primrose

This is a great time to visit our local nurseries and look for new varieties of vegetables and herbs.

Some herbs, including mint and some oregano, should start to show signs of new growth. Add a light bit of fertilizer to give them a head start.

Sow seeds of chives, dill and fennel. It's a little too early and perhaps too chilly for basil unless you sow seeds in containers and keep them indoors.

## PLANT CAMELLIAS

Camellias are a tried-and-true garden favorite. They'll live literally for decades if they're planted in partly-shaded areas, fertilized with camellia/azalea formulations and a watered on a regular schedule.

Although they aren't drought-tolerant, camellias do well in our area if you deeply irrigate them during summer.

Clear all leaf debris from the area underneath the plant—and don't use mulch. Keeping the soil bare will reduce the chance of a disease that can infect flower buds and blooms, causing them to rot and fall off.

## GETTING READY FOR SPRING

February is usually a rainy month, so clear out drainage areas and roof gutters. Remove low-hanging or broken tree limbs and keep foliage well-trimmed along roadsides.

Get an early start on your brush and weed clearance—so important in the Heights because of year-round fire danger!

Adding some mulch in muddy areas can help keep those muddy footprints from appearing on your floors, and a boot scraper near the door can help, too!

Fertilize your citrus, avocado and fruit trees. Most California native plants really don't require any fertilizer.

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

# Become a volunteer!

Would you like to lead public hikes and help protect our hills? If so, please join us as a volunteer and contribute to the safety, stewardship and aesthetics of our beautiful preserve! We need two types of volunteers:

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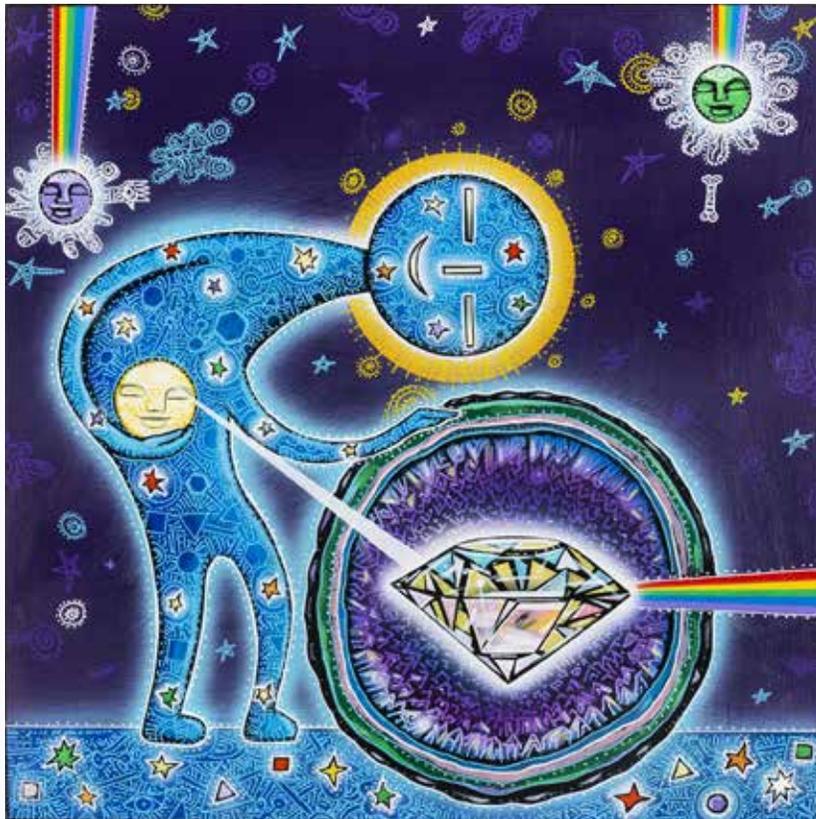
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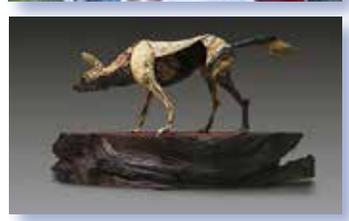
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Joel Nakamura, who grew up in Whittier, created the above work to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hillcrest Festival, at which he has been a featured artist.



# 60TH HILLCREST FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS February 21, 22 & 23

The Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts celebrates its 60th year of showcasing a wide variety of fine art on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 21, 22 and 23, at Hillcrest Church in La Habra Heights. One of the premier juried art shows in the West, the weekend event attracts thousands of art aficionados from all over California and the country. Admission and parking are free.

This year, some of the most talented past featured artists (their work is shown at right and left) will participate in a group show, and more than 200 more artists will showcase paintings, photographs, sculptures, pottery, mixed-media artworks, jewelry and more.

In the garden area, 30 artists will demonstrate their individual crafts throughout the festival. On Saturday and Sunday, a special Art Studio Space will encourage children to express their creativity.

The Festival will have an extensive variety of art available for purchase for a wide range of prices: watercolor and oil paintings, unique jewelry, ceramics, acrylics, pottery, hand-woven clothing, photography, stained and fused glass, metal and wire sculpture, woodworks and a great selection of handcrafted gifts in the Arts & Crafts Boutique.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Hillcrest Church is located at 2000 West Road, La Habra Heights, near the border of Whittier. For more information, please visit [hillcrestfestivaloffinearts.com](http://hillcrestfestivaloffinearts.com).

# First Highland Riders show of new season is February 23 at The Park



Highland Riders Equestrian Club will begin its 2020 “Silver Series” Horse Shows on February 23 at The Park, 1885 North Hacienda Road.

The show is open to all horse breeds and riders of all ages. The judge will be Ted Lange.

The club will also hold open shows on March 22 and May 3. Each show starts at 8:30 a.m., and the show office opens at 7:30 a.m.

The show in May will be “double-judged”—there will be two judges and two separate sets of awards and points on a single show day, so results will be equivalent to participating in *two* shows when it comes to competition for year-end high-point awards. Highland Riders has used this approach for the past two years, and it has been quite popular.

Prizes will be awarded to first-place winners in every class, and ribbons will be awarded through fifth place. Daily high-point awards will be given in 11 different divisions, including a wide variety of English and Western classes for all age groups ranging from very young riders to adults.

At the end of the show season, beautiful silver buckles (see above) will be awarded to year-end high-point winners in all divisions at the club’s annual awards banquet—which is how the “Silver Series” got its name.

Entry fees are \$12 per class for Highland Riders members and \$15 per class for non-members. There is a one-time high-point nomination fee of \$20 per division. To be eligible for year-end high-point awards, riders must compete in at least two shows (with the final “double-judged” show on May 3 counting as two shows in terms of points).

Highland Riders has been holding horse shows in La Habra Heights every year since the club was founded here in 1961.



*Highland Riders horse shows are great places for young riders to learn and grow.*

Photo by Jodie Morgan.

Shows this year will feature two new classes: Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Trail. Ranch classes focus on skills that horses and riders need for actual work on a ranch.

Highland Riders shows provide invaluable opportunities for riders of all ages and experience to learn and pursue their equestrian goals. Members have gone on to become top amateurs and trainers in equestrian sports, and many of them have brought home state, national and world championships.

For more information, please visit [Highlandriderslhh.com](http://Highlandriderslhh.com) or the club’s Facebook site. You may also contact Highland Riders show manager Barbara Stracner at 310-614-6878 or email her at [barb.danstracner@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.danstracner@yahoo.com).



## Three additional horse shows to be held at The Park in LHH

Here’s a reminder that Highland Riders members and other local riders will have three more chances to compete in horse shows in La Habra Heights this year (in addition to the Highland Riders “Silver Series” shows just described).

Spotted Valley Appaloosa Horse Club will be holding its All-Breed Shows at The Park on April 19, May 17 and June 7.

These new shows offer a full schedule of halter, Western and English classes for youth, amateur and open riders, with numerous daily and series high-point awards for both all-breed and Appaloosa exhibitors.

As an added incentive for young riders, all youth classes are *free* to enter.

For details about this new horse show series in La Habra Heights, please visit: [spottedvalleyappaloosa.com](http://spottedvalleyappaloosa.com).

# Annual LHHIA Photo Contest

Deadline for entries:

## April 30, 2020

- To enter, you must be a member of La Habra Heights Improvement Association.
- Enter up to three photos as either high-resolution digital files or prints.
- Email high-resolution digital entries to [lhhiaphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lhhiaphotocontest@gmail.com).
- Mail prints up to 8.5 x 11 inches to LHHIA, P.O. Box 241, La Habra, CA 90631.

Save the date!

**First prize: \$100**

**Second prize: \$50**

**Third prize: \$25**

- By entering, you agree to allow your images to be published or displayed, without any fee or other form of compensation, in *Heights Life*, on the LHHIA website and at La Habra Heights public events. Published photographs will include a photo credit.
- See *Official Rules* at [lhhia.com](http://lhhia.com). By entering, you agree to abide by these rules.



La Habra Heights Improvement Association is offering a cash prize of **\$1,000** to encourage La Habra Heights homeowners to beautify their homes—and our city—by improving the exterior appearance of their houses and properties.

The contest applies only to frontal areas of properties that are publicly visible from streets—those with “curb appeal.” (While we encourage you to improve your backyards as well, they will not be judged.) The contest is only for existing homes, not for new homes under construction.

Judging by the LHHIA Board of Directors will occur on **June 30, 2020**, and their decision will be final.

To participate, please fill out a brief entry form available at [lhhia.org](http://lhhia.org) and submit it along with up to four “before” photographs of your property prior to beginning your improvement work. When work is finished, submit “after” photographs of your improvements taken from the same locations as your “before” shots.

Suggested improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Trimming trees and shrubbery
- Adding ground cover and other new plantings
- Removing weeds
- Removing trash and debris
- Removing abandoned vehicles
- Repairing or improving driveways
- Painting and remodeling
- Repairing fences, walls, gates and woodwork

For more information, visit [lhhia.org](http://lhhia.org) and watch future issues of *Heights Life*.





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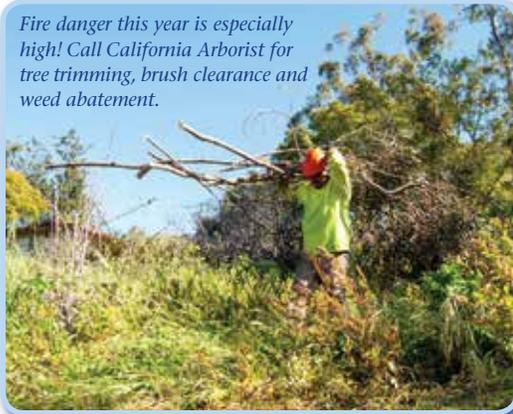


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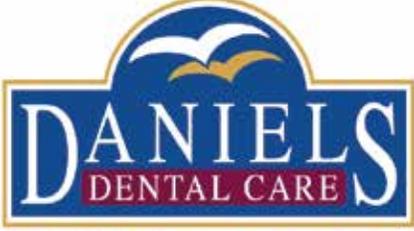
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1/4-page ad: black & white (3.75"W x 5"H)	\$ 660.00	\$1,100.00
1/4-page ad: color (3.75"W x 5"H)	\$ 880.00	\$1,512.50
1/2-page ad: color (7.5"W x 5"H)	\$ 1,210.00	\$2,200.00
Full-page ad: color (bleed: 8.625"W x 11.125"H)*	\$1,760.00	\$3,300.00
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<b>Paid non-profit 501(c)(3) ads (space guaranteed)</b>		
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
<b>Free non-profit 501(c)(3) ads</b> Based on space available.		
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  - FEB. 21-23** 60th Annual Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts at Hillcrest Church (see details on page 10).
  - FEB. 23** Highland Riders Horse Show at The Park: 8:30 a.m. (see details on page 11).
  - FEB. 24** Roads Advisory Committee meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
  - FEB. 25** Planning Commission meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- SAVE THE DATES:**
- MAR. 15** Los Compadres Scholarship deadline (see page 6).
  - APR. 4** LHHIA Easter Egg Hunt at the Park (see page 6).
  - APR. 30** Deadline for LHHIA Photo Contest entries (see page 12).

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**DECEMBER 2019**

Resident burglary: 1, Grand theft: 1, Vehicle grand theft: 1, Forgery: 1, Identity theft: 1, Misdemeanor controlled-substance possession: 1, Felony vandalism: 1, Miscellaneous felonies: 1, Petty theft: 4, Mentally-ill persons: 3, Traffic accidents: 1, Non-criminal: 4, Miscellaneous: 2, Vehicle & boat: 1.

**TOTAL INCIDENTS: 23**



## LHH FIRE REPORT

**DECEMBER 2019**

Advanced life-support calls: 30 (11 in LHH, 19 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 9, Public assist: 9, Fire calls: 5, Traffic collisions: 4.

**TOTAL INCIDENTS: 57**