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## THE MARKET HAS HEATED UP



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## THIS SUMMER IS THE NEW SPRING FOR REAL ESTATE

With stay-at-home orders lifting, data indicates homebuyers are jumping back into the market. After many families put their plans on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what we once called the busy spring real estate season is shifting into the summer. In 2020, summer is the new spring for real estate.

### WHAT'S THE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUYERS?

Another reason buyers are coming back to the market, even with forced unemployment and stay-at-home orders, is historically low mortgage rates. With rates at such low levels and the state reopening, there's more incentive than ever to buy a home this summer.

### WHAT'S THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SELLERS?

More people are now putting their houses up for sale this month as compared to last month, but current inventory is still well below last year's level. If you're thinking of selling your home, now may be your best opportunity. This is the time for your house to stand out from the crowd. Buyers are looking, and your house may be at the top of their list.

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



We hope you and your family are healthy and safe at home. Disruptions to all our lives caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have reminded us at La Habra Heights Improvement Association of the importance of community and the ways in which we rely on and care for each other.

We were very disappointed that we had to cancel our Easter Egg Hunt and Music in The Park concerts, and we hope to resume our normal events schedule as soon as the public health situation permits. Meanwhile, LHHIA is still busy working in our community and publishing Heights Life to bring you updates from the city and interesting stories about our neighbors and this very special place we call home. Your membership dues are essential for us to publish 11 issues of Heights Life each year.

Please join LHHIA or renew your membership!

We invite you to become a member of LHHIA or to renew your membership. LHHIA is an all-volunteer, independent 501 (c)(3) charitable organization that is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations in accordance with IRS Section 170. LHHIA is not part of the City of La Habra Heights and receives no city funding. We rely solely on the support of our members and sponsors to help pay for the following:

• Heights Life magazine: Spotlights residents and community events and publishes articles pertinent to our local lifestyle. Your dues help offset publishing and mailing costs.

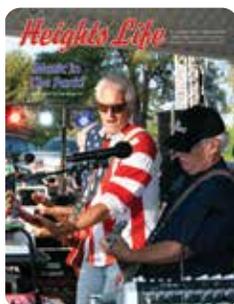
• Music in The Park summer concerts: From mid-June through mid-August each year, we hold Music in the Park concerts on Wednesday evenings. Thanks to our members and sponsors, we provide an entertaining opportunity for our community to gather and enjoy good company and great music. We hope you'll be able to join us at The Park for our 2021 concerts.

• Easter Egg Hunt: Held annually at The Park, this event features egg hunts for three different age groups, free pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting and, of course, photos with the Easter bunny.



• Halloween Haunt: In October, we transform the gym at The Park into "La Haunted Heights" so that kids can enjoy a fun, safe Halloween with our trick-or-treat alley, games, events and refreshments. Please bring your children or grandchildren for a spooktacular evening!

• Morning With Santa: Each December, we start celebrating the Christmas season in La Habra Heights with Morning With Santa, featuring photos with Santa Claus and holiday crafts, games, music and goodies. Bring the whole family for a morning of holiday fun!



• Special programs: LHHIA sponsors Welcome Wagon and our annual Photo Contest. We also organize and fund improvements at The Park, such as recently painting the gazebo and fences and upgrading the horse arena sound system.



LHHIA membership levels

Regular LHHIA membership is \$35 per year. Please consider a Premium Membership: \$75 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), \$250 (Gold) and \$500 or more (Platinum). We sincerely thank our many Premium Members, who are recognized in Heights Life (see below). Their financial support is a crucial part of our annual budget.

With your financial support and the help of our many much-appreciated volunteers, LHHIA will continue providing ways for our community to come together. We welcome you to get more involved in our events and activities. Just e-mail memberLHHIA@gmail.com or contact any of our board members listed on the back of Heights Life.

You'll soon be receiving a letter from LHHIA—please join or renew your membership by mailing your check in the envelope you'll receive. You can also pay online at lhhia.com.

We thank these new Premium Members

Those listed below became LHHIA Premium Members after we published our last list in Heights Life. We thank them for their support and generosity!

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—Pam McVicar

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Cover: James Montgomery Flagg's iconic "Uncle Sam" helped recruit U.S. troops for World War I. We've adapted the famous image as a reminder to stay safe on July 4th by not using fireworks in the Heights (see page 5) and also to keep observing the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines (see page 13).

# MAYOR'S CORNER



## Big fire June 9 on our city's border

A brush fire started in Hacienda Heights at about 8:20 p.m. on June 9 and burned up over the hilltop near the microwave tower into our city. Approximately six acres burned, and no homes were endangered. This event, which is being called the Colima Fire, is being investigated as possible arson caused by fireworks.

As I watched from the east Heights, the fire came up over the ridgeline and spread out. It was near the power lines and difficult to defend. Luckily, the strong Santa Ana winds we had experienced during the day had subsided.



Thanks to a massive response of ground fire crews, rigs and water-dropping helicopters, the fire was contained within an hour—which shows why our Mutual Aid agreements with other fire agencies are so vital. The La Habra Heights Fire Department and other first-responders did a *great* job.

This fire, so close to our homes, literally shouts out the importance of our brush clearance requirements (see the bottom of page 5). We have a hardworking Fire Marshall, Robert Montaghami, and over the last few years, we have upgraded our clearance requirements, inspection procedures and monitoring. Only you, the residents, through hard work and diligence, can reduce the fire threat to our community by clearing your properties. If you see another's property that is not cleared, report it to the Fire Marshall by phone at 562-694-8283 or email at [RMontaghami@LhhCity.org](mailto:RMontaghami@LhhCity.org).

### All fireworks are illegal in La Habra Heights!

On July 4 last year, there was literally an unauthorized fireworks show on our border with La Habra off of Euclid and Hiatt. The city received a lot of input from concerned citizens, and we have amended our Municipal Code to increase the monetary penalty for each fireworks incident. La Habra Heights Ordinance 4.4.10 et. seq., which outlaws *all* fireworks, subjects a violator to a potential fine of \$3,000 (see the top of page 5).

Please immediately report the use of any fireworks by calling the Fire Department at 562-694-8283. City staff will be out in force patrolling the Heights on July 4, 2020!

### Monthly increase in trash fees

State legislation mandating composting of our greenwaste has triggered a minimum \$4.45 monthly increase in trash fees. This is not news I am happy to share, but at least you have some warning and an explanation.

Effective January 2020, state changes in greenwaste recycling requirements (SB1594) disallowed credit for greenwaste used

as alternate groundcover at landfills and required a certain percentage of total greenwaste hauled out of any city to be actually composted, which, unfortunately, involves extra



expense. A city would be subject to penalties if it failed to achieve the required percentage. Based on the current cost of composting all greenwaste taken from our city, the increased cost was calculated to be \$4.45 per Heights residence per month based on one greenwaste container.

Since September 2019, the La Habra Heights City Council has held numerous public meetings in an effort to resolve this issue. Councilmembers Carey Klingfus and Norm Zezula formed a subcommittee to meet with Republic Services and confer with state authorities at Cal Recycle to explore solutions. They requested and were given additional time, but never came up with a workable alternative proposal.

Meanwhile, the costs of the ongoing composting have been accumulating and, unfortunately, residents will be billed for the past months in addition to the ongoing increase. In June, on a split vote, the La Habra Heights City Council passed a resolution raising the homeowner fee retroactive to January 2020. There is a potential that the fee could be reduced by approximately \$1 per household if the subcommittee continues its meetings and presents a workable solution that would involve sending some portion of the total city's greenwaste directly to the landfill rather than the composting facility.

### Unlawful 'party house' on Fullerton Road

A non-resident owner leased his house out for an extremely large party event on Memorial Day evening, resulting in cars being parked up and down Fullerton Road near the East Road intersection, loud sustained music and well over one hundred attendees in violation of city and state ordinances. Needless to say, neighbors called in to complain about the noise, and four Sheriff patrol vehicles and a helicopter responded. A second smaller event, still noisy, occurred the next evening.



Ours is a residential community, and multiple state and local laws prohibit noise, nuisance, unlawful assembly, illegal parking and other related activities. Our City Ordinance, Section 8.7.50F, may require that, in addition to penalties, the owner reimburse the City of La Habra Heights for law enforcement and other costs if a second event occurs within six months.

—**Brian Bergman**

# All fireworks are **illegal** in La Habra Heights!

*Violators could be fined up to \$3,000.*

See the Mayor's comments on the facing page. We already had quite a close call June 9! Keep the Heights safe!



Report violations by calling  
**562-694-8283**

## *Don't let it happen in the Heights!*

"Wildfire season doesn't care about the coronavirus—it's a year-round danger. This year it's even more urgent that we stay 'safer at home' not only by preventing the spread of COVID-19, but also by clearing brush to prevent wildfires in La Habra Heights. We should all take advantage of this stay-at-home period to clear our properties of fire hazards." – Fire Marshall Robert Montaghami, LHH Fire Department

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*From* La Habra Heights  
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## Why this Summer is the 2020 Real Estate Season

### WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SELLERS?

According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), across the country, we currently have a 4.1 months supply of homes on the market. Historically, 6 months of supply is considered a balanced market. If you're thinking of selling your house this summer, now may be your best opportunity. With so few homes on the market for buyers to purchase, this season may be the time for your house to stand out from the crowd.



### Home Prices Projected to Continue to Appreciate

Source	2020	2021	2022
Mortgage Bankers Association	+4.3	+3.2	+2.4
Zelman & Assoc.	+3.0	+4.2	+4.6
Fannie Mae	+0.4	+2.1	N/A
National Association of Realtors	+3.8	+2.1	N/A
Freddie Mac	+0.4	+0.7	N/A

### WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUYERS?

Sam Khater, Chief Economist at Freddie Mac indicates: "For the fourth consecutive week, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has been below 3.30 percent, giving potential buyers a good reason to continue shopping even amid the pandemic... As states reopen, we're seeing purchase demand improve remarkably fast, now essentially flat relative to a year ago." With mortgage rates at such low levels and states gradually beginning to reopen, there's more incentive than ever to buy a home this summer.

**WE HAVE HOMES COMING TO THE MARKET SOON! CALL US FOR DETAILS!**



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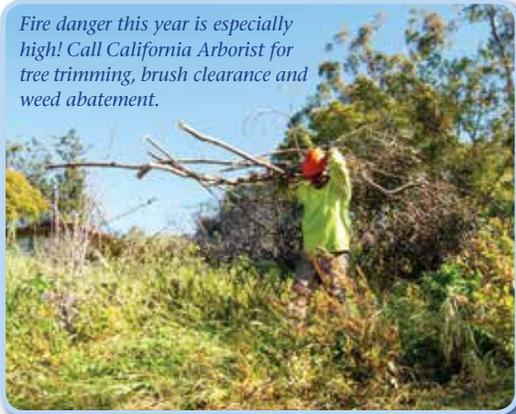
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# Annual LHHIA Photo Contest

Because of the pandemic,  
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# July 31

- 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.

**Send your entries!**

**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.
- All published photographs will include a photo credit. Photos must be the original work of the photographer who enters.
- See *Official Rules* at [lhhia.com](http://lhhia.com). By entering, you agree to abide by these rules.

# EVERYONE COUNTS!

## IN LA HABRA HEIGHTS

# CENSUS 2020



**T**HE USA CENSUS 2020 IS UNDERWAY, and households across the United States are responding every day. However, because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is extending its timelines to protect the health and safety of the American public and employees of the U.S. Census Bureau and to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

Under the adjusted 2020 Census operational plan, data collection via online, phone and mailed self-responses will continue through October 31. All in-person activities, including enumeration, office work and data processing activities, will incorporate the most current health and safety guidance from authorities.

For periodic updates and other information, please visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). You may also call the City of La Habra Heights staff at **562-694-6302**.



# Congratulations

## From La Habra Heights Improv

### Vanessa Alarcon

Vanessa graduated from Cornelia Connelly School, where she was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, ASB student government, honor roll, yearbook, cross country, Geek Squad and California Scholarship Federation. She won several medals in synchronized skating. She has volunteered many hours in serving the community. Vanessa will attend Chapman University.



### Garrett Barber

Garrett graduated from La Habra High School. He was captain of the undefeated varsity water polo championship team and was recognized as First Team and a scholar-athlete. He was a cast member in Tyrone Wells Dance Experience and "Matilda." A member of National Honor Society and Heritage Honors Program, he was yearbook design editor and a student in the Forensics Police and Fire Academy. He will study computer graphics at Fullerton College and play water polo.



### Lana Baroldi

Lana graduated from 8th grade at Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School. As an honor student, she was named a Top 100 student and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She will be attending Sonora High School and participating in the school's International Baccalaureate and Junior ROTC programs. A member of Highland Riders, she is also a competitive soccer player on a club team.



### Joleen Corona

Joleen graduated from Whittier Christian High School, where she was a scholar-athlete and First Team All-CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) player in basketball. Joleen will play basketball for Fresno Pacific University in the coming season, and she plans to study business management and sports management in preparation for an athletics-related career.



### Owen Downs

Owen graduated from La Habra High School with honors in the German language program, in which he participated for four years. He was in the Forensics Police and Fire Academy and the Emergency Medical Technician programs. He played basketball his freshman year and football his sophomore year. Owen will attend Fullerton College in the fall to begin studies in the medical field.



### Ellison Gonzales

Ellison graduated from Mater Dei High School, where she was on the Principal's Honor Roll and captain of Mater Dei girls' lacrosse team. She is a member of National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. Ellison will attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where she will major in biology as her first step toward her goal of becoming a veterinarian.



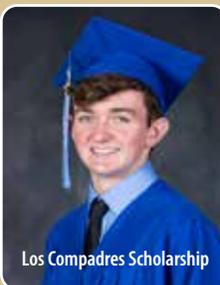
### Elyse Hess

Elyse graduated from 8th grade at Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School, to which she transferred from Yorba Linda Middle School in January. Elyse finished the year with an "A" in every course. She will start as a freshman this fall at Sonora High School in the International Baccalaureate program. Elyse is an avid artist and plans to take classes in graphic design.



### Michael Krynen

Michael graduated from La Habra High School: AP Scholar with honors, Top 25 student and LHHS scholar-athlete all four years. Memberships: AP Heritage (four years), California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, varsity letter in swimming, JV water polo team captain, Amgen Biotech Experience Program intern. He will attend Cal Poly, Pomona, to major in environmental biology.



### Jennae Loomis

Jennae graduated from Sonora High School, where she was a scholar-athlete as a member of the water polo and swim teams and a member of California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bible Club and Evangelism Club. Jennae will attend Biola University and pursue a bachelor's degree in studio arts.



# itions, LHH graduates!

ement Association and the entire Heights community

## Andy Mason

Andy graduated from Troy High School (Fullerton) as a National Merit Scholar and scholar-athlete in cross country. Eagle Scout in Troop 97 (Fullerton), Order of the Arrow - Crow Chapter Chief, Founder of Troy Catholic Club, State and Regional CyberPatriot Competitor. Andy will attend Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), where he plans to major in computer science.



## Emma Mason

Emma graduated from Primanti Montessori Academy (Whittier). She is a member of American Heritage Girls Troop 1565, and she was invited to attend the 7th-10th grade class at The Art House (La Habra). She is a volunteer for the Children's Reading Program at Whittier Public Library. Emma will attend Troy High School (Fullerton) as a student in the Troy Tech Program.



## Alexa Moreno

Alexa graduated from California State University, Channel Islands, with a B.A. degree in studio art and minor in business management. A member of soccer club, bike club and endurance club, she participated and placed in several marathons and triathlons. She studied abroad for a year at the Accademia de Bella Arti di Firenze in Florence, Italy, and visited 18 countries.



## Marilyn Parminter

Marilyn graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a B.S. degree in neurobiology, physiology and behavior. She played on the UC Davis club basketball team for four years, including winning regional championships in February 2020. She received the 2019-20 Community Service Award. Marilyn is planning to attend physician assistant (PA) school and enter the medical field.



## Allison Pillman

Allison graduated from the University of California, Irvine, with a B.S. degree in public health sciences. She was in the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, in which she served as th HR director. Allison is now working as a chiropractic assistant at a clinic, and she is a Legacy Leader in the American Heart Association. She plans to pursue a career in nursing.



## Katya Wang

Katya graduated from Sunny Hills High School (Fullerton) as a candidate for an International Baccalaureate diploma. She ran track and field, was president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a National Hispanic Scholar, and a member of the National Honor Society, Junior Statesmen of America, Life Hacks and Future Teachers. Katya will study economics and business at Pepperdine University.



## Korinne Young

Korinne graduated from Troy High School (Fullerton) and its Troy Tech Program. She was active in orchestra and theatre. She enjoyed bonding with friends and teachers and volunteering at St. Jude's Hospital and her church, Evergreen SGV. A Los Compadres Scholarship winner, in the fall she will attend Coe College, a private liberal arts school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.





*Petunias*



*Alyssum*



*Lobelias*

# Garden Plot

By Beverley Lepak  
Horticulturist &  
Landscape Consultant

**C**orn is high and melons are getting plump! It's time to start harvesting some of your summer bounty and get those grills ready. Serve up corn on the cob, fresh fruit pies, melons, pesto and spicy salsa! Since the kids are stuck at home because of the pandemic, keep them busy with summer garden activities. For the July 4th holiday, add a timely patriotic touch by planting some red petunias, white alyssum and blue lobelias (see photos above).

We already experienced record-breaking heat in June, and the weather in our area this summer will likely get even hotter—and muggy if monsoons creep in with a stray thunderstorm or two. Dry lightning can strike and ignite fires, so keep up on all brush clearance and clean up along the roadsides to help prevent combustion (see page 5). Keep yourself safe, too, by wearing sunscreen and a hat when you're outdoors and by staying well-hydrated. Do your gardening early in the morning or in the evening. Pesky mosquitos will be out and about, so have some repellent handy.

**Summer vegetables & herbs**—It's a good time to sow seeds of snapbeans, beets, carrots, corn, eggplant, peppers, okra, tomatillos and late-season tomatoes. Cucurbits—melons, cucumbers, pumpkins and squash—can be planted early in July. Vines may appear to wilt in very hot weather, which is a natural reaction to heat. But don't water them in midday sun—it could cause rot! Reduce wilting by watering vines early in the morning and covering them with shade cloth. If you see moldy spots on the leaves, it may be fungus that will spread quicker if exposed to moisture, so try not to get water on leaves.

Could the herb garden use more flavorful plants? Basil germinates quickly from seed, and there are many different varieties to try, including large-leaf types like lettuce leaf, Napolitano and mammoth. For smaller and spicy leaves, try clove, cinnamon, Greek, Genoa and sweet basil. Purple ruffles are fun and easy to grow, too, and they'll add some spice to salads. When growing basil, pinch off flower spikes to produce more leaves.

Other summertime herbs to sow or plant are Roman chamomile, cilantro, chives, dill, French tarragon, lavender, oregano, rosemary, sage, thyme and summer savory. If you have shady areas available for herbs, try ginger and sorrel. It's a good time for mint, too, but keep it in pots on a solid surface, because the roots will travel.

**Summer blooms**—Plant plenty of annual flowers to attract pollinators and feed hungry butterflies and hummingbirds: aster, ageratum, celosia, calendula, cosmos, flowering sage, petunia, portulaca, sunflowers and zinnia.

**Shade seekers:** Adding color in a shady area can brighten things up a bit. Long-lasting bromeliads add a tropical touch. Brightly colored, leaved plants are fun additions: caladium, coleus and polka-dot plant. Try shade-loving flowers, too. Begonias come in many forms other than the familiar bedding type—plant angel wing, tuberous, rex and many more! Impatiens are another good choice that will last all summer long.

Deeply water all large landscape trees and shrubs once a month and keep a regular irrigation schedule for fruit trees, lawns and smaller plants.

Some California native plants don't need any water at all and will go "summer dormant." They may lose leaves and look dry and brittle. Don't worry, that's how they're supposed to look at this time of year. Leave them alone and resume watering in the early fall. (If you'd like to know more about them, visit the California Native Plant Society website at [cnps.org](http://cnps.org).)



*Corn*



*Tomatillos*



*Cucumbers*



*Bell peppers*

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# GUIDANCE FOR CLEANING & DISINFECTING

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### 1 DEVELOP YOUR PLAN

#### DETERMINE WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED.

Areas unoccupied for 7 or more days need only routine cleaning. Maintain existing cleaning practices for outdoor areas.

**DETERMINE HOW AREAS WILL BE DISINFECTED.** Consider the type of surface and how often the surface is touched. Prioritize disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

**CONSIDER THE RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED.** Keep in mind the availability of cleaning products and personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for cleaners and disinfectants.

### 2 IMPLEMENT

**CLEAN VISIBLY DIRTY SURFACES WITH SOAP AND WATER** prior to disinfection.

**USE THE APPROPRIATE CLEANING OR DISINFECTANT PRODUCT.** Use an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19, and read the label to make sure it meets your needs.

**ALWAYS FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE LABEL.** The label will include safety information and application instructions. Keep disinfectants out of the reach of children.

### 3 MAINTAIN AND REVISE

**CONTINUE ROUTINE CLEANING AND DISINFECTION.** Continue or revise your plan based upon appropriate disinfectant and PPE availability. Dirty surfaces should be cleaned with soap and water prior to disinfection. Routinely disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily.

**MAINTAIN SAFE PRACTICES** such as frequent handwashing, using cloth face coverings, and staying home if you are sick.

**CONTINUE PRACTICES THAT REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE.** Maintain social distancing, staying six feet away from others. Reduce sharing of common spaces and frequently touched objects.

**Cleaning** with soap and water removes germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces, lowering the risk of spreading coronavirus infection.



**Disinfecting** after cleaning kills germs and viruses on surfaces and further lowers the risk of spreading infection.



For more information, please visit [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)



# KATHRYN DIETRICK (1917-2020)

Kathryn Smith Dietrick, a La Habra Heights resident since 1951, passed away May 16 at her home just three months short of her 103rd birthday.

She had been exercising in her driveway when she let go of her walker for a moment, lost her balance and fell. Although she maintained her characteristic upbeat and hopeful spirit until the end, she did not recover from her injuries.

Kathryn was born August 19, 1917, to Lowell Rufus Smith and Mary Gertrude Smith (née Colborn), who had moved to California from Nebraska. She had three older brothers: Ben, Floyd and Clark.

Kathryn enjoyed an idyllic childhood in the Hagginwood community just north of Sacramento. She recalled roaming among wildflowers and oaks, and the family had a fruit orchard and almond trees. She graduated as valedictorian from Grant Union High School in Sacramento.

She attended Sacramento City College for two years, then transferred to Whittier College, where her brother Clark was a student. At a dance sponsored by the Whittier Women's Club, Clark introduced her to Lyman Dietrick, a recent Whittier College graduate who had been a classmate of Richard Nixon. Lyman had been an all-conference scholar-athlete in football, basketball and track.



Kathryn and Lyman married on her birthday in 1939 (see photo, below left).

Lyman served in the military during World War II as an instructor for pilots. At the end of the war, he resumed his career as a coach, teacher and school administrator.

Kathryn started her 29-year teaching career at an elementary school in South Whittier. She loved teaching and developed lasting relationships with many of her students, including exchange students from other countries.

Lyman and Kathryn bought their first home in La Habra Heights on Dorthea Road in 1951. She wanted open space for her four children—sons Joe and Dan and daughters Kathleen (Kathy) and Allison (Lonny)—to run free, just as she had during childhood. They had horses to ride, hills to roam and plenty of friends.

The family was active in the La Habra Methodist Church. Lyman was an usher, and Kathryn participated in the Circle women's group and later served as a tutor for children. She remained a member of the church for the rest of her life.

In 1964, Lyman and Kathryn decided to raze their house and build a bigger one on their Heights property. Their home became a refuge for generations of extended family members, as well as Kathryn's aged parents and a beloved aunt.

Kathryn was a gifted caregiver, as she particularly showed with her brother Clark. Kathryn remarked that Clark sat at the end

of the bed when she entered the world, and she sat on his bed when he left the world.

Kathryn loved traveling. She and Lyman visited Alaska, Europe and Mexico. After Lyman passed away in 1981, Kathryn took trips to Peru, Thailand, Germany and Switzerland. She was in China in 1989 during the Tiananmen Square uprising, and her photo appeared in *Time* magazine among a group of Americans "scrambling to get out of China" (as she put it).

Kathryn's son Joe passed away in 1982, and son Dan passed in 1999. She is survived by both daughters, Kathleen Dietrick Mustard and Allison Dietrick Struble, both of whom lived with Kathryn in the Heights in her final years. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Kathryn's daughter Lonny summed it up well: "She loved her life, and she made the most of it."



Above: Kathryn and Lyman with their children Joe, Dan, Lonny, and Kathy. Below: Kathryn with four of her dozen great-grandchildren.



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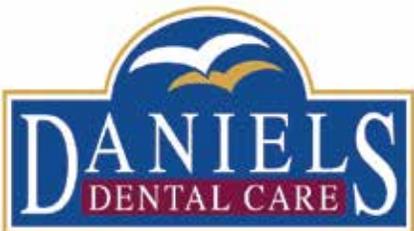
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1/2-page ad: color (7.5"W x 5"H)	\$ 660.00	\$1,100.00
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- JULY 13** La Habra Heights City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- JULY 27** Roads Advisory Committee meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- JULY 28** Planning Commission meeting: 6:30 p.m.

All 2020 Music in The Park concerts have been canceled due to COVID-19, as have all horse shows and other public events at The Park until further notice.

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MAY 2020

Non-aggravated assault: 2, Burglary: 2, Grand theft: 1, Grand theft, vehicle: 1, Offenses against family: 1, Vehicle & boating laws: 3, Persons mentally ill: 1, Traffic accidents: 4, Non-criminal: 1.

**TOTAL INCIDENTS: 16**



## LHH FIRE REPORT

MAY 2020

Advanced life-support calls: 22 (14 in LHH, 8 in LA County), Basic life-support calls: 16, Public assist: 3, Fire calls: 4, Traffic collisions: 3.

**TOTAL INCIDENTS: 48**

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