

Marquez Knolls

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Quality of Life is our Goal



Haldis Toppel

MKPOA is proud of its involvement with numerous quality of life issues affecting our community.

After two explosions at the power distribution station in the village, DWP announced that it will replace the aged facility with a modern one and is eyeing the empty lot on Marquez Avenue as a site. With assistance from MKPOA, Neighbors on Marquez are preparing a petition against this location in the middle of a residential neighborhood. The planned 49 unit, 85,000 sqft. "Sunset Creation" apartment complex is causing traffic and geological concerns. MKPOA and neighbors on Livorno attended the Zoning Administrator hearing and have voiced caution.

In response to community requests, MKPOA is helping to bring

the voting location back to the Marquez Elementary school.

MKPOA's Christmas wish (as published in the Palisadian-Post) has been granted to clean up the traffic island on east Marquez. With help

You are cordially invited
MKPOA ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 8
6:30 pm –9:00 pm
Marquez Charter School Auditorium
16821 Marquez Avenue
Bring Your Entire Family for Fun, Food and Facts

from the Women's Club and PRIDE the island has been re-landscaped and will be maintained. Our sincere appreciation goes out to both organizations.

The most significant contribution in time and energy has been to

convince our elected officials to oppose the proposed cutback of resources at Fire Station 69. MKPOA's concerted efforts, together with the Pacific Palisades Community Council, convinced Councilman Rosendahl to vote against the measure, which endangers the public by reducing both firefighting and paramedic resources.

The MKPOA e-com (electronic community communications) network has provided pothole, graffiti, and lost pets alerts, timely flood and fire reports, and it has helped to slow down several dangerous drivers by providing information to LAPD for an informal home visit and parent notification.

Please continue your participation in this valuable communication tool or sign up for it by sending your e-mail address to info@marquezkolls.com. We will be glad to keep you informed about current events.

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Annual Meeting Preview

- **FACTS:** Updates from Councilmember Rosendahl, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Fire Department, and LAPD—prepare your questions.
- **FUN:** Come hear the truth about potential disasters we face: Earthquakes, Floods, Fires—is your family ready?
- **FOOD:** Sandwiches, sweets, coffee, soda and water.
- **AGENDA:** MKPOA Business meeting, Accomplishments/Goals, Election of Board of Directors.

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News in Our Neighborhood

DWP Power Station

At the PPCC meeting last month DWP announced that it will replace the aged power distribution station in the village with a modern facility. The site considered for this facility is the DWP-owned vacant lot on Marquez Ave. next to the elementary school. This site was originally intended to support a power distribution facility for a development in the nearby hillside, but that land has since been converted to State Park.

The new facility, potentially 18 ft above ground and 18 ft below, or larger, would be located in the middle of a residential neighborhood immediately adjacent to the school. This plan is meeting with serious resistance from neighboring residents. DWP is required to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and to submit three alternative sites for the facility. We will keep you posted.

Subsequent research of available properties suitable for the substation were researched, and the site at Los Lions was thought to be a viable alternative by our community members in Marquez Knolls

Hillside Baseline Ordinance

The Baseline Hillside Ordinance took effect on May 9, 2011. It is designed to keep buildings in scale with the neighborhood, restrict the square footage according to the size of the lot, promotes a step-down approach on hillsides rather than a box-like look, restricts the allowable amount of grading, and much more. The URL for the complete ordinance can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the MKPOA web site under the "Question" tab.



Marquez Knolls residents join the town to rally against cuts at Station 69 (pg 6)

Police Activity

Speeding Cars

With residents reporting dangerously speeding cars in our neighborhood, by way of our e-com distribution, we contact LAPD in the most serious cases. Our senior lead officer, Michael Moore typically visits the address and speaks to the driver and the parents. So far, this has been very effective to stop dangerous driving in our neighborhood. It potentially saves the lives of mostly young drivers and others sharing the roadways.

Pellet Gun

A 911 call had alerted LAPD of an individual who was firing a gun on the Lachman fire road.

The suspect was a 22 year old white male. LAPD arrived with seven or eight patrol cars according to witnesses, with two uniformed officers each, and took the visibly shaken suspect away in handcuffs. He had thrown the gun into the bushes. It turned out to be an air rifles. It is illegal to fire any gun on State Park property. Please think twice when playing with toy guns. In these uncertain times with senseless violence reported in schools and neighborhoods alike, concerned citizens will report the activities and police resources will have to be deployed.

Marquez/Sunset Island Beautification

Last year, the Palisadian Post published Haldis Toppel 's Christmas wish to re-landscape the traffic island at Marquez east, which

had grown into a weed patch. With the generous contribution by the Women 's Club, PRIDE under the leadership of Jody Margulies, cleaned and replanted the island.

A local gardener has been hired to maintain it. PRIDE is funded solely through donations from the community. Please consider



helping Marquez Knolls to stay beautiful by making a contribution towards the maintenance of the island. You may contact

Jody Margulies
at 310 459-7963.

PRIDE is currently discussing the landscaping and maintenance of the west intersection with potential sponsors. Perhaps next year, we can include a beautiful picture here.

Movies in the Park

MKPOA is proud to sponsor Walt Disney's :

Mary Poppins (G)

August 27th

Palisades Recreation Center
Movie Starts at Dusk about 8 p.m.

Bring your blanket and enjoy a picnic at the Field of Dreams

MARQUEZ KNOLLS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

<p>Alicia's Place Childcare 670 Via Santa Ynez • (310) 459-0750 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm</i> www.alicias-place.com for Loving Care</p>	<p>Alper Music School 707 Jacon Way • (310) 454-0160 <i>37 Years of Enthusiastic Students & Happy Parents</i> <i>Kids Jazz Band, Private Lessons</i> www.AlperMusic.com</p>
<p>Michael Edlen Real Estate (310) 230-7373 <i>Michael@Michaeledlen.com</i> Marquez Knolls Resident for More than 30 Years</p>	<p>Innate Chiropractic 16624 Marquez Ave. • (310) 230-1899 <i>Dr. Luke Cohen, D.C.</i> www.PaliChiro.com</p>
<p>Knolls Pharmacy 16630 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-6000 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-6pm Sat. 9:00am-4:00pm</i> Serving All Your Prescription Needs</p>	<p>MAX Impact Martial Arts & Fitness 16632 ^{1/2} Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-7105 <i>Mon.-Sat. 9:00am-9:00pm</i> Call Now for Your Free Private Lesson!</p>
<p>Oasis Palisades 16704 Bollinger Drive • (310) 454-5855 <i>Please Call for Appointment</i> Spa, Massage, Acupuncture, Call for MKPOA Special</p>	<p>Palisades Animal Clinic 16636 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-6503 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-5:30pm</i> John T. Condello, D.V.M. - UC Davis Graduate</p>
<p>Palisades Plumbing 16626 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-5548 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm</i> 10% Discount (if Invoice Paid on Day of Service)</p>	<p>Palisades Screen & Glass 16628 Marquez Ave. • (310) 459-3596 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-4:00pm</i> Windows, Mirrors, Screens—Free Estimates</p>
<p>Paws 'n Claws Grooming Salon 16634 Marquez Ave. • (310) 459-2009 <i>Tues.-Sat. 8:00am-4:30pm</i> Come In and Get 10% Off Your First Visit</p>	<p>Ronny's Park Lane Cleaners 16648 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-9789 <i>Mon.-Fri. 7:00am-6:00pm Sat. 9:00am-5:30pm</i> Dry Cleaning (25% off), Alternations, Notary Svc.</p>
<p>Dan Urbach Prudential CA Realty (310) 230-3757 <i>www.ExclusiveRealtor.com, info@DanUrbach.com</i> I Represent PEOPLE, not Properties!</p>	<p>Vittorio's Restaurant 16646 Marquez Ave. • (310) 459-9316 <i>Tues.-Sun. 4:00pm-10:00pm</i> Join Us for Dinner or Take Your Meal Home</p>
<p>Nell Stephenson, BS, USC EXSC, ACSM H/FI 310 344-8040 <i>Nutritional Counselor, Fitness Consultant, Elite Ironman Triathlete</i> www.NellStephenson.com</p>	<p>Marquez Knolls Property Owners Association supports local businesses located within the Marquez Knolls Community.</p>

Our Thanks to the Following Neighbors for their Extra Contributions this Year

<p>Ruth Carlsson William Cobert Jerome & Virginia Ettinger Frederick & Gundrun Marx Peter & Silgia Grassl Simon & Malihe Half Mary & Bud Hoffman Joseph & Mary Juliano Tracey Davis & Daniel Kempka William & Renee Klein</p>	<p>Jon & Laurel Kodani Steven & Nikki Lafferty Marcia Gold & Ronald Levenson Richard & Mollie Longaker Mark Mazzei Perry & Kathleen Miles Ronny Naidoo (Ronny's Cleaners) James & Jodie Rea Frank & Sanam Rodd Kate Lehrman & Howard Robinson</p>	<p>Kenneth & Ritchie Saunders Michael & Nanette Schneir</p> <p>MKPOA extends its thanks to the community for its generous support this year.</p> <p>We rely on your contributions to sustain the organization and provide the many services we offer.</p> <p>MKPOA run solely by volunteers. Thank You.</p>
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2011-2012 Slate of Board Members

The following MKPOA members have been nominated for the upcoming election of the Board of Directors. Nominations can be made from the floor and are open until the vote is taken at the annual meeting on June 8, 2011. To be eligible for nomination, an MKPOA member must have attended at least two Board meetings in the last three months. If you wish to be nominated or nominate someone you know, please contact Silgia Grassl at 310-454-4438.

Sylvia and Jon Boyd¹ are native Californian's who attended high school together. They married after graduation while Jon was serving in the Marines during the Korean War. The Boyds moved to the Palisades in 1976. Jon was an L.A. fireman and joined forces with Sylvia's part-time career in Tupperware. They took on a franchise, became corporate staff and traveled and lived all over the world for 45 years. Sylvia retired as President of Tupperware Canada in 2001. During the ten years they lived in Asia Pacific and Canada, the Boyds retained their Palisades home. The Boyds are actively involved in the Palisades Presbyterian Church, PAPA (July 4th Parade), Discovery Shop (American Cancer Society) and Las Doradas.



Christy Dennis moved to Pacific Palisades four years ago after leaving her corporate job with Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco. She served as a company spokesperson and later as a manager in Corporate Customer Communications. She is a former television news reporter specializing in environment and health care. Following her TV career she joined a non profit land trust organization that gained national recognition during

her tenure. Christy also serves on the Pacific Palisades Community Council board.



Sidney (Sid) Galanty has lived in Marquez Knolls since 1966 and has been a Board member of MKPOA for over 10 years. Sid is an advertising specialist, political media consultant and seasoned director in broadcasting, television, and political media.

He was a consultant to the U.S. Army's Space Program and later joined the administration of President John F. Kennedy where he received the Distinguished Government Service Award. In 1990 Sid helped create, produce and market the "Jane Fonda Workout".

In addition to many other industry awards, Sid won the Berlin Film Festival award for "Seeds of Hope" and Cannes Film Festival Award. He has lectured at Yale, Columbia, Lewis & Clark and UCLA.



Lou Del Pozzo has lived in Marquez Knolls since 1978. After teaching in Culver City for 30 years, he went into real estate. He has been a realtor for 20 years. Lou holds a B.S. and M.S. in Business from UCLA. Lou has two grown children, his son attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis and his daughter holds an MBA from UCLA.

Silgia Grassl moved with her husband and their two children to Marquez Knolls in 1976. They have lived in the same house on Lachman Lane for more than 30 years and are now retired. Silgia continues to volunteer for St. John's Hospital in the emergency room as an ER Angel. She joined the Board in 2005.



Louise and Bob Martin¹ met while working at the RAND Corporation as weapon-system analysts in the Aero-Astro Dept.

They have lived in Marquez Knolls since 1964 and participated in the Association's earliest drives to establish a dedicated patrol service for our area. In the early seventies Louise transferred to RDA/Logicon, a spin-off of RAND, and Bob joined Hughes Aircraft.

Since 2003 Louise has served as a Board member of RAND's Alumni Association and she has been on the MKPOA Board for the two past year.



The following MKPOA Members have expressed an interest in joining the KPOA Board, and will meet the two-meeting requirements. They may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting:

Jamie Schloss
Amy Greenwood

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Jim Rea and his wife Jodie have lived in Marquez Knolls for over 15 years. Jim is trained as an accountant and an MBA, by profession am a Realtor. He has served on Board for two years. He is also on the PPCC Board representing our area. He is active in the California Art Club and the Autry National Center.



Haldis and Kurt¹ Toppel moved to California from Germany separately. They married in 1976 and have one son. Kurt has lived on Enchanted Way since 1960. His early career was in data processing and later he formed his own International business consulting company. Kurt has received the Palisades Citizen of the Year and Golden Sparkplug award. He is past president of MKPOA and has served on the Board for more than 20 years. He is past Chairman of the Santa Monica Red Cross and PPCC. Kurt chaired the \$1 million fundraising drive to build the new

Palisades Gym. He is currently on the Board of P.R.I.D.E. and an advisor to PPCC. Haldis retired from 20 years with the City of Los Angeles as the Chief Information Security Officer. She has served a number of professional organizations as chair or Board member and is currently PPCC Vice Chair. She was honored with the Community Service Award in 2008. She is currently serving her forth term as President of MKPOA.



Janet Turner and her husband have lived in Marquez Knolls for 15 years. She joined the MKPOA Board four years ago. Janet is Chair of the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC). She has been influential in addressing the Marquez School traffic problems, and continues to work toward a View Protection Ordinance. She regularly reports on PPCC activities in the MKPOA newsletter (Turner Report). She is a TV and movie producer and has

worked on Showtime's "A Thin Blue Lie", ABC's "Abandoned and Deceived", TLCs "Untold Stories of the ER" and the History Channel series "The States". She is currently developing a television series with the ASPCA to be syndicated by Associated Television International.



George Wakalopoulos¹ has lived in Marquez Knolls for 34 years. George is an engineer who founded three high tech companies, holds more than 30 patents, and has published numerous scientific papers. He developed the world's most rugged electron gun that was used by the military for "star wars" lasers, and the Min-EB, the world's smallest, least expensive, and lowest voltage electron beam vacuum tube. He holds an M.S. in Quantum Electronics from USC and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from UCLA.

¹ Second member of a household or advisor who are not able to vote at Board Meetings.

Marquez Knolls Home Sales* (1st Quarter) 2011 vs. 2010

	Number Sold	Avg. Sale Price/Sq. Ft.	Median Sale Price	# Active Homes
2011	14	\$630	\$1,278,000	12 (as of 4/30/11)
2010	12	\$654	\$1,609,000	13 (as of 4/30/11)

Number of Sales	17% Higher
Ave. Price/Sq Ft	4% Lower
Median Sale Price	21% Lower
Active Inventory	8% Lower

As of April 2011, the lowest-priced available home in Marquez Knolls was a 3-bedroom, 2-bath on Jacon Way being offered at \$1,189,000. The highest-priced property is a 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath on Lachman Lane being offered at \$3,750,000. There were seven homes in escrow.

The lowest sale price so far this year was a 2-bedroom, 2-bath on Livorno Drive (\$825,000). The highest sale so far this year was a 5-bedroom, 5.5-bath on Lachman Lane (\$4,100,000).

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Los Angeles City Budget and LAFD

On May 18, the Los Angeles City Council debated many budget items with the aim to reduce the City's budget deficit. On the chopping block were Fire Department resources, including a reduction of four firemen at Station 69 which leaves one of the two fire engine that carries water, pumps and hoses as well as life support equipment sitting idle at the fire station during normal days. During Red Flag Days (high temperatures, high winds, low humidity) additional firefighters will be sent to that location to operate the engine.

Fire Chief Millage Peaks promised the Council that his proposed reduction of the Fire Department was driven by efficiencies and that there was no danger to the public.

In response to public outcry and strong objections from community organizations, including MKPOA, Councilman

Rosendahl made a passionate plea to consider response time for the arrival of backup equipment and staff and take into

restore the staffing cuts.

The Council further instructed the Chief to report on the status of the Fire Department every three months and evaluate safety and response time for all locations.

A full report on the Council proceedings by Jennifer Malaret, and other current event items in this newsletter can be found under Announcements on the MKPOA web site.



Rescue helicopter lifts off at Marquez Elementary School playground on May 14 to airlift a small child

account the isolation and remote location of the Palisades, as well as the traffic congestion and construction on Sunset and PCH.

The City Council passed the proposed reduction with Councilman Rosendahl voting against it. The Council did however vote against making the reduction permanent and instructed the Chief to use any available monies in the future to

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is a voluntary organization and needs your support to provide the many services.

Your most recent membership year is printed on the address label. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011, please consider doing so with the enclosed envelop.

You nay also send your contribution via PayPal by logging in on our website