

# Juniper Hills Community Association Newsletter



January - June 2024

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## JH Community Center

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Juniper Hills, Calif.

## JHCA Mailing Address

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## Website

[juniperhills.org](http://juniperhills.org)

## JHCA OFFICERS

### President

Leslie Jones (944-4531)

### Vice-President

Marilyn Bell (944-2322)

### Treasurer

Kirsten Rosenberg  
(240-476-1998)

### Recording Secretary

Viki Kempenaar  
(661-618-5398)

## JHCA BOARD MEMBERS

### Junibeas President

Susie Pedersen (618-3767)

### Members At Large

Todd Bartlett

Rachelle Huber

Alex Landa

Jodi Mulder (805-766-0866)

Linda Myers

Carlene Rechenmacher

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Bob Witt (944-0377)

### Membership/Rentals

Viki Kempenaar (618-5398)

### Maintenance

Evert Kempenaar

(661-618-7067)

## JHCA MEETINGS

*Monthly Board Meetings* are held the second Wednesday of the month (except June and December) at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Community Center.

*General Meetings* are held pot-luck-style at the Community Center the first Saturday of June and December.

## UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

# Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 10th 8:00 - 11:00am

Greatest Deal of the YEAR and the best

Pancakes and Waffles anywhere

Adults \$5.00 Children (under 12) \$3.00



# Community Service Day

March 9th - 8:00am until Noon

Please join us for a morning beautifying

YOUR Community Center

# Bingo Night - March 16th - at 7:00pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's day on the Hill. Junibeas will be hosting

a night of Bingo, Food and FUN!

Ten bingo cards \$5.00 plus \$5.00 for a meal.

# June General Meeting

June 1, 2024 at 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner

Join your friends and neighbors for good food, great company and information.

# Pancake Breakfast

June 22, 2024 8:00 - 11:00am

Adults \$5.00 Children (under 12) \$3.00



**MESSAGE FROM JHCA PRESIDENT- BRUCE LOVE, Ph.D.**

My third President’s message. Well, my friends, after eighteen months at the helm of the JHCA, I have decided to step down and go another route. I will continue to promote good will and neighborly activities on the Hill, and I urge you all to support the JHCA board. They work so hard to make our events successful! They show up early and stay late, not to mention the Costco runs. They maintain our grounds and our building, and this year the Pancake Breakfasts, Burgers and Brew, Dessert Under the Stars, and other activities were all well attended. And we can now celebrate a new webpage [juniperhills.org](http://juniperhills.org), all thanks to the JHCA board. They are amazing people who work tirelessly for the benefit of the Hill. Stevie and I first moved up here in the winter of 1976 when we bought a shack with no water on 2 ½ acres on lower 104 th Street for \$14,500. In 1990 we moved away to Riverside for my work, and then moved back in 2003. When we left Riverside, we debated where to move to, and our love of Juniper Hills from the first time we lived here steered our decision. We bought ten acres of raw land, drilled a well, and built an adobe house. Where else can you do that? We love Juniper Hills and have no thoughts of moving. I look forward to seeing all of you around the Hill and meeting new Hillers as we go forward into an uncertain future (but all future is uncertain). Let’s support each other and celebrate this special place where we live. Bruce

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT AND OUR FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Our new president for 2024, elected at our December board meeting, is long time board member and Junibee President, **Leslie Jones**. Leslie brings with her many years of experience working with our community and helping with the events. At our general meeting (December 2nd) three new board members were elected. **Todd Bartlett** has been a resident in Juniper Hills for a few years now and has agreed to serve on the board. **Rachelle Huber** is also a new resident that has been helping with events since moving here. **Alex Landa** a resident since 2016 will also be a great addition to the board. Our new **Junibee President, Susie Pedersen**, will be joining the board. Also, **Linda Myers** was appointed at the January meeting. We are happy to welcome you all to the board and are looking forward to working with you.

 **JUNIBEES' BUZZ - MESSAGE FROM JUNIBEES PRESIDENT- LESLIE JONES**

Junibeese came back from summer ‘vacation’ with the September meeting. Monica Richards, the JHCA webmaster came to the meeting to answer questions about the website and help anyone who was encountering problems navigating the website. We enjoyed and appreciated her information and time. Our October meeting involved our help for both the Fall Chili Fest and the November Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Boutique. We were able to quickly organize a Thanksgiving Pot Luck which was very successful with a bounty of delicious food! We are sure that the December Christmas Pot Luck will be just as wonderful. We will be sponsoring a March Bingo night and will be spending time organizing the event. Details will follow. As always, any and all of the ladies on the hill are welcome. We enjoy new faces, so if you are able to come, please do. Our next meeting is on Wednesday January 17 th , 2024 at noon. Hope to see new Faces then!



**LINE DANCING**

**Ginny Sandoval** is teaching line dancing at the community center every Thursday @ 10:00am. This is a great group of men and women that are having a great time and getting exercise too. Ginny charges \$5 per lesson *and* donates all of the funds raised to JHCA. Thank you Ginny!

## MESSAGE FROM JHCA TREASURER - KIRSTEN ROSENBERG

Greetings and happy new year to all! We begin 2024 with \$20,232 in our operating account, which is actually significantly more (\$5000+) than how we began last year. May that be a prosperous omen! And more good news: while our California Fair Plan (fire) insurance is due now, it's actually \$3791 *less* than last year! With this good fortune, somebody oughta go buy a Lotto ticket, ha. That said, please keep your membership dues and kind donations coming--along with supporting community activities--as that is what allows us to pay the bills (like insurance and property tax) and continue hosting events. Thank you!



## Many THANKS to...

Thanks to **Stevie Love** for getting our new website up and running and to **Monica Richards** for taking it over. Check it out at [juniperhills.org](http://juniperhills.org). **Kimberly Kirk** for the donation of eggs and gluten free pancake mix for our pancake breakfast. A special **THANK YOU** to all that made donations as well as paid their membership dues this year. Thank you to **EVERYONE** that has helped to make Burger's N Brew, Fall Chili Fest, and pancake breakfasts successful events this year. And, as always, **THANKS** to the **JUNIBEES** for always being available to help with events. Thank you to **Pastor Bud and Hilltop Christian Ministries** for the donation of the TV. Also, **Wences Lauts** for the help installing it over the fireplace. **Jenny Sandoval** has done a fabulous job teaching line dancing at the community center. A special **THANKS** to **Bruce** for his tenure on the history committee and **President of JHCA**. Bruce has opened our eyes to new ideas for our community.

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS - JAN WISE

**MEETINGS:** At our August meeting we had LA Co Dept. of Agriculture come and give us an overview of their dept., focusing on weed abatement. They are responsible for inspecting vacant land parcels. Juniper Hills had 56 parcels that were in non-compliance, and LA Co. cleared 17 of them as of our August meeting. If you need a parcel inspected near your property, call 661-974-8801.

Your town council also wrote a letter to all of our local, state, and federal representatives regarding settlements from the Bobcat Fire, and asking to be included in legislation exempting payments from state taxes. Julie Drake from the AV Press wrote a great article on our community 3 years after the Bobcat Fire.

**ONGOING ISSUES:** Illegal dumping continues to be an issue, you can report illegal dumping to: [dumping@publicworks.lacounty.gov](mailto:dumping@publicworks.lacounty.gov), or call 1-888-838-6746, or on the LA County Works app. Vouchers are available after July 1<sup>st</sup> for ½ ton per residence per year, call Supervisor Barger's office at 661-726-3600 to get them.

Please continue to report to the Marijuana Tips line illegal grows at [Marijuanatips@lasd.org](mailto:Marijuanatips@lasd.org). The Sheriff's Dept. now has more funding, and are taking the illegal grows down on a weekly basis.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** The JHTC meets on the first Wednesday of every month (except January and July) at 7 p.m. at the Juniper Hills Community Center.

## JUNIPER HILLS HISTORY COMMITTEE

The history committee took a break in 2023. Our plan for this year is to finish organizing the files and boxes of paperwork that is stored at the community center. Also, to work on the brochure that was started. We welcome new volunteers to join us at the community center on the last Friday of each month at 10:00am.

## **CERT**

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs. The program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness and for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as: Fire safety. Light search and rescue.

CERT became a national program in 1993. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories. Each is unique to its community and all are essential to building a Culture of Preparedness in the United States. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide and more than 600,000 people have trained since CERT became a national program.

## **HELP!!**

***Please contact any board member*** if you can help with our events. The more the merrier. What we need: Set-up and food prep, pancake “flippers”, grill masters, servers, bartenders, ticket takers, clean-up, and anything else that you would like to help with. It is work and a LOT of FUN and a great way to get to know your neighbors.

***KIDS...***(and parents): Community Service hours can be earned by helping with our events. Contact Viki @ 618-5398 to sign up.

## **BARRY BROWN SCHOLARSHIP:**

This scholarship has been received by many Juniper Hills graduates from Littlerock High, Home School and Private Schools. Remarkable Juniper Hills students have moved forward to continue their education.

Graduating Seniors should see their Guidance Counselor and ask for our local scholarship application. Private and homeschool students are also encouraged to apply. For information contact Viki at 944-2729

## **4-H**

Join the Littlerockers 4H group in Juniper Hills! Our Tuesday meetings at the JH Community Association, 6 pm, have been filled with exciting learning experiences. From history-rich wool spinning to creating beautiful baskets with natural plants, our community volunteers have made the past months truly special.

Currently, many members are raising swine for the 2024 April livestock fair coinciding with the Poppy Festival. We invite new community members to share their skills, arts, and crafts with our diverse group, spanning ages 5-18. If you know a young enthusiast interested in 4H, reach out - we'd love to welcome them into our growing community!

**For more information or to get involved, contact Enjoli Branch at 310-365-4854.**

4H, a cornerstone of our community, stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. It empowers young minds to develop life skills, leadership qualities, and a strong sense of community responsibility. Through diverse projects and activities, 4H fosters a passion for learning and a commitment to making a positive impact on the world. Join us in cultivating the leaders of tomorrow!

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**JHCA Membership dues (\$50) can paid at the JUNIPER HILLS WEBSITE!! [juniperhills.org](http://juniperhills.org)**

**You may also pay membership, buy tickets to events and make donations through the website or use Zelle or Venmo [JHCAtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:JHCAtreasurer@gmail.com)**

**Bobcat Fire Lawsuit Update:** On behalf of the JHCA membership and the community, JHCA is part of the Watts Guerra Lawsuit. Our claim is for damages done to property (south windows, ballpark building, vegetation, and electrical). We will keep you informed of news from the Attorneys.

## 2024 Juniper Hills Events and Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Cost
February 10	Pancake Breakfast	8:00 - 11:00am	\$5 (under 12 \$3)
March 9	Community Service Day	8:00am - noon	
March 16	Junibees Bingo		
June 1	General Meeting	6:00 - 9:00	Potluck
June 22	Pancake Breakfast	8:00 - 11:00	\$5 (under 12 \$3)
July 13	Burgers N Brew	6:30 - 10:30	\$15/10/20(at door)
August ?	We would like feed back on a concert or ice cream social or suggestions?		
September ?	Dessert Under the Stars		
October 5	Community Service Day	8:00am - noon	
November 9	Pancake Breakfast & Boutique	8:00 - 11:00am	\$5 (under 12 \$3)
December 7	General Meeting	6:00 - 9:00	Potluck

Town Council Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Month	7:00pm	No meeting in January or July
JHCA Board Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month	7:00pm	No meeting in June or December
Junibees' Luncheon and Business Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month	12:00pm	No meeting in July or August
Line Dancing	Every Thursday	10:00am	\$5.00 per class

### 2024 Board



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Hilltop Christian Ministries  
Meets at the Community Center  
Sunday at 10:00

