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HOLLYWOOD LAKES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Why Your HLCA Membership is Important

By Kim Ottaviani HLCA Director and Chair – Membership Committee

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- Is the noise at the vacation rental on your block too invasive?
- Are vehicles racing down your street with little or no regard for folks out for a stroll or children at play?
- Does the park nearby need a little TLC?
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- Would you like to add an amenity to one of the recreation areas close by?
- Are parking issues making it hard for you and your neighbors to navigate?
- How about the roads or sidewalks? Are they all in good condition?
- Are you craving more interaction with your neighbors on a civic or social level?
- Do you have a question about code enforcement or how to report a violation?

Do you love and enjoy almost everything about your neighborhood and want to make sure it stays that way?

If they answer to any of these questions is "yes" or you have any other questions or concerns to add to the list it's time to get more fully on board and renew your membership/ join your Hollywood Lakes Civic Association for 2025.



There is so much value in membership and we need your support to continue, strengthen and grow our HLCA. When I asked parents at the school at which I taught to join our PTSA one of the most common responses was "I work." "I just don't have time to volunteer." And so I'd remind them that the reason they had just shared for not joining was the main reason why they should "buy in" because the dues they paid by joining would be the support they provided to the folks in the organization that are able to "volunteer."

So who or what is your Hollywood Lakes Civic Association?

The Hollywood Lakes Civic Association (HLCA) was formed by concerned and caring Lakes residents in 1961. We are 63 years old this year and still going strong. We are one of the largest and most active, well respected and effective civic associations and cover more area than any other civic group in Hollywood. We

have a cadre of volunteers who, with your support, can continue to address all of the issue that our neighborhood faces as well as plan events and activities to provide a forum to address concerns and build community.

Our Mission Statement dictates our goal: "The primary purpose and objective of the Hollywood Lakes Civic Association is to improve and promote civic, cultural and recreational interest in the Lakes section of Hollywood, Florida."

We advocate for our Lakes neighborhood with local government, strive to improve neighborhood amenities, and organize events and activities. We are diligent with regard to safety, code and appearances in the Lakes community. We interface closely with the City of Hollywood staff and work closely with various departments that have a direct impact on our well-being and the quality of life we promote, preserve, value and enjoy.

We are an all-volunteer organization. We endeavor to promote a shared sense of citizenship and inclusion as we work to mobilize citizens and local resources to make a vital contribution to community life – enriching the quality of life and well-being of our Lakes community and beyond.

What helps us do the necessary work promoting and upholding the values we strive for in our neighborhood is your support through membership. Of course we'd welcome your involvement up close and personal but simply

by making the investment via your annual membership dues will help us put on our monthly civic meetings, provide guest speakers for topics of interest, fund various events to help build and strengthen community, allow us to grow our membership and keep our members/residents informed by printing and mailing membership information and monthly meeting notices and of course, helps fund our extremely popular, informative, and well-read community newsletter. Our monthly meetings and social events offer a place to meet neighbors, exchange information, create projects, set goals, and target priorities, propose solutions, and have fun.

Your support via membership is key to our well-being as we continue to build community, give residents a voice, address targeted concerns and issues and improve neighborhood life for all. Please join or renew your membership for 2025 today.

HLCA FUTURE MEETING DATES Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00PM

Meeting Location and Presentation are Subject to Change. Please see website for current information.
www.hollywoodlakes.com



December 10th, 2024
Art and Culture Center
1650 Harrison Street
Holiday Social

January 14th, 2025
Hollywood Beach Community Center
1301 S. Ocean Drive
Installation of 2025 Officers and
Making Lakes History: Hollywood Historical Society

February 11th, 2025
Hollywood Beach Community Center
1301 S. Ocean Drive
Fire/Rescue Presentation

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR HLCA MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR?
RENEW NOW - GOOD THROUGH 2025 *See Application on Back Page*

The Lakes Home of the Month



September 2024
1441 Van Buren St.



October 2024
625 N 14th Ave.



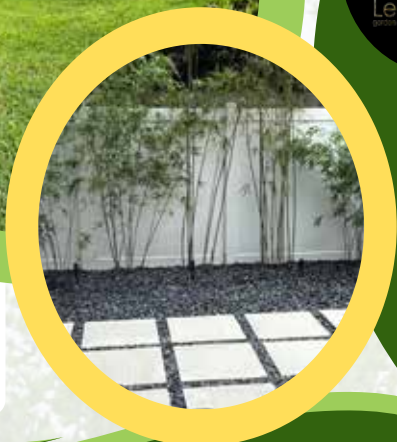
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The HLCA has been awarding homes for over 20 years now! That is over 200 homes that have been recognized for their contribution to our amazing neighborhood. The HOM Committee meets quarterly (Dec., March, June, Sept.) and selects 3 homes each meeting to be awarded. The committee strives to award homes that represent the wide range of home types in our neighborhood. You may self-nominate your home or a neighbor's home. Please submit entries or questions to info@hollywoodlakes.com. If a home is chosen, we take pictures of the exterior on the 1st of the month in which the home is being recognized. We do not do interior pictures. We also place a sign in the front yard and pictures of the home will appear on our Facebook page, website and Newsletter. Please note the committee will only contact homes that are being offered awards.



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The timely deadline to file for all 2025 exemptions is March 3, 2025. You must make the property your permanent residence by January 1, 2025 to qualify; however, you have until March 3 to timely file your application with the our office. The late filing deadline for all 2025 exemptions is September 17, 2025.

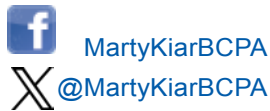
Once approved, your Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. If you have already applied and been approved for Homestead Exemption at your current property, you do not need to reapply for this exemption. You will receive a Homestead Exemption renewal card next month to keep for your records.

While Homestead Exemption is the most common exemption, there are additional exemptions available to qualified applicants. Here is the link the all the additional exemptions for your review: <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>

If you have any questions about Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions, please call 954.357.6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

Marty Kiar, CFA



As the Holidays approach, we expect to see much more vacation or short term rental activity here in Hollywood. If you have any issues with a rental near you, please use the Granicus hot line (954 231 2375) or call the Police non-emergency numbers if after hours (954 764 4357). Let us know if you want a sign for your yard: info@hollywoodlakes.com

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The Center is excited to present the **2024 Southern Prize and State Fellowships** exhibition by South Arts. Now in its 8th year, this award honors outstanding visual artists from the South, showcasing the region's creativity and talent. These recipients prove that the South is a thriving arts hub, producing work that rivals the best globally.

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CENTER FALL SHOWCASE

Don't miss the Center's Fall Showcase featuring selections from *The Wizard of Oz* and *Wicked* performed by the **Stage Kids** and **ENCORE!** troupes as well as the **Arts Club** visual arts exhibition.

Saturday, December 14 | 2 pm
Hollywood Central
Performing Arts Center

Tickets:
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THE CENTER 50th Anniversary Kick-Off

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Celebrate 50 years of elevating art and culture experiences for residents and visitors in South Florida. Enjoy a medley of performances from our students, and also dancers, poets, and musicians featured in our *Open Dialogues* film series as well as some local favorite surprise guests.

Friday, January 17, 2025 | 7 pm
Hollywood Central
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Tickets:
Member \$45
Future Member \$65
Ticket includes entertainment, light bites and libations

Art and Culture Center/Hollywood is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supported in part by its members, admissions, private entities including City of Hollywood, Broward County Cultural Division, Cultural Council, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners; Max Chira and Family, State of Florida Division of Arts and Culture and National Endowment for the Arts; Community Foundation of Broward; David and Francie Horvitz Family Foundation; Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, and Helen Ingham Foundation. We welcome donations from all members of the community who wish to support our work.

Art and Culture Center/Hollywood
1650 Harrison Street
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BOARD AT WORK

By Terry Cantrell – President

Here some items that the HLCA Board of Directors have been discussing at our recent Board meetings:

- **Hollywood Blvd. Project:** As we reported last issue, the Florida Dept of Transportation (FDOT) has embarked on a year long project to improve Hollywood Blvd. from Young Circle to the bridge. The project includes milling and resurfacing the roadway along the project limits to enhance resiliency and safety. Reconstructing the sidewalk along the project limits. Upgrading technology including pedestrian signals at the intersection of SR 820/Hollywood Boulevard and 13th Avenue. Upgrading existing lighting to LED fixtures along the project limits to enhance visibility. The project will cost 6.2 million dollars and will be completed in August, 2025. However, it appears that the City of Hollywood may have missed a critical item in the FDOT plans. The plans called for placing new light poles in the middle of the sidewalk at various locations along the Blvd. Huh? Why would FDOT think that this light pole placement would be acceptable along the most historic roadway in the City? (see photos on page 27) Anyway, the HLCA alerted the City and FDOT and demanded that they place the new light poles in the swale where the old pole are now. FDOT saw the error of their ways and acquiesced to our demand. We thank FDOT and the City Engineer for helping correct this blunder.



- **Ads on our garbage containers?** The HLCA has learned that the City of Hollywood signed an agreement recently with an advertising company to place ads on the top of the garbage and recycling containers (see photo below). What? Yes, you read that correctly. This item was passed on the dreaded Consent Agenda at a City Commission meeting in June with no discussion or comment from residents. The HLCA prides itself at looking closely at the Consent Agenda at every Commission Meeting because these type of

undesirable and controversial actions can slip by as the Consent Agenda consists of items that normally would be simply perfunctory with no formal discussion needed. Somehow we missed this bad idea. The HLCA and other civic associations protested this hair-brained idea to place ads on our garbage containers and, as a result, the City Commission brought the item back for a formal hearing in November.

- **New Building Permit software:** The City of Hollywood has rolled out a new software program that will expedite and, hopefully, make easier applying for a building permit for a limited number of items such a roof, A/C and fence installation among other projects. The Building Dept has a notoriously bad reputation when it comes to approving and issuing permits. In addition, some permits are issued erroneously due to lack of experience and knowledge and/or training by Plan Reviewers. We are hopeful that this new process will eliminate those errors.

- **General Obligation Bond (GOB) Lakes projects:** The 2019 GOB projects in the Lakes are moving along nicely. The Hollywood Beach Golf Course redesign is on schedule as can be seen from along the adjacent streets. The new Clubhouse/Community Center will have broken ground by the time you read this. If things go as planned, we will be playing golf and enjoying the new restaurant by next summer.

- **Hollywood's 100th Birthday Celebration:** The HLCA is looking forward to participating in the City's 100th birthday in 2025. There will be many events all over the City including the Lakes neighborhood. Stay tuned for more information!

- **HLCA Membership Drive:** December is the start of our annual HLCA membership drive. If you are a current member, we look forward to your renewal. If you are not an HLCA member...why? Your membership dues help us do what we do to keep the Lakes neighborhood the best place to live in Hollywood. Just because you receive this popular Newsletter doesn't not mean you are an HLCA member. We still need your support and help. Paying your dues and attending meetings and getting involved is your way to contribute to the betterment of our neighborhood. Thank you in advance!

The HLCA Board of Directors is interested in your thoughts and concerns about these and any other issue in our neighborhood. Write to us at info@hollywoodlakes.com or P.O. Box 223922, Hollywood, FL 33022.

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A Poem About Hollywood

By Kim Longmire — HLCA Director

Hollywood by the Sea

In 1925 he had eyes on our land - Cleared it out, built it up and called in the band.

Young had a vision from a western land it seemed he claimed it and called it...

“Hollywood by the Sea”

It was so bright so tropical and truly pristine, but a storm did come quickly destroying the dream - Move on he did with every endeavor knowing in his heart he could surely save her with miles of Broadwalk and a downtown to boot, soon they would come, their eyes filled with loot - We protected the dream Mr. Young had seen,

Stepping carefully and slowly into the new unforeseen. - But the pirates did come building vertical fleets, a different type of storm craving concrete.

We remain steady in our efforts to save our sweet land, from the men who would gobble up, every grain of sand.

The sands of our time are quickly diminishing and so desperate are we in quickly replenishing.

They took away our Sea and still grab our sand unaware or not caring they're not making more land.

The people are coming in droves as they say, And we pray our infrastructure does not give way.

We hold fast and steer steady ever ready to fight. Our knowledge is clear and we know what is right.

Joe had a vision 100 years ago you see and we will forever hang on to our

Hollywood by the Sea.



Hollywood Women's Club

Gratitude

We cannot complete our mission without the generosity of our partners. Thank you to all our golfers, businesses, and volunteers for supporting the 11th Annual Hollywood Women's Club Golf Tournament. Under the direction of Kim Newhouse, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$11,000. Please take a moment to review the HWC website or Facebook page to support the many local businesses who donated.

There's a chill in the air which means the HWC flamingos are ready to flock a yard near you. For a donation of \$50, twenty-five flamingoes will adorn the yard of your neighbor, family or friends in Hollywood. This is a fun way to celebrate the holidays, special occasion or just for fun.

New this year, we're joining SantaCon at Mickey Byrnes December 7 at 6pm. Get dressed in your favorite holiday attire and sashay downtown to purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets. The more tickets we sell, the bigger your take home pot!

Giving Back to Hollywood

We've been busy giving back to Hollywood by volunteering our time, sharing our talents and providing financial and in-kind contributions. We sponsored the Special Needs Halloween Dance by DJ Dan and a fun time was had by all. We participated in our first NAMI walk in support of mental wellness and raised over \$1000 for this important cause. We continued supporting our senior centers with a fun Halloween treat delivery in full costume. In December, we'll dress up again to join the seniors with holiday karaoke. We partnered with Operation Shoebox donating much needed items and created personalized cards in support of our soldiers. In September, members participated in the Mobile School Pantry and will be volunteering again December 2. We continue to support CEC with the monthly mobile food pantry, Thanksgiving and holiday food and toy distributions.

Cat Uden chaired the annual Coastal Cleanup with Broward County. We had more than 50 participants from Saint Thomas Aquinas, Pembroke Pines Charter East, HWC, and some Girl Scouts!

Our crochet crew has also been busy at work completing fifty blankets for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Additionally, they crocheted thirty skullcaps to add to Operation Shoebox.

In addition to our angel gifts for the Boys and Girls Club, we are thrilled to bring back our bike donation program with the goal of donating twenty-five bicycles, locks and helmets to area schools.

We are pleased to add a new scholarship supporting a student at Sheridan Technical College. We awarded \$1000 to Nancy François who is studying to be a Patient Care Technician.

Club members have been quite creative and we hope that you had an opportunity to see our exhibit "Women's Work" at the Art and Culture Center where fifteen members displayed a variety of mediums. If you're looking to get creative, join our monthly Art with a Heart workshops for members and guests.

If you would like to participate in any of our programs or to make a donation, contact pr@hollywoodwomensclub.org. Remember to follow the Hollywood Women's Club page on Facebook and check out our website to keep up with all we're doing and to support our generous sponsors.

From our clubhouse to you, we wish everyone a joyous and peaceful holiday season.



Celebrating 50 years of bringing the arts to Hollywood

The Art and Culture Center/Hollywood invites the community to the 50th Anniversary Kick-off on January 17th at the Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center (HCPAC). Key stakeholders and volunteers will be recognized for their contributions in making the Center a pillar in the South Florida arts community. Guests will be entertained by performances from the Center's Stage Kids and Encore troupes, violinist Ian Mann and more.

The Center was founded in 1975 in a small community space on Hollywood beach. Retired music teacher Eleanor Magee, who was one of the chief organizers of the City of Hollywood's annual Seven Lively Arts festival, was instrumental in its creation. Magee searched for a facility and eventually found the Center's first location at the then vacant building in Hollywood Beach, and the City of Hollywood renovated the building. Magee, along with Hollywood residents such as Johnnie Sue Glantz and Sylvia Stoltz, formed the Art and Culture Center and held the grand opening in 1975 with a full day of arts activities, exhibitions by South Florida artists and performances by musicians and dancers.

Built in 1924, the historic Kagey Home became the Art and Culture Center's new home on February 2, 1992. The former funeral home underwent renovations, and the Center opened its doors with *As Seen By Both Sides*, an 83-piece exhibition based on the Vietnam War as viewed through the eyes of 20 American and 20 Vietnamese artists. More than 400 people attended the opening.

Today, the Center manages visual arts galleries in an Arts School adjacent to the main facility and location of the Center's Artists in Residence studios, and the 500-seat Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center serving over 45,000 people each year. The Center's footprint continues to grow with the addition of the Arts Education Center, now in construction and scheduled to open in September 2025. The dramatic design with its gleaming façade and swooping rooftop will create the unique distinction of having adjoining spaces built 100 years apart.

During the construction the Center remains open, offering outstanding contemporary art exhibitions, including South Arts' 2024 Southern Prize and State Fellowships for Visual Arts which runs through January 5, 2025. The Southern Prize acknowledges and celebrates the highest quality visual artists Fellows working in nine southern states. Tony Bingham, the Alabama Fellow, was named the Winner of the 2025 Southern Prize, and Macon Reed from Louisiana was recognized as the Finalist at the October 19th opening reception and awards ceremony. Erick and Elliot Jimenez from Miami were named the Florida Fellow.



The Maurer Family Foundation generously supported the local presentation of the exhibition, which will travel next to Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC, then on to Charleston, SC and Columbus, GA.

Recently, the Center entered a new partnership with Thinking Cap Theatre (TCT) at HCPAC, bringing back professional theater to Hollywood for the first time since 2003, when the Hollywood Playhouse closed. TCT kicked off its 15th season and first at the HCPAC this past October with the production of *LOEVSONG*, an emotionally riveting drama about love and legacy by playwright/screenwriter Abi Morgan. Opening March 15, TCT will present the regional premiere of *ALL THE NATALIE PORTMANS*, a bold, funny, and moving coming-of-age play by C.A. Johnson.

On December 14 at 2 pm, Stage Kids and Encore! will present a showcase featuring selections from *The Wizard of Oz* and *Wicked* performed by the talented students in the Center's performing arts programs. The showcase will include a display of works created by the after-school Arts Club students.

The Center is also thrilled to announce that the documentary film short *Open Dialogues: Queer Allies* has been nominated for a 2024 Suncoast Regional EMMY® Award. This is the Center's second Suncoast EMMY® nomination in the Diversity/Equity/Inclusion – Long-Form Content category, with *Black Voices | Black Stories* winning the award in 2023. The awards will be announced at the Suncoast EMMY® awards ceremony on December 7 in Orlando. The film also received a Gold Telly Awards for Social Impact — People's Telly. This was the second Telly Award for the Center; *Black Voices | Black Stories* also won a Silver Telly.

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Hollywood Historical Society (HHS) History Project

By Andy Ruffner – HLCA Director and HHS Executive Director



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For our January meeting, HLCA will host the Hollywood Historical Society for a community conversation about the one-hundred-year history of our beautiful Lakes neighborhood. The Society's Neighborhood History Project is one of the foundation programs of Hollywood's Centennial celebrations—collecting memorabilia, artifacts, and stories about communities throughout the city. At the meeting, HHS will present Lakes history pieces from their archives and research, and

ask for your memories and recollections about the Lakes neighborhood and its evolution over the years. Please join us at this important meeting!



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DISTRICT 1 REPORT

By Commissioner Caryl Shuham



I am writing this on election day night and wish to begin by congratulating Mayor Josh Levy and Commissioner Idelma Quintana on their reelection, as well as welcome Commissioner Peter Hernandez back to the dais. Congratulations also to Commissioner Gruber who is starting a second term and was unopposed. And finally, congratulations to the candidates who ran their races but did not

succeed. It is a difficult endeavor to run for office and it is always inspiring to watch democracy at work. Whether making calls to remind voters to turn in their vote-by-mail ballots, or canvassing on behalf of candidates and issues you feel strongly about, there is nothing like the American democratic system. Despite its imperfection, it makes me proud every time!

In addition to electing officials, the Hollywood ballot included several proposed city charter amendments prepared by the 2024 Charter Review Committee. Here is an abbreviated rundown of the ones that passed:

- The passage of charter Question 1 adds a provision for succession of the mayor in the event of the absence of both the mayor and vice mayor and cleans up some outdated language.
- The passage of Question 2 on the ballot will now require initiative petitions to be submitted to the City Clerk and City Attorney prior to obtaining signatures and clarifies that the citizen initiative process applies to proposed ordinances. An initiative petition is one that residents use to seek enactment of a new city ordinance.
- The passage of Question 3 on the ballot will now require referendum petitions to be submitted to the City Clerk and City Attorney prior to obtaining signatures and clarifies that the citizen referendum process applies to ordinances passed by the commission. A referendum petition is one that residents use to seek to overturn a city ordinance previously passed by the commission.
- The passage of Question 4 clarifies provisions regarding the absence and appointment of the city manager and allows the city attorney to appoint or remove all personnel in their administration. The change further prohibits the city commission from suggesting the appointment or employment of any person to office.
- Question 5 failed. It would have modified Article 11 of the Charter by increasing the length of time between Charter Review Committee appointments from 6 years to 10. For now, the Charter will continue to be reviewed every 6 years.

In addition to the five ballot questions above, the Charter Review Committee requested a sixth question relating to Article 13 of the charter. Unfortunately, the language included in the ballot was incorrect and the question – while important – was pulled. Though printed on the ballot, no votes were counted.

Article 13 Charter changes resulting from the passage of that sixth question would have included: “Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any city-owned real property that is a park, a golf course or another recreational facility, a city-owned and designated historic property, or which is east of the Intracoastal which the city proposes to lease or otherwise encumber, inclusive of all options to renew, for 50 years or more must be approved by a majority vote of the city’s electors voting on such proposal.”

It seems the Charter Review Committee heard the concerns residents raised in 2021-22 regarding the proposed P3 (public-private-partnership) project at the Hollywood Beach Culture & Community Center, located at 1301 S. Ocean Drive (1301). Had this charter change been in effect back then, the decision to move forward on that proposed P3 at 1301 would have been decided by the residents. Instead, in the Spring of 2022, the commission voted 5-2 to approve a comprehensive development agreement and contingent 99-year lease on public land fronting the beach (I was opposed).

Back to 2024. Because the commission recognized the deep interest in the issues raised during the debates on 1301, and the seriousness of the error on the 2024 ballot question and its removal from the ballot, we immediately enacted a new City Ordinance that mirrors the Article 13 recommendation of the Charter Review Committee, as if it was already passed by voters. This change will remain in effect until it can be reconsidered by voters during the next election scheduled for November 3, 2026.

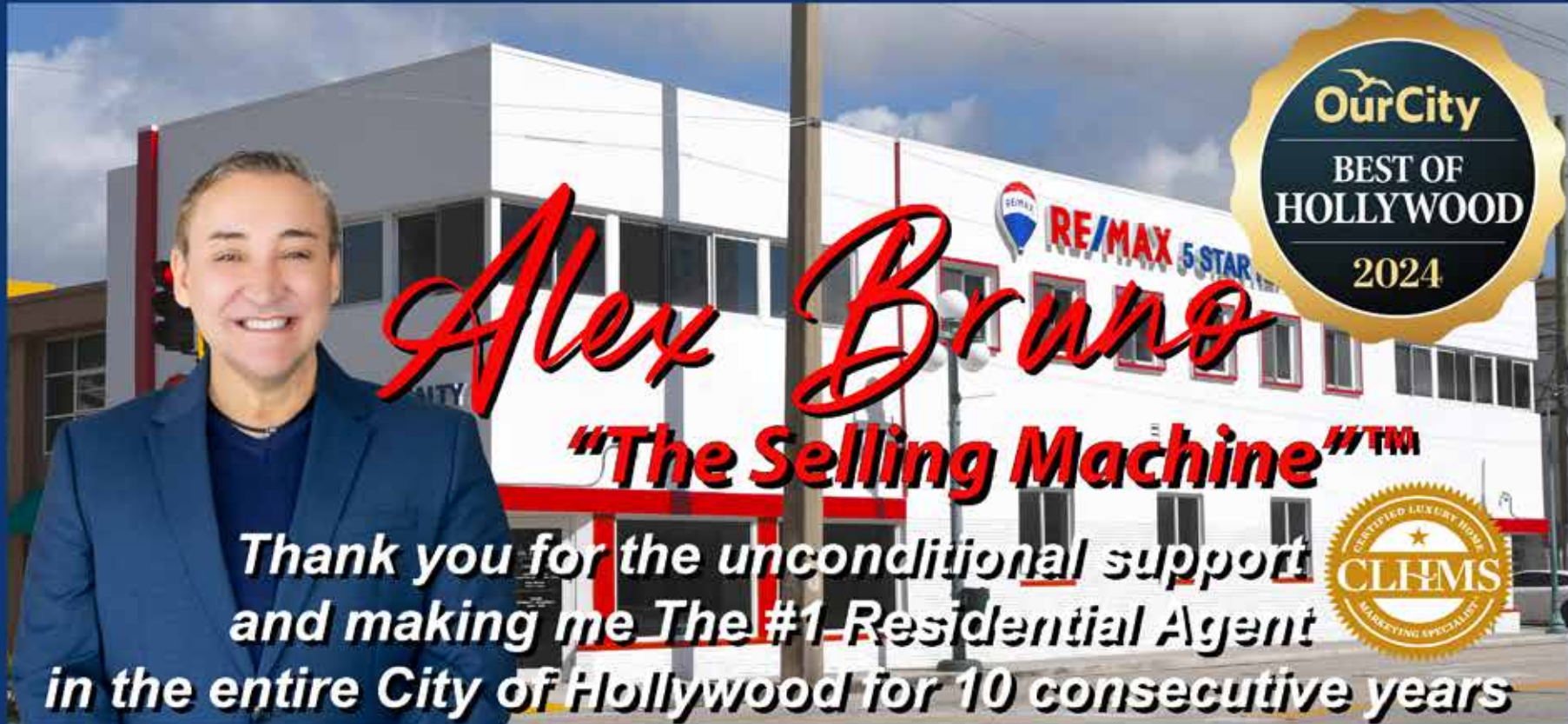
Because many of you have asked, here is an update on the P3 proposal. The 2022 commission approval started the process for the developer to build a condominium tower at the 1301 site along with other public amenities. The development agreement contained a deadline for the developer to obtain certain minimum project entitlements, which included several government approvals.

Per City staff, the applicable entitlement deadline was February 3, 2024. The necessary entitlements would have included land use plan amendments (LUPAs) from both the City and Broward County to their respective comprehensive plans to allow increased density of residential units on the 1301 site.

In May 2023, Hollywood’s Planning and Development board voted to not recommend the needed LUPA to Hollywood’s City Commission. Before the parallel County agency (the Broward County Planning Council) could make its recommendation to the Broward County Commission, the developer withdrew both the City and County LUPA applications.

Thereafter, the developer sought an extension of time to obtain the required entitlements and received an 11-month extension. The new minimum project entitlement deadline is set to expire on January 22, 2025. To date, staff has not reported any activity by the developer to meet this deadline, but we will have to wait and see if the contract expires or not.

Wishing all of you a beautiful holiday season in our wonderful city! As always, please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions to CShuham@hollywoodfl.org



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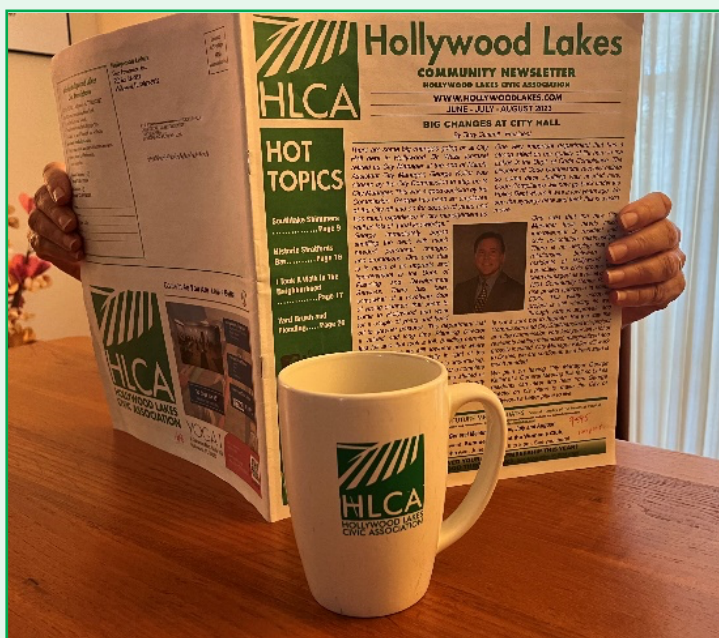
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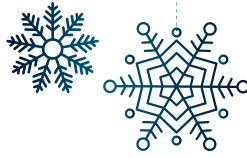
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



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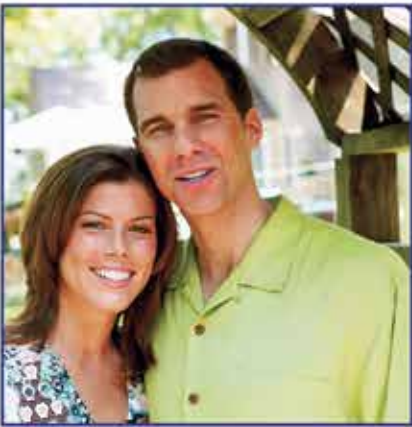
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Broward Commissioner Beam Furr

This holiday season will be another special year where residents of the Lakes come together to show the strength of our community. The Hollywood Lakes Civic Association always throws one of the best holiday parties in Broward County, and all throughout the neighborhood, we see so many houses decorated with amazing lights and displays. But beyond the superficial expressions of joy, the Lakes' commitment to the holiday spirit sends a bigger message. In an election year that has been divisive on the national and local level, this holiday season is a golden opportunity for us to remember the shared values of community, neighborly behavior, and kindness that define us. As we enter uncertain times with the weight of division hanging above us, I know communities like the Hollywood Lakes will appeal to the best in us. I look forward to celebrating with all of you – and look forward to taking a drive around the Lakes to look at some lights!

I wanted to give an update on two projects of particular interest to Lakes residents this month.

Flood Study

Significant steps have been taken to fund and complete an update to the Central and South Florida Flood Resiliency Study for the Broward County water basins. This includes dedicating \$5 million of Broward County general fund dollars for a cost-share of this project, as well as a Section 203 agreement to move this study forward with the South Florida Water Management District and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This project is huge, huge news for the Hollywood Lakes. This Flood Study, which is an update to a plan that has not seen a full update since 1948, would point out exactly how we need to improve our water management infrastructure, where our weakness are, and what specifically needs to be done to correct them.

Specifically, the Study would assess the full extent of our water management infrastructure and incorporate the potential impacts of sea-level rise into the design of an improved flood control system. Over the last two years we have seen the impact of extreme rain in our community – Lakes residents know this better than just about any community in Broward County, or perhaps even America. The possibility of further catastrophe is now a reality. This means sewage failures, water coming into homes and businesses, an inability to use our roads, and more. We can prevent that. The Central and Southern Florida Project Flood Control Study will give us the information we need to prevent disaster and make our region stronger than ever. This is a major step forward and will pay dividends for the Lakes.

Solid Waste

Lakes residents have been leaders on the issue of solid waste and recycling, and are always full of great questions. After months of progress by the Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority, a public kickoff was hosted to allow residents to learn more about what the Authority has been doing, what the next steps are, and how to give input on what they want to see. This well attended kickoff was an opportunity for residents to work directly with representatives from SCS, Arcadis, and Mercury, who are managing the Master Plan that is being developed for Solid Waste and Recycling here in Broward County. This Master Plan is expected in the spring. In the meantime, the Authority continues to meet to discuss the big issues that are going to come up, from public education to recycling programs. To learn more, go to www.browardswa.org.

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PLAYGROUNDS IN THE LAKES

By Sarah Gomez - HLCA Member

With temperatures cooling down, it's the perfect time to enjoy more outdoor activities. Welcome to playground season! When heading to a playground with your kids, it helps to have an intention for your visit. Are you aiming for some time outside, a break from screens, a chance to burn off energy, an opportunity to make new friends, or perhaps time to connect as a family? Identifying your objectives can make your visit more enjoyable and meaningful. Communicate your plans to your family to ensure everyone is on the same page.

To enhance your playground experience, consider bringing along:

- **Blanket:** Create a home base for comfort, especially if shaded seating is scarce. Sitting on the ground helps you connect with your children.
- **Snacks and Drinks:** Keep everyone happy and energized. Extra snacks can be a great way to start conversations with other families.
- **Sidewalk Chalk:** An inexpensive, versatile activity for endless creativity. Kids can draw, play hopscotch, or create racetracks.
- **Balls:** Ideal for kids of all ages. Bring along different types for varied fun.
- **Bubbles:** Always a hit with children.
- **Magnetiles:** These are great for imaginative play on metal structures.
- **Art Supplies:** Crafting outside adds an element of excitement. Kids love creating art in unexpected places.
- **Ride-On Toys:** Bikes, scooters, roller skates, and skateboards are perfect for practicing gross-motor skills in an enclosed space.
- **Favorite Toys:** If your kids have toys they like to share, bring them along. It's a great way for kids to bond over shared interests and encourage social play.
- **Hand Sanitizer, Baby Wipes, Tissues:** Handy for quick clean-ups.

Encourage your kids to help with the preparations. Ask them what they'd like to bring for a fun playground visit. Sometimes they might surprise you with their own ideas!

If you're up for it, try some engaging games like freeze tag, Simon says, or an obstacle course. These activities can make your visit even more enjoyable.

Remember to be present during your time at the playground. Try to leave phones and other distractions behind. Observing children play while adults are engrossed in screens can be disheartening. Instead, take this time to enjoy the moment, engage with your children, or simply relax.

Playgrounds in the Lakes:

- **Jefferson:** Features basketball, bocce, pickleball, and tennis courts, a playground, dog park, open field, climbing trees, and recently updated bathrooms.
- **Joe DiMaggio:** Includes a walking/biking trail, a pond with wildlife, and a playground. No bathroom facilities available.
- **Eppeleman:** Offers a view of the Intracoastal and Hollywood Blvd bridge, shaded in the late afternoon. Note: Restrooms are in the Marina across the parking lot.
- **Kooser:** A small, recently updated playground that is cozy and fenced but lacks a bathroom and shade.
- **ArtsPark:** An updated playground with a splash pad and a water bottle fountain. Bonus: Enjoy watching glass-blowing classes at Hollywood Hot Glass.

We hope you're inspired to explore and enjoy quality family time at our wonderful playgrounds in the Lakes!



Meatballs, Marinara & Mobsters - Joe Sonken and his Gold Coast Restaurant

By Clive Taylor - President, Hollywood Historical Society



Long gone and almost forgotten, Joe Sonken's Gold Coast Restaurant and the Cutty Sark Lounge—now known as GG's—holds a place in gangster history worthy of a Netflix mini-series. This famous historic haunt of mob bosses is visited daily by hundreds, if not thousands, of people enjoying the same fabulous view, food, and drink that many infamous characters from the historic organizations we read about in history books once savored.

Boy, if those walls could talk, what a tale they would tell! Heck, maybe those walls know where Jimmy Hoffa is! There were reports that Mr. Hoffa's demise was planned at the Gold Coast. Mr. Joe Sonken started his Italian restaurant business in the '40s on Miami Beach with his establishment, Mother Kelly's. In 1953, Joe moved his operations to Hollywood, boasting about having dockage, air conditioning, and a fine mixologist. What else could one ask for?

South Florida was built on vacationing northerners, which certainly included vacationing mob bosses. Joe Sonken's Gold Coast catered to this segment of society, earning Joe a reputation—and many accusations—of being a member of this elite society. Joe's reputation preceded his time in Hollywood. Before arriving in Miami, he was involved in a prostitution ring in Chicago and was reported to have associations with Al Capone. Mr. Capone had already been doing business in Hollywood when he took over the Hollywood Beach Country Club and opened a full-fledged gambling casino there in the '30s.

I don't think there has ever been a location under more FBI surveillance in South Florida's history than Joe Sonken's Gold Coast restaurant. It was once reported that when an investigator was snooping around the restaurant, Sonken took a call at the bar and announced very loudly for the investigator to hear, "Call for Al Capone! A call for Al Capone, line one!" There are literally hundreds of newspaper articles documenting the comings and goings of reputed mob

bosses dining and doing business at this Hollywood location, with many papers calling Sonken's "the winter headquarters of the mob." Reporter Mathew Pearl wrote an extensive and entertaining article on this subject in the Miami New Times in 2018. The names associated with The Gold Coast read like a who's who of the underworld. Infamous characters such as Meyer Lansky, Jimmy "Alo Blue Eyes," Santo Trafficante, Jr., Anthony "Guv" Guarneri, Russell Bufalino, Nicodemo Scarfo, and Gus are part of this legacy.

Sonken's also attracted well-known stars of the day, including the regular Cary Grant. Frank Sinatra was reportedly thrown out for being too loud and rowdy. Audrey Meadows also enjoyed dining with the good fellas and once sang for three hours while dining one evening.

Joe was always the first to arrive and the last to leave his restaurant, often taking a booth in the corner with his big bulldogs by his side. One day, while leaving his restaurant, his car "accidentally" backed up, crashing into the Intracoastal. He was heard yelling, "Get me out of here! I can't swim!" Unfortunately, his dogs didn't survive the water landing. This event added further mystery and intrigue to the Sonken story.

It had been decided long ago by the "Families" that Florida would be neutral territory for the mob, allowing each outfit to operate freely here. Except for pornography—the Gambinos had the monopoly on that business. Some sections of South Florida were declared murder-free zones. I believe Hollywood may have been included; as far as I know, we didn't have any gangland shootouts like other cities. Hollywood was home to many well-known figures, a few of whom I knew growing up in the Lakes. One always suspected but never asked. During one of the many times Sonken was hauled in for questioning, he was repeatedly asked about different figures involved in organized crime. At one point, he quipped, "Meyer Lansky? What do you want to know? He likes meatballs with marinara on the side! I'm a restaurateur; I don't know anything about their business." These lines could come straight out of Goodfellas.

Over many years and investigations, Joe was never convicted of anything—other than owning one of the best restaurants with the most discriminating clientele that vacation land had to offer. Hollywood's history never ceases to amaze me; we truly are like no place else!

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The Hollywood Police Athletic League (PAL), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is making a positive impact on the lives of local youth. Run by dedicated officers of the Hollywood Police Department alongside a volunteer Board of Directors, PAL offers a wide range of programs to prevent juvenile crime, discourage drug use, and promote personal growth among young people. Through sports, mentorship, and community-building activities, PAL fosters discipline, self-esteem, and valuable moral values, providing a safe, supportive environment where children and teens can thrive.

Open to youth between the ages of 6 and 24, PAL helps build positive relationships between young people and law enforcement, breaking down barriers and building trust. Many children grow up with little or no positive contact with police officers, which can lead to fear and mistrust. PAL addresses this by creating opportunities for youths to interact with police in a constructive and positive environment.

PAL operates thanks to the support of community volunteers, local businesses, and public contributions, which directly fund activities, equipment, and program development. Every donation received goes directly to supporting youth activities and creating a safe, nurturing space for our youth members.

The organization invites the community to get involved, whether by volunteering as a coach or tutor or through financial contributions. These efforts ensure that PAL can continue to provide quality programs and resources for youth in Hollywood.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit hollywoodpal.com or call (954) 347-0121. Join us in helping our youth succeed and make a lasting impact in Hollywood.



DISHING THE DIRT 2024

By Siobhan McLaughlin – HLCA Financial Secretary

As I write this, the Hollywood Lakes and indeed South (east) Florida, have been extremely blessed. Despite wind and some rain/localized flooding, we have been spared the ravages of Helene, Milton (and to a much lesser extent, Raphael.) Our hopes for cleanup, recovery and rebuilding continue and we are mindful of doing whatever we can to help in those efforts, be it financial or physical or emotional support. This year we were not in the storm paths and can only be extremely grateful. We may not be so fortunate in the future and paying it forward is always a sound choice.

Even as recent events overtake us, having a plan (and options) gives us peace of mind. Working in my yard (and future, someday **garden**) helps me. As much as I love my Plumeria (Frangipani), the endless raking of its dropped leaves has seemed a Sisyphean task. For a few years I hoped the piling up of the leaves would decompose, leaving a natural mulch. No such luck. Nor was the idea of mulching over them successful. At least in some places you have the splendor of the leaves changing.

And thinking of those who are new to South Florida gardening, I hope to take a few moments to assure you that you are not in Kansas anymore, (or New York, New Jersey or Iowa). Our planting season IS different here. It is time for tomatoes, snap beans, cauliflower and lettuce among others. Yes, there may be a chance of freeze or cold snap, but that seems increasingly unlikely. Oh, for the days of 40 degrees for about three days to deal with a few (ie: IGUANA) pests. For the most part, in our area, fall and winter are the time for "spring" planting.

This is our DRY season, so it is imperative that new plants are watered until established. The good news about the "dry" season is the Bougainvillea's are glorious! Check out all the gorgeous colors and watch for the dreaded iguanas who denude the plant. I hope many of you attended our November general meeting and learned more about this invasive species and ways to deal with them.

In an earlier newsletter this year, I wrote about the wonderful holiday poinsettia. Advance warning: they will be more costly this year as many nurseries on the west coast were damaged by the hurricanes. I am not sure if Christmas cactus (cacti?) were also impacted, but ... budget accordingly.

For those who have been waiting for opportunities to work on the roundabouts, I have been seriously amiss in following up due to the death of two dear friends and dealing with all of the things that needed to be attended to. I do have their beloved Mabel Rose as my new dog and promise to do better in the new year.

I have talked with the city staff about possible work on the new Dog Park at Jefferson Park and we will be more diligent on the roundabouts. Alex Bruno, an HLCA Director, has once again promised to help offset the costs of plants, so stay tuned for alerts and times.

My Scorpion tail plant has gotten a bit leggy but looks wonderful at the HWC garden as well as in the yards of friends who planted it. If anyone did try it out, please let me know how it is doing (siobhan7715@aol.com) I am still quite happy with it and continue to recommend for those who want a native plant or butterfly attractor.

Happy holidays to all and enjoy our winter weather. Folks up north are quite envious of shorts, flip flops and bathing suits while they bundle up and deal with frostbite and slush.

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GOOD EATIN' IN THE LAKES!



By Kim Ottaviani – HLCA Director

Merry Once Merry Twice Merry Chicken Soup with Rice

One of my favorite read a louds for my second graders was Maurice Sendak's Chicken Soup with Rice, a book of months, (inspiration for the title above taken from December's offering) which ends with "I told you once I told you twice all seasons of the year are nice for eating chicken soup with rice."

When friends and family visit from "up north" they are often surprised to find a big pot of soup, stew or chili awaiting them. If you are from "up north" you know there are soup seasons and well, summer (which some folks believe is year round down this way) is not one of them. I like to make ahead a big pot of soup to have on hand to have available for lunch no matter which season/hurricane, tourist, hot as heck, will it every stop raining and otherwise. I lay out some crusty bread, a variety of crackers or small sandwiches and fruit (or cookies) and folks can fill up as they wish.

When friends from New Jersey visited a couple years ago after clearance was given to resume travel and venture out when safe at home restrictions were relaxed one of them came down with covid. She "felt okay" upon arrival but after a walk around our neighborhood in the hot summer sun during the hot as heck season she fainted in our kitchen landing rather hard on the tile floor. We called fire rescue and after taking her vitals they transported her to Memorial East where she kicked off her south Florida visit with accommodations in the E.R. until she was tested and cleared for release the next day with a laundry list of precautions. And, you might be wondering what that has to do with soup?! One of her go-tos during "soup season" is a chicken tortellini

soup that she shared with me years ago so while she was languishing in the E.R. I made the soup along with a few other easy to heat up and put together items to have on hand to nourish all of us upon her return so we didn't have to spend a lot of time in the kitchen preparing meals with restrictions and cautions in place. I don't have a printed recipe for the soup but it's easy to throw together and adapt to the portion you wish to make.

Chicken Tortellini Soup

Chicken broth. Enough to make soup. I start with the one premade in the carton/can and boil two meaty chicken breasts in it to add more flavor as well as to cook the chicken to shred or chunk for the soup. You can also add Better than Bouillion to level up the flavor of the broth. Once you have your broth add in the cheese tortellini and cook according to package directions, add fresh spinach and let wilt and toss in some sun dried tomatoes and the chicken shredded or chunked and enjoy. You can go all in by boiling an entire chicken to make the stock from scratch as well but part of the joy of this offering is its simplicity in preparing.

Another favorite hearty offering especially this time of year is White Bean and Turkey Chili because in addition to the ground turkey you can add chunks of turkey left over from your holiday feasts and serve it up with some left over corn bread or rolls. And add left over cranberry sauce to balance the heat of the chili peppers

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White Bean And Turkey Chili

INGREDIENTS

1 onion, chopped

3 cloves of garlic, minced

1 1/2 pounds ground turkey

2 small cans green chili peppers, chopped

1 T cumin

1 T oregano

1 t cinnamon.(or more to taste)

cayenne and white pepper to taste

3 or 4 cans cannellini beans

4 cups chicken broth

2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Combine the onions, garlic and ground turkey and cook until turkey is well browned. Add the chili peppers and spices and cook for five more minutes or so. Add two (of the 3) cans of the beans and the chicken broth. Simmer. Take one of the cans of beans with a bit of chicken stock and puree in a blender. Add to the pot and simmer until the chili thickens to taste. Add half of the cheese to the chili a few minutes before serving and use the rest to sprinkle on the top of each bowl when served.

And finally, this “pep” and fill you up offering that was a favorite of my cousin Cheryl Franus, who was born and raised and lived in my hometown in PA (“up north”) but enjoyed all of our seasons as well as delighted in all of our regional cuisine during her many visits here in Hollywood.

Unstuffed Pepper Soup

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 lbs ground beef (chicken or turkey)

3 large pepper (red and green mixed) chopped

1 onion, chopped

2 14 oz.cans beef broth

2 10 oz cans of tomato soup

1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes, undrained

1 small can mushroom pieces

1 1/2 cup rice (cooked)

Cook beef, peppers and onions until beef is browned, Drain. Stir in broth, soup, tomatoes and mushrooms. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add rice and heat through.

Light Poles



Here are photos of the before and after placement of the new Hollywood Blvd light pole bases. As mentioned in the Board at Work article on page 5, the HLCA protested the FDOT plan to place new light poles on the Blvd sidewalk. In a rare victory, the HLCA prevailed and FDOT moved the light poles to the swale.



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All the best to you –

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