

COMSTOCK HILLS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2022 NEWSLETTER



LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Why do so many people never want to move from our wonderful neighborhood? For newcomers, it was a place they discovered while house hunting. But for Connie Boukidis and Lucie Zimmerman who live on Ensley, these were homes where they grew up and attended Fairburn Elementary School.

I began looking at house ads in the 60's in the Times classified section. The winding hilly streets and giant Sycamores were wonderful! I fell in love with an amazing character Spanish on Warnall, but it was just out of reach by \$10,000, so we bought a fixer on a hill on Comstock for \$47,000. Our kids were just starting Fairburn and within a week I had gutted the awful kitchen. Permits? Huh?

—Jan Reichmann, President

A WINNER FOR COMSTOCK HILLS AND ALL OF LOS ANGELES



Once our Board heard a presentation from Hydee Feldstein Soto as she began her campaign for City Attorney, we knew we were hearing a gifted and brilliant lawyer as she lectured us about the daunting job ahead. The office needed to change and her first job was to listen and get to know the 500 lawyers she would have in her charge.

Throughout her campaign, this amazing candidate with no backing and name recognition mesmerized audiences, gaining endorsements from all LA newspapers. After a heated Primary, her many challengers quickly endorsed her.

I made online introductions to community leaders. Once they had a telephone chat, they contributed and endorsed. Jonathon Cristal, a neighbor and Deputy City Attorney, (pictured above) met with her and quickly became part of her fan base.

With so much bad news coming from City Hall, we are happy that the City will have a dynamic and super competent Attorney in charge.

THANK YOU FROM THE YEBRIS

To our wonderful Comstock Hills community—

Thank you all for your support and friendship throughout my campaign for City Council. Leah and I are so grateful to everyone who put up yard signs, made phone calls, knocked on doors, and contributed to our campaign to bring positive change to our neighborhood and our City. I am excited to continue my service on our CHHOA Board and the Friends of Westwood Library Board, among others.



Leah and I wish you all a healthy and meaningful holiday season! —Sam and Leah Yebri

TRIBUTE TO COUNCIL MEMBER, PAUL KORETZ

It was the year 2013, the street party was Alice in Comstockland, and Clementine's Annie Miler provided a themed repast of delectable refreshments. CM Paul Koretz never missed a single CHHOA event, from the moment he was elected in 2008 until he was recently termed out.

He supported our causes from digital billboard abuse to opposing up-zoning of our communities. When Century City planned development that would impact our neighborhood because it was too tall, too dense or inappropriate, we had a seat at the table to voice our opposition. We will miss that open door and are grateful for his many years of being there for us.



MEET KATY YOUNG YAROSLAVSKY

A new deputy will be our go-to person in CD5 since Katy is our new council member. Jasmine Tabour was our senior deputy and served Comstock Hills with her incredible knowledge of City Hall and her willingness to always assist us. We will miss her! If you are interested in joining Katy's team, please go to transition@katyforla.com

ARM RESPONSE- FIX THE SIDEWALKS!

How many more walkers will be injured because our City sidewalks need repair but remain broken? Your homeowner association, CHHOA, emailed members for their reaction. Within 24 hours we received dozens of neighbors asking how they could help. And a dozen said they had suffered injuries.



CHHOA is pleased to announce that it will soon embark on a sidewalk improvement project performed by a licensed and insured contractor and overseen by a committee of neighborhood volunteers including David Russell, CHHOA 1st VP, Jan Reichmann, Pres., Maileen Phillips, Ronin Isaacs, Board Member Cooper Jackson, and Board Member John Elliott. Funding will be provided solely by Comstock Hills HOA. This is provided at NO COST TO HOMEOWNERS where work is deemed in need of fixing. (Repairs do not include driveway aprons or other private areas in need of attention. You may engage the contractor independently if you wish.)

Participation is optional, but residents will need to sign a waiver releasing CHHOA and others of liability. The Waiver Form is included in this mailer.

Questions? Email sidewalk911@comstockhills.com. Yes, the City claims ownership of these hazards, but waiting for them to fix the problem is not an option.

Now you can pay your 2022-23 dues online. Go to www.comstockhills.com/payments
The greater our membership, the louder our voice.



John Elliott demonstrates *sabage*



To date, the 2022 posted home sales of 15 residences in Comstock Hills is approximately \$50 million.



Arborists chop up one of two huge trees that toppled over smashing the homeowners' car, but sparing them

MAKING THE BEST OF IT

Gatherings in Comstock Hills during the pandemic could be festive! To the delight of those attending the weekly potluck dinner in Paul and Janie Marlowe's driveway, neighbor, John Elliott demonstrated the fine art of opening a champagne bottle the French way...with a saber–no sweat for this Guinness World Record holder. This popular method, *sabage*, was used during Napoleon's time, but you must still be careful to watch for shards.



Visit COMSTOCKHILLS.COM to learn about emergency preparedness, neighborhood referrals and City resources such as property activity and active permit information.