



October 2, 2020

Dear Residents of Rolling Hills:

Greetings from your Mayor and City Commissioners. We hope this letter finds you and yours healthy and doing well. This letter is intended to share some information about things happening in your City.

**City Green Space Meeting** – In 2018, the City purchased 10.8 acres of undeveloped land that is south of the homes on Tiverton Way (9212-9504) and includes land on both sides of the creek. Please note that we said Green Space and not “Park”. At this time we do not know what this property will be. Someday the property may be accessible from Henry Clay Dr. in addition to the closed access road, Langdon Court at Tiverton Way. There will be a “meeting” on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Bearno’s Pizza Restaurant in the Rolling Hills Shopping Center. The City has contracted with a Landscape Architect to help guide us to options for this land, potential phases, and potential costs. This “meeting” is intended to allow you to come and ask questions and to offer your thoughts. There will **not** be a presentation and you can come and go during the designated times at a time convenient to you. We must limit the number of people attending at any given time to allow social distancing. Please wear a mask. We are looking for your input in this very early stage of our analysis of this property. The property currently ranges from a large meadow to a wooded area that is difficult to walk through (unless you are a deer or a rabbit). Our property is downstream from Hounz Lane Park and upstream from the City of Briarwood Park located at the end of Red Leaf Drive. If you have not visited these parks, please do so and you can see what has been done by others.

**Sidewalks** – Over the past year, all sidewalks in the city have been repaired to minimize tripping hazards. In most cases the sidewalks went through a grinding process to eliminate the height difference from one sidewalk section to the next. In other cases where grinding was not possible, entire sections of the sidewalk were removed and re-poured. If you are having work done do your driveway, do not put asphalt over the concrete sidewalk. This creates a tripping hazard. The City is now looking at repairing sidewalk ramps and will focus on additional sidewalk sections that need attention.

**Paving** – In September, Habersham Drive, a portion of Goose Creek Road and a portion of Aylesbury Drive were milled and repaved. Discussions regarding the re-installation of speed bumps on Goose Creek Road and Habersham are on-going. Please do your part and drive 20 miles per hour or less while in the City. Driving faster only saves you a few seconds and is not worth the risk of harm to a child.

**Census** – If you have not responded to the 2020 Census, please do so. It is safe and important.

**Election** – Please vote. October 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote. October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to declare your intention to be a Write-In Candidate.

**City Commission Election** – At this writing there are two candidates on the ballot for Mayor; Judy Crowe and Rebecca Ann Rupp. There is one candidate for Commissioner, Michele Bagwell Fawver and there are four open positions. If you are interested in being a City Commissioner, please consider declaring your intention to be a write-in candidate by registering with the Board of Elections. Then get the word out (perhaps the City of Rolling Hills Face Book page) so folks know to write-in a vote for you. Or let the City Clerk or me know of your interest and if there is a position still open after the election, you may be considered to an appointment to fill an empty position. Commissioners are paid and we need four to operate the City.

**Round – about** – Did you know the City has a round-about? It is located at the intersection of Tangle Lane and Aylesbury Drive. Be sure to keep right! This location was recently cleaned up of weeds and nicely mulched by our lawn and landscaping contractor.

**Langdon Drive** – Money has been appropriated to replace the four post lights at the entrance to the City at Westport Road. One light was damaged beyond repair and new lights will be installed soon. Six posts along Langdon have been re-painted. In the coming month, all curbs and other things painted white along Langdon and Aylesbury in the past will be getting a fresh coat of paint.

**Finances** – The City's fiscal year ended on June 30, 2020. The audit for the year is just getting started. The unaudited financial statements report \$424,000 in cash on hand, \$24,000 in short term liabilities and \$196,000 in long term debt for the land acquired in 2018. Income was \$276,000 vs a budget of \$268,000. Expenses were \$262,000 vs. a budget of \$249,000.

**Other tidbits** – Ordinances are being “codified”. This is a year long process. Evaluating landscaping at ends of Aylesbury Drive behind the shopping center to improve visibility at the stop signs. Regular conversations with shopping center over the trash, cardboard and pallets in the rear. Be a good neighbor and rake up the leaves in your yard in a timely fashion. Recycling pick-up is 10/15 and 10/29. Yard waste pick-up does continues year-round.

## Mayor Candidates' Statements

### ***Judith Crowe***

I, Judith Crowe, would like to introduce myself to you the residents of the City of Rolling Hills. I have lived in the City since 1984, like most of you, worked and never got involved with the City. After I retired, I was asked to be the City Secretary/Treasurer in the spring on 2013 and have been in that position until spring of 2019 when I only hold the position of Treasurer. I feel like I know a lot of you because of mailing newsletters, tax bills and other correspondence to all households.

I am running for the Mayors position for the City of Rolling Hills in November. I love our city and want to keep our city safe and in good shape for years to come. When you go to the polls remember that you also need to vote for the Mayor and Commissioners that are running for the City.

### ***Rebecca Ann Rupp***

Hi Neighbors! I'm Rebecca Ann Rupp and I'm running for Mayor of the City of Rolling Hills. I grew up here and have called Rolling Hills home for 42 years. I am a published author and nationally known appraiser of antiques and vintage collectible toys.

I have 11 years of leadership experience (7 years as President , 4 years as Vice President) with a nationally affiliated local chapter of collectors.

I've attended the City of Rolling Hills monthly meetings for over a year and known the current projects and challenges that the city faces.

As mayor, I'd commit my time and leadership experience to:

- Address all residents concerns.
- Ensure completion of current projects.
- Anticipate and plan for upcoming city needs.
- Be a good steward of the city's funds.

I'd appreciate your vote!

Rebecca Ann Rupp for Mayor of City of Rolling Hills