

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2014-15

Your dues are an important contribution to our community. They allow us to provide scholarships to college-bound students, and donations to elementary, middle and high schools. Dues also are used to finance a newsletter and sponsor general meetings on topics of interest to our community. If you are not a member, please consider joining. It is a small sum, well invested. Please fill out the form below, enclose your check payable to "Riviera Homeowners Association", and mail to **RHA Membership, P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, CA 90505**. Or, you can renew or join online through our quick, secure PayPal system at www.hollywoodriviera.org.

(Please note: Your street and/or email address are never shared with any third parties, and are used only for the purpose of notifying our members about upcoming events and other important information.)

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_____ \$25 Annual Membership for 2014-15 (Sept.-Aug.)

_____ \$45 for 2 years.



Your Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA) at Work (2014)

September 17: **RHA General meeting on the Drought Crisis.** Speakers discussed the drought and its effects, water-wise gardening, and how the county offers rebates for replacing grass with drought resistant plants.

October 13: **City Council meeting.** RHA Board members and community members spoke in favor of the **safety fencing and landscaping project on PCH** to protect the 50 homes along the south side of the highway. The project is funded and approved, bids will be taken and construction will start in the spring of 2015.

October 14: RHA board members and a Riviera resident **met at City Hall with two council members** to discuss the upcoming council agenda item on the view/tree ordinance issue.

October 21: **Torrance City Council Approves Community Outreach and Study of Tree/View Ordinances!** The Council unanimously voted to begin the process of researching and studying tree/view ordinances in the state to prepare for drafting an ordinance for the Hillside Overlay Area of Torrance. Community outreach meetings about an ordinance will begin in January 2015, with the research and writing expected to take at least one year from that time.

Over 60 residents, mostly from the Riviera, attended this meeting, many of them giving personal anecdotes and reasons why a tree ordinance is needed. Most people mentioned improving property values and bettering relations with neighbors in addition to restoring a view. The excellent attendance can be attributed to RHA communications and signs alerting homeowners of the meeting. Council members were surprised at the turnout, and we feel it affected their vote and their response to the issue. It won't happen right away, but at least we are, as Mayor Pat Furey said, "On the way to making this happen."



NEXT RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Discussion of the new
"Bristol Farms" Development
Wednesday, November 12, 7-9 PM**

Residents of the Riviera and the public are invited to hear impacts anticipated by the new Legado Development (at the old Bristol Farms site) on PCH & Palos Verdes Blvd. Although not in Torrance city limits, the development (actually in Redondo) certainly will affect Riviera residents, across the street. As proposed, the 4-story (!) project would contain 180-rental units (including 9 low-income ones), plus the 110-rooms at Palos Verdes Inn, plus almost 40,000 sq feet of retail/commercial space. It's clear the underground parking spaces will not be nearly sufficient to accommodate all resident, hotel, retail and employee capacity needs. This mixed-use construction would greatly increase traffic/safety issues on PCH, Riviera parking/cut-through traffic, and residence density directly across from the Riviera. Find out what this would mean to you and what you can do about it!

The meeting will be held at **Richardson Middle School**,
23751 Nancy Lee Lane, Torrance CA
near the corner of Newton and Calle Mayor.
Doors open at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served.

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