



THE RIVIERA REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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	GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, October 24th., 7:30 p.m.	
	PROGRAM: The November 6th. Ballot Issues, presented by The League of Women Voters	
	PLACE: Le Lycee Francais de Los Angeles Cafetorium 220 Via Riviera	
	***** BE PREPARED - KNOW THE ISSUES *****	
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members of the Executive Council are looking forward to meeting their neighbors at the October 24 meeting. We have several new faces on board this year, including my own, and we want to get to know you and find out what direction you want the RHA to take and what matters are of concern to you; that way we'll know we're reflecting the consensus of the community as we work with City Hall, as well as other organizations and each other.

You will be hearing a report on the status of the new Hillside Ordinance and on Group W Cable. Also, just in time for the election, the League of Women Voters of Torrance will provide us with an explanation of the ballot propositions so you can cast an informed vote on November 6.

Plan to attend and spend two interesting hours with us -- and bring your next door neighbor.

Kay White

MEMBERSHIP

Please ask your friends and neighbors in the Riviera if they wish to become members of the RHA. Let them know that by attending meetings or just by receiving our newsletter, they will become better informed about our community.

Anyone interested in joining may call me at 378-2085, or contact our president, Kay White, 373-1901.

Marta Colley, Membership Chairman

RHA AND CITY OF TORRANCE
TOGETHER STRENGTHEN
HILLSIDE ORDINANCE

by Robert Mantovani

The RHA has been active since last spring in working with the Torrance Planning Department staff, the members of the Planning Commission and the City Council to strengthen the existing Hillside Ordinance. When both the Planning Commission and City Council requested our assistance to improve the existing ordinance, we joined with the city staff and council to rewrite sections of the ordinance to make it less prone to ambiguous (and, at times, what appears to be unfair) interpretation and protect the ambience, existing views and general character of our community.

In essence, we have spoken in favor of an ordinance which preserves the existing character and promotes the safety of hillside sections throughout the city and for the welfare of the community as a whole. Provisions of the ordinance shall be interpreted so as to preserve the existing views in the overlay zone and to ensure that any new construction will be compatible with existing development.

We appreciate the individual concern and encouragement of the many RHA members who have supported us in this joint undertaking with the Council and city staff, and we hope that it will result in the continued enjoyment by RHA members of a unique seaside environment.

YOUR CITY NEEDS YOU!

If you think you might be interested in serving on a City commission, call me at 373-1901 and tell me which one(s). I get regular notices from the City Clerk when vacancies occur. If I know which commission you are interested in, I will let you know when a vacancy is coming up and how to apply.

Choose from:

Airport	Parks and Recreation
Civil Service	Planning
Environmental Quality & Energy	Traffic
Fine Arts	Water
Human Resources	

The only requirements are Torrance residency and a willingness to serve; you need not be an expert in the field.

Kay White



RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in members' homes. Those interested in joining may call Adele at 375-7768.

AIRPORT NEWS



The City has established a new Administrative Hearing Board to enforce the Airport Noise Ordinance. The board, consisting of three staff members appointed by the city manager, will hear cases of noise violators and decide whether or not to bar them from further use of the Torrance Airport. If the same individual is found guilty of three violations, he is to be barred for three years.

This is a new approach to enforcing the noise ordinance. The method of issuing "letters of exceedence" and citations to erring pilots proved to be too cumbersome and time-consuming.

If you want to report a noise violation, call 325-0505, day or night, week days and weekends. You should be prepared to give them the color and type of aircraft, and the "N" number, if possible.

GROUP W CABLE

The following are contents of a letter from Kay White to Mayor Jim Armstrong and Council members, dated October 7, 1984. Copies were sent to the City Manager, City Attorney and City Cable Coordinator:

"The Riviera Homeowners Association and the homeowners in this area continue to be very concerned about our problems with Group W Cable, and we continue to protest their use of our easements without specific property owners' consent.

The cable company was supposed to get consent from the property owner before going across the property to attach its cable to the utility poles along the easement. In addition, the easement specifically does NOT encompass aerial rights between the poles. Obtaining this consent is required both by the pole agreements between Group W and the utility companies and by the Franchise Agreement between Group W and the City of Torrance.

Although we requested specific information from Group W and the utilities, we have received no satisfactory response. The Edison Company said it was Group W's problem, the phone company ducked the issue and the cable company failed to send requested material or to respond in a meaningful way.

We then requested of Mr. Remelmeyer that the City help us with what we consider to be a continuing trespass problem and asked that the City enforce the provisions of its Franchise Agreement pertaining to the securing of private property easement consents. Mr. Remelmeyer indicated that he could not help us with the trespass matter and that we should contact you regarding the enforcement of the City's contract with Group W.

We feel our rights are being trampled on, literally. We hereby request that you enforce the City's agreement with Group W Cable regarding the above - either require them to get the necessary consent or remove or underground the cable, at their expense, where no consent is given.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter" -----

RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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COMING ATTRACTION!

SAVE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
FOR A FUN FAMILY NIGHT
FEATURING -
JIM GAMBLE AND HIS MARIONETTES

&

THE SALVATION ARMY BRASS BAND

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