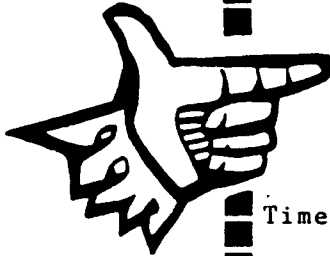


# THE RIVIERA REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 1985



## General Meeting:

Wednesday, February 13, 1985

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Le Lycee Francais School  
(Formerly Parkway Elementary)  
220 Via Riviera

## PROGRAM: PROPOSED JOSLYN EXPANSION PROJECT

For new Cultural Facilities including:

classrooms &

studios for ART  
DANCE  
MUSIC

A LITTLE THEATRE  
A COMMUNITY HALL

The purpose of this presentation, which will be given by Gene Barnett, City of Torrance Parks and Recreation Director, is to solicit citizen input which will be incorporated into the project planning.

The approximately 30 minute presentation will include a Citicable videotape on existing facilities and the proposed classrooms and studios for art, music, dance, remodeling of the Joslyn and Recreation Centers, a new theatre and a community meeting hall, as well as an explanation on the funding options.

Those attending are invited to ask questions and make comments on the project.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Airport Lawsuit

As you have probably read in the newspapers, attorney/pilot Clark Garen (a Riviera resident), has filed lawsuits against the city of Torrance and any homeowners living within a five-mile radius of the Torrance Municipal Airport. He alleges that the noise restriction measures implemented by the city have illegally impeded usage of the airport, contrary to the quitclaim deed by which the federal government gave the airport to the city. He also alleges that by speaking up at public hearings, working on elections and making campaign contributions to council members, these homeowners illegally encouraged the city to violate the provisions of the deed. Most knowledgeable people feel these suits are without merit; however, having been filed, they have to be responded to.

Thirty or more homeowners have been served with this lawsuit so far. To my knowledge, no one in the Riviera has been served - if this is incorrect, please call and tell me. Any homeowners who have not yet been served most likely will not be served in the future.

Attorney Peter LaCombe, representing 30 of the homeowners who have been served, is seeking to have the suit transferred from Superior Court to Federal Court and possibly consolidated with the suit against the city, since the issues are the same. A hearing on this will be held February 27.

Mr. Garen also attempted to instigate a "flyover" of noisy airplanes, presumably in an effort to annoy the homeowners. The flyover, however, fizzled.

The City Council members unanimously reject Mr. Garen's method of resolving the airport difficulties in the manner he has chosen. Your RHA board couldn't agree more. Let us hope that Mr. Garen decides to withdraw his lawsuits. The normal process of solving such complex problems as airport usage may work slowly, but they usually work civilly.

Hillside Ordinance

The new Hillside Ordinance is still in the process of revision, and we are still following the issue and making our suggestions for change. The main points the RHA would like to see included are:

- No view impact on existing homes by additions or new buildings
- Minimal impact on air, light and privacy
- Property values and hardship not to be used as criteria for evaluating proposed additions or new buildings
- Cumulative impact to be considered
- An education program developed to apprise potential buyers and remodelers of the ordinance's restrictions

We will keep you advised of progress on the ordinance.

### Group W Cable

The reason you have not heard much about this issue lately is that nothing much has happened. We have been trying to get the city and/or the utilities to help us with this problem. The wheels of bureaucracy grind exceedingly slow.

Specifically, on October 7, we made a formal request of the Mayor and City Council to enforce the provisions of the Franchise Agreement which pertain to Group W's obtaining property owners' consent before crossing their property to install the cable lines. We also met with the City Attorney on this matter. Our position was that Group W should either obtain the consent or remove or underground the cable at their expense. According to their reply of December 17, the City Attorney has recommended, and the Mayor seems to agree, that the city should not take any action on behalf of the homeowners.

We will continue to pursue the matter.

Hope to see you at the general meeting.

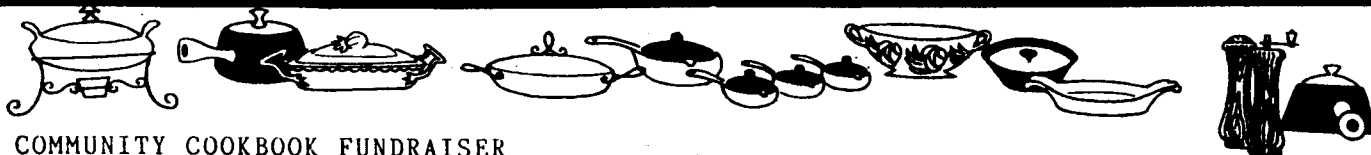
Kay White

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD "HOMEOWNERS" TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR "ASSOCIATION"!

Just a reminder that, if you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your membership in the Riviera Homeowners Association for 1985.

We really need your support to help maintain our Association's viability and vitality. Most of us share common concerns about our community, and it is through mutual sharing of these concerns that helps create a better place to live for us all.

Dues are still \$10.00. Please make your check payable to Riviera Homeowners Association, and mail it to P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, 90505.



#### COMMUNITY COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

We're still looking for recipes for our community cookbook, and would certainly appreciate any of your favorites you might want to share. It is our hope to compile a variety of recipes so we may have a cookbook of which we will all be proud. It is planned to have it printed and distributed as a fundraising effort for which all of us, as members of the RHA, will benefit. Please call Kay White, 373-1901, for further details.

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#### COMMISSION VACANCIES

There will be one vacancy each coming up on the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Torrance Disaster Council. If interested, you may obtain an application blank from the City Clerk (618-2870) and return it no later than February 20. Appointments will be made at Council meeting February 26.

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Be neighborly -

Trim that tree,

'Cause by your caring,

A view you'll be sharing!



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