

THE RIVIERA REPORTER

Streetcape Panel Discussion - Trees & Views

Karla Butte & Shirley McNair

WHEN: Thursday, October 10

TIME: 7:00 p.m

WHERE: Riviera Elementary
School Cafeteria
365 Paseo de Arena
Torrance, CA

Yes! You can really make a difference when you call, write letters and come to the RHA meetings. Thanks to your terrific response in calling and writing letters to the City, Mayor Dee Hardison has directed the City's Streetscape Committee to study the problem we have all been complaining about for thirty years ...VIEW IMPAIRMENT BY CITY VEGETATION.

Representatives from this Committee will be at the RHA Meeting on Thursday, October 10 to answer questions and determine how much support there is for a View Restoration Ordinance.

If this issue is important to you, it's imperative that you attend the October 10 Meeting and let the Streetscape Committee know how you feel.

Please call the RHA hotline 310-784-9RHA with any questions.

**COME JOIN US AT THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS
MEETING AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR
CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD!**

The Prez Says...

Glenn Tanner

Hello again from the *Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA)* !!! This newsletter marks the return of the RHA from summer hiatus to our 1996-1997 regular schedule of events. I had a great summer, as did our Board members and I hope you did, too. First of all, you might notice some changes in this edition of *The Riviera Reporter*. We are striving to make this newsletter of maximum possible value to the residents of the Riviera, so I would welcome any comments you might have.

Secondly, let me outline our planned events for the upcoming year, as we are anticipating a full schedule of wonderful events. As you can see on our cover, our first meeting will be on the subject of the City's "Streetscape Team" and possible changes in regulations regarding Trees and Views, a topic of interest to nearly everyone who resides in the Riviera. In December, we are planning our annual Saturday Holiday spectacular in conjunction with the Riviera School PTA. Another meeting of current interest will be held in February. Past general meetings have been on the Hillside Ordinance, traffic, and candidates forums, so keep an eye out for this one. In April, as a departure from past practice, we are planning a weekend Spring Picnic Outing with food, music, and entertainment for all of the family, so we'll keep you posted on the details.

Thirdly, it is the goal of the RHA Board to make this organization of maximum value to you and the community, so I welcome all ideas, suggestions, etc. Always feel free to write or call me at any reasonable time. One idea we had recently was to institute a welcoming committee for all new residents of the Riviera. And we have also discussed ways that we can reach out to all residents. Don't be surprised if sometime during the next couple of years an RHA Board member drops by your house.

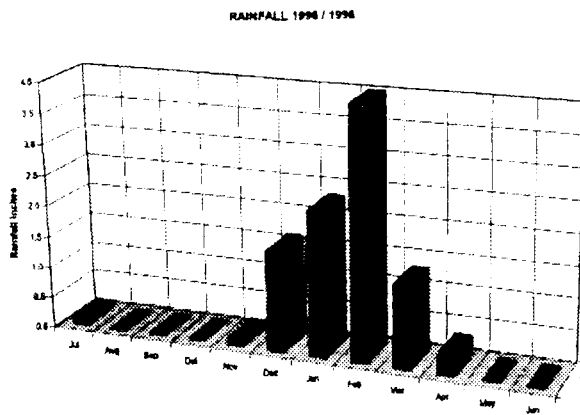
Let me close by saying thanks again to the Board members from the previous year, especially past president Don Young, for their hard work and long hours of effort on behalf of the RHA. And let me say that, frankly, we could use more of you on the Board and we need your assistance in staging activities & events, so if you have any interest in helping out, please give me a call.

Hey, one last thing. Recently I have come across some persons, including some Realtors selling homes in the area, that places the Riviera and our city services inside the City of Redondo not in the City of Torrance. Redondo Beach is a fine city, but when you analyze our schools, our police, our fire department, our hospitals, and city staff, as I have had occasion to do, you must agree that we live in an area blessed with many positives.

Rainfall in the Riviera 1995/1996

The rainfall for Hollywood Riviera was collected from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996. The results of the data show that this rainfall year was below average for our area. The total rainfall was only 9.7 inches compared to a normal rainfall of 14 inches. It rained once in July, as one Homeowner reminded me because it provided for an unusual wedding present. The next rain wasn't until November (0.1 in.). As is typical for Southern California, the majority of rain fell from December to March. The monthly totals were 1.6, 2.3, 4.0, and 1.3in., respectively. The end of January and February were when we gained the greatest

amounts with 31 January 1996 having the largest single rainfall of 1.7 inches.



Profile: KARLA BUTTE



Vice President Programs

I'm a midwestern transplant. I was born and reared in Noblesville, a small town in Indiana. I graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Counseling Psychology.

My husband, Eric, and I have been married five years. We've lived in the Riviera for more than three years after spending time in Texas and seven years in Orange County. We just had our first baby last year, a little girl, Aubrey, now eight months old. She is the love of our lives. I now spend most of my time with her. But before becoming a mom, I was fortunate to be able to work in various aspects of business, mainly in finance and human resources.

I do find time, however, to continue to work as a travel agent. This is convenient since we love to travel so much. We also enjoy sports, and as a former dance cheerleader in the NBA, I especially love basketball. We both play golf and do so every chance we get. Somehow, my husband seems to have more opportunities to play golf than I...maybe that's why I'm the mom.

Fortunately, the Sierras received most of their rainfall late in the year and when combined with the prior above average year of rainfall, California water levels are normal. Quick analysis shows that during the past several years there has been a trend of an extremely wet year (1994/5 - 27 inches) followed by a below average year (1993/4 - 9.3 inches). Does that mean we are in for another wet year? I don't know but we'll be measuring it.



MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

September 8, 1996

As a homeowner and resident of the Hollywood Riviera, you are eligible for membership in the Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA). You are cordially invited to renew your membership or become a new member for the upcoming year at this time. Your membership dues help defray the cost of our newsletter, The Riviera Reporter, to which this is attached, along with the cost of our general meetings on important topics to the Riviera, and our donations to Riviera Schools, parks, and other community projects. Topics that the RHA continues to pursue and have been discussed at recent meetings include the Hillside Ordinance, Tree Trimming for views, traffic issues, and upgrades of our parks and common areas.

We welcome you as a continuing or new member and we thank you for your consideration. If you wish to become more involved in the RHA, we welcome you to attend our board of directors meetings and encourage your participation in assisting us on the board or with other activities.

(Please clip and mail in the enclosed return envelope)

----- Please cut along dotted line. -----

Annual Dues for September 1996 through July 1997: _____

\$10

\$15

\$20

Other

Name: _____

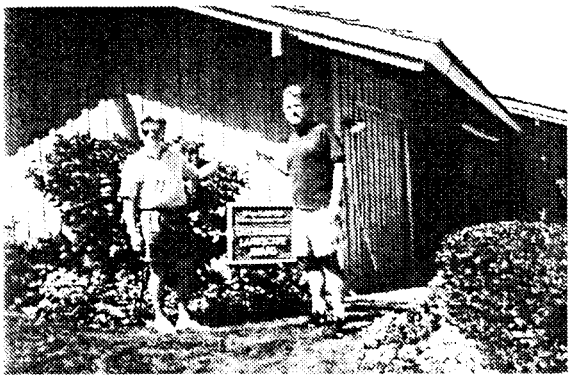
Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Thank-You !!!

Outstanding Landscape Award Winners

Ruth Vogel & Virginia Levanas



Moe and Debbie Kreag, 417 Paseo de la Playa were presented with the April Award. Their handsome home on the bluffs overlooking Torrance Beach commands a spectacular view and they have surely given their neighbors and all who drive or walk by a lovely front garden to see.



The May award went to Gregory and Vicki Gomez at 127 Paseo de Gracia for their delightful "cottage style" garden border complete with white picket fence. Their garden was lush with pansies, lobelia, impatiens, iceland poppies, campanula, nierembergia and begonias.

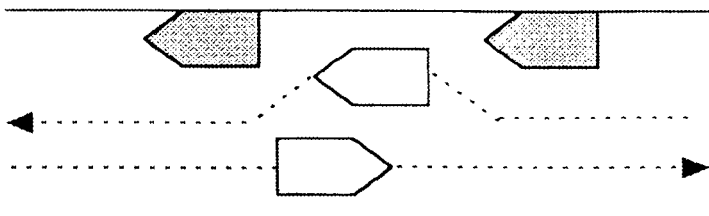


The June award went to George Hill, 24859 Valmonte, who created a magnificent garden located on the second to the last house on Valmonte, just before entering Palos Verdes. It is a virtual paradise of dahlias, sun flowers, sweet peas, bulbs and almost every kind of blooming flower.

Safe Driving In The Riviera

We get a lot of calls regarding the narrow streets and how best to treat two-way traffic when there are parked cars on one side of the street that restrict the ability of the traffic to pass side-by-side. According to the state code, vehicles shall not cross over the center

line of the street into oncoming traffic. Therefore the vehicle traveling on the side of the street of the parked vehicles should defer right of way to the vehicle traveling on the side of the street with no parking to ensure safe passage of both.



WHATS NEW!

HILLSIDE ORDINANCE CASES

The following Hillside Overlay District cases are scheduled to be heard or have recently been heard by the Planning Commission:

441 Calle De Aragon
(Rooftop skylights)

113 Vista Del Sol
(Construction of accessory building)

205 Paseo De Granada (One story addition to one story residence)



DEDICATION OF TORRANCE LIBRARY

The Torrance City Council unanimously approved the designation of the Civic Center Library as the Kay Geissert Torrance Library. Mayor Dee Hardison noted the many contributions that long-time community leader, Katy Geissert, has made, particularly her role in the development of the Torrance library system.

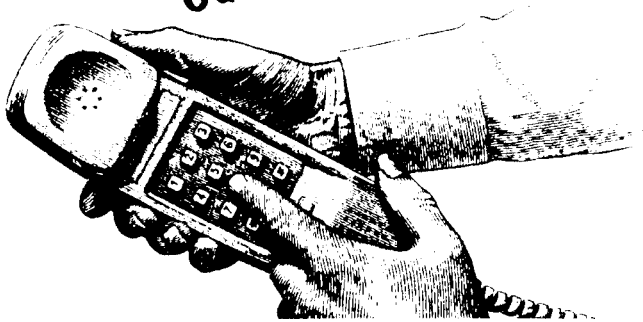
In the late sixties Katy led a bond campaign to finance the acquisition of necessary books and construction of buildings for the Torrance library. The bond was passed in April 1967 and Torrance left the Los Angeles County library system the following year. In 1971 the Civic Center Library was dedicated.

Riviera Homeowners Association 1995-1996 Officers And Directors

President	Glenn Tanner	375-1778	Hospitality	Carol Skramstad	373-0198
1st Vice President (Programs)	Karla Butte	791-0222	Landscape Chairperson	Ruth Vogel	375-4702
2nd Vice President (Membership)	Armelle Feuvrier	375-1663	Landscape	Mary Lenihan	378-7435
Treasurer	Gary Rivera	375-1663	City Council Liaison	Patsy Loughboro	378-5359
Secretary	Benson Black	375-0744	Mailing Chairperson	Shirley McNair	378-5557
Newsletter Editor	Jim Vogl	378-1803	City Planning Liaison	Virginia Levanas	375-0424
Immediate Past President	Don Young Jr.	373-4642	CHAT Liaison	Greg Anunson	378-5384
Past President	Doug Holker	378-8984	Director/Past President	Howard Kosters	378-4874
Historian	Trish McDonald	375-9728			

COPIES OF THIS NEWSLETTER ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EL RETIRO LIBRARY

Call the Riviera Homeowners Association Hotline



**(310)
784-9RHA**

THE RIVIERA REPORTER

P.O. BOX 1074 • Torrance, CA 90505

BULK RATE
CAR-RT SORT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Redondo Bch CA
Permit No. 124