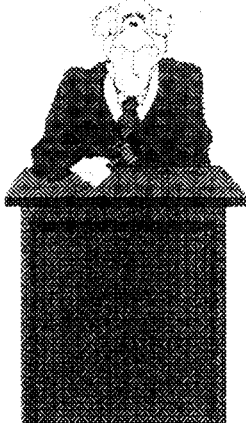


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NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Winter 1998

Be Heard in Your Community - February 4



WHAT: Candidates Forum -

Candidates for City Council and Mayor will answer questions regarding platforms, views, and important city-wide and Riviera-specific issues.

Questions for the candidates from RHA members are encouraged.
Please FAX your question(s) prior to the meeting to (310) 543-5519.

WHEN: Wednesday February 4 - 7:00 PM

WHERE: Richardson Middle School Cafeteria, 23751 Nancy Lee Lane

INFO: (310) 378-2499 Evenings (310) 543-4980 Weekdays *Kim Emery*

Begonia Farm Development

Anastasi Development has filed a proposed 64 unit town-home development with the Torrance Planning Dept. Interested residents and the developer have met in an effort to work out a revised plan which decreases density and enhances the value of the neighborhood. No formal plans have yet been drawn. The consensus of my contacts with many neighbors has led us to request a revised development of 2-story single family type "patio homes" numbering around 45 units and Anastasi has provided such an alternate plan. Additionally Anastasi's architect is working in conjunction with resident input on a proposal to the City to reconfigure the intersection of Newton and 242nd Street. The first hearing on the Begonia Development is tentatively scheduled before the Environmental Review Board on February 18, 1998



at 3:00 p.m. So, what can you do to assure a responsible, harmonious, and enhanced development? Additional letters of concern regarding the development and traffic are needed from Newton/Walteria area residents at this time. Please send your letters to Mr. David Ferren, Director, City of Torrance Planning Department, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend the February 18 meeting and make their concerns known. Please check with the Torrance Planning Dept. at (310) 618-5990 to confirm that the meeting will be held as planned. Discuss these issues with your neighbors. The clock is ticking, the time to get involved is now.

Morgan Tookey



The Prez Sez...

The positive response to my last editorial was overwhelming !!! Neighbors I

had not seen in weeks came by just to bring agreeable comments. For those others that called and wrote - Thank-you - but please be aware; to improve our schools and our neighborhood, it takes an effort by all involved. We live in a great place, and we can make it even better through your involvement.

We have been involved with a lot of "firsts" during the past term. We have worked very hard to make the RHA a meaningful organization that adds value to the Riviera by doing new things like polling residents regarding view impairment by trees so we can gather a consensus for further action, aggressively following proposed developments and moderating discussions between developers and residents, increased number of annual newsletters, a higher quality newsletter in both terms of content and production, and better more

meaningful programs. So we are pleased to announce another first: "The First Annual Riviera Homeowners Association Concert-In-The-Park" scheduled for Saturday June 13, 1998 from 5 - 7 PM. So plan now to bring a blanket, food, beverage, and the family for this first-time free concert. We hope this idea will take off and we can begin to sponsor a concert series consisting of several events of varying styles over the coming summer evenings.

Secondly, another thing we are proud of is that the RHA has recently attracted a lot of new, dynamic people to the board. Among these people are **Johnny Tai** and **Morgan Tookey**. Johnny has agreed to jump head-long into the Transportation issues of the Riviera. Morgan has agreed to monitor the increasing encroachment of development into the area. His first project is acting as a liaison between residents and the Begonia Farm developers. You are encouraged to read the articles written for this newsletter by both of these folks, and if you would like to assist them or join their

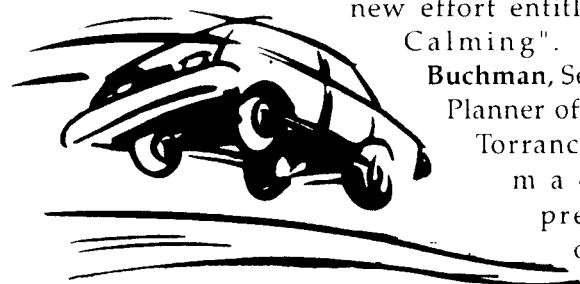
committees, give them a call soon. Thirdly, there will be an upcoming election for Riviera School Site Council. I have placed 'my hat in the ring' and would appreciate your vote when your child brings home an election ballot.

One final thing that we would like feed back from you all on - As you know, in 1998 electricity has been deregulated and opportunities exist for business, groups, and individuals to purchase power from private suppliers. Around the country, many homeowners groups are banding together and buying bulk power at a much lower rate than small groups or individuals. Questions of the month are: Would you be interested in forming a Riviera Homeowners members group for buying power at a reduced rate? Would you be interested in expanding the Homeowners as a group that also offers member rates for insurance, telephones, etc? Would this be a 'value-added' that interests you? Please write or call me with your feedback.

Glenn Tanner

Riviera Traffic Issues

The most common traffic complaints on residential streets today are 1) Increased speeds and 2) Heavier volume of traffic. Due to modern society's heavy emphasis towards efficiency, people are driving at higher speeds and finding short-cuts that are not designed to take on heavier traffic flow. The City of Torrance has recently decided to respond to these complaints by supporting a new effort entitled "Traffic Calming".



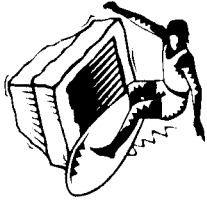
Helene Buchman, Senior Traffic Planner of the City of Torrance, recently made a presentation on "Traffic

Calming" at our last General Meeting. At the end of her presentation, Helene asked residents to aid in this effort.

This is where my volunteer effort kicks in. For our Traffic Calming Program to become a success, I will need your help in defining areas of serious traffic concerns. I am currently setting up sub-committees to address concerns that have already been brought to my attention (Newton Street, Calle Mayor, Calle Miramar). If you are interested in participating in a sub-committee or would like to address a particular concern, please contact me. Also, please keep in mind that we can all contribute to Traffic Calming by abiding by the posted speed limits and driving safely through our neighborhood.

Johnny Tai

Surfin' The Net !!!



With the increasing use of the Internet, we thought you might like to check out a few sites with local information :

Call up "<http://www.torrcnet.com>" for the City of Torrance Homepage. City information, council agendas, schedules of events and activities, job opportunities, searchable business directory, building permit information, and visitor information is available. There's even a map showing all of the homeowner's associations.

While you're there, go over to "<http://www.library.torrcnet.com>" and visit the Torrance Public Library. They have collected hundreds of links and have a new Web On-Line Catalogue.

For information on local businesses and Visitors Bureau, surf over to the Homepage of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce at "<http://www.torrancechamber.com>"

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Emergency Police, Fire, Medical	9-1-1
Police Non-emergency	328-3456
Animal Control	618-5929
Building & Safety	618-5910
City Hall	328-5310
Community Affairs	618-6392
Dial-A-Lift	320-4020
Engineering	618-2820
Fire Dept. Information	781-7042
Fire Prevention	618-2973
Graffiti Removal Hot Line	781-7149
Household Hazardous Waste Hotline	800-552-5218
Library Information	618-5959
Motor Oil Recycling	781-6900
Refuse	781-6900
Park Maintenance	781-6901
Planning Department	618-5990
Road / Sidewalk Repair	781-6900
Street Lights	800-655-4555
Torrance Transit	618-6266
Traffic Signals / Lights	781-6936

What's Up In the Neighborhood:

HILLSIDE ORDINANCE CASES

The following locations are scheduled for a Hillside Overlay District precise plan hearing or have recently been heard:

105 Paseo de Granada. Planning Commission consideration to allow a second story addition to a one-story single family dwelling.

965 Calle Miramar. Planning Commission consideration to permit an existing oven and patio cover to remain in the side yard.

425 Via La Selva. Planning Commission consideration of a minor hillside exemption to allow construction of a fence, deck, spa & planters under ten feet in height.

DEL AMO MALL EXPANSION

Del Amo mall has applied for approval of plans to build a 'North Annex' of the Mall to include about 370,000 square feet (SF) of new retail space including a department store,

16-screen theater complex, restaurant area, renovation of nearly 30,000 SF of existing retail space, and construction on new parking structure. Project is bounded by Fashion Way to the north, Madrona Av. & Del Amo Circle East to the east, and Hawthorne Bl. to the west.

LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

RHA Board member **Jim Vogl** has been reappointed to the City of Torrance Commission on Aging. RHA President **Glenn Tanner** has been appointed to the City of Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission.

LEADERSHIP TORRANCE SOUTH BAY

To assure that the RHA is up to date on City, County, and State government, available community programs, current and emerging leaders, and networking to assure visibility, the Board elected to send

President **Glenn Tanner** to Leadership Torrance - South Bay 1998. Leadership Torrance is a laboratory for applied leadership, key components include information on local economies, networking with city, county, & state elected officials and staffs, area history, and community service. The result will be that the Riviera will continue to benefit from visible and experienced leadership.

BOARD POSITIONS

In accordance with our bylaws, Board of Director elections will be held at the April general meeting. We encourage members to consider running for office. If you would like to be nominated for a position, please call any member of the Nominating Committee: **Morgan Tookey, John Tai, or Heather Hintzen.**

Offices are elected on an alternating two year terms, this year the following offices are to be elected; President, Vice President (Programs), Treasurer, Director (Landscape), & Director (Mailing).

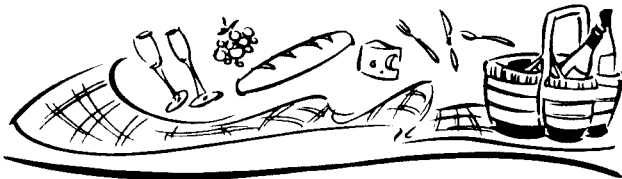
Riviera Homeowners Association 1996-1997 Officers And Directors

President	Glenn Tanner	378-4446	Landscape, Chairperson	Ruth Vogel	375-4702
1st Vice President (Programs)	Kim Emery	378-2499	City Council Liaison	Heather Hintzen	378-7388
2nd Vice President (Membership)	Armelle Feuvrier	375-1663	Mailing	Shirly McNair	378-5557
Treasurer	Gary Rivera	375-1663	Planning	Virginia Levanas	375-0420
Secretary	Benson Black	375-0744	Airport	Jim Gates	373-7640
Newsletter Editor	Jim Vogl	378-1803	Transportation	Johnny Tai	791-1714
Hospitality	Chela Cowden	375-8949	C.H.A.T.	Greg Anunson	378-6384
Development	Morgan Tookey	378-6507	Immediate Past President	Don Young	373-8866

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