

THE RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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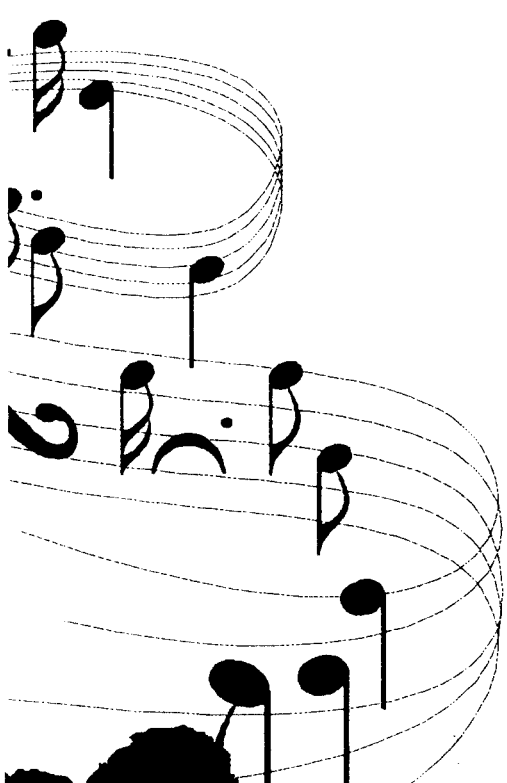
General Meeting: Board Elections

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
23751 Nancy Lee Lane

AGENDA: BOARD ELECTIONS AND COUNCILMAN FRANK SCOTTO

Immediately following the RHA board elections, Riviera resident and recently elected Torrance City Councilman Frank Scotto will speak on Riviera and citywide issues.



3RD Annual Free Concert in the Park Saturday, June 10th 5 - 8:00 p.m.

at

**El Retiro Park
Vista del Parque**

featuring

**The Upperhand
with Brian Jolley and Friends**

and opening by
**Pure Steel
(carribean sounds)**



The Prez Sez. . .



This last year has been interesting and enlightening. In my family, we moved into a new home followed a week later by the arrival of a new son, and then two weeks later by the demolition/remodel of the kitchen.

In a way it's sort of been that way on the RHA board. New additions, new issues, and always lots of planning.

Your RHA is strong and working

hard to find innovative ways to provide service to the community and to make the Riviera a better place to live.

Heather has made vast improvements on our bookkeeping system while simplifying the process. Chela now sets the newsletter layout directly from her home, saving the association hundreds of dollars that can be spent elsewhere. This year we gave not one but two scholarships to two highly qualified South High seniors.

George, realizing the importance of accurate membership records, is working closely with Michael Cotton to modernize and update our mailing/membership database. By the next mailing, I hope everyone in the

Riviera will receive this newsletter.

Benson continues to monitor, scribe and update meeting minutes and board publications. Jim Gates found a new convenient location for regular board meetings.

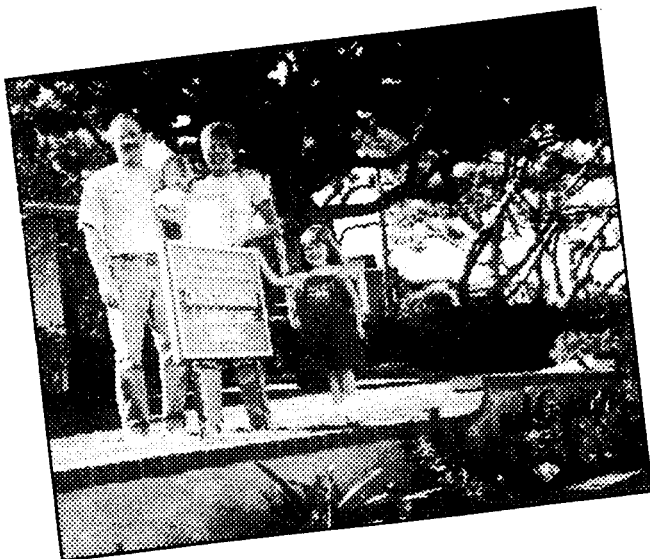
Finally, Glenn, Doug, Tom, Shirley, Kim, Virginia, Ruth, Johnny and Nancy are always available to provide assistance and ideas in problem solving.

Along with the members, these folks make the Riviera Homeowners Association.

It is your support that provides the Board the capability to keep you informed of important and interesting topics that affect your community. Please continue your support so we can continue our good work.

Morgan Tookey, President

Riviera Landscape Award Winners



February 2000

Debbie & Paul Tippin

210 Via Los Miradores



April 2000

Mary & Jim Cox

222 Via Los Altos

What's Up In the Neighborhood:



Planning Department

The following locations inside the Hollywood Riviera and/or Hillside Overlay District are scheduled for Public Hearings or they have recently been held:

- 411 Camino de Encanto. City Council denial of appeal and approval of minor exemption to allow for the installation of a 3' x 4' window.
- 445 Paseo de la Playa. Planning Commission approval of a waiver for yard setbacks.
- 214 Calle de Arboles. Planning Commission approval of a precise plan for first and second story additions.
- 121 Paseo de Granada. Planning Commission approval of a precise plan for a one-story addition over an existing garage.

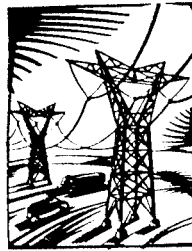
Additionally, the Planning Commission will consider modifications to citywide review procedures for development projects which are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Riviera Benches

Have you noticed the new benches at Rocketship Park? Riviera residents are donating the benches in memory of past friends and relatives.

Our newest addition has been donated by the Branhall family in honor of Lynn and John Branhall, two very active and well-loved Riviera citizens.

For more information on sponsorships, please contact the Parks Department, City of Torrance.



Underground Utilities Committee

The UUC is currently looking for RHA members to volunteer their time and energy.

As a group, we will evaluate and interface with the Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach projects that are underway and work with the City of Torrance and the utility companies to develop a comprehensive plan for the Hollywood Riviera community. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Conger, Chairperson of the Underground Utilities Committee at (310) 373-9867.

Newton Street Chokers to be removed

Last November, following City Council approval, traffic chokers were placed on Newton Street between Calle Mayor and Nancy Lee Lane to help reduce vehicular speed and cut-through traffic along Newton. Traffic chokers are areas marked off on each side of the road to create a narrow path that will encourage drivers to reduce speed.

Upon implementation, complaints from Newton Street residents challenged the effectiveness of these chokers. Complaints included: the temporary chokers are aesthetically displeasing; take up existing parking spaces; cause heavier traffic during school drop-off/pick-up; make it more difficult for children/families to cross Newton.

In addition, new stop signs on Newton at Harlee and Highgrove were installed. Following the April speed survey taken by the City

Planning Department the Traffic Commission voted to accept the recommendation to remove the temporary chokers. No City Council review of this recommendation for removal of temporary traffic calming measures is necessary.



Y2K Scholarship Awards

This year it was decided to award scholarships to two very deserving students.

The first was awarded to Benjamin Graham, who's leadership in school activities, membership in track and baseball teams and outstanding academic record made him an easy winner.

The second was awarded to Sarah Ball, whose school activities are abundant: she is academically excellent, is involved in South High clubs, student council, honor service groups, and is a talented singer and dancer. She also is a community helpline volunteer and youth band member.



In accordance with our bylaws, Board of Director elections will be held at the May 24th general meeting. We encourage members to consider running for office. If you would like to be nominated for a position, please call one of the following members of the Nominating Committee: Doug Holker, Tom Penland or Jim Gates. Their phone numbers can be found on the back cover of this newsletter.

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Officers are elected on alternating two-year terms. This year, the following offices are open: President, 1st. Vice President (Programs), Treasurer, Landscape Chairperson, Mailing Chairperson, City Council Liaison, Planning Commission Liaison, and Assistant Hospitality Director.

RHA Membership Form

Annual Dues :

\$20 Other \$ _____

New Member Continuing Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Riviera Homeowners Association 1999-2000 Officers and Directors

President	Morgan Tookey	213-680-6568	City Council Liaison	OPEN	
1st Vice President (Programs)	Kim Emery	378-2499	Mailing	Shirley McNair	378-5557
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Historian	Tom Penland	375-5126	Director Emeritus	Jim Vogl	792-8138
Landscape & Concert	Ruth Vogel	375-4702	Underground Utilities	Nancy Conger	373-9867

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