

RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 2000

The RHA Membership Drive is on! Please Renew!

RHA Holiday Program:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: RIVIERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Paseo de Arena (cross street: Calle de Ricardo)

AGENDA: *The RHA is taking a break from its usual civic business agenda to bring you a special holiday program: a musical sampling from the Richardson Middle and Riviera Elementary School Performing Arts groups.*

Richardson's sixth grade will entertain you with excerpts from their winter performance: a variety of songs including rock, TV music and more.

The Riviera Elementary Choral will also perform highlights of their winter program and will have you yearning for more.

Underground Utilities Committee (UUC)

The city of Torrance is very supportive of the UUC and is furthering our cause through two new channels.

First of all, we have established a web site where you can correspond with the committee and keep abreast of our progress. You can reach our web site through the city of Torrance web site at: ci.torrance.ca.us. Once you are there, just click on "News and Events", and then click on "Hollywood Riviera Goes Underground".

Secondly, on October 17, 2000 the Torrance City Council voted to establish an Underground Utilities policy. You can read the policy that follows and if you want more information you can contact Richard Burt, James Biery at the Engineering Department or myself. I understand that there is also an underground packet specifically for the Hollywood Riviera area, which I will talk more about in next newsletter. The last newsletter article produced a fresh batch of volunteers, who are helping with the

survey. We can always use more volunteers. Contact me at (310) 373-9867.

Recommended Policies Related to the Establishment of Residential Underground Utility Assessment Districts:

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve the following five (5) policies related to the establishment of residential Underground Utility Assessment Districts:

1. When establishing a Residential Underground Utility Assessment District that requires the City to advance funds for establishment of the district, a petition showing at least 60% support of the benefiting property owners shall be required. City-owned property will not be counted;
2. The City will permit the use of long-term bond funding using Assessment District Bond Funding (Municipal Improvement Act of 1913 and Improvement Bond Act of 1915) for each District and provide on-going administration;
3. All costs for the establishment and administration of a District, including interest on advanced funds, shall be

borne by the benefiting property owners. Should the district not be established, the City shall fund the costs advanced for the project;

4. The undergrounding will be completed by contracts administrated by the respective utility companies; and

5. Individual homeowners shall be responsible for the on-site service conversion of their overhead utilities.

Funding: The recommended policies require the benefiting property owners to pay for all costs associated with a Residential Underground Utility Assessment District. The City would advance funds to the respective utilities for the preparation of undergrounding plans and cost estimates and also to the Benefit Assessment Engineer and Legal Counsel to establish the assessments and the District. Should the District be established, these costs, including interest, would be included in the District expenses borne by the property owners. Should the District not be established, the City would fund these expenses.

Nancy Conger



The Prez Sez...

typically until 5pm when the slurry has dried. Most of the streets south of Calle Mayor, west of Newton, east of Via Monte D'Oro, and north of Calle De Arboles (including the full stretch of this street and Paseo De Los Reyes) will be impacted. Watch for city notices and signage! Streets west of Newton and south of Calle De Arboles will also be repaired. Lower Riviera Streets are planned for Slurry Seal in 2001 or 2002. For any questions, please call the Street Services Dept.

Happy Holidays!

The RHA is almost halfway to it's goal of 1000 membership families. Many thanks to those 450 households that have paid dues for this year's membership. We are again including on the back of this newsletter a membership form for those families that still would like to renew. Simply fill it out and return mail it with your dues to us in the provided envelope. Join now and help us reach our goal!

Here's what's happening in the Riviera:

Torrance will Slurry Seal 200 Riviera streets from November until the end of the year. (Slurry Seal is a liquid primarily mixed with asphalt and coarse sand to extend the life of pavements. Latex will be included in the application for well traveled/collector streets.) The Slurry application will only constrain street access for one working day

Torrance is replacing the small yellow recycling container with larger wheeled recycle bins for each residence. The large bins will allow for greater recycling of items (but not green items such as lawn and tree cuttings). Currently replacement is occurring on Riviera streets on a rolling basis neighborhood by neighborhood. On rubbish collection day, the new bin will be left at curbside with your existing containers.

Christmas program. For the first time in over five years the RHA is sponsoring a Christmas Program to be held at 7 p.m. on December 11 at Riviera Elementary School and includes performances from the elementary and middle schools. If you can, please attend and support our children.

GIANT WHITEFLY ALERT!

Help is on the way or may be here already. Parasitic micro-wasps are being released in our coastal counties, according to the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center in Irvine. These parasitic larvae & wasps are completely harmless to anything much bigger than a whitefly & they are stingless. Control can be spotty & you won't see results overnight. It may take a year or more to see a real difference. Also, these wasps don't seem to do as well right on the beach or in deep shade.

In the meantime, it's important to stop using any kind of control other than a strong blast of plain water, or the parasites will also be killed. Ignore advice to spray with light oils or any kind of pesticide, including systemics. The ONLY university-recommended controls and the one they feel works best is persistent and strong blasts of plain water aimed at the **UNDERSIDES** of leaves. This must be done again, again **and again** until the parasites begin to help out.

Excerpted from LA Times article.



Been to the RHA website yet?

Come take a look; the foundation is laid and the walls are going up fast. If you have anything to contribute, or want to help out, get in on the ground floor now. Call 373-6314 or email: "webmaster@hollywoodriviera.org" with your ideas.

Julian Chasin



Below is this year's **Santa Claus Float Schedule** for the Hollywood Riviera area:

Monday, December 4th: Calle Mayor to south city limits, southwest to Newton and Paseo De Las Tortugas.

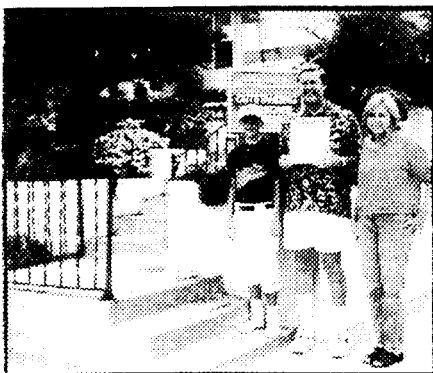
Tuesday, December 5th: PCH to City Limits, west of Calle Mayor.

Wednesday, December 6th: Torrance Bl. to PCH, Hawthorne Bl. to Anza/Calle Mayor

Thursday, December 7th: PCH to south city limits, Hawthorne Bl. to Via Colusa & Calle De Recardo.

Santa's float departs the Torrance Police station at 5:30 p.m. to begin it's nightly tour. So when you hear the siren and "Ho Ho Ho", please come out and support Santa and the Torrance Police!

Riviera Landscape Award



John and Barbara Miehls of 179 Via Los Miradores were presented with the July Landscape Award. Their border of daylilies, New Zealand flax and impatiens, nestled among mature foliage, provided a pleasing complement to their lovely Spanish-style home. On behalf of Mary Lenihan, my co-chair and Hazel Mulqueen of the Riviera Garden Club, I want to thank the Miehls for helping make the Riviera a beautiful place to live.

Ruth Vogel

What's Up In the Neighborhood:

Hollywood Riviera (combined precincts) November 7, 2000 General Election results*

Hollywood Riviera residents went to the polls in high numbers. According to data obtained from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office by the RHA, 71% of registered voters residing in the Riviera actually voted on Election Day 2000. This excludes any absentee ballots not accounted for as of 11/8/00. The following summarizes Riviera voting results for key races and ballot propositions.

Registered Voters (as of 11/5/00)

Democrat	Republican	Other**
34%	49%	17%

Presidential Election

Al Gore (D)	George W Bush (R)	Other**
45%	48%	7%

Senator

Feinstein (D)	Campbell (R)	Other**
48%	40%	11%

36th Congressional District

Harman (D)	Kuykendall (R)	Other**
43%	46%	11%

53rd California Assembly District

Nakano (D)	Felando (R)	Other**
57%	34%	9%

State Ballot Measure Prop. 36 (Drug Treatment)

Yes	No	Other**
59%	35%	6%

State Ballot Measure Prop. 38 (School Vouchers)

Yes	No	Other**
29%	68%	3%

State Ballot Measure Prop. 39 (School Bond Accountability)

Yes	No	Other**
45%	48%	7%

* Source: L. A. County Registrar-Recorder's Office as of 11/8/00.

** Other includes other parties and over or under votes.

Michael Cotton

Riviera Elementary Needs your Help!

The Riviera Elementary PTA is seeking volunteers to work in the school library. As a library volunteer you might work with students checking out books or help with a variety of clerical tasks all vital to keeping the library humming along. The Riviera Library is funded and staffed through the PTA.

Looking to do something more physical? The PTA also seeks volunteers to help clean out storerooms, such as the P.E. ball room and other cramped spaces. Volunteers are also needed to do some painting and /or furnish supplies.

For more information, please call Tracey Yoshida, PTA President 375-4564.

Mary Taylor

Treasurer's Report

The RHA strives to be a meaningful organization that adds value to the Riviera and its residents. In the past we have done this by supporting the Hillside Ordinance, organizing the Candidate's Debate before the March 2000 elections, surveying residents regarding view impairment, tracking and reporting on proposed developments, participating in city hearings which impact the Riviera, supporting the Riviera schools, awarding scholarships and sponsoring the annual Concert in the Park.

We plan on soliciting further resident input, increasing RHA visibility, increasing the number of community events and making more progress on traffic, development and tree issues. We cannot continue to pursue these items unless we have the resources. Your membership dues are vital to our continued success.

I am pleased to report that our 2000/2001 membership drive is off to a strong start with over 450 families joining or renewing their membership so far this year. However, we still need many more of you to join in order to support our efforts through out the remainder of the year. Your contributions have enabled us to

- fund the publication and distribution of 3,000 newsletters
- make charitable donations to schools, and youth and sports groups
- finance scholarships
- hold homeowner meetings, programs and events.

Below is the allocation of these funds year-to-date:

Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$5,566	58.3%
Charitable Donations	\$2,250	23.6%
Program/Event Expense	\$1,729	18.1%

Heather Hintzen

Planning Commission

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

203 Via Pasqual. Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan for first and lower level additions – including a semi-subterranean garage. Approval has been appealed to the city Council.

3855 Bluff Street. Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan for the construction of a new, two-story, single family residence.

5201 Paseo de Pablo. Planning commission approval of a Precise Plan for first and second story additions.

613 Paseo de la Playa. Hearing for approval of a Precise Plan to allow second-story addition. Item continued to allow time to consider design alternatives.

Additionally, in compliance with State law, the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Housing Element of the General Plan. The purpose of the Housing Element is to identify current and projected housing needs of the community and to establish local policies and goals for providing adequate housing. The City Council consideration is anticipated to occur on December 5, 2000.

Sandy Bennett

*The Riviera Homeowners Association
invites Riviera residents to submit
articles of interest for inclusion in the
newsletter. Submissions are subject
to editing and will be published
at our discretion.*

RHA Membership Form

Annual Dues :

\$20 Other \$ _____

New Member Continuing Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Post Office Complaints

Are you having a problem with your mail delivery? If so, call the following number and ask to speak to your carrier's supervisor:

1-800-275-8777

Riviera Homeowners Association 2000-2001 Officers and Directors

President	Morgan Tookey 774-213-680-6568	Landscape	Mary Lenihan	378-3515
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Landscape & Concert	Ruth Vogel 375-4702	Underground Utilities	Nancy Conger	373-9867



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Please look above your name & address for your dues payment status.
Your dues help us to provide scholarships, put on community events such as the Concert in the Park, and promote the Riviera community in our newsletter.

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