

THE RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

February 2001

RHA General Meeting:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
23751 Nancy Lee Lane (off Newton Street)

AGENDA: Mayor Dee Hardison

Come and meet the Mayor of Torrance. Dee Hardison has served our community in many capacities. Share two hours of discussion with neighbors on many topics that affect our neighborhood and the City of Torrance.



The Prez Sez...

In what seemed to be a flash, 2000 is gone. Now, on to 2001!

We hope to continue to provide you with information through this publication, as well as in general meetings relevant to the interests and concerns of the Hollywood Riviera. We are always seeking your input as to what you would like to see accomplished in the Riviera. We also want to encourage you to participate. This is your club, your organization; this is your community. Our December Holiday Program was a huge success! Everyone who came seemed to enjoy the activities, and the kids really had a ball putting on the show! Inside are photos from the event.

Now, on a more serious note: Last November, a South High Sophomore from our neighborhood was struck by a car and badly injured as he headed home from school on his skateboard. He was crossing in a marked crosswalk with the green light; nevertheless, he was hit. He never saw it coming. Another related issue sure to be a concern to many parents and neighbors this spring and summer: More and more motorized "razor-like" scooters are appearing in our neighborhood. Here are the rules of the road for motorized scooter operators:

1. Helmets are required for all operators.
2. The maximum speed is 15 mph.
3. Motorized scooter operators must be 16 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and obey all motor vehicle laws.
4. For nighttime driving, the scooter must be equipped with a front headlamp and rear deflector.
5. After market engine modifications to increase speed and exhaust noise are prohibited.

All Riviera drivers, please stop and think, and be aware. Our children's

futures depend on you. For more information, contact the Torrance Police Traffic Division at (310) 328-3456. Finally, please read carefully Tom Penland's article on page three. Are you satisfied with the hillside ordinance? Is it fairly or unfairly enforced? Do you feel too restricted when applying for remodel permits? Has someone in your neighborhood recently remodeled? Did you participate in the process? Please respond with your comments in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

FACT: Over 33% of all cases heard before the Planning Commission involve hillside cases.

The RHA Membership Drive is on! Please Renew!

As our membership drive continues, we want to thank returning members for their on-going contribution, and also welcome all our new members to the Riviera Homeowners' Association. Your contribution assists us in informing you of the issues and events that are relevant to you as a Hollywood Riviera resident.

If you haven't already done so, please send you membership dues of \$20 and join in the activities of your community.

Radio Tower Update

The radio tower at 5001 Calle De Arboles recently changed hands. The new station is KMJR 93.5 FM.

A recent public meeting in mid January was not well attended because there were severe problems with the notification mailing. Many residents are concerned about repeated failures by the radio station to notify residents regarding meetings and actions. Residents feel that both the city *and* the station must begin to properly notify all homeowners in the range of the antenna regarding upcoming meetings, discussions, and actions.

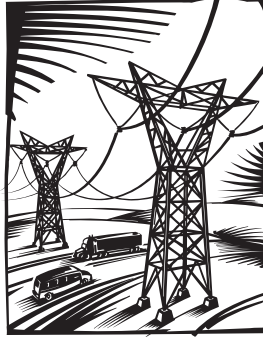
The FCC rules part 73.318 states that "Blanketing Interference" can be expected up to 3,150 feet away from the antenna tower which operates at 6,000 watts.

KMJR-FM plans to mail approximately 200 questionnaires. Also, the station will hold a public meeting within the next 60 days concerning re-engineering the antenna tower.

For more information contact:
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Riviera Interference Hotline, 24 hrs:
(310) 229-3206; Luis Albertini,
VP & General Manager of KMJR:
(310) 203-0900

**Neal Pollack (310) 378-2115,
neal@cvi.net**



Underground Utilities Committee (UUC)

Due to the holidays, our surveying process has slowed down. We originally hoped to complete the survey of over 2500 homes by December 15, 2000. Our new schedule is April 30, 2001. At that time we will identify the streets that show at least an 80% interest.

Please note that we have changed

our web site to "<http://64.13.100.188.underground/ru.html>", because the city of Torrance is in the process of changing its web site. If your street has not been surveyed, we urge you to access our site or call to get the information before the April deadline. After that time, only those streets that have shown the required level of interest will be included in this round of the underground utilities initiative. We're working to beautify our community at a cost that will benefit us all. We are now concentrating on completing surveys in those areas showing the most interest. If you're interested in including your area in our survey process, please contact us.

The present power crisis at Southern California Edison does not affect the Riviera undergrounding project at this time. The City of Torrance has prepared a packet for the establishment of an assessment district. Copies are available at City Hall. For more information contact Nancy Conger at 373-9867.

Riviera Landscape Awards



December 2000
Larry and Gay Summer Rick
327 Paseo De Gracia



February 2001
Ginger Eiseley and Tom Thompson
820 Calle Miramar

What's Up In the Neighborhood:

Your Opinions Please....

Most of the Hollywood Riviera is covered under the "Hillside Overlay District", which places additional restrictions on building projects in our area. While it is controversial, it has protected our neighborhood from the type of runaway development that has plagued such areas as North Redondo, and the "Tree Section" of Manhattan Beach.

One recent development that may threaten to erode our views and privacy has shown up on various flyers for homes for sale in the Riviera. Some realtors have begun suggesting that their offering would be suitable for a "second story addition" subject to City Council approval. In effect, what this does is create in the minds of prospective buyers the thought that our long standing tradition of protecting views and neighborhood harmony is only a small inconvenience towards the goal of a large addition to their new home. So, what do you think? Is there a place for codes and restrictions in the Riviera, or should we allow ever larger houses to be built in the Riviera?

The RHA is dedicated to keeping our neighborhood the best in the South Bay. Come to an RHA meeting or write us and let us know what you think.

Tom Penland

Board of Director Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, Board of Director elections will be held at the May 24th general meeting. Officers are elected on alternating two-year terms.

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.

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:

613 Paseo De La Playa. Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow a first and second-story addition to an existing two-story, single-family residence. Approval has been appealed to the City Council.

25820 Skylark Drive. Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow first and second-story additions to an existing one-story, single-family residence. Approval has been appealed to the City Council hearing on February 13.

321 Via San Sebastian. Planning Commission consideration of a request for approval of a Waiver to allow the construction of a ten-foot high retaining wall with a three-foot fence on top. Item continued to February 7 Commission meeting.

5253 Vanderhill. Planning Commission denied a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a two-story, single-family residence. Item has been appealed to City Council, hearing date to be set.

Sandy Bennett



Scholarship Awards

The Homeowners Association is again happy to announce our Annual Scholarship to Senior high school students who live in the Riviera attendance area.

Last year we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Sarah Ball, attending Wake Forest University in North

Carolina. Sarah is working hard and getting good grades and surviving the cold weather. Ben Graham, our other winner, is attending the University of California at San Diego, majoring in engineering and getting involved in student government.

Senior students who are pursuing college degrees and would like to apply for this scholarship should see their counselor and fill out the application form. Scholarships are based on academic excellence, participation in school activities, work experience, athletics, teacher recommendations and community activities.

Virginia Levanas

Riviera After Dark

One of the newest trends in the Riviera is evident every night as landscapes come alive with beautiful and creative home lighting. More and more attention is being paid to making the most of a home's potential as an after dark showplace, and folks are beginning to show some real sophistication in their designs. The harsh glare of motion detector fixtures that blind without really providing security have been giving way to neighbor friendly designs that safely illuminate your house and garden. Why not take a look at your home at night? For inspiration, try a visit to "www.darksky.org", and perhaps you'll see the Hollywood Riviera in a whole new light.

Tom Penland

Editor's Note: California's recent approval of electric rate hikes should encourage all of us to conserve energy including perimeter flood lighting.

**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:

310-376-3252

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