

THE RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

October 2001

RHA General Meeting:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2001 – 7:00 P.M.

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

AGENDA: SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM
(co-sponsored with PTA)

Each candidate will make a short opening statement. Following will be a questions and answer period. Please come and bring your questions! Or you can email your questions to the RHA Webmaster at "webmaster@hollywoodriviera.org"

The Prez Sez...

This issue's column will be slightly different from those I've written in the past. First, the RHA Board expresses its sincere and deepest sympathy to those of you that lost friends or family members in last month's devastating attack on America. We will never forget the scene that unfolded before our eyes that Tuesday morning. My feelings immediately afterward are hard to explain but I now know how my mom and dad felt in December 1941.

We are experiencing a unity of Americans under God; a spirit of a nation that has risen before to defeat dangers and challenges brought upon it. We are gaining the support of nearly every nation on earth from China and Russia, from France and Britain, South America and Japan to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. Most of these nations understand our situation and want to help us just as we

have always helped each of them in their critical times in history. We have watched the event transform our new President from what many would have once called a moderately effective chief exec to the legitimate leader of all of us and spokesperson for the peaceful and loving free world. We will prevail in this one. Why? Because we stand for right, not wrong, good not evil and our beliefs are what our freedom is based upon. Freedom of speech; freedom of religion, freedom to pursue the happiness of our beings. This is America.

During the war of 1812 as the King's army marched on Washington, Dolly Madison, the wife of the President, had to make the difficult decision of choosing which national treasures and documents to take with her and which to leave behind as she fled the White House. Leaving the

furniture and paintings, she focused her attention on the national documents. It is these same documents that express and preserve what America stands for, what we all live for and will fight for. When the First Lady returned three days later and found the White House a burned out ruin, she immediately worked to organize the clean up and rebuilding of the site. And so shall we do in Washington and New York.



What's Up In the Neighborhood:



Rainfall in the Riviera

(July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001)

The Riviera, measured at my home on Via Los Miradores, had a total rainfall amount of 20.0 inches, which was an amount well above the average of 15.08 inches.

However, 17.5 inches of that rain fell over a short period of time: January (5"), February (10.1") and March (2.4"). It rained only twenty-six days in all of last year.

Remember back to last winter? There were severe storms, high winds and even a tornado which was spotted in the Long Beach/Carson area. I remember it well because I went out back to find 90 feet of my back yard fence blown down!

What are we in store for this year? Most forecast models are stating that neutral conditions dominate the global weather pattern, with a stronger possibility of shifting to weak El Niño conditions by November (2001). We'll just have to wait and see.

Doug Holker



Homeowners' Association Delights Schools With Gifts

The RHA was pleased do donate \$1500 to Riviera Elementary and \$1000 to Richardson Middle Schools. Richardson, who received the news of the gift, at their back-to-school PTA meeting, has plans for a new deluxe display and trophy case. Student's works and school awards will now have a place of prominence in the cafeteria.

Riviera also has big plans for their money. Most of the money will be used in the kindergarten playyard but the balance will go toward the school's most exciting new endeavor the "Little Theatre." To be built by volunteers in one of the abandoned classrooms, the Little Theatre will be home to class plays and group presentations.

If you would like to participate, RHA is providing the materials, but the school needs volunteers to can build a deck-like stage (that can be disassembled if needed). So if you are handy – give Dr. Sue MacLean a call at 533-4460. They are also looking for general work group volunteers, and even a work-crew captain if you are so inclined.



Mary Taylor



Special thanks to all Hollywood Riviera residents who took part in the candle lighting on Friday, September 14th to honor the memory of all who perished at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Post Office Complaints

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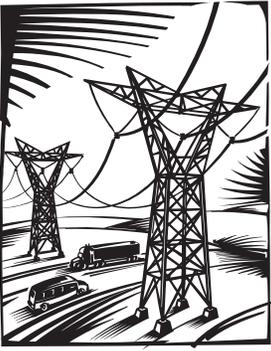
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The Concert In the Park

On September 9th, residents and friends gathered on the lawn of El Retiro Park to picnic and enjoy the music provided by the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band. Although a bit chilly that day, everyone seemed to be having a good time, especially the kids who never seem to be bothered by a bit of a chill in the air.



The band played to those gathered on the vast lawn.



Underground Utilities Committee (UUC)

The Underground Utilities Committee has completed its survey to identify residents who are interested in moving utility lines underground.

As a result of the nearly 2000 surveys sent

out by the committee, the city has chosen one district to act as a pilot for officially assessing interest in under-

grounding. A district is a small subset of a survey area bound by contiguous front and back yards and bordering end streets.

The chosen district had a nearly 75% positive response rate in our survey. The city will officially survey the district and, if the survey response is greater than 50% in favor, begin moving forward with undergrounding utilities. The committee will continue to inform the RHA on progress within this district and any other which the city chooses to move forward with.

For those of you who are interested in learning more about your own area, you may contact me at (310) 373-9867 or e-mail me at: bnassoc@earthlink.net.

Nancy Conge

RHA Membership Renewal Guideline

The Riviera Homeowners Association has been working to improve the way we track and report our membership dues activities. Each newsletter has the most recent dues payment information right above your mailing address information. This has led to the need for clarification of the dues payment guidelines we follow in identifying dues as paid or unpaid.

The RHA's business year begins in September and ends in August. It was meant to track with the school calendar year. The current 2001-2002 business year began on September 1, 2001 and will end on August 31, 2002. Annual dues received during this period are to be counted towards this period. We are making an exception this business year. Those dues that have been received since June 2001 have been counted towards the 2001-2002 business year. We hope this guideline helps you to better understand the dues payment message included in each newsletter.

New Enrollment Form

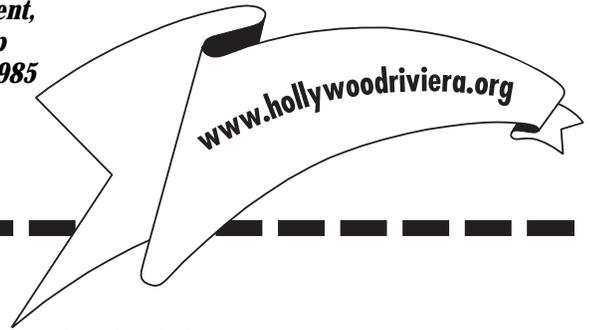
Also, please review the new membership enrollment form below. We have located it on the flip side of the mailing address. This was done so that when the enrollment form is cut out and sent in, the

mailing address information that is in our records is included with it. If you are renewing your membership and all of the information on the mailing label is accurate, just mark the appropriate check box and submit your dues. Space is provided for modifications or new enrollment information should you need it. We hope this new form makes the renewal process simpler.

We also hope that those of you who have e-mail addresses include them so we can communicate upcoming events and share news quickly and efficiently. The RHA does not share this or any other personal information with anyone for any purpose other than newsletter processing and delivery.

We will continue to try to improve these administrative functions in order better serve you. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly:

Michael Cotton,
Vice-President,
Membership
(310) 791-1985



RHA Membership Form

If the information on the mailing label is okay, please indicate by marking the appropriate box below.

- Continuing Member – mailing label personal information is accurate. (NO NEED TO FILL IN PERSONAL INFORMATION BELOW.)
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Name: _____

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Amount paid:

Dues:

\$20 (annual) † \$____ (Other) = Total \$____
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Riviera Landscape Awards



June 2001
Honey and Scott Faith
131 Paseo de las Delicias



July 2001
The Buchanan Family -
Bill, Rena, Christopher and Andrew
112 Paseo de Suenos



August 2001
Susan and Louie Tomaro
5205 Via El Sereno

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