



SERVING THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA COMMUNITY SINCE THE 1940s—October 2007

From the President...



Hello again, Homeowners! I hope that all of you had a fantastic summer and are busy tackling fall projects with renewed vigor. The weather seems to have changed here in the Riviera, the leaves are turning (as I write I am looking out my window at a beautiful sycamore with its golden, green and brownish leaves), and the RHA Board is gearing up for another productive year.

We were happy to see so many of you at our Concert in the Park, which is held every year on the Sunday after Labor Day. This year, the local band “Flight” did a superb job. We are very grateful that the City of Torrance provides us with so much help; we couldn’t do it without them!

As I begin my second year as President, I do so with a more informed perspective than I had last year, and I hope that I will be more effective in my role. I’ve had the opportunity to speak with many of you and feel that I have a better grasp of the issues that are important to residents in the Riviera. Most emails

and calls that I get from neighbors are with regard to a handful of concerns: the Hillside Overlay Ordinance; construction, in general; tree trimming (or perhaps I should say ‘non-tree trimming’); and safety in our neighborhood. This year, the Board hopes to address some of these issues through our general meetings. We would like to get a consensus with regard to how we can work with our City government to address these concerns.

I hope that you will be able to be an active part of our group. As you know, if you live in the Riviera, you are a member of the RHA by default, whether you pay annual dues, or not. Of course, we do hope that you will pay your dues as we use the money to fund scholarships and pay for events and meetings which are intended to benefit all of us. We have PayPal now, for those of you who prefer to pay online rather than by sending a check.

As ever, if you have any concerns that you think that Homeowners Association should know about, or if we can be of help, please feel free to contact me directly. Also, if you are interested in one of our open Board positions, I’d love to hear from you!

I’m looking forward to our first general meeting on Wednesday, October 24th, at which we will be talking about the Hillside Overlay Ordinance and the upcoming School Board Elections. See you then!

Join RHA’S e-mail list!

Our email distribution is used to notify residents of dates or issues important to the Hollywood Riviera. All of your personal information is kept private and will not be distributed to anyone. To register go to: www.hollywoodriviera.org and click on “Join Our Email List”.

Save Water By.....turning off the water when you brush your teeth
Daily Savings: 3 gallons

General Meeting

Wednesday, October 24th, Richardson Middle School, 7 pm

Hillside Overlay Ordinance and Upcoming School Board Elections

Concert in the Park Contends with NFL

This year's Concert in the Park attracted a very credible audience despite the fact that the event was held at the same time as the opening game for the NFL. We'll try not to have that happen again! Even so, a good sized crowd came out to picnic, visit with neighbors, and enjoy the variety of music supplied by one of our local bands, Flight, who entertained all present with tunes from the 50's through the 90's.

The City of Torrance once again provided us with a fabulous stage, for which we would like to thank them, and the Parks and Recreation Department extended invaluable help without which the event simply would not be possible. Aids from the Torrance Recreation Department organized a variety of games for the children from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and this year we gave out prizes to the winners as well as all of the children who 'tried hard'. We thought that would cover just about all of them!



Unfortunately, our scheduled dance lesson fell through at the last minute, but given the popularity of *Dancing with the Stars* and *So You Think You Can Dance*, we'll undoubtedly try again next year.

This year we had lots of civic participation, with representatives from El Retiro and WALTERIA Libraries, the

Riviera Garden Club, Torrance Fire Department, Torrance Police Department, Madrona Marsh, The Audubon Society, South Bay Energy Savings Center, Torrance Memorial Hospital Burn Unit and The Burn Foundation. Delicious picnic food was provided by the Riviera Sportsman's Club and Ragin Cajun. We'd like to again thank everyone who donated their time and energy to make our event a success.

Judging by the fact that many merry makers were still in the park as the stage and booths were being dismantled and hauled away, it is safe to say that a very good time was had by all. If you missed it, plan to come next year! Barring a conflict with the NFL, next year's concert and picnic is scheduled for the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Pamela Maran



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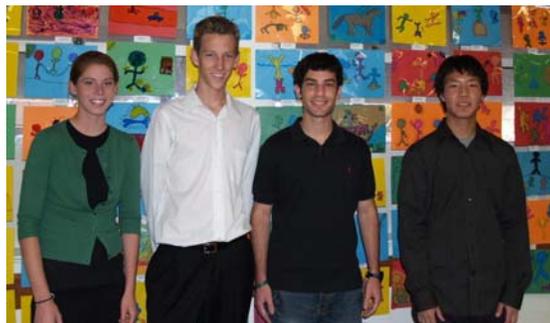
merchandise to choose from including

Now you can display your community pride in what you wear and use every day. There's a selection of

shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mug, canvas tote bag & baseball cap — all of which prominently display our new "Jewel of the South Bay" logo. All proceeds go to benefit the Riviera community events, the newsletter, website, and much more.



Congratulations 2007 Scholarship Winners



The RHA would like to congratulate our four 2007 scholarship award winners. Each was presented \$500 at our May 2007 general meeting. The award winners are:

- Elizabeth Jones, attending Vassar
- Chris Helling, attending Cal
- Andre Zollinger, attending Stanford
- Chris(Yu-Hsuen) Feng, attending Cal

South High Homecoming: Celebration of 50 Years

Please help spread the word to all South High Alumni

See the flyer at <http://www.southhigh.com/> on plans for November 2nd Homecoming Celebration. Plans include a special reception for alumni in the Pavilion from 5 to 6:30pm, a special half-time show commemorating the anniversary and the kickoff of a brick fund-raising drive called "A Solid Foundation"... Mortaring in the Memories...Sealing the Future!

For more information, contact Mrs. Vicki Hildreth, Activities Director South High School, at 310-533-4352 x7401 or via Email: vhildreth@tusd.org

Riviera School Presents: Painless donations

Riviera Elementary Scrip Coordinator explains how

Every time you shop at our local supermarkets you could be helping Riviera Elementary out in an extremely painless way that will not cost you a cent. These supermarkets give our school a percentage of your purchases. All you have to do is sign up at the sites below and use your Albertson's or Vons/Pavilions card when you shop. Hundreds of Riviera families are already doing this, earning Riviera Elementary over \$15,000 last year. If you have signed up in past years to help out our community school, you are going to need to reregister to continue helping Riviera.

For Albertsons: Go to www.albertsons.com Enter your zip code. Click on "In the Community". Click on "Shoppers Log in with your preferred Savings Card" Enter your card # and phone #. Click on "Sign me up" Enter Riviera Elementary ID #

49000119935. If you need your card number, call toll free 1-877-932-7948

For Vons/Pavilions: (this site will also take your Macy's card and credit card info if you wish to share those for more money to the school - and it does not affect the miles or points you earn on these cards!) www.escrip.com Click on Group ID - Enter ID # 6558215 and click on Search. Click on Riviera Elementary and then click on next. Enter required information and then select any cards you would like to register (optional). Confirm information. Call toll free 1-877-723-3929 if you need to find out your Vons Card number.

Please contact Riviera Elementary Scrip Coordinator, Caron Gansbauer at JCBHpublic@msn.com or 310-373-0928, if you have any questions, want to know about other retailers or do not have access to the internet.

Kristie Wakefield

RHA 2007-2008 General Meeting Schedule

October 24
December 12
February 20
April 16
June 18

Wednesdays at Richardson

Riviera Rainfall Report

Hollywood Riviera had the driest rainfall on record for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. We had a total rainfall of 3.31 inches compared to the average 14 inches for this area. It seemed like we had a record rainfall the year before, but that was actually two years ago when we had 34+ inches. Last year we were less than average with 11.51 inches.

A decent amount (.43 inches) came during the summer from thunderstorms. The fall didn't produce any significant rain until 9 Dec when it rained .2 inches. The next significant rain (.39) was not until the end on January. We had the most rain during February (.68 inches) across 6 days. March (.11") and April (.48) experienced minimal rain. May had no rain and June's (.05") was mainly due to fog. There was a trace amount of rain from Hurricane Dean this summer, but that will be reported in next years report.

The other significant weather we had was the strong winds with a high speed of 46 mph on Dec 27th and 42 mph on Jan 5th. The temperatures dipped down to the lowest during the same period, with 36.1 degrees being the lowest for the year on 14 January at 7am. The highest temperature was 87.1, recorded on November 7th at 11am.

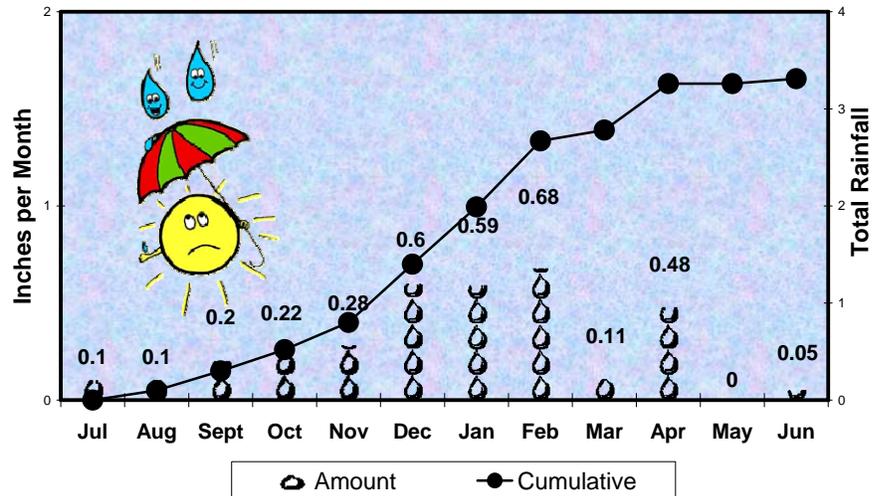
Remember to conserve water and reduce your sprinkler time or plant native vegetation that requires less water. It's a shame to see standing water in the street everyday from over watering.

The coming year will certainly bring us more rain. How much? The NOAA Climate Prediction Center Probability of Exceedence (POE) maps show a 93% chance of normal rainfall during the 2007/2008 rain period. That equates to ~13 inches of rain, which is about 10 inches more than we had this year.

Don't forget to change your windshield wipers!

Doug Holker

2006-2007 Hollywood Riviera Rainfall



City of Torrance

Make a Difference Day

Madrona Marsh Preserve Clean Up

Saturday, October 27th

Registration: 8:30 AM, Clean Up: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Meet in the Nature Center's Parking Lot at 3201 Plaza Del Amo

*Wear Sturdy Shoes, Hats, Gloves & Bug Repellant

Snacks & Water Will Be Provided

(Children under the age of 14 should be accompanied by an adult)

Useful Telephone Numbers

Emergency Only 911
 City of Torrance - General Number: 310-328-5310

Airport Noise Abatement 310-784-7950
 City Council/Mayor's Office 310-618-2801
 Community Development 310-618-5990
 Community Services 310- 618-2930
 Library Services 310- 618-5959
 Fire/Administration 310-781-7000
 Police/Information 310-328-3456
 Public Works 310-781-6900
 Water Emergency (after hours) 310-781-7042
 Torrance Animal Control 310-618-3850
 Transit 310- 618-6266

Other Non-City
 Animal Control (L.A. County) 310-523-9566
 Street Light Repair (Edison) 800-655-4555

City Services Cards with full listings are available at City Hall.

Riviera Landscape Awards



May - Helen Vico
at 219 Paseo de las Delicias



June/July - Edith Van Belleham
at 239 Paseo de las Delicias



August - The Rouses
at -104 Paseo de Granada

High above an ivy slope sits a small, private garden lovingly cared for by its long time owner. It is filled with roses, including Cecil Brunner, Shasta daisies, perennial salvia, gardenias, azaleas and a gloriously sinewy tree. A touch of whimsy is provided by an antique water pump at street level.

Pictures by Julian Chasin
Descriptions by Ruth Vogel

Flag Day and the Fourth of July are celebrated in this red, white and blue garden artfully created by Kathy Yandell of Inner Gardens. Red Richmondensis Begonias, white Iceberg roses, blue Lobelia and perennial Salvias provide the patriotic color scheme. Two highlights are a sculptural melaleuca bordering the driveway and twisted junipers in front of the garage that add depth and dimension to this landscape.

Mark and Dolly Rouse, with help from local landscape architect, Debra Richie-Bray, have given their home a gracious and welcoming landscape. This lovely garden accents and compliments their handsome one level Mediterranean style home, situated on a rolling, slightly elevated corner lot. The well-shaded border is defined by a jasmine groundcover and accented with a sprawling carpet rose, as well as Iceberg roses, Princess flowers, Magnolias and Camellias. The street side border is highlighted by graceful California Pepper trees.

Landscape Awards are presented by Ruth Vogel and Mary Lenihan, RHA, and Shelley Lubinsky, Riviera Garden Club

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P.O. Box 1074
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Each newsletter has the most recent dues payment info above your mailing address. The current RHA fiscal year runs from the first of September to the end of August. Dues received during this period are counted toward the current year. The RHA does not share any personal information with anyone for any purpose other than newsletter processing & delivery. You may also pay your dues via **PayPal** at our website.

RHA General Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 7 pm to 9 pm

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

23751 Nancy Lee Lane (off of Newton)

On the Agenda:

Hillside Overlay Ordinance and School Board Elections

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