

THE

# Riviera Reporter

Newsletter of The Riviera Homeowners Association

SERVING THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA COMMUNITY SINCE THE 1940s—June 2009



RHA Presidents  
Tim Youngern and  
Roberta Blowers

## RHA GENERAL MEETING

Last Meeting of the Year

**Wednesday, June 10, 6 pm**

Early Start Time for the kids and the birds  
Ann Lynch (and her assistants-Christina Jones  
and Jen Enoch) from the Southbay Wildlife  
Rehab will be bringing six local wildlife birds:



- American Kestrel (small hawk)
  - Red Tailed Hawk
  - Peregrine Falcon
  - Burrowing Owl
  - Great Horned Owl
  - Western Screech Owl
- Come and bring the kids**

**Richardson Middle School Cafeteria  
23571 Nancy Lee Lane (off of Newton)**

The Presidents Message:  
**ROOFTOP DECKS AND TREES:** I wanted to review the results from the rooftop deck meeting because apparently there has been some inaccurate information being spread. We had a great turnout at the RHA Rooftop Deck Meeting on February 25, only standing room left. At the end of the rooftop deck RHA meeting, I personally went up to Mayor Scotto with many other people listening in, and asked the Mayor what his accounting was from his raised hand poll that he took at the end of the meeting. The Mayor told me that 80% of people raised their hands to show that they wanted rooftop decks banned in the City of Torrance. In addition, the petition in favor of rooftop decks gathered 14 signatures and the petition opposed to rooftop decks gathered over 100 signatures. The anonymous

rooftop deck survey results that attendees from this meeting filled out mostly before the meeting started are as follows and I also included the graph of the hand count taken by the Mayor at the end of the meeting:

I put together all of this information and paperwork and gave it to the Mayor and Councilman Pat Furey in April 2009 and included a note to please notify me regarding when decisions or next steps that will be taken regarding this. Nothing has happened so far in regards to a decision or further step toward rooftop decks that I am aware of. Hearing about past experiences concerning other issues and how long it can take for action to occur, I believe that Torrance City Council needs to hear from you as to your percentage or accounting of the raised hand poll taken by the Mayor plus that you want this issue addressed right away and let them know if you want a ban or something else.

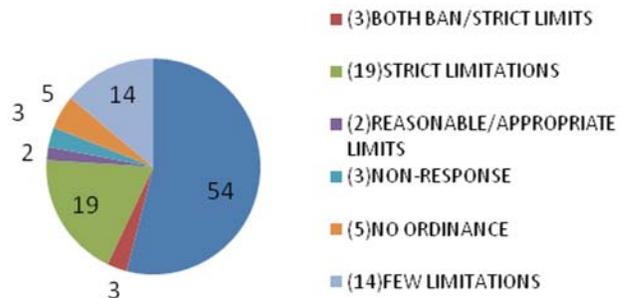
Any letters that you email or mail to the City Council are kept private

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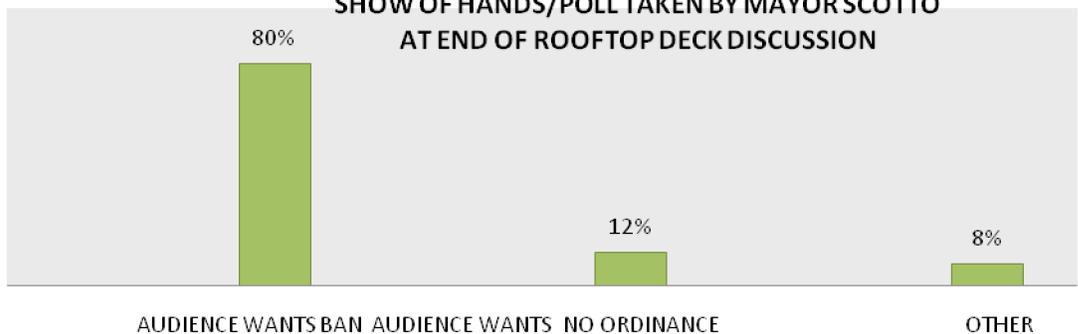
by them and if you want a public record of what you want and the results that you witnessed to be kept in a rooftop deck file at the city of Torrance, then include sending your letters to the Torrance Planning Department (glodan@torrnet.com) or Torrance Community Development Department (Planning Department) 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90505. Torrance City Council: See e-mail addresses at <http://www.ci.torrance.ca.us/1928.htm>

If you want me to be aware of what you want, then please also email your letters to [president@hollywoodriviera.org](mailto:president@hollywoodriviera.org) or write to Riviera Homeowners Association P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, CA 90505. Apparently 3 of the residents that

**ROOFTOP DECK ORDINANCE SURVEY RESULTS before DISCUSSION** ■ (54)BAN



**Riviera Homeowner Association  
FEB. 25, 2009 GENERAL MEETING  
SHOW OF HANDS/POLL TAKEN BY MAYOR SCOTTO  
AT END OF ROOFTOP DECK DISCUSSION**



signed the in favor of rooftop deck petition have written letters to the Torrance City Council about the last RHA newsletter reporting the results shown on the graph of the hand count as questionable and feel that the reporting of the meeting did not provide a balanced account of the comments that were offered that evening. So I have included the above information to help with this.

We, as the Riviera Homeowners Association, are only the messengers and organizers in all of this and want to report and represent what you want. I have been involved with many Torrance residents and Torrance city officials in helping with what is important to you and them.

Please help me help you by sending a new letter now to the Planning Dept, City Council and me as to your accounting of the hand poll taken by the Mayor and whether you want a ban or other regarding rooftop decks or you may find that rooftop decks possibly may not be addressed in the near future.

**Also, the Mayor at this same meeting asked a question and took a hand poll of residents who have issues with trees, and the results were very large, even higher than the 80% that raised their hands that wanted rooftop decks banned. Please consider writing a separate letter with your concerns regarding issues with trees to myself at [president@hollywoodriviera.org](mailto:president@hollywoodriviera.org) or our P.O. Box address, so that I am aware of what your concerns are as well. Thank you, Roberta Blowers**

## 2009 Scholarships

Congratulations to our 2009 Scholarship winners. Genevieve attends Bishop Montgomery; Melina, Nathan and Audrey attend South High

*From Left to Right: Genevieve Bever, Melina Waltl, Nathan Heisey, Audrey Han  
Picture by Julian*



South High School Band Groups gave their Spring Concert on May 18. Director Tom King announced that the new Concert Percussion group had won the (Southern) California award. He mentioned that all the percussion instruments but one were bought by the booster club.

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### Relay for Life Update:

**Thanks to all of you who supported the Relay effort!**



This year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life wrapped up April 25th at 9am, 24 hours after the kickoff and Survivors'

Walk. The day, night and next morning also featured a moving Luminaria candle-lit ceremony, entertainment and performances by the likes of the South High Drill Team, wonderful music, a delicious pancake breakfast brought on by the Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club, and a fun, inspiring closing ceremony.

Many volunteers came out to "walk the walk" for the RHA Team, as well as other local teams from Richardson Middle School, Riviera Elementary, and, again, the Sportsman's.

You can be proud of our RHA team and team captain Pam Popovich for raising over \$4000 (and still counting) and also for raising the profile of the organization in the community. Team members Marilyn Rubin and Pam Popovich were the highest individual fund raisers. Thanks to all of our walkers:

Jinny Blandford Judy Brunetti  
Julian Chasin Amy & Jack Graham  
Gretchen Lent Karen Lent Keith Lent  
Geneva Martin Pamela Maran  
Mike Mohuchy Ruth Nadel John Popovich  
Mary Popovich Pam Popovich  
Annie Quillin Jinx Root Marilyn Rubin  
Ann Shaw Ruth Vogel Savannah Wernick and  
to Voc Gregorian and Tim Youngern who walked two shifts.

Overall, the event has brought in over \$180,000 for cancer treatment and research.

Thanks also to Castle Rock Winery for sponsoring the team. Please visit their website at [www.castlerockwinery.com](http://www.castlerockwinery.com) and look for their label in stores.

And finally, our best wishes to all the cancer survivors out there, their families, and those of the fallen.

Stay well, and hope to see you next year.

### CRIME in the RIVIERA

While our neighborhood remains VERY safe there have been recent crimes of note: On the evening of May 8th, A Riviera woman assaulted by two men with a gun while she was walking (this occurred on Calle Miramar). Also, there have been MANY car break ins. DO NOT leave visible valuables in your car. Please be aware of your surroundings Lock your car and put valuables in the trunk..

We are safer if we are informed and cautious. Key recommendations from the Torrance Police Department:

1. When out and about don't leave your cell phone OFF at the bottom of your purse/brief case – keep it ON and in a handy place such as a pocket.
2. If you call 911 from your cell phone it could be routed to another Police Dept. besides Torrance PD – be sure and state that you need TPD
3. Keep garage doors down
4. Don't let any tempting items lay visible in your car (lap top, purse, cell phone, etc).
5. Keep your car locked and valuables in the trunk.
6. Call the Torrance Police immediately if you see something suspicious!
7. Don't let it look like it's easy to rob your house (make sure your front door has a dead bolt).
8. Neighborhood Watch is an important deterrent – form one!

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Residents are complacent in the Riviera. We have VERY FEW Neighborhood Watch groups here. It is an IMPORTANT tool – informed and aware residents are a vital element against crime. Contact TPD Community Affairs <http://www.torrnet.com/TPD/14824.htm> or Lieutenant Steve D'Anjou 618.5728 for more Neighborhood Watch info.

### DO YOU TWITTER?

Torrance Police Department has developed a pilot project to help with communication. To follow TPD on Twitter, go to <http://twitter.com/> to sign yourself up. Once you have an account (free & easy) click the "Find People" tab to locate Torrance PD and click to "follow". The Torrance PD posts can be found at [Twitter.com/TorrancePD](http://Twitter.com/TorrancePD). If you have any questions or want to let them know what you think, you can reach TPD at [communityaffairs@torrnet.com](mailto:communityaffairs@torrnet.com).

Annual Riviera Village Summer Festival: June 27-28, 10 to 6  
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“MEET ME IN THE VILLAGE”

Pick one day a month & walk to the Riviera Village to meet a friend for coffee, lunch or dinner

The next Newsletter will be in September. Place your ad before the end of August 2009.  
For more information, call 310-710-9080 or email [treasurer@hollywoodriviera.org](mailto:treasurer@hollywoodriviera.org)

## Membership Form

### **JOIN the Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA) for 2008-2009**

*Your dues are an important contribution to our community. They allow us to provide scholarships to college bound students and donations to elementary and middle schools. They are also used to sponsor general meetings in the Riviera on topics important to our community. They finance this newsletter and allow us to keep members informed on important issues being discussed in the City. Your dues allow us to thank the City when they are doing a great job and to express our concern when our property interests are impacted. If you are not a member, please consider joining. It is a small sum, well invested.*

**M**embership runs from September thru August. Since our new membership and business year has begun, it's time to join or renew your membership in the Riviera Homeowners Association today and help support the interests of our community. Membership dues are only \$25 a year. Please fill out the form below or update mailing label on reverse, enclose your check payable to "Riviera Homeowners Association", and mail to RHA Membership, P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, CA 90505. Or, you can renew or join online through our PayPal system-it is quick and secure! Go to our website at [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org)

*(Please note: Your street and/or email address are never shared with any third parties, and are used only for the purpose of notifying our members about upcoming events and other important information.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive emails from us? If not, and you would like to be on our list, please provide us with your email address:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Annual Membership for 2008-09 (Sept.-Aug.)

Additional contributions are always welcome!  \$50  \$100  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Visit The RHA Website at [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org).

The following RHA Officers can be contacted through their e-mail:

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## RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB LANDSCAPE AWARD by Shelley & Karen; pictures by Julian

Calle de Arboles is a treat to traverse: handsome homes with mature liquid ambers giving canopy to well maintained landscapings. A stand out is the home of Nancy Meyers and Ron Johnson. They have an eclectic colorful planting that is eye catching. Height is achieved with a magnolia and silver dollar trees. Flower garden space and grass are separated by stone borders. The curvy planting areas are filled with kalanchoe, lavender, agapanthas and roses and pop with red bark ground covering. Extra punch comes with sweet broom, geraniums, asparagus ferns and begonia. The P.V. stone that highlight the space here and there was brought by Ron from the Via Valmonte quarry before it closed.



April 2009 Nancy Meyers & Ron Johnson, 5413  
Calle de Arboles

Nancy and Ron, golden retrievers, Cooper and Cassidy, and five cats have lived in their updated ranch style home for about 15 years. Their home's neat gray and white façade with a grey stone paver driveway and careful landscaping are an extra bonus on this treatful street! Thanks Ron and Nancy for your wonderful contributions to our neighborhood!

*Welcome Back to the El Retiro  
Library!  
Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m.  
After the refurbishment is  
complete, come and celebrate  
at the El Retiro Library with a  
special performance by Michael  
Rayner.*

Thanks to Judi Gerber for her talk on Farming in Torrance and the South Bay at the last meeting. Her book is available at the Torrance Historical Society.

Also Ann Dalkey talked on beach bluff restoration. She asked that you let the Torrance city council and our LA Supervisor, Don Knabe, know if you support the restoration.

RHA logo "Jewel of the South Bay" merchandise available at [www.cafepress.com/RivieraHA](http://www.cafepress.com/RivieraHA)

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