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A Message From The Board

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As we write this the clouds are promising rain and there is the first cool breeze in a long time. However it seems our endless summer isn't over as the prediction is for more temperatures in the 80s. El Nino is coming, they say, so check your rain gutters, and make sure your home and yard is ready for lots of wet weather.

For the past couple of years, we have been increasingly forced to acknowledge that the RHA treasury cannot support the high cost of newsletter printing and mailing without additional income from memberships. We are committed to bringing Riviera residents general meetings with a variety of topics and keeping you up to date on events and issues of interest to the community. We'd like to thank Igor Nastaskin for helping us distribute our last newsletter; however we are in the process of deciding the best, most cost-effective way to deliver our message to over 3000 homes, with our limited budget. We're open to your ideas, and the possibility of sponsorship, perhaps for one issue, or the entire year. If interested, please drop an email to president@hollywoodriviera.org.

Once again, we depend on memberships to cover our mailings, meeting expenses, and especially the scholarships we award Riviera high school graduates. Please join or renew if you haven't already done so. It's only \$25 a year!

In addition to our occasional newsletters, here are some links to local organizations which provide information you may find invaluable:

- RHA (that's us) hollywoodriviera.org
- Nextdoor - nextdoor.com
- Save the Riviera - SaveRiviera.org

Hope to see you at our next meeting on November 18th. It should be fun, informative and maybe it will be raining!

News and Updates:

Challenges continue for Riviera homeowners, so here's the very latest on what you need to know:

Tree Ordinance: We are looking forward to the first Public Hearing on a Tree and View ordinance at Torrance City Hall that is targeted at providing homeowners in the area with a process for handling disputes between neighbors. The date is planned for early January,

RHA General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

7:00 P.M.

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
23751 NANCY LEE LANE

An airfield next to Torrance Beach? Rowboats on a lake that is now South High School's Playing field? Oil derricks lining Carson Boulevard in downtown Torrance?

You are invited to see these astonishing images and many more, courtesy of Lawndale Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Osborne and his collection of vintage images, videos and postcards of the South Bay. History buffs and young residents alike will be amazed at the colorful past of our wonderful area. Learn about your neighborhood and have an entertaining evening at the Riviera Homeowner Association general meeting.

While the focus will be on the history of the area, we will also provide updates on current issues including the Legado Development, the proposed tree and view ordinance, and the PCH beautification project.

The program is free and light refreshments will be served. It's not too late to get involved with your community today!

Design Committee will make a recommendation to city council for the next steps in this process. All interested residents should attend this important meeting. We will post signs, do an email blast, and provide an update in our next newsletter once the date gets set. You can also check our RHA website for the latest in meeting schedules.

This is not a mandate for everyone to cut trees, just a proposed process to help residents who are currently having disputes a way to be able to resolve them accordingly.

If you would like your opinion to be included in the City Council's information packet, send in your comments by email or by postal service by December 21st to committee members 

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PCH Beautification: Lea Reis of the Torrance Public Works Dept. told us this week that all necessary reports had been submitted from Torrance to CalTrans Traffic Engineers, where they will be reviewed. After the reports are approved, a permit will be issued for construction of a fence and landscaping on PCH. Then the job will be open for bids. The project is expected to happen in 2016.

Water Efficient Workshop: The City of Torrance, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), are sponsoring several sessions of an innovative Water Efficient Landscape/Gardening Workshop, at no cost to participants. Workshops will be held on **Saturday mornings, Nov. 21 & Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. until noon at West High School**. Participants will learn how to reduce their water use in an efficient and environmentally friendly manner while maintaining an aesthetically pleasing landscape. RSVP: So. Bay Environmental Services Center at 310-371-7222 or online at SBESC.Com/Calendar/Workshops.

Mixed-Use Zoning, Redondo Beach and why this matters to you! Recently, the Redondo Beach City Council approved plans for a controversial 52-condo development, with 10,000sf of commercial space, to be erected in the Sea Breeze Plaza, on PCH off Prospect.

There is a much larger scaled mixed-use development the Planning Commission will soon be reviewing on the old Bristol Farms site. The latest plan calls for 149 rental units, accompanied by almost 40,000sf of commercial space, along with the 110-rooms of a renovated Palos Verdes Inn. The Planning Commission has demanded a "substantially" revised plan to be submitted by the developer, but no new revisions had yet been presented as of this writing.

This development will affect all residents in the area whether they live in Redondo or Torrance. No one is against development, we simply want to ensure that it be appropriate development, and not overly dense for our beach community.

If this issue concerns you, then you need to join us and speak up. Please plan to attend the November 19th hearing at 415 Diamond Street (off PCH), to make your concerns heard. If you can't attend, then write letters to the Redondo officials, and to our local newspapers, as well. We will post all appropriate email addresses on our own RHA website, <http://hollywoodriviera.org/>. Also, check into residents' SaveRiviera.org website to make sure that Redondo doesn't postpone this hearing at the last minute. We all know how often we see a problem after it's too late to change it. Well, the good news is here's a problem that we CAN work to fix. For the sake of your children and your neighbors, make your voice heard! Before it's too late.



Membership Form

Join the Riviera Homeowners Association for 2015-2016

Year-long Membership to Riviera Homeowners Association is \$25 for one year, or \$45 for two years. Please fill out the form below, 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 quick, secure PayPal system at hollywoodriviera.org (click on **RHA Membership**).

(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: _____ DATE: _____

Do you receive emails from us? If not, and you would like to be on our list, please click the **Sign me up!** Button at hollywoodriviera.org

\$25 Annual Membership for 2015-2016

Check the box if you would like to advertise with the RHA

\$45 Two-year Membership for 2015-2017

Additional donation amount: \$ _____

