

The Riviera

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Residents:

MARCH GENERAL MEETING TOPIC: "UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES"

The March General Meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association will be held on Monday, March 3, at 8 pm in the Parkway School Cafetorium, 220 Via Riviera. The highlight of the program for that evening will be a joint presentation by members of the City of Torrance's Undergrounding Utilities Committee and a member of the Torrance City Council.

Charles Schartle, head of the Torrance Planning Department, and Leroy Jackson, Senior Administrative Assistant to the City Manager (both of whom are members of the underground utilities committee) will discuss the where's, how's, when's and cost of such utilities in the City of Torrance. They will also discuss the possibilities of utility undergrounding in the Riviera. Torrance Councilman Kenneth Miller will present his views on undergrounding, as he sees it, from a Councilman's viewpoint.

The March program presents a unique opportunity for Riviera residents to hear first-hand what progress the City of Torrance has made in utility undergrounding as a result of the Public Utilities Commission decision number 73078 on Case 8209, rendered September 19, 1967. Residents attending the meeting will have an opportunity to ask questions relative to how, when, cost and application of the Public Utilities Commission's decision could affect the undergrounding of utilities in the Riviera. Of course, both members and the public are invited to attend and participate in the program.

Also scheduled for the meeting are the election of officers and Board members for the 1969-1970 year, and an amendment to the Association's By-Laws concerning a new classification of membership.

"This is your opportunity to participate in the operation of your Homeowners' Association and, in addition, be presented a topic of interest to all residents of our area," stated Association President Ted Baciu, who will preside at the final complete meeting of his term of office.

ZONING REQUEST FOR GASOLINE STATION CONSTRUCTION DENIED

The Torrance Planning Commission on February 5, denied the rezoning request of Caloil Corporation which was sought to permit construction of a gasoline filling station on an irregular-shaped parcel located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Vista Del Parque. The Riviera Homeowners' Association had written the Planning Commission opposing the requested zoning change. Residents of the Riviera will be notified if Caloil Corporation seeks to appeal the Commission's decision before the Torrance City Council.

• Issues and Information of Importance to the Riviera •

AMENDMENT TO MEMBERSHIP PORTION OF BY-LAWS PROPOSED

At the General Meeting of February 3, 1969, a first reading of an amendment to Article III, Section I-b, was read. The existing Article now reads:

"Membership shall be of two classes; property owners, upon payment of prescribed dues, shall be termed 'Active Members' and shall be entitled to the vote; persons other than property owners shall, upon payment of the prescribed dues, be admitted as 'Associate Members' without voting power."

The proposed amendment is an addition to the above reading as follows:

"Past Presidents and other persons who have contributed to the work of the association in a distinguished way, may, upon majority vote of the executive council, be accorded 'Honorary Life Membership'. Such honorary status will not require payment of dues, will not confer voting power, and will not be restricted to the residence or ownership requirements of Active or Associate Membership referred to above."

This amendment will be acted upon at the association's March 3, 1969, General Meeting and will require two-thirds approval of the general membership present.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING OPEN TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MARCH 31

Traditionally, the March Board Meeting of the Riviera Homeowners' Association is a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming officers and board members--and this year is no exception. This joint session is open to all the membership who wish to attend and is described by 1968-69 President Ted Baciu as "a golden opportunity to see your board in action". In addition, the fete has always provided a fine social evening and an excellent means to meet and know outgoing and incoming officers, he added.

This year's meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, at Sam's, located at 3210 West Sepulveda (near Madrona Boulevard) in Torrance. A social period is planned from 7:30 pm until 8 pm, with dinner served at 8 pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 per person including taxes and tip. The banquet dinner will consist of salad, Beefeater Casserole, baked potato, coffee and dessert. The entree may be changed to chicken at the time reservations are made if desired. Other banquet menu items are available and can be obtained from the Dinner Chairman when making reservations and payment of any price differential.

Please contact Mrs. Joseph Cluckey at 378-5571 for reservations, and it is requested these be firmed by March 10 to facilitate planning.

"We are looking forward to seeing as many of the membership as possible, so don't delay, get your reservation this week," urged President Baciu.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUBMITS SLATE RECOMMENDATION FOR 1969-70

Stanley Dunn, chairman of the 1969-70 Nominating Committee reports his group, composed of Ted Baciu, president for the 1968-69 term, and John Haidinger, Executive Council member at large, has agreed upon a slate of candidates for the 1969-70 business year of the Riviera Homeowners' Association. The three-man committee will make its recommendations at the March General Meeting at which time nominations will be open from the floor also. The balloting will be conducted at the close of nomination and will encompass the entire slate of officers and board positions. Persons submitting nominations from the floor are requested to confirm in advance that the person being nominated is willing to assume the title of the office and its duties. Traditionally, installation of the new slate has been conducted during the April General Meeting, and President Baciu expects to maintain this schedule.

CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS TORRANCE MAILING ADDRESS FOR ENTIRE RIVIERA AREA

The Torrance City Council on January 21 passed a resolution supporting establishment of a Torrance mailing address for all residents of the City--including the Riviera area. The resolution points out that a Torrance mailing address would make all residents identify with the City, avoid confusion in calling the wrong police or fire department in emergency situations, the mis-addressing and mis-routing of mail, and loss of sales tax revenues being paid to the City (the latter because a business or resident in mail order sales does not have a Torrance address).

Because of these many problems, the Riviera Homeowners' Association Board of Directors has endorsed the resolution. However, before the Postmaster General will change the mailing address, 50 percent of the residents must sign a petition agreeing thereto. The Riviera Homeowners' Association is urging all residents to sign such a petition when it is presented to them, and anyone desiring to work on the project as a civic duty is asked to contact President Ted Baciu.

POLICE INDICATE IDENTITY OF RIVIERA BURGLAR KNOWN TO AUTHORITIES

Representatives of the Torrance Police Department announced at the February general meeting they have identified a person they believe is responsible for a large number of burglaries in the Riviera area during the past several months. It was also stated at the meeting that the suspect had, at that time, not been apprehended inasmuch as he had fled from his residence in the area. The identification was made by Torrance after a study of the manner in which the crimes were committed during which it was established that the suspect apparently utilized the thefts as a means of obtaining money to support a narcotic habit.

A word to the wise: In virtually all instances, the loot taken during the break-ins was relatively small, easily transportable items which could be pawned or resold quickly. (It is recalled that Torrance Police Department representatives at the February general meeting indicated full-fledged narcotic habits can cause addicts to resort to several burglaries daily to obtain cash used for the purchase of drugs.)

Due to the workload at the Torrance Police Department and the early deadline for this issue of the monthly newsletter, the four-week tabulation of law enforcement activities in the four reporting districts comprising the Riviera were unavailable at press-time. The Torrance Police Department utilizes the designation of reporting districts 32,33,34 and 35 for the upper and lower Riviera which are bounded by the ocean, Pacific Coast Highway, Hawthorne Boulevard and the Palos Verdes border. Homeowners' special project chairman, Joe Kirner, has been working with law enforcement officials in making the statistics available for publication in the newsletter.

HOMEOWNERS' ASK REALTORS TO USE DISCRETION IN RIVERIA ACTIVITIES

The Riviera Homeowners' Association has written some realty firms currently undertaking selling activities in the area to more closely monitor the activities of their employees engaged in showing building sites to prospective residents. Specifically, the Homeowners' letter requested:

- 1) Prudent placement of sales signs within the residential neighborhoods adjacent to the tract sales location.
- 2) Sales personnel refrain from driving at excessive speed through adjacent neighborhoods to and from the building sites.
- 3) That sales personnel request prospective buyers, and others, not to double park while making inquiries.

Nominating Chairman Dunn has announced that the following slate will be placed in nomination at the March General Meeting:

- President: James "Scotty" Finlay
- First Vice-President: Lorne O'Brien
- Second Vice-President: Richard Hall
- Recording Secretary: Millie Schoenberg
- Corresponding Secretary: Sidney F. Croft
- Treasurer: Mrs. Joseph (Evelyn) Clukey
- Board Members: Ted Baciu, Donald Geiler, Dr. Wing Mar, John Murphy, Robert White and Austin Woodward

The 1968-69 slate of officers, committee chairmen and Executive Council members at large is as follows:

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President: Ted Baciu, 4201 Paseo de Las Tortugas 375-0669 (Business 371-5521 ext.205)
First Vice-President: Stanley Dunn, 505 Via La Selva 378-1490 (Business 329-1461)
Second Vice-President: Lorne O'Brien, 521 Calle Mayor 375-0707
Recording Secretary: Sidney F. Croft, 614 Comino De Encanto 373-3178 (Business 378-2263)
Corresponding Secretary: Richard Hall, 4622 Paseo de Las Tortugas 375-3248
Treasurer: Mrs. J.V. Clukey, 272 Calle de Madrid 378-5571

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

Dave Halstead, 374 Palos Verdes Boulevard 375-4333
John Haidinger, 4607 Vista Montana 378-1122 (Business 375-2574)
Mrs. Louis Kaplan, 111 Via Monte D'Oro 375-6636
Lloyd Cox, 4114 Paseo de Las Tortugas 378-0619
Joe Kirner, 138 Paseo De Gracia 378-7610
John Mikkelsen, 631 Via Monte D'Oro 375-6746

A NEW BUSINESS YEAR: JOIN (OR RENEW) RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NOW

There's no better time to become a part of, and support, the growing activities of the Riviera Homeowners Association than right now. April marks the start of the association 1969-70 business year, so clip the coupon below and join or renew your membership for the 1969-70 year. Please fill out the coupon and return it to Richard Hall, P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, California 90505. If you are a member with your 1969-70 renewal already mailed, please take the coupon to your neighbor and ask him to fill it out. He'll thank you!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ ENCLOSED IS \$5.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE