

# The Riviera

## HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Residents:

### BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT APRIL MEETING

The April General Meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association focuses upon the timely and important subject of the upcoming Torrance School Board election later this month. All eight candidates for the three vacancies have been invited to outline their views and positions in brief presentations which will be followed by a question-and-answer session between the audience and the speakers. Among the topics certain to come under discussion are: taxes, curricula selection, narcotics, special classes, vandalism and campus disorder.

Although not all responses had been received at press-time, six of the eight candidates had accepted invitations and prospects were good that all eight contenders would prepare talks and position reports for association members. Some idea of the interest evidenced in the meeting was provided by the Southwood Homeowners Association which rescheduled its regular monthly meeting to join the Riviera Homeowners for a joint meeting on this important topic.

The April meeting is scheduled for 8 pm, Monday, April 7, in the Cafetorium of the Parkway School, 220 Via Riviera. As is customary, both members and non-members are invited to the public meeting.

### OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED FOR ASSOCIATION'S 1969-70 YEAR

Officers and board members for the 1969-70 business year of the Riviera Homeowners Association were elected at the March General Meeting. The slate of candidates nominated by the nominating committee (composed of Stanley Dunn, Ted Baciu and John Haidinger) were approved by members attending the meeting as follows:

- 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 1969-70 officers and board members were installed at the March 31 joint session held at Sam's Restaurant which combined a social evening with the installation ceremony and a combined meeting of the out-going and incoming officers and a transfer of leadership for the current business year.

• *Issues and Information of Importance to the Riviera* •

## 1968-69 PRESIDENT, TED BACIU, EXTENDS THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Ted Baciu, 1968-69 Riviera Homeowners Association President, who handed the prexy's gavel to Scotty Finlay late last month, has publicly expressed his gratitude to members of the association for their support during his term of office. Baciu especially cited the efforts and cooperation of the officers and board members during the past business year. "Many, many members have given untold hours of their time during the past year to aid and support the association in its efforts to maintain and improve the high standards of the Riviera," Baciu stated. Among the problems and topics which Ted was most involved were: the freeway route selection, airport utilization, narcotics problems, zone decisions, area traffic control and undergrounding of utilities.

The association has not lost Ted's energy and talents, however, as he has been elected to the 1969-70 Board of Directors.

## AMENDMENT TO MEMBERSHIP PORTION OF BY-LAWS APPROVED

An amendment to the membership portion of the by-laws was approved by a two-thirds vote of the general membership present at the March General Meeting which was held on March 3. The former Article read:

"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 prescribed dues, be admitted as 'Associate Members' without voting power."

The approved 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."

## TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL REJECTS PROPOSED GASOLINE STATION ZONING

The Torrance City Council on March 11 turned down an appeal by Caloil Corporation for rezoning of an irregular-shaped parcel located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Vista Del Parque. The company had sought the zone change to permit the construction of a gasoline filling station on the location and brought the matter to the City Council on appeal to the Planning Commission's earlier disapproval of the request. The Riviera Homeowners Association has written the Planning Commission and the City Council requesting denial of the rezoning request.

## CITY INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO ASPHALT STRIP ALONG VISTA MONTANA

Although official action was yet-pending at press-time, representatives of the Los Colinas Garden Club have been informed by Torrance City officials that asphalt sidewalks will be constructed parallel to the curbing along the northerly side of Vista Montana. The club requested such action by the City following the recent heavy rains which created erosion problems in the exposed-soil area between the curbing and the planting. Mrs. Doug Adama, club president, received the following reply from Torrance City Manager, Edward J. Ferraro:

"The public works staff discussed this matter at a recent meeting. It was the consensus that, because of storm damage and erosion to the parkway on Vista Montana, the City Street Department would construct asphaltic concrete sidewalks behind the curb along the westerly side of Vista Montana. As soon as the weather permits, this will be done."

As many parents are aware, the Riviera Little League baseball season is scheduled to get underway April 12. Season opening ceremonies are slated to commence at 8 am with team pictures to be taken the same morning. RLL President is John Keenan.

## CITY DISCUSSES POSSIBLE CHANGE IN BUS ROUTES IN RIVIERA

Following a discussion early in March by the Torrance City Council, the City is engaged in studying possible changes in the municipal bus routes in the Riviera area. Jerome I. Scharfman, assistant city manager, has asked Riviera Homeowners Association President Scotty Finlay for assistance in determining what impact, if any, would be created by the proposed alteration in route structure. Scharfman's letter to Finlay read, in part:

"We would appreciate your cooperation in finding out for us the attitude of the people in the area regarding this proposed change. We would like to know if a substantial number of people would oppose it because, in our opinion, the change would improve service to all the people in your neighborhood.

"As soon as we hear from you as to the results of your survey, we will be able to make recommendations to the City Council on changes in all of our lines to provide a better service throughout the City."

President Finlay has indicated persons with opinions concerning the subject of bus route changes will be afforded an opportunity to make their views known to him at the April General Meeting. Shortly thereafter, Finlay will present the results of his study to the City. As presented by the City, the modification will consist of the following comparison of route structures in the Riviera area:

--EXISTING: A loop down the steep streets on Calle Miramar, Monte de Oro, Via Alameda, Calle de Arboles, Via Collusa and Calle Miramar again to Calle Mayor.

--PROPOSED: This would eliminate the loop described above and replace it by continuing along Calle Mayor to Palos Verdes Boulevard then north to the Riviera Village. "In addition, we are studying the possibility of providing service on Saturdays if the change is made," stated Scharfman's letter.

Maps of the existing and proposed routes will be available at the April Meeting for further study by those attending.

A MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE in memory of former Riviera resident, Mrs. Jerzy (Anna) Makowski will be held 1 pm, Saturday, April 12, at Los Arboles Park. The service, organized by the Las Colinas Garden Club, will include dedication of the club's planting project surrounding the park sign in Mrs. Makowski's name. A bronze plaque signifying the dedication will be unveiled. Participants in the service will include Torrance Mayor Isen, representatives of the City Parks and Recreation Department, Girl Scout Troop No. 214, Father John K. Foley, representative of the California Garden Clubs and members of the Las Colinas club.

## TORRANCE POLICE PROVIDE SECOND STATISTICAL REPORT ON RIVIERA

The statistical report of police activity in the Riviera provided by the Torrance Police Department for the first time to this newsletter in February has received general acclaim by area residents. Initially it had been hoped to present such a tabulation in every issue of the newsletter, however the manpower demands this places on the Torrance Police Department staff may make publication of the information available only on a less-frequent schedule. Regardless of the frequency, the staff of the newsletter expresses its gratitude to TPD Captain John W. Maestri and Lt. Jim Popp for their efforts in getting the computer read-out project underway. Joe Kirner, 1968-69 Riviera Homeowners Association special projects chairman, devoted many hours to the undertaking, also.

As discussed previously, the incidence report encompasses the TPD reporting districts 32, 33, 34 and 35 which include the upper and lower Riviera which are bounded by the ocean on the west, Pacific Coast Highway on the north, Hawthorne Boulevard on the east, and the Palos Verdes line on the south. The report includes both crime and other forms of law enforcement activity conducted in these districts--and the following tabulation refers to reported incidents during the period of January 19 through February 22.

Burglary, residential 14 (one unfounded)

Burglary, commercial 1

Reported Incidents for the period 1-19-69 through 2-22-69 (cont.)

Grand theft 1  
Petty theft 9 (1 unfounded)  
Auto burglary 1  
Auto theft 5  
Burglary, residential 1  
Sex felonies 2 (1 unfounded)  
Narcotics 1 (two arrests)  
Disturbing the peace 2  
Assault and battery 1  
Drunk 1 (1 arrest)  
Hit and run 3  
Traffic stop 47  
Parking violations 3  
Malicious mischief, misdemeanor 4  
Auto theft 1  
Abandoned vehicle 11  
Hazards (traffic, etc.) 4  
Traffic, miscellaneous 9  
Vehicle 10-29 4  
Vehicle 10-28 2  
Accidents, public 1  
Persons missing 3  
Persons mentally unbalanced 2  
Persons sick and ambulance requests 5  
Disturbances and loud noises 5  
Civil problem (neighbor and family) 2  
Prowler 5 (1 unfounded)  
Burglary, robbery and silent alarms 7  
Suspicious persons and vehicle 25  
Suspicious circumstances 7 (1 unfounded)  
Prisoners transported 2  
Notifications 2 (1 unfounded)  
Found property 7  
Assist fire department 1  
Assist public 2  
Business checks 10  
Vacation checks 5  
Miscellaneous 7  
Injury traffic accidents 5  
Non-injury traffic accidents 2  
Other units TPD 1  
Juvenile problem, other 7 (1 arrest)  
TOTAL REPORTED INCIDENTS 240

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!

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