
The Riviera

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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MASTER TRAFFIC PLAN FOR RIVIERA TO FEATURE MAY 5TH MEETING

Did you know that you can legally drive 65 miles per hour on Vista Montana, from Paseo de las Tortugas to Newton Street? During the last rains, two small cars, on different occasions, going at a rapid rate of speed, skidded, turned completely around and would have gone over the high back were it not for the heavy shrubbery holding them back. At the instigation of the Riviera Homeowners' Association, Arthur T. Horkay, Torrance Traffic Engineer, hired Herman Kimmel & Associates to make a traffic survey of all the Riviera and their findings will be discussed at the May meeting. Mr. Horkay will be assisted by Mr. Kimmel in making the presentation.

The scope of the Engineering Departments work is to develop an overall master traffic plan for the Riviera bounded on the west by Palos Verdes Blvd., on the north by Pacific Coast Highway, on the south by the south city limits and on the west by Vista Montana.

The study includes, but is not limited to the following: Evaluation of the existing road system, traffic patterns, safe school routes and traffic control devices in the area. Recommendations will also be made for through streets, directional signings, stop signs and signals and centerline markings and crosswalks.

This meeting should be of special interest to homeowners on Calle de Arboles inasmuch as a few Rivierans think that the barriers that keep Palos Verdes cars from entering Calle de Arboles by way of Via Pasqual, Via Colusa and Via Alameda should be removed. Others feel that if these streets were opened to through traffic from Palos Verdes, the traffic on Calle de Arboles would be unbearable. Every Riviera resident is invited to attend this meeting and speak up as to what they want in a master traffic plan.

The May meeting is scheduled for 8 P.M. on Monday May 5, in the Cafetorium of the Parkway School, 220 Via Riviera.

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

STANLEY DUNN ELECTED TO TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD

Riviera's own Stanley Dunn, past president of our organization and a member of so many civic committees and groups, that to list them would fill this newsletter, was elected to the Torrance School Board on April 15th. Our Stan was elected to the post formerly held by another Rivieran, Bill Hansen, of Paseo de Gracia. Another member of the board is former "Torrance Citizen Of The Year" Mrs. Kenneth "Polly" Watts of Via Corona. We hope that when Stan comes up for reelection he will be as lucky as his brother, John Dunn, who holds a like position in Hermosa Beach. He was reelected without opposition. Stan lives on Via La Selva with wife Marlene and future civic leaders, Terry, John, Bob and Mike.

BIG THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Genial, James S. Finlay has lived in the Riviera for the last 14 years and resides at 325 Camino de las Colinas. Better known as "Scotty" he has been a member of our board for many years and has always worked for the betterment of the Riviera and all of Torrance. "Scotty" formerly operated supermarkets in Long Beach and Compton and is a Past Potentate of the El Bekal Shrine, Long Beach. His phone number is Fr. 5-5285, so call him if you have any suggestions or complaints. This fair-haired, blue-eyed scotsman is not half as pretty as his pretty wife Helen. Next month: Our 1st, Vice President.

"ITS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE!"

Dutch Wendt, of the Torrance Electrical Division writes: " Since the ornamental lights were installed at Los Arboles Park on Calle de Ricardo, adjacent to Riviera School, during the latter part of last year, we have experienced the following damage:

84 Lamps	@\$5.20	= \$	437
336 Hours	@ 5.00		1,680
2 Stands, broken			
8 hours	@ 5.00		40
Service cab repair-			
	8 hrs		40
			<u>\$2,197</u>

Wendt continues, "These costs are truly astronomical in comparison to some of the other parks. We are attempting to re-engineer the light standards around: that which is used in the violent ward of the State Insane Asylum. Any suggestions will be appreciated." Incidentally, a check with the authorities showed that during the last 3 months, not one single act of vandalism was committed in El Retiro Park which is five times as big as Los Arboles.

"LETS CHANGE 'THEY' TO 'WE' IN THE RIVIERA"

RIVIERA REVIEW'S editor, Austin Woodward, received the following letter: "We enjoy your little paper, but I have a suggestion. If you really think this area is so great, you better pay some attention to the things which are going to ruin it. ----- overcrowded apartments, junky business establishments, unwise hillside development on the back of the Riviera, ugly power poles and people who don't maintain their property. I can't agree that this is the greatest place in the world, but it could be better--- --- or a lot worse".

While your editor can agree with the Riviera Review that the Riviera is a lovely place to live and raise a family, he can also agree with the letter writer on some things. But good things that Rivierans are proud of were not brought about by individual action. They were brought about by united action primarily through the Riviera Homeowner's Association which for 22 years has spearheaded the improvements that have taken place in this area. The things that the writer complains about can be eliminated through united action. The proven way to get action is through membership in the Riviera Homeowner's Association, the best forum to stand up and express your opinion. When you are tempted to say, "Why don't they do this" change it to, "Why don't we do this" and you'll be surprised what better action you will get.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO THE 'WE' ORGANIZATION

From Tortugas: Gene E. Gourley, James Williams, James M. Hampson
Calle de Arboles: Wm. H. Foulds, Mary Lou Hamer, Elanor May Long,
Kay Stoddare
Calle Mayor: Nelsen Allen. Via Sego: Caroline Salveter, Paseo Pablo
Gordon Jenkins
Paseo Granada: Gus Anastassiou, Miradores: Robert White, John Sellers
Delicious: Leroy Hovey jr. Via Corona: John Schmidt, Via Anita:
George Scholle.
Vista del Parque: Daniel Beaton, Nina Farnham, Marty Burke,
E.B. Blake, Fred Wallin.
Via La Selva: Tim Weil, Camino Encanto: Paul Gauthier, Wm. Bauchwitz,
Calle Primera: R. Schmidt
Camino Colinas: Matt Calta, Via Buena Ventura: Don Yeager,
Monte de Orc J. Wallace Jr.

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