

The Riviera

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO ADDRESS HOMEOWNERS AT APRIL 6 MEETING

Riviera voters, faced with a bewildering lineup of 19 candidates for three Torrance City Council seats and an exciting mayoralty race, will have an opportunity to see and hear the contenders "in person" at the April meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association.

Invitations have been extended to all candidates for council and mayor in the April 14 election, and all of the leading aspirants have indicated their intention to be present. Each will have an opportunity to state his views on the campaign issues, and, as time allows, members of the audience will be invited to present questions to the candidates.

The meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, at the Parkway Elementary School Cafetorium (220 Via Riviera). The program is scheduled to get under way at 7:30 p.m. --- a half hour earlier than usual because of the long roster of speakers and the importance of the meeting.

This meeting, as all other regular meetings of the Riviera Homeowners Association, is open to the public. A special invitation has been extended to members of the Southwood Homeowners Association to join in meeting the candidates on this occasion. A heavy turnout is predicted, so come early!

HIGH DENSITY APARTMENT REQUEST WITHDRAWN

The developer's request for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a high density apartment complex between Pacific Coast Highway and Newton, near Anza, on property presently zoned C-2, has been withdrawn.

Withdrawal of the request, which had been approved by the City Planning Commission, brought cancellation of a scheduled hearing on the matter by the Torrance City Council. The Riviera Homeowners Association had expressed opposition to the conditional use permit on grounds that a formal rezoning procedure should be followed before permission should be granted to allow residential construction on property now zoned for commercial use.

Further action on plans for the property will now await renewal or revision of the developer's request. The Homeowners Association will follow the matter closely and keep the membership advised.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At this time of changing of officers, it is customary to thank the outgoing president for a job well done. In the case of "Scotty" Finlay this isn't sufficient. This past year I have been impressed by the tremendous amount of time Scotty has put in on behalf of the Homeowners. A lot of his effort has been behind the scenes, like referring complaining homeowners to the proper person at City Hall or carrying the complaint himself. There is a lot the president of the Homeowners Association can do for the homeowners and Scotty has done everything he can. All I can say is a heartfelt "thanks" and a "gulp" when I see what I have in store for me this next year.

I will be ably assisted by an excellent set of officers and board members. I will be appointing committee chairmen and members the next few weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the workings of the association. If you would like to serve on any of the committees, please let me know. The committees are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

You will also notice we have a new editorial team in charge of the Newsletter Austin and Rosalie Woodward. You are all aware of the excellent job they did on the Riviera Review. I think we can expect similar results from their editorship of the Newsletter. I want to thank "Mr. Riviera", John Haidinger, for the excellent job he did on the Newsletter this past year. John's inimitable humor greatly brightened the pages of the Newsletter.

Next month I hope to give you a preview of the types of meetings I hope we will have this coming year. If you have any suggestions let me know. And also remember that the Homeowners Association is here to help you. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call me or drop me a line.

See you at the April meeting.

--- Dick Hall

IS A BACKYARD NUDE LEWD?

It's laughable in a way, but if you were the neighbor

Dick Hall, new president of the Homeowners Association, received his introduction to the complexities of homeowner problems with a call from an annoyed party whose next-door neighbor, a gentleman (well, a man anyway), was given to sun-bathing au natural. For the neighbor, the site was not improved by the sight.

Dick checked with authorities and found that there was little to be done so long as the sun-lover's exposure was limited to his own yard and was not intended for the eyes of others --- except as inadvertently noted by neighbors. But if the nudity is openly displayed ... that's indecent exposure and can be prosecuted as such.

JAMES VAN OPPEN MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

The sudden and tragic death on March 10 of James Van Oppen, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Oppen of Susana Avenue in the Riviera, was a great loss to his family and to the community. A young man of high promise, Jamie had earned membership in the California Scholastic Federation and National Forensic League, and he applied himself as enthusiastically and capably to sports as to his studies.

His fellow students at South High and many other friends of Jamie and the Van Oppen family have expressed a desire to show their sorrow in a manner that will recognize his achievements and aid those who share his keen interests. As a result, the James Van Oppen Memorial Fund has been established. A committee of students and teachers at South High is considering purposes to which the Fund may be devoted, keeping in mind three of his strongest interests --- debate, biology and swimming.

Contributions should be directed to: James Van Oppen Memorial Fund, c/o Associated Students, South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, California 90505.

SUFFERING FROM JUMPY CHANNELS?

Anyone who is still having radio or TV problems caused by KKOP's new transmitter should write Dick Hall with details of the problem and advising whether or not you have written to KKOP. The transmitter is located off Via El Sereno near Calle De Arboles.

ARISE, YE STALWART COMMITTEEMEN

The effectiveness of the Riviera Homeowners Association is based upon a record of membership participation and sound recommendations. This calls for active and well-informed committees --- and we're gearing up for the coming year now.

Can we count on your help? These are the committees for which members are now being sought:

- Schools
- Community Association
- Parks and Playgrounds
- Airport
- Traffic
- Hospitality
- Publicity
- Chamber of Commerce
- Riviera Village
- Riviera Beautiful

Call Dick Hall and tell him which committee you would like to serve on ... Uncle Dick needs YOU!