
The Riviera

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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"TAXES - HOW CAN YOU INFLUENCE THEM?" TOPIC FOR MAY 4 MEETING

This is the time of year when the city's budget for the coming fiscal year begins to take shape. How can you, a concerned citizen and taxpayer, influence the 1970-71 budget - in total and in the allocation of funds to various programs and departments?

The Riviera Homeowners Association is fortunate to have for its speaker at the May meeting Mr. Jerry Scharfman, Assistant City Manager for the City of Torrance. He will discuss the ways that an individual citizen can become involved in the budget process. He will describe the mechanics of the budget hearings, budget workshops, and final City Council action.

Is there a particular area of the budget that concerns you? Are you interested in the overall fiscal requirements of the city? Are you interested in seeing that your tax dollar goes where you want it? Then come to the Riviera Homeowners meeting on Monday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. at Parkway Elementary School, 220 Via Riviera.

ADDED ATTRACTION: STATE CHAMPION RIVIERA TEAM TO BE HONORED

The Riviera - home of champions! That's right, one of the Riviera's youth soccer teams, the Riviera Vultures, won the Division III State Championship in the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) playoffs at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

All of the Riviera is proud of their achievement and we have asked the team to come to the May 4 meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association so that we can personally extend our congratulations.

Coach of the Vultures is Jim Colby of Via Pasqual and the team members are: David Allen (Neece Ave.), Jeff Beck (Galva Ave.), Bill and Ross Colby (Via Pasqual), Doug Farrell (W. 232nd St.), Scot Gerth (Bindewald St.), Chris and Bobby Holverson (Monte d'6ro), Jimmy Kerr (Reyolds Rd.), Jim Olds (Paseo del Pavon), Rick van Oppen (Via Colusa), Jeff and Mark Acres (Calle de Arboles), Gary Burman (Calle de Andalucia), and Marc Garden (Riviera Way). Our heartiest congratulations to them all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Would you believe standing room only at a meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association?

That's what we had at our Candidates Night meeting in April. It is very gratifying to see this much interest in the City Council election among our residents. Some of the candidates mentioned to me that our turnout was much larger than any other homeowners meeting and was second only to the League of Women Voters presentation.

I think this speaks well for the Riviera. We also want to thank the Southwood-Riviera Homeowners Association for sharing the meeting with us.

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During the final, hectic days of the campaign the name of the Riviera Homeowners Association was used in connection with the candidacy of some of the candidates. This use of the Association's name was completely unauthorized and I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone who suffered embarrassment from it.

The Association, of course, is a non-partisan group and any personal involvement in any campaign is just that - personal - and in no way reflects any position of the Association as a whole.

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I was pleased with the response to my request for committee chairmen in the last issue. If there is anyone else who would like to serve, we can still use committee members on several of the committees. Give me a call if you are interested.

--- Dick Hall (375-3248)

WHAT'S GOOD FOR GENERAL MOTORS MAY NOT BE GOOD FOR THE RIVIERA

It is permissible, with a proper license, to conduct certain businesses out of your home. It is not permissible to do so without a business license. Such a license will not be granted if the business is one that will create noise or create traffic.

If you want to know the procedures for obtaining a business license, please contact the City Clerk's Office. The noise and traffic problems created by an

SPIRITED LETTER TO THE EDITOR CALLS FOR SAFE DRIVING IN RIVIERA

Dear Editor:

I got quite a kick out of the "Your Riviera Home and You" column appearing in the 15th Edition of the Newsletter, and based on what I've heard in conversations, it has produced mixed and heated reactions. Lucerne tells of one homeowner who became so incensed that not only is he not taking down the Christmas lights, but he is lighting them every night. I wonder if you would point out to the anonymous female author of the remarks a couple of things which in my judgement are of far greater concern:

(1) Auto speed in the Riviera - especially by women whose kids are safely off the streets in her station wagon. Speed limit in the Riviera is 25 miles per hour. I think it would be appropriate to put on the front of each edition of the Newsletter that the speed limit is TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR. And add a note to the ladies that when their kids are in their car, mine may still be on the streets.

(2) Stop streets mean stop - all four wheels stop . . . no coasting, gliding, easing, scooting, slipping thru. Stop at stops. There's a cause for you: STOP AT STOPS.

(3) Once again for the ladies: When picking up your child or children from school, double parking, triple parking, parking across the street and calling for the children are all hazardous. I don't offer the solution, but the problem is dangerous.

My Christmas lights are down, but that lawn sure needs fertilizing and the lilies are tired and undernourished --- but I'm confident that all kids are safe when I'm driving.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP FROM VAN OPPEN FUND

Applications are now being taken at the South High counseling office for the James van Oppen Memorial Scholarship.

The \$200 scholarship will be awarded annually to an 11th grade South High student who has qualified to attend summer session at a four-year college or university.

Debating team members will be given preference, but any otherwise qualified South High student may apply.