

The Riviera

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2nd MEETING: KNOW YOUR BALLOT

The November 3rd ballot requires voter decision on twenty state and two county proposals. Although much will be heard for and against the more prominent measures some will remain obscure and others will be distorted by one-sided arguments. As they have in the past, the ballot-measure speakers of the League of Women Voters of Torrance will present a brief analysis of each proposal along with its "pros and cons". The League purpose is to encourage informed citizen participation in government. Our citizen obligation is no less than to inform ourselves as well as possible.

Please attend Monday, November 3rd, 8:00 p.m., Parkway Cafetorium.

UNSCIENTIFIC RESULTS OF UNSCIENTIFIC SAMPLING

Sixty households, or approximately two percent of our newsletter circulation, returned last month's survey. Two percent can adequately reflect majority opinion, but only if the sample is selected (excuse the expression) scientifically. The survey and its results are presented as a venture in community attitudes, not as conclusive data.

Only 16 of our respondents said they would favor sidewalks throughout the Riviera section... assuming that they would join a special assessment district if there were none in their area. 43 said "no".

"Would you favor an ordinance banning overnight on-street parking?" 32 said they would; 26 said they wouldn't.

And 24 replies indicated support for a \$15 million parks and recreation bond. The negatives numbered 34.

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

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Involvement. That's the now word. Our teenagers are involved and complain that we, the "Silent Majority", aren't. To some extent their criticism is well-founded. The philosophy of "I don't want to get involved" is all too prevalent today. However, I see some hopeful signs. Recently a program which uses meeting facilities of the City of Torrance came under attack by an extremist group. The hopeful thing which I saw come from this was the large number of people, adults and teenagers, who were willing to stand up and be counted as taking a stand on the program. They were involved. If you believe in something, are you willing to stand up for it? Don't always leave it to the "other guy".

The last general meeting of the Homeowners, our "Town Meeting", is another example of involvement. There were 30 or 40 people who were willing to give up "Laugh In" and become involved in letting the city know how they want Torrance to be in 1980. There should have been a turn-away crowd.

The Homeowners Association functions on involvement. We are here to let you know how you can become involved. The Association can apply pressure in the interest of the Riviera. And when the chips are down, I have seen the individual homeowners rally to the cause when their interests are involved. But let us not forget that our interests are always involved in the affairs of the city. Every decision the city council makes has an ultimate impact on each and every homeowner in the Riviera section. So become involved. Get active in civic affairs. The Riviera Homeowners Association is a good place to get started.

Remember, the Association always stands ready and willing to help you. My phone number is 375-3248. Give me a call if you need the Homeowners' help.

. . . Dick Hall

SCOTTY FINLAY HONORED

A "Riviera Citizen of the Year" plaque was presented to Scotty Finlay at the annual dinner-dance October 10. Scotty, a past-president of the Association, is only the second recipient of the award, not an annual presentation but reserved for the most deserving of the deserving. Stanley Dunn was similarly

OF INTEREST TO RIVIERANS . . .

If a termite control representative offers free inspection, reports your home infested and quotes a price to rid you of the pests, your safest procedure is to get another estimate before signing any agreement. We have expert advice that termites work at least slowly enough to give you time to shop around for a reasonable fee from a reputable firm.



Project Park, of which you must have heard by now, is what its name implies. Local high school students, with community support and contributions, have planned and nearly completed the building of a 1/2 acre park in a recreation-shy north Torrance area.

Former project chairman Casey Johnston who has lived in the Riviera section on Palos Verdes Blvd. for most of her eighteen years is now attending U.C. San Diego. Before departure, however, she passed the leadership baton to Ann and Eve Stabolepszy of Via Anita. Ann and Eve have been involved in the project from the beginning.

Still needed for the park are donations of trees and shrubs, playground equipment and money. A fund-raising reclamation drive, sponsored by South High PTA, is planned for November 18. Please save your newspapers, glass bottles and jars and aluminum cans; and bring them to the South High parking lot on that date.

If you a donation to make, contact Ann or Eve at 375-7832.



Everyone is getting into the ecology act ... and that's just great! The Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills branch of AAUW has announced a major recycling program. Beginning November 7th the little league parking lot on Hawthorne Blvd. just north of Silver Spur will be a receiving station for newspapers, glass and aluminum, all of which will be transported to recycling plants. You are asked to bundle the paper and sort the glass into clear, green and amber batches. Aluminum in all forms is acceptable ... TV dinner plates, foil etc.

The station will be open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 to 5 p.m.

If the program proves a success, the county has pledged support for the construction of county-operated recycling plants. A real step in the right direction.



Complaints about low-flying or especially noisy aircraft should be directed to FAA representative Gene Holderman at the Torrance airport (325-2454).

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EMERGENCY MEETING!

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
HAS BEEN CALLED FOR

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Monday • November 30th

8:00 p.m. — South High Cafetorium

Plans are now being approved for the construction of a 45 unit apartment complex, a portion of which will extend approximately 40 feet out onto the sandy beach area near the Esplanade and Calle Miramar.

We need support for the initiation of legal action to preserve the beach for the people.

A volunteer group of interested citizens from all sections of the South Bay will be formed to aid in this fight.

HELP SAVE OUR BEACH!

—RICHARD HALL, PRESIDENT
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