

The Riviera

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THE NITTY-GRITTY IS NOW

The chips are down. Your help is desperately needed. On Thursday, April 8, the City of Torrance's case to acquire public dedication of the Riviera Beach Club site will be heard in the courts. If the City is to be successful in this case, which was taken up at our request, then we must have signed affidavits from residents saying they used this property during the past ten years. Especially needed are affidavits from residents who are not members of the Community Association, i.e., those with Torrance mailing addresses.

Signed legal affidavits are needed from people who can state that they used the beach club site for any purpose-- picnicking, jogging, painting, parking, or anything. The property in question is the bluff area immediately above the old Club House steps at Paseo de la Playa and The Esplanade-Calle Miramar. Please help. The beach and bluff you save is yours. The affidavits are available from Dick Hall, 4622 Paseo de las Tortugas, 375-3248.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES' NIGHT

APRIL RHA MEETING

School board elections are due April 20th. Two seats on the five-member board are at stake. Candidates Dr. Owen Griffith, Naomi Leavitt and Meri Jo McMullen have all accepted our invitation to appear at the April 5th RHA meeting. As usual it will be held in the Parkway School Cafeterium at 8:00 p.m.

Note: Polly Watts, distinguished Rivieran has decided to close her chapter of dedicated school board service. All of Torrance is grateful to her and confident that her community contribution will not end with her current term.

Letter from the President

This is my last letter as President and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Executive Board for their devotion and hard work for the Homeowners Association this past year. Special thanks to Rosie Woodward for putting together this Newsletter each and every month.

It has been an interesting year--from backyard nudes to the showdown on the Beach Club property. I've enjoyed serving the Association. I want to thank everyone for their support of their Association. The knowledge of this support really helped during our battle to Save Our Beach.

I sincerely hope that all of you give our new President, Joe Clukey, and his Board the support shown this past year. There will undoubtedly be issues where the complete support of the membership will be needed. Be prepared to offer it to Joe.

Good luck, Joe.

Dick Hall

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Associations Associate

A move is underway to set up the framework for an organization of all homeowner associations in Torrance. The purpose is to provide efficient communication among the groups and allow them to join forces where joint action might increase effectiveness. More about this later.



We saw
Starlings
and Robins!

Gravel-Pit Rezoning: Public Hearings April 7 and April 21.

A zone-change request has been filed in the Torrance Planning Department for 117 acres of hillside property above WALTERIA known as the Chandler Sand and Gravel Pit. William McKOWN, project supervisor for developers Barclay, Hollander and Curci, is asking a change of zone from R-1 (single-family residential) to R-3 (apartment) on 73.5 acres and to RTH (residential townhouse) on 38.6 acres. The request includes 4.8 acres to be rezoned for commercial use.

Based on allowed densities under the R-3 and RTH zones and on 1967 population factors the development would consist of 3,660 to 3,780 units with a population of 7,000 to 8,000.

The WALTERIA Homeowners Association is preparing an opposition campaign and has asked the backing of other homeowner groups. It is hoped that all residents will view the proposal in terms of the probable impact of such a population increase in a relatively confined section. What effect will several thousand more people and their automobiles have on our schools, traffic, shopping centers and available recreation facilities? How important to the city and the area is the preservation of remaining open space?

These questions each of us should ask. The answers will be an indication of the quality of life here ten years hence. The Planning Commission hearings are for you. Be at Torrance City Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m. April 7, and be heard!



Iceplant Nemesis

Unloved and untended, nevertheless it is iceplant that holds our hills together in many places. Something has been killing great patches of the succulent lately, posing the threat of eventual erosion. Our best information indicates that spittlebugs (their name is enough to make identity) are guilty of the devastation. Malathion is effective in killing spittlebugs and is acceptable from a conservation point of view.

"Operation Identification"

Electric tool markers to aid in the return of stolen property are available to residents through "Operation Identification" a joint program of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club and the Torrance Police Department. The markers are used on valuable items which have no serial numbers or other means of positive identification. They may be used without charge through the Torrance Police Department's property room. Please call 328-3456, Ext. 253, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Babysitting Co-operative

If you are new in the area (or old) and have had trouble finding babysitters day or evening, and as a way of getting to know your neighbors better, you may be interested in organizing a babysitting co-operative, where mothers exchange sitting for hours at their convenience.

Mothers in the Riviera Area, interested in organizing a babysitting co-op may contact Mrs. Patsy Loughboro, 421 Via la Selva, 378-5359.

Welcome to New RHA Members

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Grubb	Paseo de las Tortugas
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Heflinger	Via la Selva
Mr. and Mrs. Duane H. Thompson	Paseo de las Tortugas
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford T. Argue	Calle de Arboles
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Bailey	Paseo de las Tortugas
Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Broeg	Via Segó
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bromm	Camino de las Colinas
Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Hubbard, Jr.	Calle de Arboles
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perez	Via la Circula
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Norton	Calle de Arboles
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rush	Calle de Castellana
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Schultz	Paseo de Granada
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. Stednitz	Via Pasqual
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson	Calle de Madrid
Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Thyen	Calle de Arboles
Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Wendorff	Camino de Encanto
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Byers	Calle de Ricardo