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# **The Riviera**

# **HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER**

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## HOME SECURITY MEASURES ... JUNE 7th MEETING TOPIC

8:00 p.m. Parkway school Cafetorium.

Officer Richard Augenstein from the Detective Division of the Torrance Police Department will speak on precautions the homeowner can take to protect his house and other personal property from theft. Officer Augenstein's special assignment has been the Residential Burglary Detail. He will provide statistical information on the frequency of burglaries in Torrance and the Riviera, including seasonal, daily and hourly characteristics. He will also describe the common methods of illegal entrance that are used and precautions the homeowner can take to prevent burglaries.

In addition, Officer Augenstein will discuss "Operation Identification", the program which makes electric tools for marking valuables available to Torrance residents. This program is a joint venture of the Torrance Junior Women's Club and the Torrance Police Department.

## LOOKS LIKE FREEWAY TIME AGAIN

The State Highway Commission has come forth with another route suggestion. This one, called the Dash-Brown, was outlined to the Torrance Traffic Commission at a recent meeting. Representatives of several homeowner groups were present. The route would bisect the city generally along Inglewood Ave. and Ocean Ave. and would cross the city boundary after a southern turn through the Gravel Pit.

The Traffic Commission is asking the City Council to request further local State Highway Commission hearings on alternative freeway routes.

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

RIVIEPA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ENDORSES PASSAGE OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOND ISSUE

At the May General Meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association, after a thorough discussion of the issue, the membership of the Association voted to endorse the passage of the Parks and Recreation Bond Issue at the June 8th election. Briefly, the reasons behind the endorsement are:

1. The Riviera will benefit directly by
  - \$240,000 for development of the hillside area and field-house facilities at Los Arboles (Rocketship) Park.
  - \$60,000 for improvements at El Retiro Park.
  - \$30,000 for improvements at Walteria Park.
  - \$1,150,000 for acquisition and development of a new 10 acre park at Madison Avenue and Hawthorne Blvd.
  - \$200,000 for a tennis complex at the reservoir.
  - \$625,000 for a Community Center with a teen center, gymnasium, Senior Citizen center, and other conventional facilities at Lago Seco.
  - \$42,250 for resurfacing and nightlighting pf the tennis courts at South High.
  - \$550,000 for a all-year swimming pool at South High.
  - \$1,000,000 for expansion of the Joslyn Center.
  - \$225,000 for nightlighting and athletic field development at three of the elementary schools in the southern section of the city.

2. The Riviera will benefit indirectly by increased values of our homes because Torrance will be that much better a place to live. The Bond Issue is a \$20 to \$30 annual investment which will be repaid many times over when the time comes to sell your home.

For these reasons, the Riviera Homeowners Association urges a yes vote on the Parks and Recreation Bond Issue on June 8.

RUBELLA CLINIC, SUNDAY JUNE 6th

The Public Health Service, in its on-going campaign to eradicate Pubella (3-day German measles), will conduct a free immunization clinic for children ages 1 to 12 at the South High cafeteria on Sunday, June 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rubella, as you know, often has serious malformative consequences to the fetus when a mother contracts the disease during the first ten weeks of her pregnancy. Please cooperate in this very important campaign.

LETTER FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Your president, Joe Clukey, recently underwent surgery for cancer. We're happy to report that the operation was a success and Joe is recovering rapidly. We all look forward to Joe's return.

The June meeting is the general meeting before the summer recess. This meeting on home security is especially timely because during the summer our homes are left open for ventilation while we dash to the beach, or left vacant while we're on vacation.

Although the general meetings will not resume until October, your executive board will meet through the summer. We will continue to watch out for your interests as residents of the Riviera.

Remember this is your Homeowners Association. We are interested in your ideas on subject matter for future general meetings, as well as your comments or appropriate actions your Association can take on behalf of the Riviera.

... Don Geiler

MORE ON THE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION OF ASSOCIATIONS

The Council of Homeowner Associations of Torrance, known formerly and briefly as AHA, has agreed to meet regularly on the third Monday of each month. The acronym CHAT aptly indicates the informal purpose of the organization. Homeowner association board representatives from Marble Estates, the Pueblo, Northwest Torrance, Pacific South Bay, North Torrance, New Horizons, Southwood Riviera, Waltheria, Southeast Torrance and the Riviera have agreed to discuss mutual problems and lend reciprocal support on various actions. The Council will not speak for its member organizations and it will be chaired on a rotating basis from month to month. We see this organization as a highly desirable step forward in citizen participation in local affairs. And so often, local is where it's at, baby!

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### SAVE OUR BEACH STATUS REPORT

The judge in the case of the Redondo Beach section of Mr. Burk's property has granted a temporary restraining order against Mr. Burk preventing any construction on this property. The judge in the Torrance side of the property has heard arguments from both sides concerning a similar restraining order and has held the case under submission.

Mr. Burk has changed attorneys from Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher to Lee, Byhewer and Frank. The new attorneys have submitted a written declaration that no work will be done on either side of the property until after the case is adjudicated. The net result of all this is that we have saved the beach, at least temporarily. There were approximately 300 affidavits turned into the judge on the Torrance case. You all owe yourself a big pat on the back for putting your names on the dotted line in this very impressive demonstration of support. It is this kind of action that will help win the case.

To shift subjects, let us move a little way from the Beach Club site. The City of Torrance is about to enter into a similar Gion and Dietz type action to acquire the privately owned sandy beach area below the bluff between the parking lot and the Palos Verdes line. Our assistance has been requested in this case. Anyone who has used this beach area in area in the last **5** years for any purpose and is willing to so testify in court, please give your name, address and telephone number to the Torrance City Attorney, 328-5310 extension 212. Let's save the rest of our beach.