

# The Riviera HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCING ...

The 25th Anniversary  
RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS  
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



Los Verdes  
Country Club

50  
FABULOUS  
PRIZES!!

Saturday  
October 23

Prime Rib

Dancing

Grand Prize

3 Days and 2 Nights at Las Vegas Tropicana  
Winners will fly via Western Airlines

Reservations: Ticket Chm. Vivienne Jay, 378-3247 or  
Dance Chm. Millie Schoenberg, 378-9561  
or ask any board member.....

## NOISE POLLUTION - OCTOBER 4TH MEETING SUBJECT

Which of the multitude of suburban sounds is your pet bane? Airplanes? Helicopters? Trucks? Dogs? Minibikes? If you're in the mood for action your first step might be to attend the Monday, October 4th Riviera Homeowners Association meeting at Parkway school, 8:00 p.m. Randall L. Hurlburt, environmental standards supervisor for the City of Inglewood, will be on hand to benefit us with his knowledge of noise pollution.

Mr. Hurlburt, an accoustical engineer, is in touch with his profession on an around-the-clock basis. A Princeton graduate with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Aerospace and Mechanical Sciences, he has a commercial pilot's license and is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association as well as the Society of Automotive Engineers. His home lies beneath the landing pattern of the north runway of L.A. International Airport. We think you'll enjoy hearing what he has to say.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a busy summer for the RHA board - especially so for your president. Items of interest to Rivierans include:

✓ The Council Committee on Parks and Recreation is recommending to the full council an increase of the tax on new residential construction (known as the bedroom tax) to \$350 per unit with escalation to \$550 over a five-year period. Funds received would be earmarked for acquisition and development of park and recreation facilities. Although the committee recommendation is unanimous, Chairman Dr. Donald Wilson will file a minority report asking concurrent passage of another ordinance requiring land dedication rather than fees from developers of large parcels. RHA board favored a combination of the two approaches but did not like a provision of the latter ordinance which would have allowed credit for private recreational facilities.

✓ A suggested plan to construct a fishing pier off Torrance Beach met with the unanimous disapproval of the Park and Recreation Commission at a recent hearing. Representing the RHA board, I spoke against the project. The board felt that a pier would only add to the people and cars already at congestion levels during the summer months. Further, a pier would be esthetically detracting and would bring a commercial venture into an almost exclusively residential and recreational area.

✓ At the request of the Victor Homeowners Association, RHA testified in support of VHA's campaign to ban further apartment development in the Victor precinct. An ordinance to rezone area property has been stalled and the matter is now before an ad hoc council committee. Council members have expressed major concern over possible lawsuits threatened by property owners who maintain they will suffer loss in property value if R-3 property is rezoned.

✓ I attended a demonstration of the new DC-10 and found that the operation of its engines represents a great reduction in noise level. Hopefully, someday all planes will be as quiet.

✓ City Council has delayed for 30 days any building on Mesa Street and Vista Montana and has asked for a study on RHA's request for a possible moratorium on hillside building in the Riviera section.

Vista Largo residents are especially concerned about plans for two houses on the north side of Vista Montana. They feel that access to Montana would be unsafe and that the slope of the lots involved is too steep for safe or attractive construction.

Although we are told that all such construction requires a geologic study, we have witnessed serious slippage and erosion problems especially on the slopes above Newton Street. Since the February San Fernando Valley earthquake local residents have been having sober thoughts about the geologic faults reputed to run parallel to Tortugas. Many homeowners would appreciate simple assurance that area building permits are granted with prudence.

The most recently added factor in the situation is the recommendation of the Traffic Commission that Vista Montana be named a secondary highway. We understand that such designation would strictly limit driveway access onto that street.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED

✓ We have been asked to remind you that Torrance Airport Days are October 2nd and 3rd. All Riviera residents are urged to visit the airport for a look around. Any questions you may have will be welcomed by Airport Manager Jack Egan and Airport Commission Chairman John Blaisdell.

Joe Clukey

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RECREATION REPORTER

Class descriptions and schedules of all classes and activities sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department are found in the September-October issue of the "Recreation Reporter". If you have been on the Reporter mailing list, you should know that there is now a \$1 fee for Torrance residents (\$2 for non-residents) to receive their bi-monthly copies in the mail. You may pick up the Reporter free at all Torrance supervised parks and playgrounds, the Recreation Center, Joslyn Center, the city hall and all city libraries. To be put on the mailing list, send a check or money order to:

Registration Information Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, Calif. 90503

JOIN THE BIG BIKE RIDE - OCTOBER 9TH

The first (annual?) Torrance Community Bicycle Ride, sponsored by the Park and Recreation Commission will happen on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Purpose of the ride is to show support for bikeways in the city by joining community leaders in the ride from City Hall to Torrance Park at 11:00 a.m. For Rivierans who wish to ride together to civic center, there are two pickup points at which you may meet the group: Parkway School at 10:00 a.m. or Calle Mayor at Anza at 10:30 a.m.---

Cyclists will arrive at Torrance Park by 12:30. You are urged to bring a sack lunch. Soft drinks will be sold at the Park. The Recreation Department is welcoming volunteer assistance for the event. Call 328-6840.

By way of background, a feasibility study of bikepaths, lanes and trails has been completed and a public hearing on the study held. In conjunction with the study the city council passed a resolution encouraging the use of bicycles for the sake of good health and ecology. The proposed Torrance bikepaths would tie in with the proposed coastwise bikepath from Palos Verdes to Malibu.

