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RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS
27TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

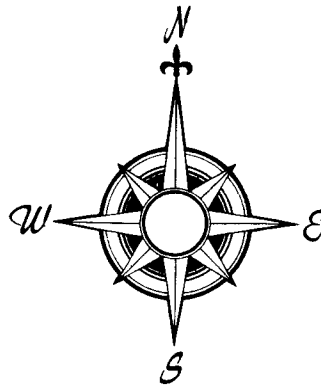
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SEISMIC PHENOMENA (LIKE EARTHQUAKES, THAT IS) OCT. 1ST MEETING TOPIC

Because we are not well informed on seismic phenomena, and since it is a rather awesome and intriguing concept, we have invited Mr. Joe Johns of Envicom (Environmental Communications), which has produced the Seismic Safety Element, now in public hearings, for the Torrance General Plan, to address our Association general membership meeting on Monday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m. at Parkway School. Mr. Johns will tell us about earthquakes generally, explain the current thinking regarding faultlines in our area and elsewhere, and will probably be able to enlighten us as to their thinking regarding development in heretofore undeveloped geographic areas, including the South Bay, Walteria and the Riviera. All residents of the Riviera are cordially invited to attend.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In starting up your Newsletter after a summer recess, we are pleased indeed to commence our message with the happy news that our big social event - the 27th annual Riviera Dinner-Dance - is set for October 20th at Los Verdes Country Club. The specifics of this event are to be found on the first page. Those who have not attended in the past should consider joining us for a very fun-filled evening with fellow Rivierans and guests including Torrance city officials. Do try to make it.

The summer was not without new developments with potential implications to the Riviera. Our neighbors in WALTERIA witnessed council approval of a massive development plan for the Chandler Sand and Gravel Pit in that area, including the construction of 297 single-family homes, 127 townhouses and 242 condominium units plus commercial facilities. It is clear that the density factor alone from this development will have a profound affect on traffic in our area and presumably on school enrollment as well. However, a less evident but highly sensitive issue raised in the controversy surrounding the development had to do with the effect of possible earthquake damage in the Gravel Pit and other areas in the vicinity including the Riviera. For this reason, we have asked an expert in the field of seismology to address our October 1st general membership meeting. (See announcement, page 1.)

... Bob White

RAT CONTROL IN THE RIVIERA



Last Spring we published an article indicating that rats had been observed on numerous occasions at various locations in the Riviera, and we asked that residents let us know of other instances of seeing rats. We received about 15 responses.

The Los Angeles County Health Department contacted each of the responding parties and then advised us that these are tree rats which have moved in on us from the San Pedro area. They further indicated that an infestation on any location can be averted by removing a "harboring" situation, such as thick ivy groundcover or piles of firewood, and by depositing the generally used poison for rats in the general area. We were informed that the particular poison used is not harmful to other animals, thus no danger to pets.

The use of such poison would probably be ineffective unless done on a large scale, which would require the express consent of most of our residents. The Health Department warned us that to obtain consent of anything approaching enough homeowners is virtually impossible.

We would be most interested in getting further response from our membership and residents on this subject. We will probably schedule a program for a future general membership meeting on the subject. Please call your president or any board member if you have an opinion or suggestions.

THE RIVIERA COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Parkway PTA Offers Home Tour

A unique opportunity is offered by Parkway PTA which is sponsoring a tour of several of the original Riviera homes. Tour date is October 17th, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at Triangle Park (Miramar at Delicias). Tea and cookies will be served at the park from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Riviera and Parkway PTAs Paper Drives

Do you have a pile of newspapers in your garage? Riviera Elementary School is having a paper drive October 5th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the school parking lot. If you cannot bring your newspapers yourself, call Kathy Gleason, 378-6812, Lois Daluiso, 375-0383, or Yolanda Hall, 375-3248.

Parkway's paper drive will be held on November 2nd. Newspapers will be picked up anytime before that date. Call Nan Clancy at 375-7830 or Parkway School, 328-8080. Papers may be delivered to Parkway School November 2nd from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

All the local schools have paper drives throughout the year. Keep saving your papers and we'll do our best to let you know the dates of current drives.



READER POINTS ACCUSING FINGER AT NEWSLETTER DELIVERY SYSTEM

The June RHA Newsletter ran a story titled "Two Suggestions for Protecting Your Home from Burglars", proposing the use of electric markers for valuables and agreement among neighbors to keep watch for unusual activity.

A concerned, though anonymous, reader returned that section of his newsletter with the following penned in the margin:

"This is always left tucked into the handle of the garage doors - a direct indication, when left overnight, that the place may be burgled safely. What in tarnation is wrong with shoving it in the mail slot?"

We agree that it would be preferable to use the mail slot, but Uncle Sam says we have pay postage for the privilege. We have, in the past, considered direct mail of the newsletter but have found the cost to be prohibitive.

Meanwhile, if "anonymous reader" will let us know his address we'll ask his delivery person to find some less conspicuous spot for his newsletter.