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GENERAL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 7 8:00 P.M. PARKWAY SCHOOL

TREE ORDINANCE & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Torrance Planning Department wants to know how we feel about the proposed TREE ORDINANCE. This ordinance would prohibit the removal of mature trees without a permit from the city. Whether you favor or oppose this new law the city authorities want your opinion, and the best way for you to give it is at the meeting.

Your nominating Committee recommends the following to guide our organization during the following twelve months.

President
1st. V.P.
2nd. V.P.
Recording Sec.
Corresponding Sec.
Treasurer

Millie Schoenberg
Tom Nosek
Lee Clukey
Alice McGuire
Jim Kelsey
Paul Cardenas

Members at Large

Joe Clukey
Paul Dietiker
Jim Dyer
John Haidinger
Jack Van Oppen
Spencer Willens



"WHERE ARE THE HAPPY PEOPLE?"

In Munich at the Octoberfest? In Paris celebrating Bastille Day. In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day?

Yes, they are there on those days but they also are here everyday right in our own playland

From daylight till dark, they stroll, walk fast, jog, and cycle along the Esplanade's sidewalk and down on the bicycle trail that parallel the beach.

Their ages range from 8 to 80 and each hour seems to have it's "regulars". A wonderful comradery has developed among these regulars, and you not only continually hear greetings as they pass each other, but many stop for friendly conversations.

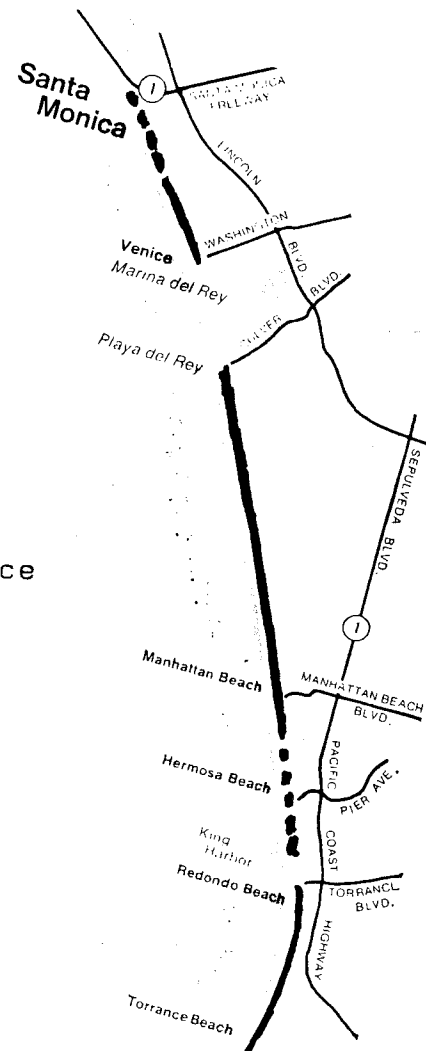
Total strangers have become close friends. In fact, it is said that love - that many splendored thing - hit a pair of joggers last June and they recently jogged up the aisle of the Glass Church and were lawfully wed.

At least 50% of these happy people are from our own Riviera and they cycle, jog, or walk from the Torrance Beach to the Redondo Pier and back which is supposed to be four miles.

On weekends some cyclists pump their bikes as far as Playa del Rey and back and some even ride to Santa Monica and back to the old burnout. (see map)

One of the most popular joggers is Mr. Bart O'Brien. Pushing 75, Mr. O'Brien lives on Vista del Sol and has jogged six miles daily for the last six years.

Attendance dropped off a bit during the so-called winter months but now that the daffodills have broken through the Riviera earth, most of the regulars are back. Soon they'll all be back. They'll be walking and jogging and cycling on our beautiful Esplanade. And the will still be
....."THE HAPPY PEOPLE"



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT..

This is my last note to you as president of the Riviera Homeowners. It seems such a short time ago that I was looking ahead to my year as president, now it is drawing to a close.

As a Riviera resident I have an opinion about our area and the city administrators. As a member of the Homeowner's Association, this opinion is expanded. As a board member it is altered further and as president this opinion is worlds away from the non-participating resident. I have enjoyed serving you and appreciate the opportunity of doing so. The knowledge gained will not soon be forgotten.

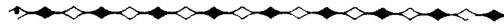
I wish to thank all the members of my Board of Directors, and the many R.H.A. members who gave hours of their time to association business: our Newsletter Editor, Pam Popovich, John Salas, Judy Myhran, John Haidinger, Austin Woodward, and each and every board member. Special thanks to Millie Schoenberg for her work on the bike path, Ruby McKee for her work on the hillside ordinance and Alice McGuire for her help on the Airport Committee. Last but not least those great young people in the girl and boy scouts who have done such a wonderful delivery job for our Newsletter.

Hasta la vista!

Spencer J. Willens



Anyone wishing decals and information relating to Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification may pick them up at our March meeting. Remember R.H.A. has etching tools that can be borrowed to mark all your valuables.



LAX OVERFLIGHTS - At a meeting with homeowners' representatives on February 9th, FAA officials agreed to put a plan in effect that will send planes farther out to sea and route them back over land south of Palos Verdes. This will start March 1st and continue for 90 days.

We hope planes going farther out to sea and returning at higher altitudes will be a continuing policy. It is felt that the \$30.00 estimated cost for this, split among the passengers, is a small price to pay for making LAX a better neighbor.



CORRECTION - We incorrectly credited the Los Arboles Garden Club and the Riviera Homeowners Association with having donated the trees and shrubs to the City of Torrance, on Vista Montana, 18 years ago. The trees and shrubs were paid for by the members of the Las Colinas Garden Club and the Riviera Garden Club.

FROM THE GREENHOUSE...

Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, it's a very important month to get started on some Spring projects. Look over our list and see if you are on the way to a successful season.

FEEDING If you can only force yourself to feed your plants once a year, this is the month to do it. Everything enjoys a March breakfast to help get a good start on the growing year. If you aren't familiar with the types of fertilizers you should use, check with our local nurseries.

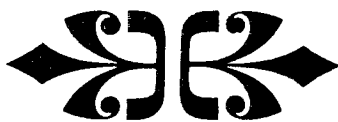
APHIDS Aphids are tiny, but visable, soft-bodied round insects that tend to congregate in masses around new growth on a large variety of plants, shrubs and citrus trees. Aphids damage plants by sucking on the juices, causing deformed leaves and mis-shapen flowers. Hose them off or squash by hand, but look out for aphid lions..... they're the good guys. They have wings, are a little larger than the aphid itself and, they EAT THE APHIDS.

VEGETABLES Start your summer vegetable garden this month, except for tomatoes. Beans are especially reliable planted this early, before the heat and mites start to arrive.

CITRUS March is the optimum time to start feeding citrus of all types. There are several fertilizers formulated just for citrus.

GARDEN PESTS Because of our unseasonable weather recently, there has been a unusual force of attacking bugs. To see what is troubling your plantings, check not only the top of the leaves, but the underside, the joints and under and around the pots. Many bugs, including worms, slugs and snails, hide under containers.

by Nan Clancy and Tommye Olson



Membership renewal notices are in the mail. Despite increased costs the dues for 1977 will remain \$5.00 per family. Very few homeowner organizations in California can boast of an existance of over 30 years. It has existed these many years because it has proved itself over and over again to be the instrument which has helped all Riviera homeowners. If you have not joined before, please use the application below.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr. & Mrs. or Miss _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____

Please enclose membership fee: \$5.00 per family
Mail to: Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, Calif., 90505