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A Message from the Board

by Judy Brunetti, Co-President

Your Riviera Homeowners Association at Work

The RHA board are advocates for our beautiful neighborhood. We bring issues before City Hall that impact our property interests and quality of life, and we thank local representatives when they are doing a great job. We have had a busy spring and summer with the following issues:

Tree and View Ordinance

The RHA has been spearheading the effort to get a tree and view ordinance in Torrance for the last 5 years.

After the public hearings at Torrance City Council on January 14 and March 24, city staff was charged with rewriting the draft tree and view ordinance to more closely resemble the Rolling Hills Estates model. We anticipate that this will give residents a much-needed process to resolve view disputes. The next version of the ordinance will be presented at a hearing at City Council on October 4. Please attend this important city council meeting to show your support for the tree and view ordinance, and speak in favor of having the city council adopt the ordinance

Pacific Coast Highway Safety and Beautification

We have been working for years with local officials and residents who live along the south side median of PCH to get permanent fencing and landscaping along the highway.

In July 2015, residents were told that there could be no greenery in the large median between the highway and homes until recycled water lines could be run under PCH. This would not happen for at least three years! But now we have good news. In August 2016, Caltrans amended its decision and will allow the existing irrigation lines to be used. Construction of the permanent fence along PCH is slated to begin September 2016, landscaping to follow.

Here is the city's project website: torranceca.gov/29513.htm

Legado—Because, what happens in Redondo doesn't stay in Redondo...

The Redondo Beach City Council listened to residents (both Torrance and RB), voting (3-2) to reduce the size of the Legado mixed-use development (on PCH & Palos Verdes Blvd) to 115 residential units and 23,800 SF of retail/commercial space.

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RHA GENERAL MEETING “What the Hillside Overlay Ordinance Means to Homeowners”

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 7 PM

All homeowners in the Riviera are invited to our general meeting at the Richardson Middle School Cafeteria, 23751 Nancy Lee Lane. Our speaker will be Torrance Councilman Kurt Weideman, who will discuss the Hillside Ordinance and how it affects homeowners.

Mr. Weideman has served as a Torrance Planning Commissioner for 7 years and as City Councilman for the last 5 years. He is the Chairman of the Finance and Operations Committee for City Council.

Mr. Weideman understands both the importance of responsible development in our city as well as the desire to maintain the quality of life and property values in our neighborhood.

**Doors open at 6:30. Public welcome.
Light refreshments served
Annual dues will be gratefully accepted**

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↑ August 2016 – The Pellerito residence –
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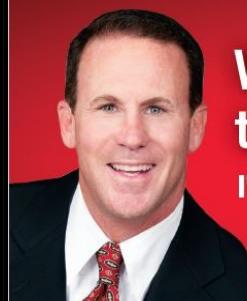
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Pres Message (cont'd)

Now Legado has filed a lawsuit against the City of Redondo Beach (expecting to increase the density to 180 units and 37,600 SF retail space). We know many Riviera residents are distressed about the deterioration of the site, including the Palos Verdes Inn building, and issues regarding its development. We'll keep you informed as we learn more.

Torrance PBF Refinery and the TRAA

The Torrance Refinery Action Alliance (TRAA) is working to prohibit the use of a potentially life-threatening chemical, modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF). The Torrance Refinery's alkylation unit has 250,000 lbs. of this chemical onsite. If accidentally released, about 90% of the MHF would become airborne in a ground-hugging acid cloud that could drift for miles into the community, possibly causing mass casualties. The far safer and commonly used alternative chemical in the refining process is sulfuric acid. For more information or to get involved, contact TRAA at info@safetorrancerefinery.org. A petition to ban MHF can be found at: chn.ge/1Wf1Hav

Street Sweeping and No-Parking Signage

City council has approved the final phase for installing no-parking signs for the Hollywood Riviera and remaining areas of Torrance not already covered. Parking will likely be restricted for 3 hours either on Monday (even numbered addresses) or Tuesday (odd). Existing No Parking regulations will be retained. This will result in cleaner streets and less refuse ending up at our beaches.

For more information, visit the Torrance project page at www.torranceca.gov/29144.htm.

Coyotes

The city is considering a plan to encourage neighbors to monitor coyote activity in their neighborhoods and share these reports with police. There may be more traps set within the city limits. The coyotes are here, so keep your pets inside at night. In the two-month period between May 25, 2016 and July 24, 2016, there were 403 reports of coyote sightings and animals attacked or killed by coyotes in Torrance. For coyote sightings, call Torrance Animal Control (310) 618-3850 8AM-5PM M-F or after hours: (310) 618-5641.

Hollywood Riviera Marker

A group called Friends of the Hollywood Riviera has gained city approval to construct a beautiful 14-foot long by 5-foot high Mission style concrete marker at the corner of Palos Verdes Blvd and Monte D'Oro Streets to identify our neighborhood. The back of the marker will be inset with a period-style tile plaque documenting a short rendition of our history and uniqueness. The group is taking contributions to complete this important project. If you would like to contribute funds to this effort please access gofundme.com/2d9fh6as. Donations by check may also be mailed to Friends of the Hollywood Riviera c/o Dina Wiley at 202 Via la Soledad. For more info, contact project coordinator Karen Lent at 310-375-6539.

Hillside Overlay Cases

- April 19, 2016 406 Camino de Encanto 3,800 sq. ft. remodel denied.
- July 20, 2016 417 Via Anita. Hearing continued for homeowner to make changes to remodel.
- August 9, 2016. 202 Via Anita. Approved for 4,800 sq. ft. semi-subterranean remodel. Split vote by city council.



Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program enlisting the active participation of citizens, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in our communities.

Neighborhoods are divided by blocks; a captain is elected by a neighborhood group to represent his/her block. An initial meeting is scheduled with a Torrance Police Department representative where participants learn how to report and identify suspicious activities and individuals while implementing crime prevention techniques. Subsequent meetings follow.

This program teaches citizens how to work together in creating the strongest crime prevention technique...neighbors looking out for each other. Call (310) 618-6392 to join your Neighborhood Watch or to request additional information on this invaluable program visit this Torrance website: www.torranceca.gov/TPD/14577.htm
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Membership Form

Join the Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA) for 2016– 2017

Your dues are an important contribution to our community. They allow us to provide scholarships to college-bound students, and donations to elementary, middle and high school programs. They are used to sponsor general meetings in the Riviera on topics important to our community. They finance our newsletters and communications, and allow us to keep members informed on important issues being discussed in the City. Your dues allow us to thank City Hall when they are doing a great job and to express our concern when our property interests are impacted. If you are not a member, please consider joining. It is a small sum, well invested.

Membership runs from September to August. Since our new membership and business year has begun, it's time to join or renew your membership in the Riviera Homeowners Association today and help support the interests of our community. Membership dues are only \$25 a year or \$45 for two years. Please fill out the form below, enclose your check payable to "Riviera Homeowners Association" and mail to

RHA MEMBERSHIP, P.O. BOX 1074, TORRANCE, CA. 90505.

Or, you can renew or join online through PAYPAL — it is quick and secure!

Go to our website at www.hollywoodriviera.org.

Because the RHA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, your membership is tax-deductible!

(Please note: Your street and/or email address are never shared with any third parties, and are used only for the purpose of notifying our members about upcoming events and other important information).

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Date: _____

Fall is our major fundraising season!
Our fiscal year begins the same as the school year.

If you would like to see periodic emails, please see the instructions on the cover page to sign up.

\$25 dollar annual membership for 2016-2017 (Sept. – Aug.)

\$45 dollar membership for two years (2016 – 2018)

Additional contributions are welcome! ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 Other: _____

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