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A Message from the Board

by Amy Josefek Co-President

Our current political climate is reminding many of us just how important it is for citizens to speak up on behalf of their priorities and values. On a local level, we at Riviera Homeowners Association are pleased to be able to help represent the desires and needs of our fellow neighbors, and have continued to do that in various ways throughout this year. We've achieved a couple of terrific successes but there's always plenty more work to do.

- **Tree and View Ordinance** is after so many years of discussion, finally a reality for Riviera homeowners! Residents now have an official pathway to resolution in such disputes. (See info re: April 26 General meeting for more details).

- **Fencing and Greenery on PCH** from Calle Mayor to Janet Lane. This, too, has been years in the making! We are pleased to have accomplished the installation of attractive fencing on the South side, and are still staying on top of Torrance staff in order to get an improved median, along with promised plantings to replace the greenery that has been removed due to disease.

- **Overdevelopment (& Traffic Congestion)**: We are keeping an eye on the possibility the city may change the zoning law affecting the proposed *Butcher Hill* development, the large parcel on Hawthorne, South of PCH. This would enable the developer to build a much higher density project than what is currently allowed on that site, having a potentially dramatic affect on local traffic. (Notice recent neighboring Redondo Beach elections, in which this topic played a huge role).

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RHA GENERAL MEETING Wednesday April 26th at 7 PM

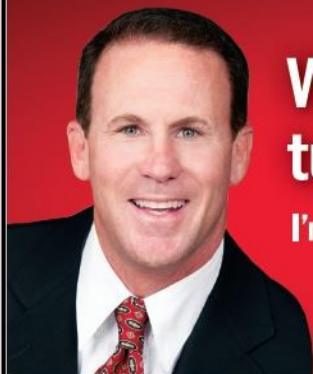
All homeowners in the Riviera will be interested in our next general meeting at Richardson Middle School Cafeteria, 23751 Nancy Lee Lane.

Our speaker will be Assistant Director of the Community Development Department Ms. Linda Cessna, who will present an overview of the recently adopted Tree and View Ordinance, a step-by-step explanation of how to file a view equity claim, and what this may mean for neighbors, especially residents of the Hillside Overlay.

She will explain the initial filing process and discuss the key points of how a representative from the planning department makes a determination of view obstruction. She will also explain the mediation process and fees involved.

We are delighted that that this long-awaited ordinance is finally part of the City's Municipal Code! We hope it will help neighbors resolve view disputes fairly and amicably.

Light refreshments will be served, doors will open at 6:30. Annual dues will be gratefully accepted!



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Pres Message (cont'd)

Our November meeting focused on the hotly-debated topic of the highly toxic chemical Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF) that is used at the Torrance Refinery (one of only two locations it's used in the entire state). That was the first opportunity many residents had to learn about this issue that could have significant effect on our community. Subsequent events have included a rally at the Refinery in February (at the 2-year anniversary of the explosion there), and a more recent vote on City Council member Tim Goodrich's resolution to phase-out the toxin from usage. The Council voted against that resolution, but the matter then went before the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) at a hearing on April 1st. (This newsletter was put to bed prior to that meeting, so please visit our website <https://hollywoodriviera.org/> to read about the outcome, and current legislative update).

We at RHA are always looking to best represent our residents, and hope you'll consider joining us (dues are only \$25/annually) so that we may continue to do just that. We know that there's strength in numbers, and our group has experienced firsthand how it's far easier to affect local government decisions and policies when our elected officials have clearly heard the voices of their constituents. Please join us and help us keep making a difference!

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Photos by: Julian Chasin, Lynn Fernandez



March 2017 – 209 Via Los Altos
The Barth residence



February 2017 – 99 Calle Mayor
The Guaglione residence

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. 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 our PAYPAL system—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: _____

If you would like to be on our email list, please provide us with your email address, or see how to sign up, below.

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

\$45 dollar membership for two years (2016 – 2017)

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

Success Story - Celebrating the passage of the Torrance Tree and View Ordinance with a look at a beautiful, restored ocean view at the hillside home of Ms. Jeannie Speros, 416 Via San Sebastian, Redondo Beach 90277. Council members attending: Mayor Pat Furey, Milton Herring, Mike Griffiths, Kurt Weideman.



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1. To maintain and enhance the quality of life in the Riviera, and to support projects with that goal.
2. To encourage and promote the participation of residents in community and civic activities.
3. To bring matters that are important to our residents to the attention of city officials, and to work toward a resolution of these issues.

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