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A Message from the Board

by Judy Brunetti, Co-President

Your Riviera Homeowners Association at Work

For the past 5 years, homeowner groups, officials and residents in the Riviera have been working together on several local issues. Many of these issues directly affect our quality of life. It has been very satisfying to see that they are coming to a successful outcome and having a positive impact on our area. Three such issues are:

- 1) The tree and view ordinance
- 2) The safety fence on PCH
- 3) Large construction developments in Redondo Beach near PCH.

The Tree and View Ordinance:

The Torrance tree and view ordinance has been written, and the final version will be presented on **Tuesday Feb. 28 before the Torrance City Council**. This ordinance will give residents a way to peacefully resolve view disputes. Please be there to voice your support and ensure that this ordinance passes the final vote before Council. We know that they voted unanimously for it the last time, but we believe that they will NOT vote unanimously for it this time around, so we need your support to see it through.

PCH Fencing:

The PCH fencing and landscaping project has been a health issue and an eyesore since the trees on the south median began dying in 2008. We were told there was no money for a permanent fence. Citizens voiced their concerns about replacing the existing chain link with another flimsy chain link fence along the road. There was a lot of back and forth about the fencing

RHA GENERAL MEETING "Exploring Mars and Beyond!"

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 7 PM

All homeowners in the Riviera are invited to our general meeting at Richardson Middle School Cafeteria, at 23751 Nance Lee Lane.

Our speaker, Hollywood Riviera's own Jim Montgomery, has a PhD in computer science and works for NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA. He will present an overview and recent results from America's latest Mission to Mars with the MSL (Mars Science Lab) and the Curiosity Rover. The MSL delivered the 2,000 pound rover to the surface of Mars over four years ago.

Curiosity has made numerous discoveries since that time. Montgomery will be involved with the Europa Lander mission in the mid-2020's and other future robotic missions to the moon, Mars, asteroids, comets and other planets. There will be a slide show and video clips as well as a quick update from the RHA Presidents. We will have time for questions and answers from the audience regarding all of our topics.

Adult and interested high school and middle school students who attend with their parents are welcome.

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

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NEED YOUR SUPPORT- Please Join or Renew Your RHA Membership TODAY!

Many homeowners have forgotten to renew this year's RHA membership. Or perhaps you are new to the neighborhood and haven't yet thought about joining.

As you know, we are working hard to address your concerns. We can only continue to do this with your support which means joining the RHA. Joining RHA is easy, just look at the Membership page for information.



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Pres Message (cont'd)

PCH Fencing Cont:

and how to fund it. In 2013, Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi proposed that Federal Project R Funding be used for this purpose. That is the funding that finally brought us the steel fence that we see

along the highway today. The project is almost done: the fence has been installed, the pedestrian bridge has been painted, ground cover is on the north side, and the greenery is coming this spring, according to Beth Overstreet of Torrance Public Works. PCH will look great this summer with the new fencing and landscaping in place!

Legado Development:

The developers proposing the mixed-use project at 1700 PCH (corner of PV Blvd) have come back with a revised plan. The City Council of Redondo Beach will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, **February 7th, 6:00 P.M. at 415 Diamond Street in the RB Council Chambers**, next to the Main Library. Located adjacent to the Riviera in the city of Redondo Beach, the "Legado Redondo" project will have important consequences for the area for years to come, including the traffic impact at that corner..

Promoting all of these issues we have tackled over the last few years was not easy people told us: "There will never be a tree and view ordinance in Torrance...You tree and view people are troublemakers!" Really? The ordinance will resolve, not cause the disputes.

Regarding PCH fencing, we heard "There is no funding available from the city to build a permanent fence along PCH. It's up to the state of California to build a fence." We found an elected official who got funding for it as a safety issue. The fence prevents people from running across the highway, and it keeps homes safe from speeding cars and trucks on PCH. It needs to be there. Besides, it looks terrific!

People ALWAYS tell us "you'll never stop developers from turning this area into another Manhattan Beach." We say, "Not if we can prevent it from happening. See you at the Planning Commission meeting!"

We know for sure that when we participate in the process and work together—neighbors, homeowners, public works engineers, councilmen, mayor, commissioners, assemblymen, planners--we can make anything happen.

It is our privilege and honor at the Riviera Homeowners Association to work with you and on your behalf. The RHA is your neighborhood liaison between the community and local government, so join us, participate and support your Riviera Homeowners Association.



*Some examples of
improvements/ordinances
that we have been helping
our community with!
Happy 2017!*



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Landscape Award Winners

The latest list of Landscape Award winners are as follows:

December 2016 – The Rihaczek residence – 4130 Paseo de las Tortugas

November 2016 – The Walther residence – 902 Calle Miramar

Oct 2016 – The Piersol residence – 116 Via Sego

For a complete list of last years winners, plus pictures of the beautiful landscapes, please visit our website at <https://hollywoodriviera.org/riviera-landscapes/>

Redondo Beach Election - March 7th!

We can't vote in it, but the outcome will certainly affect us for generations to come. Contests are for a new Mayor, as well as City Council (including District 1 which abuts Hollywood Riviera). There's also Measure C, which will determine the extent to which RB will be able to build out the precious Harbor area. "What happens in Redondo doesn't stay in Redondo," so make sure your RB family and friends are informed about candidates and issues (such as mixed-use zoning) that already impact us. Tell them to vote on March 7th. You can make donations, too!

RHA To Award Scholarships Again This Year!

One of the most rewarding activities of the RHA is the annual award of scholarships to deserving students who live in the Hollywood Riviera. This year, the RHA will award two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors this is a total of \$500 more then last year!. Please encourage eligible students to apply by March 13 this year. Instructions can be found on our website at <https://hollywoodriviera.org/riviera-scholars/scholarship-applications/>. We love all of our Riviera students!



2016 Scholarship winners Regina Mettey and Annaliese Segoviano



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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: _____

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If you would like to receive additional community updates, please visit www.hollywoodriviera.org website and go to Email Subscription at the top right of the 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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