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A Message from the Board

2016-2017 Highlights

Tree and View Ordinance Update:

On April 6, 2017, the Torrance City Council and Community Development Department, after many years of urging from the RHA and residents, implemented the new Tree and View Ordinance.

The ordinance provides a process for tree owners and view seekers to resolve differences that involve vegetation and views. The ordinance has several steps which include:

1. A conversation between the tree owner and the view seeker about what they both would like.
2. If they cannot agree, then the view seeker files a claim and the city sends a certified letter to notify homeowners in a 500-foot radius.

As soon as neighbors come to an agreement, the process stops. No further action is needed. Since April, several differences have already been resolved at the first level: conversation with the neighbor and mentioning that there now is a view ordinance in the municipal code!!

The view equity notification costs \$80.00 (you may stop there, if you resolve the issue) the advisory opinion from a city representative costs \$680.00 (if you need some negotiation and input from the city). For more info call Torrance City Planning Associate Ana Fernandez at (310) 618-5866.

As we go to press...

Deadline to file comments on the Butcher Hill project were just extended to September 18th!

Send your concerns ASAP to Dan Santana (at Torrance City Planning. 310) 618- 5890 or dsantana@torrance.gov

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RHA GENERAL MEETING Wednesday September 20th at 7 PM

There will be a topic of interest for all homeowners at our general meeting taking place at the newly remodeled Richardson Middle School, 23751 Nancy Lee Lane, Torrance, CA 90505..

The program will feature State Assemblyman **Al Muratsuchi** of District 66 (our area) to discuss a number of topics of local concern. Among these will be the Torrance Refinery, local construction developments, education programs and healthcare. There will be time for questions from the audience at the end, so please come and meet our local rep in Sacramento and join the discussion

We will also have information about the development on the **Butcher Hill** site on Hawthorne Blvd and Valmonte Ave.

Light refreshments will be served, doors will open at 6:30. You can also update your membership at the door!

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Riviera Resident and Local Business

Board Message (cont'd)

Email info at <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/community-development/planning/trees>.

PCH Landscaping Update:

It's finally here! As we go to press, the city is planting the last row of podocarpus trees along the new fence on PCH and dwarf lantana flowers at the end median at Janet Lane to provide some color. Spectacular!

The RHA spearheaded this project but it would not have happened without the help of Beth Overstreet, Project Manager at Torrance Public Works and residents Damian Areyan, Karen & Chet Morris, Ruth Vogel, Laurel Woodley, Liz Esparza, Michael Bonasaro, Janet Hart, Karen Lent and especially Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi.

2017 Scholarship Winners Juliette Ota and Evan Tookey!

Both these outstanding students earned a \$1,500.00 scholarship!

Juliette Ota plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall studying microbiology in their College of Natural Resources. She hopes to then go to medical school and become a geriatric doctor.

Evan Tookey will be studying at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's College of Architecture where he will be majoring in Construction Management



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GENEROUS PIZZERIA OWNER TO SPONSOR FIREWORKS SHOW

Mike Russell, owner of Pedone's Pizza on Catalina Avenue, is celebrating the popular eatery's 20 years in business with the announcement that he will sponsor next year's Torrance Beach 4th of July fireworks show. That's great news for so many of us who have missed the show which, until this year, was financed by the Briles Family.

Be sure to stop by, buy a slice and say thanks!

Membership Form

Join the Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA) for 2017 – 2018

Your dues are an important contribution to our community. They allow us to provide scholarships to college-bound students along with sponsoring general meetings in the Riviera on topics that are 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.

Email: _____

\$25 annual membership for 2017-2018 (Sept. – Aug.)

\$45 membership for two years (2017 – 2019)

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

Keep up to date with Riviera goings-on at hollywoodriviera.org.

Here you can get the latest on plans for Butcher Hill, Legado, street sweeping, Torrance Refinery, upcoming meetings, and other important Riviera topics, by logging onto our website. While you're there, sign up for our email blasts, so you'll never be out of the loop.

These activities could not all be accomplished without your involvement and financial support! As much as we have done, there is always more to do and keep an eye on.

There are over 3,500 homeowners in the Riviera. Of those, only about 10% are currently members. Won't you help us increase that percentage?

Join us in helping to keep our Hollywood Riviera a wonderful place to live. Please fill out this form and send it in with your check today!



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Riviera Homeowners Association Mission Statement:

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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