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RHA

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

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By DR. JAMES KELSEY

As part of the Riviera Homeowners' Association 1983 membership drive, all Riviera residents are receiving this complimentary newsletter to allow everyone a chance to either join RHA for the first time, or to renew membership. Because our new policy of sending the Riviera Report to all paid members seems to have solved our quarterly newsletter distribution problem, we will continue postal delivery to members for another year.

Questions sometimes arise as to the value of membership in a homeowners organization. Some background information on the Riviera Homeowners Association may help to provide answers. The RHA is 37 years old. It serves about 4,000 residences occupied by 12,000 people in a geographic area bounded on the west by the ocean, on the north by Redondo Beach, on the east by Vista Montana, and on the south by Palos Verdes Estates.

As a non-profit organization, RHA is dedicated to community service. We seek to foster the maintenance and improvement of property in the community and take a non-commercial, nonsectarian and nonpartisan approach to all problems involving residents, their boards, committees and chambers of local governmental bodies, so that the community may be informed of the actions of those bodies. The RHA supports and executes community improvement projects and other civic functions when such action is requested by the membership.

During the past year, RHA Executive Council board members have attended numerous meetings with city government officials and various city departments. They have also met with other concerned organizations to implement plans for better city service, traffic, planning, environmental quality, beautification, and Neighborhood Watch. They have also taken an active part in publicizing the Park Del Amo issue.

Although condensed, we hope the foregoing has touched an item of interest to you. If you have any questions concerning RHA, please contact a Board member. Keep in mind that RHA is your association. It represents your interests as a property owner in the public forum where unity is strength. If you are not already a member, please join today by mailing the attached envelope with an \$8 check payable to:

RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, P. O. Box 1074, Torrance Ca. 90505.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Inez V. McGee

Please note the change of dates for our last two meetings of this season. In addition to the February change noted on the front page, we also have moved our April meeting to Saturday evening, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in order to combine a business meeting and election of new officers with a social event, in lieu of the annual dinner-dance which had been popular in the 60's and early 70's, but which has lost its appeal to the majority of Riviera residents in recent years.

In conjunction with the April 16 general meeting, RHA wishes to recognize Riviera residents who have made a major contribution to our community through their volunteer work, political involvement, or good neighborliness. We invite you to nominate a worthy candidate by sending the name and brief description of service to our post office box (include it in your membership envelope) or phone me at 378-5793. An automatic answering service will take your message if I don't answer in seven rings.

In order to assist us in planning for our April gathering, please R.S. V. P. by sending us the tear-off below no later than March 15. We are asking those who attend to bring their favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. Wine will be provided by TRADER JOE'S, 1761 S. Elena Ave., Riviera Village.

SAVE POSTAGE AND BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPE WITH YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY 17 MEETING.

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Please	type or print:
Name Address	Phone
	I plan to attend the April 16 Spring Homecoming and Appreciation Night. There will be in my party.
I would special	like to nominate for recognition on April 16 for the following reason:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNES

Thursday evening, February 17, 1983 Date:

(Note change from earlier scheduled date which would have conflicted with

Ash Wednesday services.)

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Le Lycee Français de Los Angeles Place:

(formerly Parkway Elementary School)

220 Via Riviera

(one block east of Torrance Beach)

The February meeting of the Riviera Homeowners' Association will feature a program on Emergency Preparedness by Bill Coulter, Head of Family Survival, Area "G" Office of Disaster Preparedness and Civil Defense, and Lt. Gerald Snyder of the Torrance Police Department. Their presentation will focus on what you and your family can do during and after a major disaster to increase your chances of survival, to reduce injury, and to minimize discomfort. In addition, they will outline the types of community assistance you can expect to receive after the disaster.



STOP COALITION INITIATIVE --- By Kay White

The STOP Coalition is now circulating its petitions for an initiative zone change on the Santa Fe (Park Del Amo) property, which includes Madrona Marsh. The initiative would provide moderate commercial development, medium density housing and a 54-acre Madrona Marsh. Members of the coalition are concerned about the traffic congestion and other impacts overdevelopment of this property would have, with preservation of 54 acres of open space for the Marsh and with provision for sorely-needed housing. The initiative would provide all this, while at the same time providing the property owner reasonable use of his land.

Many of us are becoming increasingly alarmed by the intensity of commercial development taking place or proposed for Torrance. We feel that by this initiative we can send a message to our elected officials that we are for moderate, manageable growth, not rampant overdevelopment. We want the city to grow and flourish but without changing its basic character of a well-balanced community.

If you can spare 2 hours or more to help in STOP's signature-gathering campaign, please call Marianne Strehler at 378-3182, or for more information, call Kay White at 373-1901.

RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 1982-1983 Officers

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Members at Large: Mr. Boyd Horne, Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Peter Verenkoff, Mrs. Betty Shaw and Mr. Gene Sokolski.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS !!!

Thurs. February 17, 1983 (7:30 p.m.)
"Emergency Preparedness"

Sat. April 14, 1983 (7:00 p.m.)

''Spring Homecoming and Special
Appreciation Night' featuring wine
and hors d'oeuvres, music, and a
nostalgic look at the Riviera as it
used to be.

Both events will be held at the LeLycee Francais de Los Angeles, 220 Via Riviera, one block east of Torrance Beach.

Please note the change of meeting dates, mark your calendars, and invite prospective or former members to join you.

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