

THE RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

SERVING THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA COMMUNITY SINCE THE 1940's - April 2013

Presidents' Message: **Getting Ready for the *Big One***



RHA Co-Presidents
Judy Brunetti and Janet Kaplan

Does your family have enough food and fresh drinking water stored at home to last 7-10 days? Do you have enough prescription medicines on hand to last twice that long? Can you dress a wound and perform the new version of CPR?

Those of us who live in earthquake country know that we should be prepared for a major event that could leave us isolated for several days or weeks. However, many Angelenos (including the two of us) have put emergency preparedness on the back burner because of more immediate needs.

A solution? Come to the RHA General meeting on April 17th. The dynamic Kathi Galbasin, volunteer coordinator with the Torrance Police Department, will share information about CERT (California Emergency Response Training) classes and techniques. Learn first-hand what to do and what supplies to keep at home. Map your neighborhood for services and tools. Sign up for the free CERT training, and also sign up for CPR classes, the logical next step to the CERT training. It will all be there for you at Richardson School on April 17. Come with questions, bring a neighbor. Don't miss this important meeting!

- Judy Brunetti - Janet Kaplan

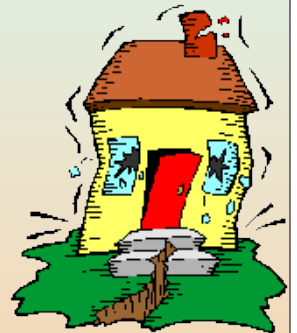
RHA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, at 7 PM

All homeowners in the Riviera are invited to our general meeting at the Richardson Middle School Cafeteria, 23751 Nancy Lee Lane, Torrance CA 90505.

The program will feature Kathi Galbasin of the Torrance Police Department to speak about emergency preparedness and CERT (California Emergency Response Training) classes.

You can sign up for the classes, which are free, and see demonstrations by Kathi and her team. Bring your neighbors, and get people on your street to take the classes together!



AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

We have been working with the City of Torrance to improve compliance with the Airport's noise abatement rules. Planes leaving Torrance Airport often make low left turns under 1500 feet over the Riviera, which violates the city's Municipal Code. Recently, the city began accepting complaints from residents about these "early left turns." If you see one you can file a complaint with the Airport Noise Abatement Office by calling **(310) 784-7950**. You will need to give the time and location of the aircraft. Staff will investigate, verify the incident and send a letter to the plane's owner.

The city had stopped having administrative hearings when aircraft committed multiple violations of the city's noise limits. Offenders were sent reminder letters only. Recently, the city resumed holding hearings, which could lead to a pilot or aircraft being denied use of the airport unless they comply with the code. This should result in better compliance and less noise.

NEWSLETTER POLICY

For this issue, the RHA board has decided to re-instate the policy of mailing this newsletter to all addresses in the Riviera, in the interests of keeping everyone informed. Please help by making sure your annual dues are paid!



Outstanding Landscape Awards Presented by Riviera Garden Club and Riviera Homeowners Association



February 2013

Marv & Leigh Cross, 651 Calle Miramar

Surprise! This house is just sixteen years young! Marv & Leigh Cross bought this house in the lower Riviera when it was brand new in 1997. (The lot was originally the former Daisy Oden Geary orchard belonging to the Martis' historic home next door.) The home evokes an earlier era through architecture and aged wood doors and vintage details.

The original landscape design was done by Jones & Potak. Traditional boxwood hedges line the tiled walkway. Green grass morphs into the drought tolerant landscape of flax, euphorbia, succulents and blue fescue (*Festuca glauca*). A path from the home's front door leads to a small front patio with a fountain and pavers in front of the Moorish-style front window. Palms dot the landscape front and back. Black bark groundcover makes a great accent to the succulent plantings. Heaping pots of succulents by designer Cathy Goldberg beautifully accessorize the front door and patio.



March 2013

John & Karen Odom, 106 Via Monte D'Oro

Long-time Riviera residents, Karen and John Odom made their dreams come true when they were able to purchase one of the original "Riviera Castles" in 1995. (This house was on the 2012 Riviera Historic Homes Tour last June.) After carefully and beautifully refurbishing the inside of the former Dr. Smith home, Karen began working with landscape architect, Nicola Lagodis of Amadeus Gardens. Lots of lush color was added to the yard which includes pansies, poppies, stocks and birds of paradise. The grassy yard is shaded by three large eucalyptus trees. Mature queen palms give the gracious home the "Hollywood" feel. A stone walkway leads to an iron entry gate and fountain courtyard which has been highlighted by colorful pots full of a variety of succulents. The pots were artistically arranged by succulent artist Margarita Figueroa Capalbo of Juicy Leaf & Stem Design. Congratulations to the Odoms for a dreamy drive by!



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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.

Dec. 18 RHA board members, citizens and environmental attorney attended City Council meeting to voice concerns about noise from the proposed Rock & Brews beer garden. City Council, with the exception of Councilman Numark, voted unanimously to grant a permit for development.

Feb. 5 RHA general meeting. Speaker David Wahba, planning director of Rolling Hills Estates, discussed their successful view equity ordinance, which gives guidelines for tree owners and view seekers. This is a model that we could adopt in Torrance.



Feb. 19 Airport noise meeting. RHA members met with Linda Cessna of Environmental Services, Shant Mergadichian of the Airport Commission and Councilman Cliff Numark. It was agreed that there would be restrictions placed on pilots who repeatedly violate the city's noise policy (see article above).

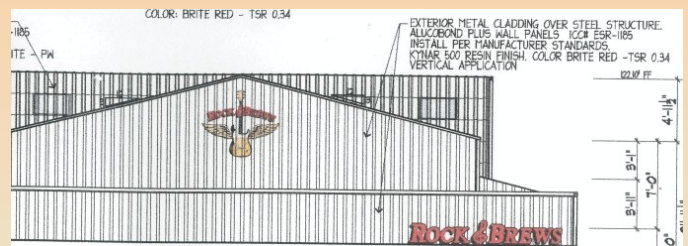


Feb. 28 RHA board members attended City Council meeting to support Councilman Pat Furey when he recommended that staff review and research a view ordinance for the city of Torrance.

March 5 Exchanged emails with Public Works Dept. and residents about the landscaping and dying trees on Pacific Coast Highway near South High. There is a plan to replace trees and put a fence on PCH. Meeting on this issue will

be held Mon. May 13th at 7:30 PM at the Walteria Park Meeting Room, 3855 242nd St. On a different topic, there will be a meeting on Street Tree Master Plan on April 18 at 7 PM at the Toyota Meeting Hall at the Civic Center. Interested residents should attend.

March 21 RHA board members and residents met with Community Development Director Jeffrey Gibson and the developers of the Rock and Brews beer garden to discuss incidents of construction on Sundays and the need for sufficient parking for the enlarged restaurant plans.



From April 8 through April 20, children of all ages are invited to drop by the **El Retiro Library** during open hours to add a flower to a growing garden! Sponsored by the Friends of the Torrance Library. Please call the El Retiro Library at 310-375-0922 for more details.



The Riviera Homeowners Association supports

Relay For Life of Torrance

April 27, 2013 9:00am

At Relay For Life events, communities across the globe come together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much. The funds you raise truly make a difference in the fight against cancer – just ask one of the nearly 14 million cancer survivors who will celebrate another birthday this year!

For details visit www.relayforlife.org or contact Igor Nastaskin (310) 892-6016, coordinating for this year's Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club team.

Membership Form

Join the Riviera Homeowners Association for 2012-2013

Membership runs from September thru August. Membership dues are only \$25 a year and, if paid now, will be good through August, 2013. 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 quick, secure PayPal system at www.hollywoodriviera.org.

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.)

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City: _____ Zip: _____

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\$25 Annual Membership for 2012-2013 (Sept.-Aug.)



\$40 Membership for two years, 2012-2014 (Sept.-Aug.)

Free Electronics Recycling Event



Sunday April 28th 9am-1pm 365 Paseo de Arena
Proceeds to benefit:

The Riviera Elementary Annual Giving Campaign

Computers—Monitors—Televisions—Cell Phones
MP3 Players—Ink/Toner cartridges—Printers
Microwaves—Cables/wires—Laptops
All Electronics

Correction: In the last issue of "Riviera Reporter" we stated that the City Council members voted unanimously in favor of issuing a permit to the Rock & Brews beer garden on Dec. 18. In fact, Councilman Cliff Numark recused himself and did not vote on that issue.

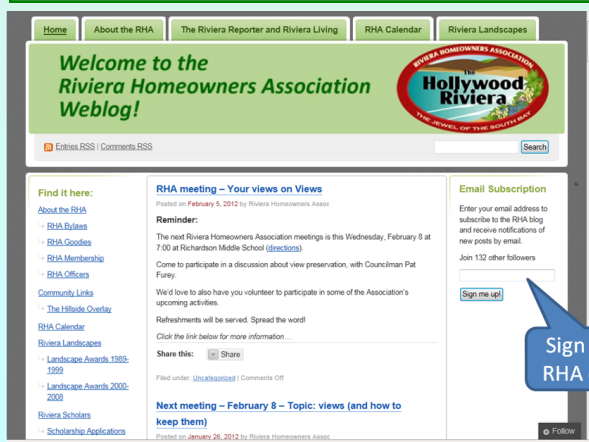
History DVD:

The Riviera Garden Club has copies of their excellent DVD, "History of the Riviera." If you would like one, please send a \$15.00 donation in a check made out to



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RHA emails

Pancake Breakfast

Tickets now on sale throughout the Riviera for the upcoming Pancake Breakfast, to be held as it is every year, at South High School – this year on May 25. The RHA supports the Hollywood Sportsman's Club's efforts to fund important community and academic activities. If you haven't been approached to purchase a ticket, you can contact Mike Bullock at (310) 375-5724.



**Keep in touch with the RHA
at hollywoodriviera.org**

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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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