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RHA President
Judy Brunetti

Blue Zones, Green Living

Our February program will get you exercising, eating healthfully and being kinder to the earth (and your utilities bill!) A tall order? Come on down February 5 and meet two groups of people who can help you get there.

The Beach Cities Health District and Healthways are promoting an exciting, total wellness program to help people live longer and enjoy better health. This concept is called Blue

Zones. Blue Zones are places in the world where people live the longest and with good health. The Blue Zones project promotes the same things that exist in these places: healthy eating, purpose-driven life, family activities, supportive community and regular exercise, among other things. The Blue Zones project here in the South Bay identifies sources of healthful, locally grown and sustainable foods. It also

promotes activities with neighbors such as healthful dining potluck groups, and walking groups that commit to exercising several

days a week. Find out more from this new organization!



BLUE ZONES PROJECT
by HEALTHWAYS

This will be paired with a presentation by long-time activist Joe Galliani, aka the "Creative Greenius", an employee with CBS Ecomedia, founder of the Parks Project and columnist with the Manhattan Beach Patch newspaper, member of South Bay cities Green Task Force, and other organizations. He and a colleague will share—and demo—ways to make your energy consumption more ecological and economical. They will discuss energy-efficient heating and cooling, solar paneling, and ecologically sound insulation for your home. Thinking of purchasing an electric car? He owns an electric RAV and has information on that as well!



Attention Seniors!

The RHA provides scholarships to graduating seniors. Visit your school counselor ASAP for details and an application. Also, visit www.hollywoodriviera.org/riviera-scholars for up-to-date information and a look at previous recipients. The RHA respects and honors your hard work and dedication.

Parents and neighbors: your membership dues go directly toward these scholarships. Please remember to renew if you haven't done so already!

RHA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, at 7 PM

The public is invited to our general meeting at the Richardson Middle School Cafeteria, 23751 Nancy Lee Lane, Torrance, CA 90505.

The program will feature speakers from two groups: Blue Zones, a division of Beach Cities Health District, and Joe Galliani, the "Creative Greenius" of the South Bay Cities Green Task Force. The Blue Zones people will discuss their comprehensive program for long life and healthful living, and Mr. Galliani will share ideas on ways to cut back on your energy bill while lighting, heating and cooling your home efficiently.

Refreshments will be served, doors open at 6:30 and as always, you are welcome to update your membership with the RHA.



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



September 2013

The Areyan residence—4521 Greenmeadows

Damian and Ashley along with 1-year old James took on an extensive remodel of their home by tackling both the interior and outdoor space. The front lawn is surrounded by bountifully full planters. The planters are filled with Iceberg roses, Penstemon, Lavender, Mums, Bacopa, Yarrow and Snap Dragons adding annual color. Pittosporum 'Silver Sheen' provides a lacey, semitransparent property line screen and a Jasmine trellis adds a nice vertical element to a once empty house wall. The landscape and home blend seamlessly together reflecting the owners' attention to detail.



October 2013

The Low Residence 5213 Calle de Arboles

This corner landscape was enhanced in October 2012 and has matured beautifully. It hosts a harmonious collection of water wise plantings, including: Blue Fescue, Dymondia, Ceanothus, Flax and Dietes. Multiple birch trees punctuate the landscape with Bougainvillea, Begonia and Agapanthus, adding seasonal color. Jean, pictured with her daughter Corrine, is the original homeowner and has lovingly cared for this property since 1956.



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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).

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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 dollar annual membership for 2013-2014 (Sept. – Aug.)

\$45 dollar membership for two years (2013 – 2015)

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

Looking ahead

The next General Municipal Election will be held June 3 for mayor, four councilmembers, city clerk and city treasurer. The RHA General Meeting scheduled for April 2 will be held at the South High School cafeteria and will feature candidates for Torrance City Council. If you have questions you would like posed to the panel of council candidates, please email president@hollywoodriviera.org.

April 16 will feature Mayoral candidates at Anza Elementary.

Area Disaster Centers

In the event of a natural disaster, Area Disaster Centers, located at city libraries, will be available to assist with communication within the first hour of a disaster. Volunteer HAM radio operators (TARA) will respond to these locations as well as city staff. The Area Disaster Centers nearby are **El Retiro Branch Library, 126 Vista del Parque**, and **Walteria Branch Library 3815 West 242nd St**

Mansionization

This Jan. 10 letter to the "Los Angeles Times" by Silver Lake resident Sidney Higgins says it all. We agree!

"Mansionization renders any neighborhood less intimate and more monolithic. By making gardens a minimal rather than a prominent feature ... mansionization reduces people's relationship to nature... The overall effect in a neighborhood taken over by out-of-scale homes is sterilization rather than vitality. City policies would assure better long-term value if they favored garden space over excessive square footage."

Let your city officials know how you feel about this issue.



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November 2013

The Merritt residence—621 Paseo de los Reyes

This landscape is only a year old and is already bursting with color. The Iceberg roses are covered with large blooms, the Gaura is showing its pink flowers but the show stopper is the dark blue Salvia attracting a continuous flutter of butterflies. The mature Melaleuca is under-planted with Agapanthus and Impatiens are used as accents around the front gate. Fluffy pup *Gracie* is pictured with the homeowners.

Visit www.hollywoodriviera.org for Landscape awards dating from 1989!



December 2013



The Mosbacher residence

This lovely corner property shows its strong structure all year long, but it is even more obvious during the winter months. Shon and Bob, 38-year residents pictured with Woody, have carefully designed and maintained their property in the English garden style. The front and side yard are surrounded by a low white picket fence with the street corner accented by a mature Pepper tree and accompanying Plum trees down the side yard. Variegated Hebe and globe-trimmed rosemary highlight the picket border. Multiple pots containing tall topiaries add the height and pop to this charming year-round

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El Retiro Library

is looking for volunteers for our new **Homework Help** program! Volunteers must be high school students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher who are willing to work one or two afternoons a week for the duration of the school year. The library will provide letters verifying service hours; letters of recommendation are also available upon request for students who complete the semester. Please call Jay Spradlin, Youth Services Librarian, at 310-375-0922.



Announcements

Enforcement of Airport Noise Violations

Thanks to repeated requests from Richard Root, the Helicopter Noise Committee and area residents, the city of Torrance Airport Commission has agreed to enforce ALL airport noise violations. This includes early left turns, (i.e. over residential areas) curfew violations and training violations. Up until now they only enforced violations of the city noise meter limits. Beginning July 1, repeated violators may be denied use of the airport. In related news, it appears that Congress is on the verge of passing the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act, which would call on the FAA to reduce noise by local operators.

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This lecture will be at **El Retiro Library Rotary Room**, 126 Vista del Parque, on **Saturday, February 22nd**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come/first-served basis — no reservations required.

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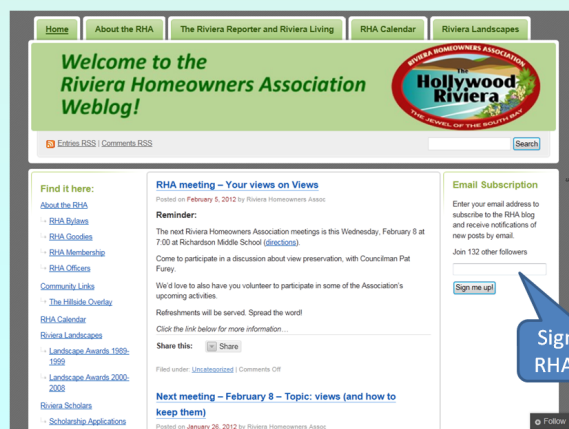
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Riviera Homeowners Association Mission Statement:

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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