



Spring 2025

President's Message:

After a drier than normal winter, we welcome any showers that April may bring. We have many updates in this issue of *Riviera Reporter*:

- The Riviera Homeowner's Association board members updated our bylaws, which the membership will vote on at our April General Meeting on Zoom (info below).
- We've handed out two Landscaping Awards—see page 2.
- Our scholarship winners are on page 4.
- We continue to mark the RHA's 80th Anniversary on page 3.
- We answer a resident's question about a neighbor's illegal dumping on page 4.

If you would like to become an RHA member or need to renew your membership, check out page 5.

We look forward to seeing you at our Zoom meeting!

Elizabeth "Libby" Spatz, RHA President

General Meeting April 29th

You're invited to attend the RHA's next General meeting on Tuesday, April 29th at 7 PM via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84226874083?pwd=mwwt3JBcGDReL1wJZn9zvXf8RoM21b.1>

Meeting ID: 842 2687 4083

Passcode: 737740

Our main topic will be fire safety! Representatives from the Torrance Police, Fire Department, and the Office of Emergency Services will be speaking on emergency preparedness, operations, and plans for our community.

We will also be voting on proposed amendments to the RHA bylaws. Last revised in 1995, they are overdue for an update. The proposed revisions will enable the RHA to keep in step with modern communications and board officer roles, as well as modifying procedures to reflect current community needs. You can review the proposed bylaws on our website [here](#).

Winter & Spring Landscaping Awards



January's winner is the Laun residence at 204 Paseo de Delicias. The Launs envisioned their landscape as an extension of the nearby beach; Dan Manross (of [Manross Outdoor Design](#)) brought their vision to life with a meandering boardwalk path which cuts through a meadow-like pollinator garden (featuring over a dozen native plant species). Trees offer the garden shade, while the stone boulders from Palos Verdes bordering the garden add to the coastal aesthetic.



The Hildreth residence at 114 Via Buena Ventura earned the March award. Weekend landscaping warriors Steve and Vicki did the work themselves! The hardscape they chose includes stone pavers and block wall materials that complement the stone veneer on their house. Cedar arbors frame the entrance to the new front stone patio and hold their grape vines. Mindful of the mature anchor plants, they chose a blend of succulents, drought-tolerant plants, bulbs, flowering perennials, and even some vegetables. The Hildreths now have an outdoor space where Monarch butterflies, swallowtails, finches, and bees are thriving.

The RHA Turns 80!

In December, the Riviera Homeowners Association will celebrate the 80th anniversary of its first meeting. Did you know:

- Developer Clifford Reid envisioned our neighborhood as a celebrity enclave back in 1926.
- The original name was “Hollywood Shores.”
- The first house Reid built was his own mansion on Via Monte d’Oro.

We’ll share more fun facts on our blog and in future issues of the *Riviera Reporter*.



Clifford Reid’s house under construction in 1928. (Credit: USC Digital Library)



Clifford Reid’s Hollywood Riviera mansion in March 2025. (Photo by Sam Gnerre)

Source: [*South Bay History by Sam Gnerre*](#)

RHA Scholarships

Congratulations to Riviera residents Haena Suk and James Kim!



The RHA awarded these South High seniors \$1,500 each to help them pay for college. Both have won awards in writing: Haena for her critical essays and James for his poetry. James has also won service awards for his volunteer work, while Haena is the president of multiple clubs and a Forensics League debate champion. Haena, who has a GPA of 4.7, is debating whether to attend Johns Hopkins or UCLA as a pre-med major. James (with a 4.5 GPA) has been accepted at both UCI and UCSD; he has yet to decide which college creative writing program will suit him best. Wherever Haena and James are next fall, the RHA knows they will be successful!

If you would like to support the RHA's scholarship fund, you can [donate here](#).

Ask the RHA

Dear RHA,

There is a pile of trash and old appliances in the parkway in front of a Riviera residence. It has been growing every day for weeks. There is garbage everywhere on the property: driveway, front lawn, on the sides of house, and in back of this property.

There are several broken down cars on the driveway, also filled with trash, as well as cars on the street that haven't been moved in weeks. There has to be public health risks (cockroaches, rats) when so much garbage accumulates. It is also a massive fire risk.

Can you help get this illegal dumping removed?

THANK YOU!

Reeling Over Rubbish

Dear Reeling,

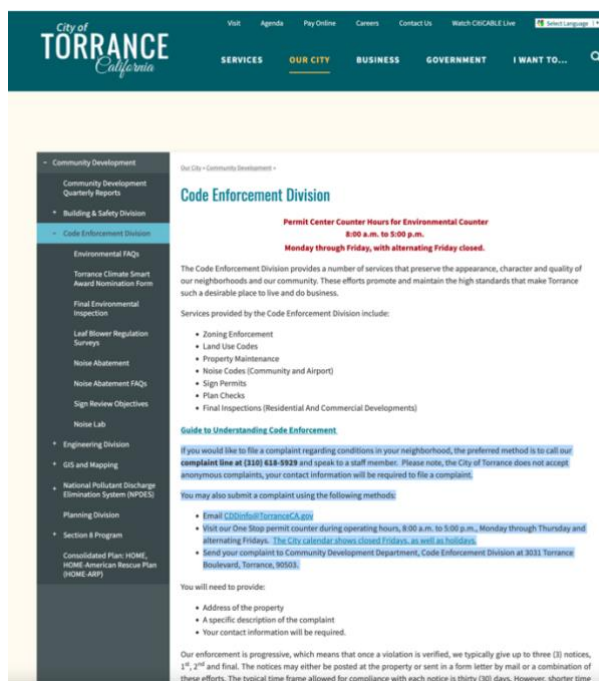
If you have not reported the rubbish-filled residence to the city yet, the City of Torrance has a webpage containing information on code enforcement and reporting instructions: <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/community-development/environmental>.

The RHA suggests calling the city's complaint line: 310-618-5929. If you can safely take pictures, we suggest emailing pictures to CDDinfo@TorranceCA.gov as well. We recommend having other neighbors do the same; sometimes Torrance only acts when multiple residents complain.

Some RHA members have used the complaint line, which resulted in the city's code enforcement team evaluating a Riviera home that let weeds and trash build up in the front yard. The city then contacted the homeowner and told them to clean things up, which they did (mostly). As there may be multiple issues, it's best to let city personnel code folks determine violations are and advise the homeowner accordingly. We recommend a follow-up call with the city to learn what violations were identified and suggest letting the city know if the homeowner does not comply within a reasonable timeframe.

-Your RHA

Do you have a question or concern about an ongoing issue in the Riviera? Send your question to info@hollywoodriviera.org! We may answer it in our next newsletter.



Membership

Your yearly membership of only \$25.00 enables neighborhood display signs, meeting space rentals, and scholarships for high school seniors.

We also accept donations of any amount.

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