



Fall 2025

President's Message

Labor Day marks the unofficial start of the fall season, notable in the Hollywood Riviera by the shorter-but-cooler days, bustling schoolyards, and the sunset tones of the maple leaves. The Riviera Homeowners Association has been part of these seasonal transitions for almost 80 years, which has inspired us to refresh our logo. We're also working on updating our website with a more modern and streamlined design.



Change is in the air, and we're glad you're along with us for this next year of the good life in the Riviera. Here are some upcoming highlights:

- Join us at our next in-person general meeting in October, details below.
- See our summer Outstanding Landscape Award winner, p. 2.
- Know a Riviera high school senior seeking scholarships? See p. 2 for details on applying for the RHA scholarship.
- We continue to mark the RHA's 80th Anniversary on page 3.
- One resident asked us about removing dead trees that are on Torrance city land, and we provide an answer on p. 3.

If you would like to become an RHA member or need to renew your membership, see page 4.

Happy Fall!

Elizabeth "Libby" Spatz, RHA President

Join Us at Our General Meeting

You're invited to attend our next General meeting, which will be in-person and here are the details:

- Date: Oct. 21
- Time: 7 pm

- Location: The Riviera Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd. Redondo Beach

The primary topic will focus on Torrance Transit Services, which offers much more than a traditional bus system. Transit Planning Manager David Mach will be on hand to explain the wide range of services and how to use them, including:

- The many bus routes and services to local venues including SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Bowl
- Connect Torrance Microtransit Program which offers inexpensive rides within Torrance. There are two zones: one for all residents and one for people 65+ or with disabilities

Outstanding Landscape Award



This summer's Outstanding Landscape Award goes to Imants and Cristina Eglitis at 4822 Via El Sereno. Their yard evolved naturally over the past few years. The family enjoys gardening, and they had no set plan. Their main goals with the landscape are low maintenance, water tolerance, and gopher resistance.

Imants and Cristina found that lavender, rosemary, and varieties of sage and succulents seem to thrive. They used stones and pavers to eliminate the lawn and add usable seating and relaxing areas. Imants built the fence along the side of the house and did all the hard labor himself!

They have fun finding new unique plants to add in to keep things fresh and new.

RHA Scholarships

The Riviera Homeowners Association has been awarding scholarships since 1995. Scholarships make up the largest portion of our budget. The program is open to any high school senior who lives in the Riviera. The deadlines start in mid-December. You can learn more about how to apply and deadlines [here](#).

The RHA is Turning 80!

In December the Riviera Homeowners Association will celebrate the 80th anniversary of our first meeting. Here are some fun historical facts about the Hollywood Riviera:

- While the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association held our first meeting in December of 1945 and focused on advocating for residents of the Riviera, the Hollywood Riviera Community Association, led by developer Clifford Reid, had been operating since 1927 as the agency overseeing the development and sale of lots in the Riviera. Reid led the Community Association until he retired as the group's president in 1950.
- In 1927 the city of Torrance, seeking to include a recreational beach for the enjoyment of city residents, annexed most of the area of the Riviera being developed by Reid, designating a portion of Redondo Beach to the city of Torrance.
- Reid sought to promote the Hollywood Riviera as a resort-style living destination for the Hollywood-based film industry. While a few Hollywood stars such as Gary Cooper, Ethel Barrymore and Clark Gable visited the Riviera, it was Rosemary DeCamp, popular radio, film and television actress, who made her home in the Hollywood Riviera. Located at 317 Camino de las Colinas, the beautiful Spanish revival style home was built by Reid in 1930 as one of the first homes established in the newly Torrance-annexed area of Redondo Beach.



Rosemary DeCamp's home in the Hollywood Riviera, and as Marlo Thomas' mother on "That Girl."

Ask the RHA

Dear RHA,

Do you have advice on who to contact about removing dead trees that are below our property on city land? I did email the public works department about it and am waiting to hear back.

- *New to the Riviera*

Dear New:

You've already done the right thing by contacting the city's Public Works Department about the dead trees. If you did it by phone, it's sometimes helpful to follow up with an email that contains pictures. When we had an online meeting about wildfire safety in April, Daniel Singleton, of the Public Affairs branch of the Torrance Fire Department, addressed resident concerns about how Torrance had not cleared vegetation on the hill below your property in more than a decade. He assured us that they were going to clear it, and you probably saw the goats in June. It might be worth emailing him (or copying him on your email to Public Works), about how, even with the grasses now goat-trimmed, there are still dead trees on the hillside serving as potential wildfire fuel.

Daniel Singleton
Fire Prevention Specialist
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310.781.7644

Here are three ways to submit a Public Works request:

[Online Service Request](#)

Call: 310-781-6900

Email: PublicWorksInfo@TorranceCA.Gov

And here's the website: <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/public-works/>

- 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 gives scholarships to high school seniors, supports newsletters, neighborhood display signs, and meeting space rentals.

We also accept contributions of any amount.

Mail checks to: RHA Membership
PO BOX 1074
Torrance, CA 90505

To pay via PayPal/ credit card:
visit [our membership page](#)
or use your phone to scan the QR code

