

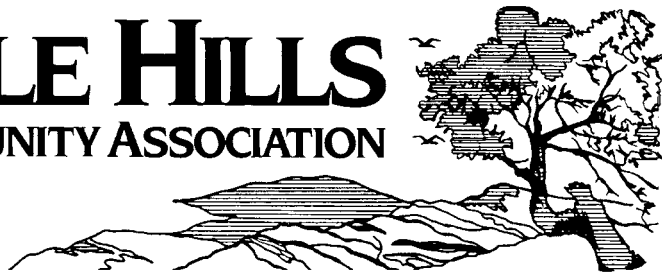
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2013 Board of Directors

This is to certify that the following persons were elected to the Board of Directors of the Temple Hills Community Association at its annual meeting, Sunday, June 2, 2013, at the Ferguson home, 2155 Temple Hills Drive: Fran Chilcote, Ron Chilcote, Anne Frank, Lou Novak, David Raber, Chris Reed, Lorna Shaw, Tracie Spence, John Walker.

— Frances B. Chilcote, Secretary, June 10, 2013

Underground Now!



Photo: traciespencephotography.com

On July 20th, a single drunk driver knocked out power on the Laguna Canyon Road, crippling canyon businesses and homes, and snarling traffic for hours. See photo. By extraordinary luck, the pole did not fall. Had it come down, a fire might have started. If that thought is not bad enough, consider this. The wires on the leaning pole carry the entire high-voltage transmission for the SCE substation of Laguna. Had

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THCA Annual Meeting and Party

Sincere thanks to Mary and Joe Ferguson for hosting this year's Annual Party and General Meeting on June 2nd at their splendid home on Temple Hills Dr. It was a most enjoyable affair, on a breezy Sunday afternoon. The atmosphere everywhere was neighborly and congenial. Many new faces were seen amongst the good turnout, and delicious wines and hors d'oeuvres were served. Mayor Kelly Boyd offered succinct and entertaining comments of his view from City Hall. Yes, trees blocking views were mentioned — and debated, in the lively discussion that followed. Chris Reed read the THCA Mission Statement (crafted by Dorothea Yellot and approved earlier by the THCA Board) and briefly summarized the year's accomplishments. John Walker presented the (sound) Annual Financial Report (see elsewhere in Newsletter) and the 2013/14 Board of Directors was elected by secret ballot. (More photos on page 2.)

THCA 2013 Annual Report

BOARD ELECTION

Following approval of the new THCA Bylaws by mail ballot and adoption of a revised Vision Statement at the 2012 Annual Meeting held June 2nd at the house of Jock Stalker and Ron Dier at 2285 Temple Hills Drive, the nine-member 2012-13 Board of Directors was elected at a special meeting held at the home of Marion Whitney, 2395 Temple Hills Drive, on June 30th: *Secretary*: Fran Chilcote, *Chair*: Chris Reed, *Vice President*: David Raber; *Coordinator*: Ron Chilcote, *Treasurer*: John Walker plus Anne Frank, Lou Novak, Lorna Shaw, Dave Walker.

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THCA Annual Meeting and Party

Annual Report, continued from pg. 1 **OPEN SPACE**

The Board has expressed its deep gratitude to Ron Chilcote and all parties that made possible the City/County acquisition of the McGhee properties, the 56-acre portion of upper Rimrock Canyon whose "temple hills" grace our neighborhood. The Board continues to promote the identification of funds for conservation purchase of the Juarez properties on the east side of TH Drive and the Pike properties off Thurston Dr. Accompanying the construction of a new house at 2095 TH Drive, the City created a five-foot wide easement for pedestrian access to the Juarez properties in anticipation of their eventual acquisition as open space. The THCA Circulation Plan anticipates a nature walk in this area.

WALKWAYS

Board members met June 13th, 2012, with City Manager John Pietig and City staff to discuss matters of importance to THCA, particularly emergency evacuation plans, sidewalks and stairways (pathways). The City felt there was insufficient consensus to take any action on stairways but affirmed the City's desire to move ahead with walkway planning for Temple Hills Dr. Following

this meeting, the THCA Board drew up a new map of Circulation Elements of the Temple Hills Community Plan, published it in the Winter Newsletter, distributed it to all Council members, and called for homeowner input. In preparation for a presentation to the City Manager, one-on-one meetings with newly elected City Council members Bob Whalen and Steve Dicterow were held during February and March 2013 and a meeting with sitting Council member Elizabeth Pearson was held in April. With pedestrian safety in mind, as well as asphalt repair and road stabilization (improved rainwater channeling to prevent road/property erosion), Board consensus has developed around the construction of a sidewalk on one side of Temple Hills Drive with considerable attention to preserving the rustic aesthetic of the neighborhood. This includes sensitivity to homeowner landscaping and parking, avoidance of the standard harsh concrete look of typical city sidewalks, possible use of exposed aggregate or decomposed granite, etc. The inclusion of two or three zebra crossings with pedestrian-activated, in-road flashing lights for pedestrian safety and traffic calming will also be part of the discussion. May 8th, 2012, correspondence from the City Manager, John Pietig, indicated that City staff has proposed the inclusion of sidewalk construction funds in the capital improvement budget within three years. In a follow-up meeting on May 16th, 2013, City Manager Pietig indicated that a further \$80K has been included in the 2013/14 budget for concept planning of Temple Hills sidewalks with plan completion and presentation to the community by early 2014.

TRAFFIC SPEEDING

With increased safety and more pleasant walking in mind, and to have some recourse in dealing with drivers who persist in going 35 mph on what are essentially one-way roads, the Board is preparing a recommendation to the Traffic and Circulation Department to consider posting 15-mph speed limits (as opposed to *recommended* speeds) on narrow side streets. Better policing will also be discussed along with the use of radar-activated electronic speed indicators. In addition, we will ask the Department to look into ways of improving visibility for drivers entering Temple Hills Drive from San Remo. Traffic-calming zebra crossings on Temple Hills Drive, possibly with pedestrian-activated lights like on PCH, will be discussed as part of the sidewalk construction project (above).

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**Steering Committee
2013**

- Bob BorthwickPlanning
- Fran Chilcote* Secretary & Membership
- Ron Chilcote* Newsletter
- Jamie & Stephen Crawford..... School Issues
- Dennis Eastman.....Undergrounding
- Anne Frank* Archive/Historian, Group 6
- Doug & Rhonda Kinn.... Block Socials & Party Com
- Charlotte Masarik..... Village issues
- Lou Novak *..... Pathways & Group 3
- Pat O'Brien..... Minutes
- Carol Olson Walkways
- Lynn Powers Newsletter
- David Raber* Web Site & Group 4
- Chris Reed* Invasive plants & Minutes
- Lorna Shaw * Membership & Group 2
- Tracie Spence* ... Welcoming Committee & Group 1
- Dave WalkerUndergrounding and Traffic
- John Walker* Treasurer & Group 5
- Robin Walker Design Review & Party Com
- Dorothea Yellott Pathways

*Board Directors

Honorary Members

Recognized for long-term service and commitment to Temple Hills

- Joe Baker
- Jan Hall
- Jim Hall
- Becky Jones
- Ben Teschner
- Mary Lou Teschner
- Kurt Topik
- Estelle Warner
- Grant Wetzel
- Marian Whitney

Liaison

Jeanette MerrileesNorth Laguna

Neighborhood Groups

Temple Hills is broken into six neighborhood areas. Group Leaders focus on issues and problems if and when they occur.

**A Fun Fact for Why You
Should Know Your Neighbors**

“Having a network of social connections or high levels of social support has been shown to increase our immunity to infection, lower our risk of heart disease and reduce mental decline as we get older. Not having close personal ties has been shown to pose significant risks for our health.” — Tracie Spence ☺

Chair’s Message

How many of you know artists who live in the Temple Hills area? I know three, but there must be many more. (I’m relatively new around here).

Ron Dier, who with caterer Jock Stalker hosted the 40th anniversary THCA party last year, made his name with platinum- and gold-plated ceramics and is now offering a unique collection of objets d’art using minerals, fossils and fused glass. Need a one-of-kind lighting fixture to accent your dining room? Ask Ron. You can check him out at http://www.rondierdesign.com/Ron_Dier_Design/Home.html.

In photography, there’s multi-talented Ron Chilcote, who has been leading the THCA for so many years. Ron has specialized in capturing the beauty of the Laguna wilderness and many of you may own a copy of his glorious book of color prints that reveals his commitment to savoring and saving the open space around us. This book contains a whole lot more than photographs. See http://www.lagunawildernesspress.com/Laguna_Wilderness_Press/Publications_2/Pages/NATURES_LAGUNA_WILDERNESS.html.

Then there’s April Raber, wife of another hardworking TCHA Board member, VP David Raber. Her work was briefly featured in an earlier Newsletter. April has a uniquely attractive way of capturing the landscape and often features the man-made environment of California, using oils in an impressionistic plein air style. A frequent exhibitor at juried exhibitions, her work can be seen at <http://www.aprilr.com/>.

I’d love to hear about other artists in the neighborhood. Please let me know at chris.reed@ucr.edu. And speaking of artists, there’s a photographic exhibition you might want to attend at the Suzi Q this summer: “Another Day in Paradise.” Yes, you guessed it. It’s about Laguna, the winning entries from the Laguna Bluebelt photo contest. Ron Chilcote is one of the featured photographers. The opening reception is on Wednesday, July 31st, at 4 p.m. (free parking). It’s on until September 6th. See <http://lagunabluebelt.org/2nd-annual-bluebelt-photo-contest-winners/>.

In this space, the Chair usually regales you with the ongoing business of the THCA. Rest assured, there are interesting things going on with respect to undergrounding, pathways, trails, local building issues. But that can wait. Summertime is when we give over the City to the interests of art and its commerce. Enjoy. The ocean was unusually warm all of June and into July.

— Chris Reed ☺

Remembering Joie Jones

Joie Jones, a longtime resident of Temple Hills, passed away at the age of 72 on June 23 after several years of declining health. Joie and his wife, Becky, moved to Laguna Beach and Temple Hills in 1977, when he accepted a position as Professor of Radiological Sciences at UC Irvine. At UCI he was a leader in the development of new methods in ultrasonic imaging and tissue characterization, acoustical microscopy and non-contact ultrasonic imaging, as well as holding numerous patents. He was a gifted teacher and a generous mentor, and was selected to participate in the University’s “My Last Lecture” series.

Joie was active on the local scene, too, working with Laguna’s Environmental Committee. In addition, he was president of the Laguna Beach Chamber Music Society. He and Becky wrote a newspaper column on wine and food in the 1980s and 1990 for the *Laguna News Post*.

His many interests and abilities were evident from his high school years in Abilene, Texas, where in addition to being a stellar math and science student who won the National Science Fair, he also played first chair cornet in the Texas state high school band. He was an honor student in English and philosophy as well as receiving a B.S. and M.S. in mathematics and physics from the University of Texas, Austin. Joie received his PhD. from Brown University.

Towards the end of his life, he became interested in alternative and complementary medical treatments, especially relationships between Western and Eastern medicine including the nature and mechanisms of acupuncture.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2 p.m., at the Neighborhood Congregational Church. ☺

THCA Membership for 2013

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UNDERGROUNDING

With traffic safety and aesthetics in mind, the Board has confirmed its desire to promote undergrounding of overhead utilities on the remaining stretch of Temple Hills Drive and on Thalia St. A new push led by Steering Committee member Dennis Eastman is underway.

ELECTION FORUM

David Raber organized THCA input into an October forum with TOWNA for City Council election candidates. As a result, the candidates became well informed on THCA issues.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Tracie Spence joined the THCA Steering Committee to form a new committee that welcomes new Temple Hills residents into the neighborhood.

SOCIAL

The Board expressed its gratitude to Jock Stalker and Ron Dier for hosting a resplendent dinner at the 2012 Annual Party in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of THCA. Founding members Jim Hall, Joan Silverman, Dean & Sallie Phillips, Marion Whitney, Ellen & Mike Mahoney and Fran & Ron Chilcote were recognized and thanked. Becky Jones spoke of her THCA and Planning Commission experiences. Anne Frank spoke of achievements regarding overbuilding and traffic in Area VI. Party organizers Rhonda and Doug Kinn, Fran Chilcote, Robin Walker, Dorothea Yellot and Brenda Joseph were all thanked for their contributions. City Manager John Peitig, who spoke at the meeting about ongoing projects in the City and took questions, was thanked for joining the gathering and allowing THCA members to get to know him. All THCA Steering Committee members, listed in each Newsletter, were thanked for their continuing contributions.

DUES

Annual dues will remain at \$20 per household. The number of paid-up members in 2012/13 was 143.

WEBSITE

Thanks to David Raber, the THCA website at <http://lagunatemplehills.com/> is running well and up to date. Archives, planning maps, newsletters etc. are freely available.

— Chris Reed, on behalf of the Board of Directors.

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they gone down, most of the City would have been without power for a very long time. Edison has a design criterion that says if a substation is served by only two incoming high-transmission lines (the two sets of three wires highest on the pole) then, for reliability, the two lines must NOT be on the same pole, if exposed to vehicular traffic.

It looks as though SCE has broken its own rules. Does that remind you of SCE and San Onofre?

And here's an interesting fact. At the current rate of undergrounding, the entire City of Laguna Beach will be undergrounded by about 4000 AD! Can we wait that long?
— Chris Reed

TEMPLE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2013

INCOME JUNE1 2012 to June 1 2013			
Membership/dues		\$	2,645.00
Misc. income		\$	2.36
Newsletter/Advertising		\$	-
Fundraising/Annual Party		\$	1,050.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$	3,697.36
EXPENSES June 1, 2012 to JUNE 1, 2013			
Printing/Graphics/website		\$	1,933.30
Postage		\$	943.46
P.O.Box		\$	54.00
Annual Party (2012)		\$	3,414.60
Misc. Expenses		\$	190.50
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	6,535.86
JUNE 2012 BALANCE FORWARD			\$8,732.00
INCOME		\$	3,697.36
EXPENSES		\$	6,535.86
BALANCE TO DATE (JUNE 1, 2013)			\$5,894.00
			John Walker, Treasurer

Colin Henderson Honored

VILLAGE LAGUNA will be hosting the 2013 "Villager of the Year" on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 4 to 7 p.m. in honor of Colin Henderson, well-known leader of the Friendship Shelter, and Verna Rollinger, long-time City Clerk and City Councilperson of Laguna Beach.

Tickets cost \$85 per person. Additional information is available at www.villagelaguna.org and at (949) 472-7503.

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