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Planning in Temple Hills

[The following was sent by the Steering Committee to the City Council in April 2002, and most of the issues and projects continue to be considered]
The Temple Hills Community Association would like to reiterate a number of concerns and seek your support of our activities.

First, some 25 years ago we were encouraged to put together a specific plan for the Temple Hills area. A plan was developed through broad participation, but only portions of it were implemented through the years. The City's recent Vision Process suggests that neighborhoods focus on specific concerns in relation to design review and the planning process. We should like to revisit our old plan and work with the City in formulating guidelines for our neighborhood. We have shared our maps and plan with Monica Tuchscher, and ask that she be permitted to work with us in elaboration of a new plan. In particular, we are concerned with height and setbacks because they affect the character of the neighborhood and intrude upon existing views.

Several specific concerns related to our plan involve the pedestrian walkway along Temple Hills Drive. Long ago, the City committed to a walkway but the process has drawn out over the years. Carol Olson and her committee have been pushing this project, and we would like to become more involved in the design and planning of the walkway, and have asked Chris Ricketts to lead us in this direction; we also assume that the walkway will initially be established in the lower portion of the hill, but that it also will extend up the hill to the water tank that marks our neighborhood boundary.

Our Steering Committee also resolved to enhance the traditional walk-through from Temple Hills Drive to Temple Terrace on the Catholic Church property contiguous to the Water District site. We also would like to revive our planning to open up some of the Water District sites for mini-parks that we very much need in Temple Hills.

Finally, we desire to place on the map of trails the traditional walkway through the hill toward the beach for which easements exist but are threatened by new home construction. We have called this issue to the attention of Ken Frank, the Open Space Committee, and the Planning Department, but to date it remains unresolved. ♻

Annual Report: May 4, 2002

We Can Report Progress During the Year!

Attending last year's annual party were many new members who have become involved in the Steering Committee. This has brought new life to the association in the form of working toward the implementation of old and new initiatives, including an updating of the members list, substantial increase in memberships, extension of undergrounding into the Cerritos-Dunning area, and an effort to underground Upper Temple Hills and the Thalia area as well.

Neighborhood bloc parties are catching on and bringing neighbors together, and it is hoped that this practice will spread throughout the hill.

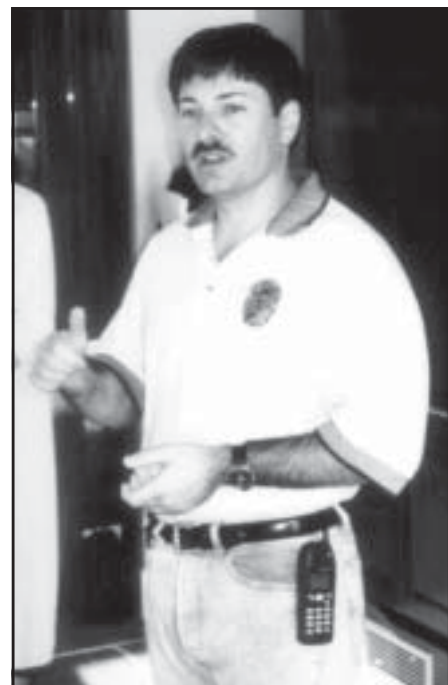
An effort is underway to revive the Neighborhood Groups around such issues as Neighborhood Watch, development problems, undergrounding of utilities, membership, and so on.

The pedestrian walkway project is now in the planning mode for the lower part of the hill. The City is planning to start work on the lower portion of the project, Dunning Drive to Temple Terrace, in the spring. The walkway will be on the right as one goes up the hill. We are working on design for the lower portion and the upper portion that will be implemented in a later phase.

Another goal will be to restore the easements and pedestrian path through the hill toward the beach.

We are seeking to implement additional mini-parks in the hill, specifically making use of the water district site next to the church on lower Temple Hills.

The Temple Hills Specific Plan that was put together in the middle 1970s and implemented only in part is being revisited with the hope of enhancing planning for the neighborhood. — The Steering Committee ♻



Mayor Pro-Tem Toni Iseman (far left) and Sergeant Darren Lanier of the LGPD were guests at the THCA annual meeting. For the story and more photos, please turn to page 2.



Party Chairs Mary Lou Teschner and Jenny Radisay.

Annual Party a Success!

The Temple Hills Annual Party was a huge success!! Over 100 people attended this extraordinary event. Neighbors and their guests sipped authentic margaritas and enjoyed delicious Mexican food while watching a beautiful sunset over our town. How lucky we are! We must again thank Doug and Judy Anderson for allowing us to use their stunning new home for our annual party!

Along with our annual meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Toni Iseman spoke to us about current events in the City, and Sergeant Darren Lanier explained the Citizens Police Program. We'd like to thank them both for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in our event.

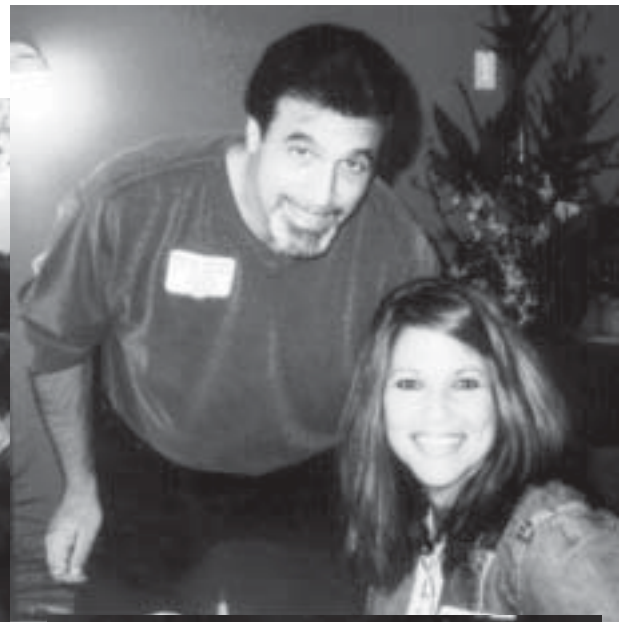
THCA would also like to thank all the people who helped make this event so successful. Without you it wouldn't have been possible!

If you'd like to volunteer your home for the annual party next year or just be involved in the planning, please call Jenny at 376-4008.

We look forward to seeing soon!

— Jenny Radisay ☺

Clockwise from below right: Frank and Michelle Samson; Hostess Judy Anderson; Dick and Karen Rosenberg, Ron Chilcote, Joan Sandburg; Marjorie Le Gaye, Chris Rickettes, Grant Wetzel.



**Temple Hills Community Ass'n.
Steering Committee 2003**

Coordinating Committee:
Catherine Hall
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Rhonda and Doug Kinn
Carol Oslon
Ron Chilcote

- Joe Baker Neighborhood Watch
- Fran Chilcote Corresponding Secretary
- Ron Chilcote Newsletter
- Anne Frank Archives & Historian
- Catherine Hall Mail List & Data Support
- Jan Hall Social Secretary
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- Doug Kinn Neighborhood Groups
- Rhonda Kinn Block Socials
- Michelle Kremer Minutes
- Marjorie LeGaye Governmental Liaison
- Alison & Alec Lorimore .. Undergrounding/Airport Issues
- Charlotte Masarik At large, Newcomers
- Margit and Donald Munroe Party Comm
- Carol Olson Pedestrian Walkway
- Bill Parrish At Large
- Jennifer Radisay Party Chair
- Nicholas Radisay Treasurer
- Chris Ricketts Planning
- Ben Teschner Finance
- Mary Lou Teschner Party Committee
- Verna Rollinger Membership
- Frank Samson Newsletter
- Michele Samson Noticing & Thalia Undergrounding
- Carey & Mark Shyres .. Traffic Safety/Undergrounding
- Tracy Spencer Minutes
- Bahara Stapleberg City Issues
- Betty Swenson Honorary
- Dave Walker Undergrounding
- Estelle Warner Honorary
- Grant Wetzel Open Space
- Marian Whitney Distribution

Neighborhood Group Leaders

- Bo Powell Group I Chair
- Marjorie LeGaye Group II Chair
- Kurt Topik Group III Chair
- Joe Baker Group IV Chair
- Paul Zehner Group V Chair
- Marilyn Johnson Group VI Chair

**Income & Expense Statement
2002-2003 Fiscal Year**

Beginning Balance as of 5/1/02		\$ 4,267.40
Temple Hills Community Association		
INCOME	BUDGET	1Q ACTUAL
Dues/Donations	\$2,500.00	\$2,250.00
News Letter Advertisements	\$ 300.00	\$ 240.00
Fund Raising	\$1,000.00	\$ 46.11
Total Income	\$3,800.00	\$2,536.11
EXPENSE		
Printing	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Graphic Design	\$ 375.00	\$ 140.00
Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ 89.28
PO Box	\$ 38.00	\$ -
Annual Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$1,037.96
Holiday Meeting	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Filings	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Journal Entry	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.80
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 70.00
Special Meetings	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Community Enhancement (Walkway)	\$1,000.00	\$ -
Total Expense	\$4,073.00	\$1,343.04
Balance on hand as of 7/31/02		\$5,460.47

— Nicolas Radisay, Treasurer

Oak Street Party

Bonnie Stormont organized the Oak Street Block Party on August 10, 2002. It was, as always, a great success. The "exhibits" were displays of art, photography, pictures from trips, etc. that the neighbors put on display to share with each other. A great idea. She wrote the following and delivered this to the houses in the area the next day:

Thanks to all of you who made the Oak Street Block Party a howling success!!! The food was great with many tasty additions to the basic menu — thank you. The exhibits were spectacular — thank you to those who went that extra mile for us. Coleen, Manny, and Max "the wonder dog" from LBPd received glowing reviews from one and all. But best of all was the opportunity to get together — 49, at last count — neighbors who renewed old acquaintances and made new friends. Thanks one and all. PS. We have some money in the kitty for next time.

— Jim Hall

Dues are Due

We welcome everyone in Temple Hills to join us with a donation to help along our newsletter and other activities. THCA is now entering into its 31st year and is proud that it is able to publish one of the oldest civic newsletters in town. THCA is involved in helping neighbors with problems, and its newsletter is open to all who have useful information or wish to express a view. Our goal is to focus on neighborhood news but also to be involved in City and county affairs that affect all of us. The principal activities during the year are an annual meeting and party.

Please join us with a \$20-per-household donation. We need your continuing support. We also welcome volunteers to the Steering Committee that meets several times during the year. The essential requirement is that you have an activity that helps us along, and there is need for help in a couple areas if you are interested. Call 497-2218 if you wish to volunteer

THCA 2003 MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Membership in the Temple Hills Community Association is Laguna's best bargain! Annual dues are \$20 per household (any lesser or greater amount is appreciated). Newsletters are mailed to every THCA home.

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We need volunteers! Please call 497-2218 if you can help.

**THCA
STEERING COMMITTEE**



Next Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, 7 to 9 p.m.
Site to be determined.

Temple Hills Walkway Scheduled

[The following is an update from Carol Olson, chair of the walkway committee.]

The good news is that the final design for Temple Hills Walkway is due to be completed by the end of November. According to the city engineers' Special Projects Inventory presented to the City Council on 9/30/02: The project is scheduled to be advertised for construction in December, with bid opening in January 2003. A construction contract will be awarded in February. Construction will begin in March, and will be completed by the end of April. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we progress according to this plan.

According to the report, other pathway improvements along Temple Hills Drive involved minor pavement widening and striping modifications that were incorporated with the Temple Hills Area Street Resurfacing project. ♪

Betty Swenson Honored as a Laguna Treasure

Congratulations to Betty Swenson, who served 15 years as THCA treasurer and continues today as an Honorary Member of the Steering Committee. In September she was celebrated as one of the Laguna Treasures at a dinner hosted by the Laguna Canyon Conservancy. The award is for outstanding contributions to Laguna Beach. Betty moved to Laguna Beach in 1970 and was active in Village Laguna and was chair of the City's Open Space Committee. She is the daughter of City Clerk and THCA Steering Committee member Verna Rollingler.

Last year, THCA's Estelle Warner was a recipient of this honorary recognition. ♪

Steering Committee Meeting September 25

Among announcements and decisions were the following:

- The THCA: Archive has been deposited in UCI Special Collections.
- Income from dues and the annual party have increased the treasury by \$FORUM.
- THCA agreed to co-host a candidates forum with Top of the World Neighborhood Association at City Hall on October 10
- Approval of \$1000 to support enhancement of brick-banded walkway
- Review of plans to work with the City on design review and regulations impacting neighborhood development. Particular issues were traffic and safety, mini-parks, and walkways along with mansionization.
- Undergrounding is proceeding in Cerritos area, but progress is slow in upper Temple Hills and along Thalia.
- Desire expressed to push neighborhood groups and bloc parties. ♪

Enhancement of the Walkway?

[In August, Dave Walker sent the following letter to the City Planning Department. At the September meeting of the THCA Steering Committee, \$1000 was allocated to support the concept of brick banding along the new walkway.]

After reviewing the plans and talking with Mark Trestik in planning, we are very pleased that a stamped-brick banding, an exposed aggregate finish or

scoring lines are being considered for the finish of the walkway. The association believes that a stamped used-brick banding finish, at 10' intervals, would be the best alternative for two reasons. 1. The rough surface would discourage skateboarders. 2. Esthetically, it would be a brighter contrast than the other two alternatives.

Has any consideration been given to the possibility of leaving some open areas in the concrete along the 6' wide section of walkway for the planting of small native shrubs and water percolation during the rainy season? Where the sidewalk is narrower, the areas along the caisson retaining wall, planting at the base of the wall would break up the massive look from the downhill side and also discourage teenagers from climbing over.

Please take the above comments into consideration in the final stages of the planning and bidding process of the walkway. We believe that these ideas could be incorporated into the project with a minimum of cost with and would maximize the ascetic quality of the project for our community. ♪

In Memorium

Flor de Witte, who died December 23, 2002, was born in Venezuela, moved to Laguna Beach in 1954, and purchased the family home on Temple Hills Drive in 1958. She was both a good friend and good neighbor. A strong woman who managed to raise four children alone and successfully, Flor had energy to paint her house inside and out by herself, walk up and down our hill and all over town, reupholster her furniture herself, sew for others, and babysit for so many children down through the years. She danced around her kitchen, loved birds, music, her Latin TV novellas, and baked the best apple pies. Flor was opinionated, generous, strong willed, fun, sometimes difficult, and full of life. We miss her. Our neighborhood won't be the same without her. ♪

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