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Walkway Follow-up

Several people at the Temple Hills annual meeting believed that Temple Hills residents had requested the "Aliso Viejo looking" concrete split rail fence. Just to clear the record, both City staff and Temple Hills residents spoke against having anything but a plain pipe fence because that option would have left a wider walkway and a clearer view. The pipe railing possibly would have led to a quicker installation as well.

The Temple Hills committee did request some kind of texture on the walkway itself and volunteered \$1000 toward accomplishing a more interesting surface like aggregate or a stamped concrete brick strips. Design review chose the split-rail fence instead. Fortunately, when a quick-thinking resident noticed that the railing was going to be four feet instead of the required three feet, he promptly notified the City so it could be shortened to the present height. Unfortunately, I do not know his name to thank him. Many people have been using the walkway and seem to enjoy dry feet and being safely out of traffic. We are grateful to all who worked on it and to city staff.

— Carol Olson 🐾

Wendt/Park Stop Sign

It took 20 years, but finally there will be a stop sign at the southeast corner of Wendt Terrace and Park Ave. Temple Hills residents and others have been asking for a stop sign since 1983. Just last January, THCA's Executive Committee wrote a letter urging reconsideration of the denial of a stop sign at that location. Under the leadership of Wendt Terrace resident Lee Reymer, local residents again signed a petition, wrote letters and showed up in person to testify at Parking, Traffic, and Circulation Committee and City Council meetings about the dangers of this blind left-hand turn. The City Council vote was 4-1 in favor, with Councilman Wayne Baglin dissenting. The stop sign should be installed in the near future, on a six-month trial basis. If you like the stop sign, please let the City know. Call Assistant City Engineer Derek Wieske at 497-0706 and/or City Council members.

— Anne Frank 🐾

September 20, 2003

Annual Report

We can report progress during the past year:

- The annual meeting on May 4, 2002, included presentations by Mayor Pro Tem Toni Iseman who covered community and City issues, answered questions, and promised to assist us with our concerns. Guest speaker Darin Lenyl of the Laguna Beach Police Department explained the Citizens Police Program and discussed security issues.
- The annual party at the Andersons on May 4, 2002, was attended by more than 100 persons and was a great success, thanks to efforts of Jenny Radisay and her committee.
- The pedestrian walkway along Temple Hills Drive is nearly completed. Thanks to Carol Olson and her committee for staying with this project over the years.
- The City's Open Space Committee is working with residents to open up pedestrian paths through the hill. These paths have been used for more than half a century. The committee also received our input over the possibility of a path through the properties in Rimrock Canyon.
- We are continuing efforts to find ways to secure open space above Park Canyon and in Rimrock Canyon.
- The Steering Committee met several times since the last annual meeting. The committee initiated discussions with the City Planning Department over implementation of various pending projects, including additional mini parks (Water District and church properties being a primary site). Verna Rollinger met with the committee on May 7 and reviewed various community and City issues. The committee also revisited its specific plan of nearly 30 years ago.
- THCA cosponsored with Top of the World Association a candidates' forum at City Hall on October 10.
- Undergrounding plans continue for Cerritos-Rimrock-Dunning.
- Three issues of the Newsletter have appeared since the last annual meeting. The newsletter has been consistently published over past thirty-one years and is one of the oldest civic newspapers in Laguna Beach.

— The Steering Committee 🐾



Calendar of Events

- Steering Committee Meetings*
Wed., January 14, 2004
Home of Radisays, 875 Coast View
April 7, 2004 — to be announced
Annual Meeting & Annual Party
Sat., May 1, 2004

Goals and Issues

- At the Steering Committee meeting of October 29, a schedule of forthcoming meetings was determined, with the next meeting for Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at the Radisays, another meeting April 7, and the annual meeting and party for May 1. The newsletters will appear Winter (January), Spring (April), and Summer-Fall (September) for 2004. Among goals and tasks for the coming year, the following were identified as important:
- Sprint Antenna San Remo and Temple Hills — THCA to write letter to City stating THCA is concerned with proposed location due to health hazards and ugliness, and would like to be informed of any plans as they progress.
 - Open Space Acquisition — May be an opportunity to acquire certain parcels of undeveloped land to preserve as open space.
 - Cal Poly and Pathway Designs — Motion carried to donate \$500 for materials, etc., to support development of plans for seven historic lower Temple Hills pedestrian corridors.
 - Mini park at Oak Street Water District — a design and map will appear in the next newsletter.
 - Plaque for Temple Hills Area. Need a design and should be studied carefully
 - Web site-Motion to allocate \$500 to pay for a web site. Need a volunteer designer. For all residents who wish to receive their newsletters by email instead of snail mail, thus saving the association postage and assuring a much speedier delivery. 🐾



Jennifer Radisay and Rhonda Kinn, party chairs



Doug Kinn and Nicolas Radisay

Annual Party and Meeting

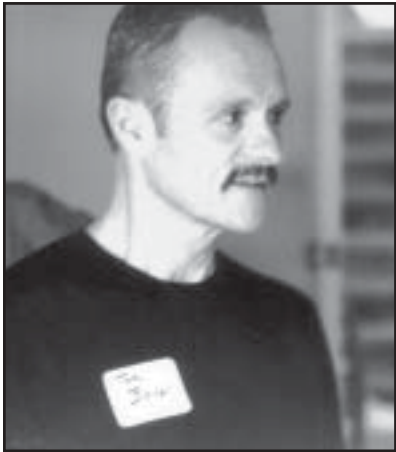


THCA's annual party at the beautiful home of Bill & Carolyn Birnbaum was a blast! Great food, great spirits and fun Temple Hills residents fired up a truly festive evening. Friends and neighbors mingled after a brief interlude accommodated the regular THCA annual report and Mayor Toni Iseman, who generously reported on the continuing efforts to enhance our community. Thank you Toni!

Thank you to all the expert party planners, especially Jenny Radisay, Rhonda Kinn, Barbara Rathbun, Dayva Stewart and everyone who brought food and beverages. And, to our humble hosts, the Birnbaums, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for lending your home and giving us yet another spectacular perspective of the Laguna Beach coastline from your living-room terrace.

Each year we seek a Temple Hills residence to showcase and host our annual party. If you feel like making new friends and feel like sharing a little Laguna Beach history with your beach cottage or showing off your latest remodel, we appreciate the opportunity to meet you. Please call Jenny at 715-2015.

— Nicolas Radisay ☺



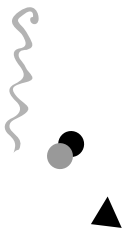
Joe Baker



Dick Frank expressed concern over the Wendt Terrace stop sign



Carol Olson, Dave Walker and Fran Chilcote



Mayor Toni Iseman spoke at the annual meeting





Steering Committee 2004

The Coordinating Committee

May meet on an emergency basis & comprises:

- Ron Chilcote**
- Fran Chilcote**
- Carol Olson**
- Jennifer Radisay**
- Nicolas Radisay**
- Ben Teschner**
- Dave Walker**

- Joe Baker Neighborhood Watch
- Fran Chilcote Corresponding Secretary
- Ron Chilcote Newsletter
- Anne Frank Archive & Historian
- Jan Hall Social
- Jim Hall At Large
- Doug Kinn Neighborhood Liaison
- Rhonda Kinn Block Socials
- Carol Olson Walkway
- Bill Parrish At Large
- Robin Pierson Newsletter
- Jennifer Radisay Party Chair
- Nicolas Radisay Treasurer
- Barbara Rathbun Telephone List
- Chris Rickets Planning
- Verna Rollinger At Large
- Michele Samson Thalia Undergrounding
- Tracy Spencer Minutes
- Betty Swenson Honorary
- Ben Teschner At Large
- Mary Lou Teschner Party Committee
- Dave Walker Undergrounding
- Estelle Warner Honorary
- Jennifer Wesloski Membership
- Grant Wetzel Open Space
- Marian Whitney Distribution
- Caroline Wright Pathways
- Dorothea Yellott Pathways

Neighborhood Groups

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

Neighborhood Group Leaders

- Bo Powell Group 1 Chair
- Marjorie LeGaye Group 2 Chair
- Kurt Topik Group 3 Chair
- Joe Baker Group 4 Chair
- Paul Zehner Group 5 Chair
- Marilyn Johnson Group 6 Chair

Liaison

- Linda Brown League of Women's Voters
- Jeannette Merrilees

THCA Needs Your Support and Dues for Year 2004

Dear Temple Hills Neighbors:

We would like to invite you to join the Temple Hills Community Association, a non-profit and volunteer organization comprised of neighbors.

The association has existed since 1973 and has been very involved with hillside-development issues and most recently was instrumental in the undergrounding of utilities throughout much of Temple Hills.

We sponsor an annual meeting as well as an annual party. Meetings are open to all residents. Dates are published in the newsletter that is mailed to all homes. Steering committee meetings are held periodically to discuss neighborhood and local issues. You are welcome to attend and voice your comments or concerns.

THCA offers a wonderful opportunity to get to know more of your neighbors. Please consider joining the Temple Hills Community Association. The dues are only \$20 per household for a year. The dues help pay for the production and mailing costs of the newsletters.

We would greatly appreciate your support!

THCA 2004 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.

More Trash Talk

Thank you, good neighbors, for reading the article in an earlier edition of this newsletter about the ordinance regarding trash cans. I am happy to report a very neighborly response to the appeal for us all to follow the law of esthetics by keeping those pesky green containers out of sight, except for trash day. The block I regularly see used to have nine homes with cans out all or most of the week. Now, only one or two are offenders. One great neighbor built an excellent enclosure, which nicely solved the problem. Every hidden trash can makes a huge visual improvement, and I know all the residents and visitors up and down the entire hill appreciate the extra effort it takes.

If no longer looks like Temple Hills Alley on this block. I don't know how it looks where you live, but I hope we all follow the City ordinance that clearly states trash cans are to be visible only the evening before, and day of trash collection. Keep up the good work!

— Jim Hall 🐾

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Lower Temple Hills Easements

This month, THCA representatives attended a meeting of the Open Space Committee to discuss the improvement of seven easements through Lower Temple Hills. Historically, these easements were reserved to serve as pedestrian walkways, allowing walkers to make their way safely on foot from Park Avenue and Thalia through the neighborhood up to Thurston Drive. All the easements need at least minor improvement and perhaps signage. Two need more major work to be made accessible to walkers. Scott Drapkin from the City attended the meeting and confirmed the City's interest in improving these paths. Also in attendance was Eileen Moskow, a local homeowner and a landscape architecture student at Cal Poly. As her Senior Project, Eileen is designing a master plan of the trails, focusing upon improving connections, landscaping and privacy issues. She invites homeowners to voice their ideas and concerns during this process and may be reached by email: ecorliss@cox.net. — Dorothea Yellot 🐾

Steering Committee Reformulated

The Steering Committee is comprised of dedicated residents who have taken on a task to help the Temple Hills Community. The committee meets several times a year to deal with community issues, neighborhood projects and planning, annual meeting, and annual party. The new committee is listed on page three.

Anyone interested in joining, please contact us at 497-2218. 🐾

Appeal for Neighborly Help

The association needs a volunteer to help with the design of a web site that we should like to launch for residents. We should like to place our newsletters on the site and have them available electronically for those who prefer that form to the hard copy we distribute by mail. We shall continue printing the hard copy.

We also need someone to design an attractive but unobtrusive sign for Temple Hills.

Anyone else willing to lend a hand or who has an idea for ways to improve our beautiful neighborhood, please get in touch. Call 497-2218. 🐾

Ten Years Since the Fire

Sadly people throughout Southern California are facing the loss of homes and devastation of the fires raging in the nearby mountains. Ten years ago, Laguna Beach faced similar circumstances as some 400 homes burned in flames. Fourteen homes in Lower Temple Hills burned at that time, and today, most of them have been replaced by old and new neighbors. Homes in Hidden Valley also were destroyed and have been rebuilt. We welcome and express our feelings of support and unity for those of you who have struggled to rebuild over these years. 🐾

Cultural Arts Plan

Sian Poeschi, arts manager of the City Cultural Arts Department, has asked for input through a questionnaire that will help identify local needs and ways to improve access to arts opportunities. A revised arts plan for 2003 to 2008 would ensue. Please log on at arts@lagunabeachcity.net or telephone 497-0722. 🐾

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