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TRASH TALK



Laguna Beach believes in recycling, and our neighborhood has done a good job sorting gray and blue trash and green waste. We all comply with having the containers out on the morning of collection, but many otherwise fine citizens and good neighbors do not comply with storage and placement of waste containers. Many (you know who you are, and so does everyone else) do not comply with city municipal code 7.16.140 that states: "Containers, except when placed out for collection, or stored in alleys, shall be stored out of public view from any street." The code continues, "In residential areas, containers shall be placed out for collection by seven a.m. and taken in by six p.m."

Dave Walker, the Bob Villa of THCA, has offered to help provide ideas for hiding containers at challenging sites. Contact him or the city Public Works Department for ideas if you have storage problems. If we work together, we can restore the appearance of our community to pre-recycling days, and still get the benefit of doing our duty to the environment. The intent and language are clear. Although it looks like it, none of us live on Temple Hills Alley. Please, kind neighbors, comply by removing your containers from the street after pickup and put those containers in their place.

— Jim Hall ♻️



For the THCA Annual Party and Meeting Saturday, September 20, 2003

The 2003 Annual Meeting and Party will be held at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Birnbaum on Canyon View Drive.

Details of the party will be announced in the next newsletter, but be sure to save the date, as this will be a lovely evening filled with great people, and delicious food & drinks!!

Please call Jenny Radisay at 715-2051 for more information or if you'd like to assist with party planning.

Just a reminder!

Participating in the THCA is a great way to learn more about our community, bring community issues and concerns to the attention of others, meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends.

We look forward to seeing you in September!!



THCA STEERING COMMITTEE

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 7 to 9 p.m.

Hone of Jennifer and Nicholas Radisay • 875 Coast View

Topic for discussion: Temple Hills and City Issues and Planning



Visioning Laguna

[The following is excerpted from a report to the Laguna Coast Line]

As a member of the Vision Laguna Steering Committee, and one of over 2000 community members who put a lot of time and effort into this project, I was grateful to have the City Council finally accept our Final Report and Strategic Plan at their last meeting.

The issue now is how we go about implementing the plan. The direction proposed by the current council does not square with the principles that have guided this project to date—namely, that implementing the vision be a true collaboration among council, city staff, community groups and interested individuals, with adequate built-in mechanisms for accountability and oversight of progress.

It appears that a majority of current Council do not see a need for: 1) mailing the summary of the findings to the entire community; 2) appointing an Implementation Committee; 3) encouraging participation by individual community members who may not be members of established community organizations and, above all; 4) setting up a mechanism for insuring that the Vision Report serves as a template for future Council decisions and is part of the annual planning and budgeting process by City staff.

The need for an Implementation Committee was reaffirmed at a recent Town Hall meeting on Visioning sponsored by the League of Women Voters, where the idea was endorsed by a number of former mayors (of all political stripes), and the many others present who were active on one of the seven vision strategy teams (Community Character-People, Community Character-Place; Resident and Visitor Mobility; Environmental Responsibility; Arts and Culture; Economic Sustainability; Governance and Civic Participation).

Since the Council has not concluded their deliberations on this matter, I urge them to heed Mayor Toni Iseman's suggestions that the summary report be mailed out to inform everyone in the community of the work of the strategy teams, that visioning recommendations be integrated into city planning and budgeting, and that we insure this remains a dynamic process with deep grass-roots involvement of individual citizens, not a process controlled solely by people already in power.

Visioning was a process initiated by City Council in 1999 by Councilmembers Blackburn, Dicterow, Freeman, Iseman, and Peterson. It was always envisioned as an inclusive collaboration among all segments of the public sector working with the City Council and staff. Almost \$200,000 of city funds have been spent on the enterprise. Now that we have moved from visioning and strategic planning to the implementation phase, let's stay true to the vision of what visioning was supposed to be about. — Marion K. Jacobs

COASTVIEW BLOC PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

**It's time again for the bi-annual
Coastview Block-buster Potluck!**

SUNDAY, MAY 25 AT 4:30 P.M.

**We'll begin at the beautifully remodeled,
historical home of Greig & Amy Altieri
for cocktails, appetizers & sunset.**

**Then we'll take a short stroll up Coastview
for the grand finale at the exotic home of
Steve and Mara Short —
for dessert, coffee and more fun!!**

**Details to follow.
Please call Rhonda (376-9270)
with questions**

**Remind your neighbors —
This is a great way to meet the new
and catch up with the old!!!!**



Laguna Wilderness Press Launched

Local photographer Jerry Burchfield has written about the formation of the Laguna Wilderness Press, a non-profit press dedicated to publishing books concerning the presence, preservation, and importance of wilderness environments. The mission of the IWP is to increase public awareness, appreciation, and support for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of wilderness environments. The press plans to produce an on-going series of books that feature beautiful and thoughtful photographs in conjunction with perceptive and provoking text on specific environmental areas while addressing universal issues.

The first volume, **Nature's Laguna Wilderness**, based on 80 photographs alongside a text of the history and geography of the Laguna Greenbelt and preservation of wilderness areas around Laguna Beach, is based on Ron Chilcote's project of the past seven years to photograph and document the beauty of this pristine area in which we live. His book will soon be available in a limited cased edition with signed 11x14 inch print as well as a paperback version. For further information, contact Laguna Wilderness Press, P.O. Box 149, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.



Steering Committee 2003

Coordinating Committee:

Catherine Hall

Jennifer and Nicholas Radisay

Rhonda and Doug Kinn

Carol Oslon

Ron Chilcote

- Joe Baker Neighborhood Watch
- Fran Chilcote Corresponding Secretary
- Ron Chilcote Newsletter
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Pedestrian Walkway

The initial bid on the Temple Hills Pedestrian Walkway project, which included putting in caissons to support the street, came back for \$350,000. The city is rebidding the project without the same caisson design and expects to take a lower but still slightly over budget bid to the City Council.

According to Mark Trestik, city engineer, who emailed us in early March, the city expects to put the project out for bid again. "Construction should begin in June and be done by September. I know that the schedule keeps changing, but we're getting very close this time.... It's scheduled for an April 15 hearing before City Council right now, but more than likely it will need to be postponed to May. Thanks for your patience on this project."

The street will be resurfaced as soon as they get the Walkway figured out. Mark assures us that we are definitely moving ahead on the project. Fortunately, we still have four and possibly five City Council members in clear support of the project. If you see any Council members around town, thank them again for their support. We will need their vote when it comes before the Council. We will try to keep you informed of the actual City Council date.

Steve May and Ken Frank supervise this project as well, so if you know them and can put in a good word for the walkway moving forward, please do so.



— Carol Olson 🐾

Thanks for your Donations and Support

We wish to thank all those who have donated to THCA to ensure the continuous publication of this newsletter (now in its 31st year). We remind those who have not yet contributed this year to send in your dues.

We also encourage you to support those who work to keep our newsletter running through their ads, including dentist Joe Baker, psychologist Marion Jacobs, and architect James B. Willis Jr. Additionally, we are indebted to the longtime support of The Stand on 238 Thalia Street and Andrus Plumbing on 855 Glenneyre St. Raymond Foo of Garden Gate contributed flowers to our annual party. 🐾

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.

Stop Sign Request at Wendt and Park

Representing residents of lower Temple Hills (Group VI), Anne Frank through THCA has appealed to the City Council to reconsider a recommendation of the Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee to install a stop sign at the dangerous intersection of Wendt Terrace and Park Avenue. The recommendation had been reversed by the city manager. In its letter to the Council, the THCA Steering Committee affirmed its support for a stop sign and stated, "We strongly disagree with the city manager's recommendation that 'presently there is no sight distance obstruction' at this corner... This remains a dangerous intersection." ♻️



Village Entrance and Act V Parking



The new City Council in April voted 3 to 2 to reverse the consensus that had evolved over recent years to keep the Act V parking intact and to pursue a previously approved plan for the Village Entrance project. In its letter to the Council, the Steering Committee felt that the up to \$4 million for moving a corporation yard should be instead allocated to the village entrance project as well as for acquisition of open space within the city: "The Steering Committee resolved unanimously to appeal to you to not make radical changes and instead to stay the course with the present parking at Act V, the approved village entrance design, and keeping the corporation yard close to City Hall." ♻️

Laguna Beach Garden Club Spring Garden Tour



The 2003 Laguna Beach Spring Garden Tour is set for **Thursday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** This is a special year for the Garden Club because we are celebrating our 75th anniversary.

This year the tour will feature seven wonderful private gardens in Laguna Beach including a delightful seaside English garden, a tropical canyon retreat shared by two homeowners, three very different cottage gardens and an ocean-front estate garden with an Oriental theme.

Tickets for this self-guided tour are \$15 before April 25th and \$20 at the door (if available). To order your ticket(s), send a check made out to the Laguna Beach Garden Club to P.O. Box 362, Laguna Beach, CA, 92652. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce. The tickets include the garden addresses, a map, directions and garden descriptions. Be sure to get your ticket early as we limit our tour to 500 people.

Proceeds from the tour will fund our scholarship program and support various environmental and beautification projects. If you have any questions, please call Catherine Hall at 494-4974. ♻️

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Tom Beaton Remembered

Temple Hills has lost a friend, Tom Beaton, who moved here in 1980 and passed away on January 18, 2003. He was 72. Suffering from cancer, Tom did something out of the ordinary by throwing a party that would serve as a "living viewing." Many of us were there to celebrate his life before death. He is survived by his wife, Diane, and his daughters May and Chelsea for whom Temple Hills residents extend their condolences. ♻️

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