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Party Time!

We hope you'll join us for the Temple Hills Annual Party. It's sure to be a fun-filled evening! We will be serving Mexican appetizers, margaritas, beer, wine and sodas, as well as some very tempting desserts.

Our hosts, Doug and Judy Anderson, have graciously allowed us to use their stunning new home designed by architect Richard Krantz for our "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta." Although their home is not yet fully completed, you'd never know it! This home, and its views are truly extraordinary!!

The Temple Hills Annual Party is an excellent way to meet your neighbors, learn more about our wonderful community and most of all, have some fun! We look forward to hearing from the Mayor Pro-Tem Toni Iseman of Laguna Beach, and a surprise speaker from the Laguna Beach Police Department, during our Annual Meeting preceding the party from 5-6 p.m.

The \$15 suggested donation will help pay for newsletters, mailings and other activities. We still need volunteers to help with food, decorations and other duties, so please call Jenny Radisay at 376-4008 if you are interested. We look forward to seeing you May 4th!!!

— Jennifer Radisay ☺



Temple Hills Annual Party

Cinco De Mayo



Fiesta!



Saturday, May 4th, 6-10 p.m.

At the beautiful, newly completed home of

Doug and Judy Anderson

800 Canyon View Drive

Appetizers and cocktails will be served

Everyone is welcome to attend the
annual meeting from 5-6 p.m.

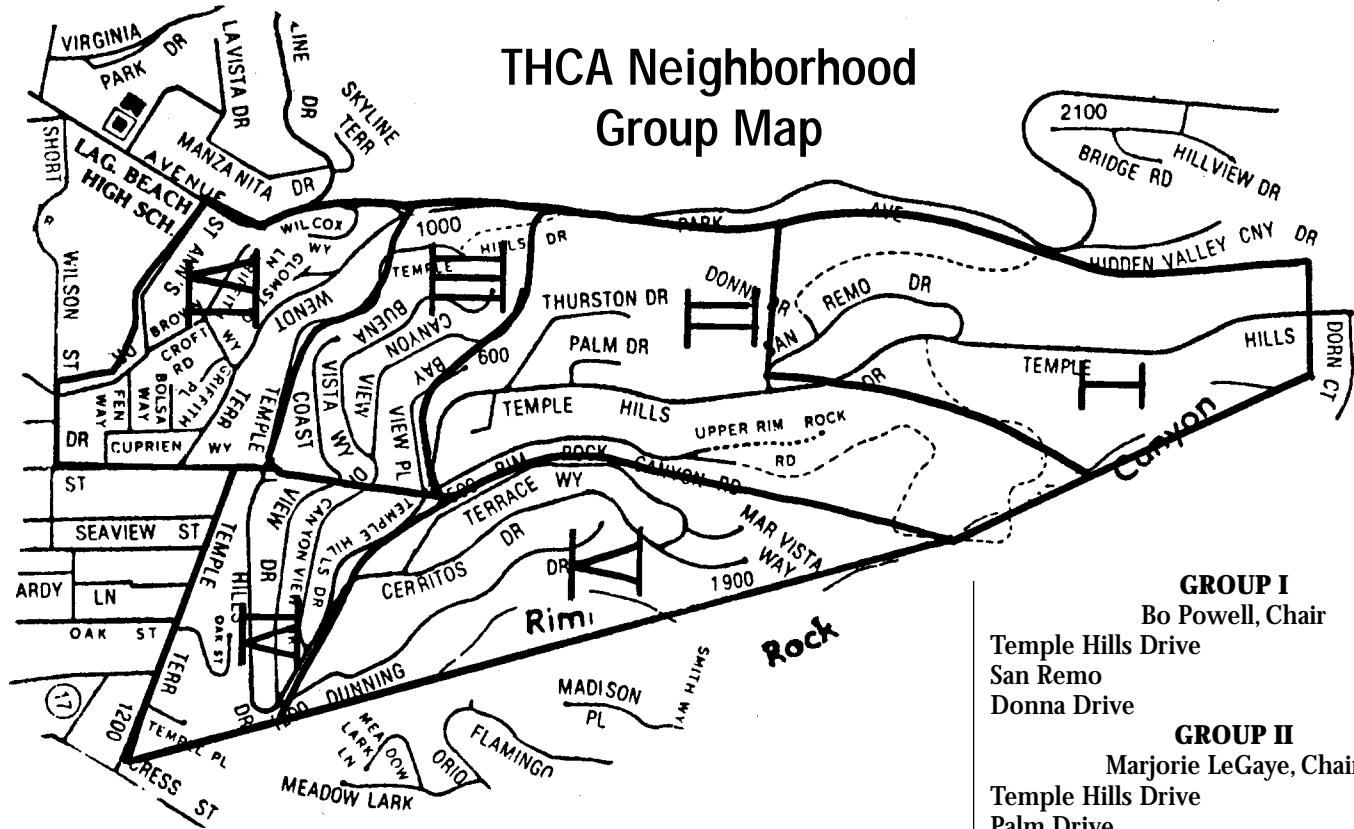
RSVP by May 1st to Jenny Radisay at 376-4008

\$15 suggested donation

Please feel free to bring an appetizer, and your friends!

Please try to carpool if possible, as parking is limited.

Adults only please.



The Activities of the Neighborhood Groups

With the founding of the association during the early 1970s, the idea was to have a broadly based Steering Committee with each member responsible for a task and to decentralize Temple Hills through a geographical organization of neighborhood groups. Presently we are in the process of reviving the groups because there are many things to do and the groups are intended only to be active around local concerns. Doug and Rhonda Kinn are at work with the group coordinators and can be reached at 376-3290.

The map above and legend to the right show where each group is located with street numbers and the name of the Group Coordinator. We encourage volunteers to join with these groups. We need your help and participation. Here are some of the tasks for consideration:

Bloc Socials

Successful parties on Coast View, Temple Terrace, and San Remo during the past year have demonstrated how important it is for us to come together with neighbors and share in the building of community spirit and unity. Rhonda Kinn desires to facilitate such happenings and can be reached at 376-9270.

Membership

We encourage all neighbors to join us with the \$20 per household membership fee. Your contribution helps in publication of the newsletter and other activities of THCA.

Neighborhood Watch

Several members of our Steering Committee are available to help in the organization of Neighborhood Watch on streets desiring to work together to mitigate the possibility of burglary. Joe Baker (494-9539) and Doug Kinn (376-3290) can help you get started.

Development Problems

There is a great deal of new construction, remodeling, and other activity that may conflict with neighbors. This may involve the City's Design Review Board. THCA is available to help with working concerns through the City and other entities, but believes that most problems are resolved at the local level and should first be worked through the Neighborhood Groups.

Undergrounding

The Cerritos-Dunning undergrounding is being coordinated by Bill Klenner (see story in this newsletter) in the Neighborhood Group coordinated by Paul Zehner (tel 494-6991).

A petition drive is underway in the Upper Temple Hills Area and Group I coordinated by Bo Powell (tel 494-4685).

Michelle Samson (tel 376-5798) is coordinating an attempt to underground Thalia Street.

Dave Walker coordinated earlier successful undergrounding and will share his knowledge and experience at 494-1137. ♡

GROUP I

Bo Powell, Chair

Temple Hills Drive 2495-1950
San Remo
Donna Drive

GROUP II

Marjorie LeGaye, Chair

Temple Hills Drive 1936-1401
Palm Drive
Thurston
Bay View Place

GROUP III

Kurt Topik, Chair

Temple Hills Drive 888-529
Canyon View Drive 890-669
Buena Vista Way
Coast View Drive 880-712

GROUP IV

Joe Baker, Chair

Temple Hills Drive Even #'s only 900-1406
Canyon View Drive 904-1135
Coast View Drive 901-1195
Oak Street
Temple Terrace Entire street even #'s
Temple Place

GROUP V

Paul Zehner, Chair

Temple Hills Drive Odd #'s 1395-1217
Cerritos Drive
Terrace Way
Mar Vista Way
Dunning Drive

GROUP VI

Marilyn Johnson, Chair

Thalia 595-711
Wendt Terrace
St. Ann's Drive 611-868
Browncroft
Cuprien Way
Bolso Way
Fen Way
Griffith Way
Griffith Place
Glomstad lane
Wilcox Way
Park Ave. Odd #'s 815-1025 ♡

**Temple Hills Community Ass'n.
Steering Committee 2002**

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

- Joe Baker ... Neighborhood Watch/Undergrounding
- Fran Chilcote Corresponding Secretary
- Ron Chilcote Newsletter
- Anne Frank Archives & Historian
- Catherine Hall Mail List & Data Support
- Jan Hall Social Secretary
- Jim Hall At-large
- 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
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- Ben Teschner Finance
- Mary Lou Teschner Party Committee
- Verna Rolling Membership, Data Administrator
- Frank Samson Newsletter
- Michele Samson Noticing and
Thalia Undergrounding
- Carey & Mark Shyres .. Traffic Safety/Undergrounding
- Tracy Spencer Minutes
- Bahara Stapleberg City Issues
- 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

Calendar



Thur., April 25, 12-4 p.m.

Laguna Beach Garden Club Tour

Sat., May 4, 5-6 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Sat., May 4, 6-10 p.m.

Annual Party

Mon., September 2

Coast View's Bloc Party

Mon., Sept. 16, 7-9 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting

get as possible for construction, and, therefore, doing the design in-house. However, lack of available in-house manpower has necessitated the services of a consultant. The consultant is currently preparing a preliminary design that we will be taking to the Design Review Board. An informational letter is being sent to all Temple Hills property owners to update them on the project and to solicit public opinion prior to the Design Review hearing. You should be receiving the update letter soon. Thanks for your patience.

If you want to have input on the design, I would call Mark at the above number immediately and ask to talk to the consultant.

Thanks to all of you whose support has already helped move this project forward.

— Carol Olson ☛

What is Your Walkway Vision?

As you know if you read the article in the previous THCA newsletter, the latest City plan for the walkway has it extending from Thalia to Dunning, on the ocean side of Temple Hills. But how will it look?

The City is planning a concrete sidewalk directly adjacent to the roadway curb and gutter. That sounds like a downtown sidewalk, not a neighborhood walkway. Won't that look too urban? Surely we can do better.

What about colored, patterned concrete that could look like interlocking brick, or cobblestone, or whatever would fit the vista? In the past, THCA has suggested a landscaped treatment to further beautify the walkway. When were the creative, aesthetic ideas taken off the table?

The City says, once developed, the plans will be presented for comment at a community meeting. We need to think about our own vision for the walkway now, so we can be prepared to comment when asked. A concrete slab sidewalk? We can do better!

— Chris Ricketts ☛

Walkway Fever



Mark Trestik, 497-0300 at the City of Laguna Beach, apologizes for the glacial progress of the walkway project. The City was trying to save as much of the bud-

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THCA STEERING COMMITTEE



Next Meeting

Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, 7 to 9 p.m.
Site to be determined.

What Can the THCA Do For You?

Historically, the Temple Hills Community Association has gotten the community together to react to a given issue such as the utility undergrounding or the pedestrian walkway. Working together we have achieved great results! If you are skeptical, just look out your window at the beautiful ocean view, undisturbed by thick black wires and ugly utility poles.

It is not just the large-scale improvement projects for which the Community Association is a catalyst. Don't forget about the power of banding together the community in maintaining and improving our day-to-day quality of life. Did you know that through the Steering Committee, the Temple Hills Community Association writes numerous letters to various agencies in order to get resolutions regarding neighborhood issues? If you have issues that THCA could help with, please call one of the Steering Committee members.

In the future, it is envisaged that community associations will become more involved in City planning projects. For example, consider the pilot projects that will stem from Vision Laguna. Once the final Vision document is approved by council, phase 2 of the process will be to prioritize projects for funding and implementation. For instance, if the creation of pocket parks becomes a priority item, specific locations will be sought. The specific potential park locations and design concepts that are already in the planning stages will be first in line. But it will not be City Hall that identifies potential projects. This type of planning will be done at the community level. We in the Temple Hills neighborhood have the advantage of a long-running, well-established community association. By working with the THCA, we can get things done! Think about ideas you have for improvement; call one of the Steering Committee members listed in the newsletter.

Of course it would be even better to get directly involved in the Association. To paraphrase JFK, "Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community!" — Chris Rickitts ☪

Church Expansion Proposed

Last month, the development plan for St. Catherine of Sienna Church was presented to Design Review. The church fronts Temple Terrace and backs onto

Temple Hills. The plan consisted of roughly doubling the 5000-square-foot facility by adding classrooms, meeting rooms and associated non-congregational space. The plan included an at-grade entrance onto Temple Terrace, and an extensive landscaping plan on the Temple Hills side.

While most of the neighbors who spoke at the Design Review meeting seemed to appreciate the architectural beauty of the proposed re-model, serious concerns were voiced. While there is not room to articulate all the concerns here, the most prevalent included:

- The residents living below the church (e.g., Lombardy Lane) felt the proposed massing of the church was too great, extending the existing building to within five feet of the Water District property. Parking and traffic circulation were also a major concern, but due to an existing zoning exemption, these impacts cannot be considered by the Design Review Board!

- The residents living above the church (e.g., Temple Hills Dr.) were concerned that the extensive tree plantings proposed behind the church would seriously impact views. Also, a concern was raised about the loss of the "informal" pedestrian path that runs along the south boundary of the church property linking the Temple Hills neighborhood to the Lower Temple Hills and Village neighborhoods.

In response, the church was very receptive to the neighbors' concerns. They agreed to develop a new plan that would reduce the long, linear massing along Temple Terrace, most likely by attempting to utilize land behind the church, leaving a greater setback on the south side of the property. It was also agreed that a large transformer originally planned directly adjacent to Temple Terrace would be re-located. A new landscape plan, with the higher-growing vegetation close to the church and reducing in height as the ground elevation increased toward Temple Hills, would be developed. However, the

proposed vast row of tall palm trees that concerned the neighbors did not seem to get addressed. In addition, the pathway linkage will be revisited.

What's next? The new plan is scheduled to be presented to Design Review on April 18th. (Design Review is held in the evening at the Council Chambers of City Hall. The plans are available for review at City Hall the week of the presentation. You can call the City on April 18th to where on the agenda the church proposal is scheduled.) Again, the neighborhood will have the opportunity to comment. The last set of comments really made a difference to the project, so please attend the meeting and voice your opinion so that the resulting church renovation is something everyone will be happy with. — Chris Rickitts ☪

Temple Hills Undergrounding Phase II, Update

(Area consists of Rim Rock Canyon Rd, Terrace Way, Cerritos Dr, Dunning Dr and Marvista Way.)

Well, a year has passed with some progress having been made. The City is waiting to hear from Edison. As most people are aware, Edison ran into financial trouble, which really slowed them down in getting their part of the plan finished. A big concern was who was going to do the work on Edison's part. First it was going to be inside their company, then outside.

According to the City, Edison is now trying to complete their plans in the next six to eight weeks. Once the plans are in and evaluated, the City will be sending a letter detailing the plan, cost and potential schedule to the residents affected. — Bill Klenner

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