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# TEMPLE HILLS

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

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## Appreciation for Those Helping with the Walkway Project

By the time you read this, I hope that the Temple Hills Pedestrian Walkway is completed and that the inconvenience of the one way traffic is beginning to fade from our memory. The next goal of the pedestrian committee is to help the Laguna Beach open space committee maintain the trails that exist within the Temple Hills and lower Temple Hills area.

Many thanks to those of you who attended meetings, wrote letters, talked to city officials and helped keep this project alive. I would especially like to thank Peter Weisbrod, Dave Walker, Ron Chilcote, Linda and Carl Brown, Steve May, Mark Trestick, Derick Weitz, Wayne Baglin, Cheryl Kinsman, Tony Iseman, Steve Dicterow, Elizabeth Pearson, Marc Berger, Bette and Glen McIntire, Michael Hoag, Paul de Pfiffner, Ben Teschner, Arden Smith, Fernando Oliveira, Doug Kinn, Joe Baker, Lauren Howell, Karin Jones, Lorna and Gordon Shaw, Judy and Doug Anderson, Catherine Hall, Mary Frenz, John Stalker, Peter Moore, Tom and Dalton Combs, Suzy Wilhoit, Neil and Xander Olson, Bahara Stapelberg, Caroline Wright, Carol and Roger Nilson, Bob Fox, Jim Ardery, Gary Hawley, Brian and Beatriz Keith, Michael Burdiek,

Mary Hurlbut, Frank and Michelle Samson, Marion Jacobs, Greg and Amy Altieri for lending your voices (votes or letters) to this project. Thanks for all your support.

— Carol Olson

[THCA also thanks Carol Olson for her tireless efforts and many years on this project.]



## It's that Time Again for the THCA Annual Meeting and Party

### "Sunset Soiree"

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

5-6 p.m. .... Annual Meeting and Guest Speakers

6-10 p.m. .... Appetizers, Cocktails & Dessert

Where ..... Home of Bill & Carolyn Birnbaum  
1025 Canyon View Drive

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 appetizers, colorful martinis, beer, wine and sodas, as well as some delectable desserts. We'd like to thank our hosts, Bill and Carolyn Birnbaum, for graciously allowing us to use their beautiful home for our "Sunset Soiree."

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 of Laguna Beach, Toni Iseman, during our Annual Meeting preceding the party from 5-6 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend the annual meeting!

The \$15 suggested donation, per person, will help pay for the annual party, newsletters, mailings and other activities of the THCA. Please feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage and if you wish, your favorite martini glass!!

Please call Jenny Radisay at 715-2051 or Rhonda Kinn at 376-9207 for further information.

We look forward to seeing you September 20th !!!!



— Jenny and Rhonda  
Party Chairs



## Laguna Wilderness and the LA Times coastviewparadise@cox.net

The Weekend section of the Los Angeles *Times* for August 7, 2003 had a beautiful cover of sagebrush and blooming mustard lit by glorious sunlight. The caption identifies the photo as Laguna's untamed wilderness. The centerfold of four pages is ablaze with superb photos taken in our beloved Laguna Canyon, a map of the Laguna Greenbelt, and a sidebar with key spots to visit. This well-deserved feature is a review of a treasure of a book, *Nature's Laguna Wilderness*. The author is Temple Hills' own Ron Chilcote, and his photo and background are included in this exceptional review for this exceptional book. Published by Laguna Wilderness Press, this 96-page volume contains 80 images, maps, and loads of information on the effort to preserve this space, as well as interesting facts of the geology, plants, and animals that make this canyon so unique and loved.



This is a must-have book for everyone who loves nature in Temple Hills, Laguna Beach, and in the United States. It is a glorious book and documents a success story of how

good people can still accomplish good things by working together in this country. Congratulations to Ron and this first publication from the Laguna Wilderness Press. They both have set a very high standard and eager anticipation for future publications.

The book is available through Latitude 33 in Laguna and Barnes and Noble elsewhere. More information is available through [www.lagunawildernesspress.com](http://www.lagunawildernesspress.com).  
— Jim Hall ☺

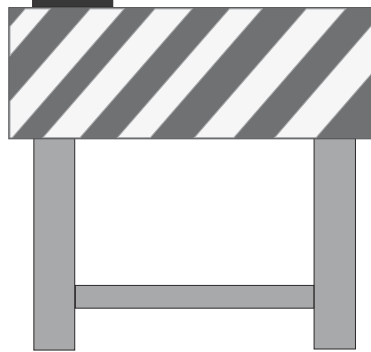
## High School Scholarship



THCA resident Bruce Hopping recently established two new scholarships through his Kalos Kagathos Foundation. Named the Political Affairs Leadership Honor, one of the awards of \$1000 would

go to a high school student who is actively involved in City Council and School Board meetings throughout the year. The other, the Journalism Impact Award, would confer a \$1000 award to an outstanding editor or staff writer or photographer for the high school newspaper, *Brush and Palette*. Kudos to Bruce and the Laguna Beach High School for establishing these awards to honor students for their civic participation. ☺

# CONSTRUCTION NOTICE



## Temple Hills Drive Sidewalk Construction Project

*The City of Laguna Beach is preparing a construction project that will take place in your neighborhood. Motorists can expect delays and detours during the construction period from July through September 2003.*

**Beginning July 28**, construction will begin on Temple Hills Drive, which will include installation of a new concrete sidewalk along the coastal side of Temple Hills Drive from Dunning Drive to Thalia Street and continuing on to the south side of Thalia Street from Temple Hills Drive to Temple Terrace. A wood-finished concrete handrail will be installed at the back of the sidewalk. The project also includes replacement of a portion of the sewer main within Temple Hills Drive and street resurfacing of lower Temple Hills Drive.

Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This work is expected to be completed by the end of September. During the construction period, Temple Hills Drive will be closed to uphill traffic around the clock from Thalia Street to Dunning Drive. Traffic bound for the Temple Hills area will be detoured along Glenneyre Street to Legion Street to Park Avenue to Alta Laguna Boulevard to Temple Hills Drive. If you would like additional information, or for someone to come to your residence and explain the traffic-control measures, including the detour, please call either of the phone numbers listed below.

Instead of using the detour, residents of Temple Hills Drive between Thalia Street and Dunning Drive may prefer to park on adjacent streets below the construction area, such as Temple Terrace, Seaview Street and Anita Street. If you would like to have a temporary permit for reserved parking on one of these streets in lieu of using the detour, please call (949) 497-0711.

Trash pick-up and mail delivery may be slightly delayed but not directly impacted by this construction activity. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Elite Bobcat Services, the City's contractor, will make every effort to limit noise and any inconvenience to the affected residents. Notifications will be passed out to homes 48 hours prior to any construction that will directly affect residents, such as driveway closures. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during construction of this community improvement.

**Please exercise caution, obey all traffic signs and BE AWARE OF ONCOMING EMERGENCY VEHICLES through the construction zone.**

If you have any questions regarding this project, please call Elite Bobcat Services at (909) 279-6869. To reach the City's representative for this project, contact the City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department at (949) 497-0711 or visit the City's website at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) and check out the feature *Public Works News*.



**Steering Committee 2003**

***Coordinating Committee:***

**Catherine Hall**

**Jennifer and Nicholas Radisay**

**Rhonda and Doug Kinn**

**Carol Oslon**

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**Neighborhood Group Leaders**

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



El Morro mobile homes are in the distance.

**El Morro Decision**

**W**e attended the court hearing on El Morro tenants claim that the State Parks EIR was inadequate and flawed for lack of appropriate information to the public. Superior Court Judge Jonathan Cannon ruled in favor of State Parks. After hearing from both sides, Steven Miles for El Morro, Hayley Peterson, deputy attorney general for State Parks, the judge took a recess and returned to read a long list of issues with his finding on each one. He ruled for State Parks on all counts and documented his reasoning with references to parks administrative record.

The presence of a court reporter for this hearing presages an appeal, but the tight court record and complete denial of the El Morro claims may discourage the tenant group from further legal action. Let's hope so. Twenty-five years is a long time to wait to enjoy parkland purchased by the state. Tenants are scheduled to vacate and remove their mobile units when their lease expires December 31, 2004.

— Jeannette Merrilees ♡

**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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## Coast View Bloc Party

We did it again! Aren't we fabulous? Coastview's bi-annual progressive potluck was even more fun than we remembered. Greig and Amy Altieri opened their beautiful home for cocktails and some very scrumptious appetizers (we have some marvelous chefs on the block). We watched the beginning of a spectacular sunset, the party, then strolled with the setting sun to the exotic home of Steve and Mara Short for incredible desserts, coffee and more — what a great time, made even more special with so many new neighbors joining in to get to know their new neighborhood.

It was hard to believe that two years had passed since the last Coastview block party and now we can hardly wait for the next. If anyone would like some tips on how to begin planning your own block party, please feel free to call Rhonda at 376-9270. In the meantime, don't forget our Temple Hills association party September 20th — if anything like last year, it promises to be a great evening.

— Rhonda Kinn

## Rollinger Reviews City Issues at Steering Committee Meeting



Verna Rollinger

City Clerk and Steering Committee member Verna Rollinger reviewed issues and projects relevant to Temple Hills at the meeting of May 7 at the home of the Radisays. Verna emphasized the upcoming budget hearings and noted two projects in Temple Hills, one the Temple Hills walkway (Thalia to Dunning) and the other the new sidewalk along Park Avenue. We also reviewed the location of the City corporation yard to the Act V parking lot in the Laguna Canyon, affordable housing at 450 Glenneyre Street, and the Community/Senior Center on Third Street. It was an informative and useful meeting, and we are grateful for Verna in organizing her presentation.

## Temple Hills Pathways

THCA has worked with the City's Open Space Committee to reopen easements through the hill that have facilitated resident movement over the past 50-60 years. Ron Chilcote appeared at one meeting, where he reviewed plans established a quarter century ago to recognize trails above Park Avenue and in Rimrock Canyon. Caroline Wright and Dorothea Yelliott attended another meeting and worked out details. Several meetings have taken place on the hill, and the Open Space Committee visited the area in late May.

The Open Space Committee has been busy establishing trails throughout Laguna Beach. This worthy project serves as a way for people to come together to establish, preserve, and maintain paths, lanes and steps throughout the town.

Recently we reviewed a newsletter of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, a grassroots volunteer group of community members who have come together



BPWA members on a walking tour of Thousand Oaks Paths

to increase awareness of Berkeley's pathways. The group publishes a newsletter, Berkeley's Paths, available at BPWA, 1442A Walnut St., #469, Berkeley, CA 94709.

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