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✕ Forum for Candidates for City Council and School Board

Monday, October 16th
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL
(Vote for UP TO 3)

- KELLY BOYD
- TONI ISEMAN
- VERNA ROLLINGER
- ELIZABETH PEARSON-SCHNEIDER

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT (Vote for UP TO 3)

- THERESA O'HARE
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borhood Association ☘



Moonlight & Martinis!

We hope you'll join us for the Temple Hills Annual Party. It's sure to be a memorable evening! We'd like to thank our hosts, Tom Livermore and Scott Shadrick, for graciously inviting us to their beautiful home, RockView. DON'T miss this opportunity to celebrate our community with old and new friends!

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!

The \$15 per-person (\$10 for those who have paid yearly dues of \$20 per home) will help pay for the annual party, newsletters, mailings and other activities of the THCA.

Please call Rhonda at 376-9270 for further information.

We look forward to seeing you October 28th !!!!

— Rhonda Kinn

P.S. Remind your neighbors — it promises to be a fabulous evening!!!

Temple Hills Annual Meeting and Party

You're Invited!

Host: Tom Livermore and Scott Shadrick
Location: 2355 Temple Hills Drive, Laguna Beach
When: Saturday, October 28, 5 p.m.

"Shaken, Stirred or On the Rocks," it's promising to be the "Absolute" in parties!

Join us for our Annual meeting and party at Tom and Scott's beautiful home, RockView.
Moonlight, Martini's, Dinner, Old and New Friends — *Don't miss this one!!*

Annual meeting at 5 p.m. — please don't be late.

Carol Olson to chair the annual meeting and

Jane Egly is our invited speaker.

Dinner* and Party following Annual Meeting

*If you want dessert — it's on you. Come with your favorite after-dinner indulgence to share.

\$10 per person if dues are paid in advance (even paid at the door)

\$15 per person if dues not up to date

\$20 dues per home

Send dues and contributions to THCA

P.O. Box 4913

Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP by October 21 to help us prepare.

For questions or suggestions, call Rhonda at (949) 376-9270.

Trash Talk

I am at it again — complaining about the trash cans on our main street, Temple Hills Drive. The problem probably exists on feeder streets, but I don't drive by those every day. I do use THD on a regular basis, and I know we have trash-can scofflaws living there. Trash pickup day is Wednesday. The time to put out the green bins is Tuesday. The time to put the bins back is after the trash pickup, Wednesday. There. I've said it as clearly as I can to avoid confusion. I understand once in a while there is a rare, genuine emergency and reason to break this routine. But notice the words "rare and routine."

The city ordinance is clear. Trash bins are not to be seen from the street except for pickup as described. We are fortunate to have such a reliable trash service. Now if the few neighbors who regularly violate the ordinance would be reliable, our wonderful neighborhood would benefit.

— Jim Hall 🐾

Report: Land Use Element and House-size Limits

At a recent meeting of Village Laguna, it was disappointing to hear that the language of the proposed section on preserving the distinctive character of our neighborhoods is vague and conditional. At a subsequent meeting, neighborhood associations were invited to attend and consider taking a position on strengthening that section of the plan.

At the second meeting, the concern about oversized houses in our neighborhoods was widely shared and neighborhood associations were urged to take the opportunity provided by the Land Use Plan revision workshops to give input.

The design-review ordinance and the single-family residential standards of the City already require that new houses be compatible in scale with their neighbors, but out-of-scale houses are being approved all over town. One of the ideas that seemed to fit our community is an upper limit based on the median size of houses in the 300-foot noticing area. So far, no such provision has been included in the draft of the Land Use Element.

The draft element does include the idea of neighborhood specific plans, but it's obvious that this would take a very long time, and meanwhile, neighborhoods that need to be protected would be changing.

House-size limits are in effect in at least 30 California cities. They exist in Laguna in Three Arch Bay, the village center of South Laguna, and Arch Beach Heights. There seems to be no reason we can't have neighborhood-specific limits citywide.

A number of neighborhood associations and community organizations have written to the Planning Commission and City Council in support of house-size limits. If Temple Hills Community Association wants to support this concept, it should do so as soon as possible. The Planning Commission will send its recommendations to the City Council before the end of the year.

Verna Rollinger

THCA representative 🐾

Neighbors Object to Commercial Signs and View Obstruction at High School

The Laguna Beach Unified School District is reevaluating its Policy 1001, which allows commercial advertising signage on Laguna Beach school athletic fields. Two of its criteria for commercial signage are that it "is subdued and tasteful" and "does not have a negative impact on the community or immediate neighborhood." We contend that advertising signs and banners on the fencing are not subdued and tasteful, and do negatively impact the community and surrounding neighborhoods. Furthermore, the commercial signage has a negative impact in that it detracts and cheapens the look of the high school's new multi-million-dollar sports complex.

The extensive signage on the fencing appears frightfully unattractive to the community. We do not wish to offend the Boosters who sell signage to raise revenue for the students participating in sports nor to insult local merchants who advertise their businesses. We believe that there may be other methods beside signage to raise revenue without negatively affecting aesthetics and property values.

Those of us who live in homes that overlook LBHS sincerely believe that we should try

to improve the look of our neighborhood and attempt to preserve property values. We do not understand why we who live near schools are treated as "less than" other residents of Laguna Beach. We are told to accept things no one else would accept.

Commercial signage is incompatible with the look of our community and neighborhoods. It further destroys residential views, which have already been ruined by the 30'-high baseball fence, resulting in many homeowners losing their unobstructed ocean views and in a decline of property values. We will never get used to looking at the ocean and sunset through poles and fencing. The neighbors' idea of telescoping poles and retractable netting has been rejected by the School Board, which claims there was a lack of interest by outside contractors.

At the September 12, 2006, School Board meeting, Board Member El Hathaway stated that there is now funding available for school team uniforms and equipment. This is a very significant policy change. This funding would take the pressure off the Booster parents to raise revenue. The neighbors and community would also benefit by this change in policy by preserving any remaining aesthetics and halting further loss of property values. The School Board is studying this issue and will announce its decision at a public meeting in October or November 2006.

— Stephen and Jamie Crawford 🐾

Update on THCA Record Keeping

Here in the mountains of Wyoming, where September temperatures have been down in the 20-degree range, I am tucked away in a nice warm cabin, updating the THCA mailing list. I first spent a week or two updating the list from information sent to me by those of you who have paid your dues and going through the 2005 assessor's list, and just learning the program. Since then Jackie Parker has also gathered together for me about half of the information on THCA addresses from the new 2006 assessor's list. For all of you who receive this newsletter, I hope you will let me know if there is anything incorrect, and I would also appreciate receiving current telephone numbers and email addresses.

This newsletter will be sent to approximately 850 people, 90 of whom are owners who reside outside the area (and 90 of whom are presumed renters or "residents"). The newsletter is also sent to city council members, members of the planning commission and design review board, school board members, and other neighborhood associations, as well as businesses who support our neighborhood organization.

Hope to hear from you,

— Fran Chilcote 🐾



Steering Committee 2006

The Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee may meet for planning or emergency purposes between Steering Committee meetings, although any member may attend, and comprises Fran and Ron Chilcote, Jamie and Stephen Crawford, Richard Holmes, Rich Linting, Ben Teschner, Dorothea Yelliot.

- Joe Baker Neighborhood Watch
- Lisa Black Neighborhood Liaison
- Fran Chilcote Corresponding Secretary and Membership Records
- Ron Chilcote Newsletter
- Jamie Crawford School Issues
- Stephen Crawford School Issues
- Anne Frank Archive & Historian
- Jan Hall Social
- Jim Hall At Large
- Richard Holmes Website
- Doug Kinn At Large
- Rhonda Kinn Annual Party
- Rich Linting Treasurer
- Carol Olsen Walkways
- Jackie Parker Membership Records
- Jennifer Radisay At Large
- Nicholas Radisay Meeting Coordinator
- Barbara Rathbun Telephone List
- Chris Rickets Planning
- Verna Rollinger VOW
- Tracy Spencer Minutes
- Ben Teschner At Large
- Mary Lou Teschner Party Committee
- Dave Walker Undergrounding
- Grant Wetzel Open Space
- Marian Whitney Distribution
- Caroline Wright Pathways
- Dorothea Yellott Pathways

Honorary Members

Recognized for long-term service and commitment to Temple Hills.
 Bill Parrish
 Betty Swenson
 Estelle Warner

Neighborhood Groups

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

Neighborhood Group Leaders

- Group 1Bo Powell
- Group 2Marjorie LeGay
- Group 3 Kurt Topik
- Group 4 Joe Baker
- Group 5Fritz Knauss
- Group 6 Jamie and Stephen Crawford

Liaison

Linda BrownLeague of Women's Voters
 Jeannette Merrilees

THCA Letter to School District

(The following letter was sent by the THCA Steering Committee to School Board Members and Superintendent Theresa Daem on September 20, 2006)

In our 2004 communications to the School Board, we expressed objections to the backlit high school sign on Park Avenue, as well as commercial advertising around school athletic fields. We remain dissatisfied that the backlit sign has not been changed. However, we are hopeful that your current reconsideration of commercial advertising on athletic fields will result in new policies that are satisfactory to the community and surrounding neighborhoods.

It is our opinion that advertising signage and banners on athletic field fences result in commercialization of the School District. This signage is unattractive and obtrusive. It cheapens the look of the schools, is incompatible with the appearance of the community, further blocks views, and lowers property values of homes in surrounding neighborhoods.

A couple years ago, Superintendent Daem assured THCA representative, Ron Chilcote, that signage would not occur in the future. At about the same time, in a meeting on the baseball fields, School Board President, El Hathaway stated, "There will be no more banners." THCA strongly urges the School Board and administration to keep their promises. Please put a stop to this undesirable commercialization of the schools' athletic facilities. ♡

Verna is Back!



Verna Rollinger

A couple years ago I wrote a note in the newsletter (Vol 32 No 3 Fall 2004) thanking Verna Rollinger for her 29 years as City Clerk and wishing her well in retirement. I wrote: "Somehow, while Verna was on duty, we just knew things were being honestly observed and documented. We took satisfaction in knowing, regardless of our own political views or the machinations at City Hall, that she was there to observe and protect all of us; to be honest and ethical; to do the right thing; to provide a check and needed balance. We could trust her."

Verna has been a friend, neighbor, and long-time THCA member, and now she is running for City Council. We welcome her return to politics in Laguna Beach and encourage everyone to meet her and other candidates, ask tough questions, and attend the forum sponsored by THCA and the Top of the World Neighborhood Association in City Hall, October 16, 7:30 p.m.
 — Jim Hall ♡



**THCA Web Site
 (www.thca.info)**

Richard Holmes reports that he is updating our web site at www.thca.info where there will be an interactive communication space for your feedback and ideas for improving our beautiful neighborhood. Newsletters, past and present, are posted along with historical documents about THCA. Look for it soon and become involved. ♡

Celebrating Five Years of Fine Art by Laguna Wilderness Press

BC Space Gallery invites Temple Hills residents to attend a reception and book signing on Sunday, October 22, 2 to 5 p.m. The show features original artworks and books created by the LWP, including photographic images by Jerry Burchfield and Ron Chilcote. Original photographs will be shown from the press's latest book, *Wind River Wilderness*, by renowned photographers Henry Holdsworth, Robert Glenn Ketchum, David Muench, and Fred Pflughoft.

BC Space Gallery is located at 235 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach. Telephone (949) 497-1880 or bcspace@mol.net. Free to the public. ♡

Temple Hills Questions for Candidates

- 1) A couple years ago, THCA representatives met with city planning staff to consider implementation and update of our specific plan, formulated in 1975 and partially implemented over the years but never formally approved. Our concerns included second-level additions that block views and undermine the single-level homes agreed to originally when Temple Hills was subdivided during the 1930s. We also have a concern about "mansionization" and new homes not being compatible with neighborhoods. We were assured that a new ordinance resolved our concerns with the large homes on hillsides, and that there was no need for a new plan. However, our lives continue to be impacted by construction of massive structures. *How do you feel about neighborhood specific plans and retaining the traditional character of neighborhoods?*
- 2) Temple Hills has desired a safe walkway (not sidewalk) down one side of Temple Hills Drive above the sharp bend. Our idea was to have this with a buffer, partially landscaped, both for aesthetic and safety reasons. *Do you support this project?*
- 3) THCA desires to save Rimrock Canyon and has approached conservation buyers interested in purchasing private lands. Public funds may be necessary. *What are your thoughts about purchase and conservation of this pristine area?*
- 4) Traditional pathways exist on our hill with easements designated to allow people to walk to downtown areas. These are threatened by remodeling and new construction. The city has supported keeping these pathways open, yet there is need for improvement and budgeting of modest funds. *Would you support this concept and help us to implement our plan to upgrade these pathways?*
- 5) The THCA neighborhood has experienced increased commercial aircraft noise. *What will you do, if elected, to address this issue and reduce the noise and number of flights flying over our neighborhood?*
- 6) Temple Hills residents have objected to school projects that intrude upon our views such as the gym at Thurston, the reconfiguration of the baseball field at the high school, and the backlit sign at the corner on Park Avenue. *Would you support design review for such projects in future to ensure that resident needs be met?*

- 7) THCA objects to the commercialization of the schools that hang banners advertising local business. *How do you feel about this?*
- 8) THCA has objected to the excessive expenditure for a corporation yard in the Act V parking lot and has encouraged the city to build the Village Entrance project. *What are your views?* ↻

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