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Vote for Measure W on March 5 — The Orange County Central Park and Nature Preserve

THCA has long opposed an international airport at El Toro and favors the creation of the Orange County Great Park. The plan would open up the possibility for setting aside a thousand-acre nature preserve, establishing science and art museums, botanical gardens, a library, a recreation complex, and educational facilities around a large central lake. This wonderful public facility promises to enhance Orange County's economy, expand educational opportunities, and provide recreational facilities for families to enjoy.

Supervisor Tom Wilson, who opposes the airport, writes about a County report on the fiscal impact of this initiative:

- Measure M merely excludes certain developments, including the airport, from reuse options
- It accommodates opportunities such as the park, museums and educational facilities.
- It would not significantly increase County revenues or expenditures
- It does not impose a new tax or tax increase

The THCA Steering Committee at its January 28 meeting reaffirmed its commitment to oppose the airport and urges all residents to vote for Measure W on March 5. ♻️



Save the Date!!! Sat., May 4, 6 to 10 p.m.
Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Temple Hills Annual Party

Our annual party will be held on May 4 at a home to be announced soon. The festivities will follow a brief annual meeting to which everyone is invited. We ask that you consider bringing an hors d'oeuvre. We are planning this to be a "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta," so be prepared for colorful drinks and lots of fun as the sun sets over our beautiful town. More information will be mailed out a few weeks prior to the party.

Our annual party is a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends and learn something new about our great community, so please spread the word to anyone who might not be aware of this wonderful event.

A donation of \$15 is suggested for those attending, with any leftover funds going to THCA for its newsletter and other activities.

Please call Jenny Radisay at (949) 376-4008 for more information or to help with party planning.

Neighborhood Socials

Last spring, residents on Coast View Drive held their first annual bloc party. It was too much fun! The turnout was incredible, including neighbors from Coast View, Canyon View, and Temple Hills Drive. The food, drink, and company were the best!

Having a bloc party is more than just a social. It was a bonding of the neighborhood. We all were so impressed with the diversity of our neighbors, yet we share many common interests and goals for our neighborhood. Our party-goers were from 18 to 80+ years, some having lived here for over 40 years, and others not even moved into their recently purchased and remodeled homes. Many neighbors renewed old friendships that had drifted apart. There was an abundance of volunteers.

We organized as a progressive potluck with three hosting homes and everyone contributing food and drink. We started with drinks and appetizers and ended with desserts, coffee, and cordials. People attending even suggested doing it twice yearly, but once each year should suffice.

There also were bloc parties last spring on San Remo Drive and in summer on Upper Oak Street.

We hope that this idea will spread throughout Temple Hills, and I am available to help you get started. Please feel free to call me — we will brainstorm with ideas

— Rhonda Kinn, 376-9270

P.S. Coast View's next bloc party will be September 2, 2002. Save the date! ♻️

Calendar



Tues., March 5

Election: Vote for Measure W

Wed., April 3, 7-9 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting

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

Canyon Open Space Secured

More than a decade ago, eight thousand of us marched across the hills to the Jim Dilley Greenbelt Preserve (Sycamore Hills) to protest threatened development by the Irvine Company in Laguna Canyon. Sub-



sequently, the City negotiated to purchase the land, but the City was unable to make payment on planning area 5 that extends to the limit of the City of Irvine. However, negotiations throughout last year resulted in an important gift of this land by the Irvine Company and assurance that it would remain open space. Only the land from the Irvine border to the southeast of the Canyon road remains as potentially developed.

This is an appeal for all of us to rally behind the Laguna Canyon Conservancy, the Laguna Canyon Foundation, and the Laguna Greenbelt in their efforts to make sure all the canyon is forever preserved. ♻️

20 Ways To Cleaner Oceans and Beaches...

Submitted by Michelle Kremer

GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER

Sweep your driveways and sidewalks. Put trash in the can instead of the gutter. Use your lawn clippings to fertilize your lawn.

PULL YOUR OWN WEEDS

The less herbicides and pesticides you spray, the less you will swim in on the weekend.

PLANT, DON'T PAVE

Let the runoff water soak into the ground. Landscaping looks better and creates oxygen.

SCOOP THE POOP

Unless you like to swim in animal poop, make sure you and your neighbor pick up the droppings.

REPORT FULL CATCH BASINS

The Department of Public Works should clean a full storm sewer.

FIX YOUR CAR LEAKS

More oil enters the beach from urban runoff than from tanker spills. If your car drips, the oil will find its way to the ocean.

DON'T BE A DRIP

Low-flow shower heads, drip irrigation and low-flow toilets conserve water. Repair any leaks.

MINIMIZE WATER LOSS

Water lawns in the mornings or evenings. Water deep and less often for happier plants.

USE NON-TOXICS

Vinegar or baking soda clean very well. Buy eco-sensitive products now available on the market.

OIL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Recycle your motor oil at a garage. Don't dump it into a storm drain. [Pete's Automotive at the foot of Thalia is an oil recycling center]

RECYCLE. ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

Recycle reusable materials. Call 1-800-RECYCLE for drop-off location.

BE AWARE OF STORM DRAINS

The trash and toxins that are dumped on the street run straight to the beaches. If we reduce the amount of slime that goes into our storm drains, our coastal waters will be protected.

DON'T WATER THE DRIVEWAY

It won't grow. All that water washes to the beach.

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Steering Committee News

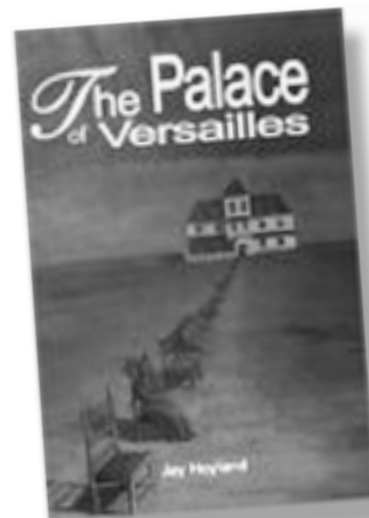
A close look at the names on the Steering Committee reveals many new faces and a regeneration of energy and activity that should help our community to move forward in cohesive and constructive ways. The Coordinating Committee represents different activities with a new generation of members. Although they remain active, we thank the former members of this past year's Coordinating Committee for their tireless efforts: Joe Baker, Fran Chilcote, Verna Rollingner, Mary Lou and Ben Teschner, Dave Walker.

At our November 12 meeting, attention focused on organizing activities for the present year, identifying persons to coordinate, and setting a schedule for meetings, newsletters, and the candidate's forum.

At the January 28 meeting, plans were formulated for the annual meeting and annual party, the candidate's forum in the fall, revival of neighborhood groups, bloc parties, and other matters. Of particular interest was the possibility of working closely with the City and its Design Review Board to improve communication and decision-making in the desire to preserve the character and values of Temple Hills. ♻️

Jim and Jan Hall

Temple Hills founder and longtime activist, Jim Hall, writes that retirement suits him well, and he finally finished a novel he has been writing on and off for many years. It is entitled *The Palace of Versailles*, and has been published by iUniverse. It appears under the name Jay Hoyland and is available from Barnes and Noble.



Jim notes that it is "time to regain some adolescent dreams. I have been exploring several creative aspects of life, and am taking some art courses." His wife Jan has not missed a day at her part-time job despite health setbacks from which she has recovered. She writes: "Life is now going on splendidly, and I'm resuming some of my extracurricular activities. I am profoundly grateful for the life we live." ♻️

**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
- Nicholas Radisay Treasurer
- Jennifer Radisay Party Chair
- Ben Teschner Finance
- Mary Lou Teschner Party Committee
- Verna Rollinger ... Membership, Data Administrator
- Frank Samson Newsletter
- Michele Samson Noticing and
Thalia Undergrounding
- Carey & Mark Shyres .. Traffic Safety/Undergrounding
- Bahara Stapleberg City Issues
- Estelle Warner Honorary
- Dave Walker Undergrounding
- Estelle Warner Land Use
- Grant Wetzal 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

Newsletter Mailing

With your newsletter in your hand, now would be a good time to check the address label. Are you a Mike that cringes at Michael, or a Margaret that goes by Beth? We pull our addressing information from the tax assessor's list and would be happy to make OUR list reflect your wishes (I don't have any pull with the tax assessor). Just contact us and we will update our list.

Also, if you have neighbors who don't receive their newsletter, let us know. Our general rule is that addresses out of the area on the tax rolls are sent to the Temple Hills address marked as "resident." Don't be shy — contact Catherine Hall (494-4974 or email CIHALL@aol.com) with any changes. We would be delighted to learn of your email address as well so we can advise of urgent news between newsletters. ♡

Laguna Beach Garden Club Garden Tour

The Laguna Beach Garden Club will be having a Garden Tour on Thursday, April 25, from 12 to 4. This is an annual event and helps the club fund philanthropic efforts, including support for local botanical gardens and scholarships to Saddleback College students in horticulture or related fields. While the final gardens have not yet been selected, all will be in Laguna Beach and we are considering several in Temple Hills. We try to select a variety of gardens so there is something for everyone. We have wonderful gardeners here! Tickets will be available in March for \$15. This is a self-guided tour (map will be provided) so you may spend as much time as you like in the individual gardens. Five gardens will be open for your visit. Call Catherine Hall at 494-4974 (email: CIHALL@aol.com) to reserve your ticket(s). Sales will be limited.

The Garden Club has been a part of Laguna Beach since 1928 and welcomes new members, with green or black thumbs! ♡

Vision for Laguna



After many months and the participation of two thousand residents, Laguna Beach Vision Steering Committee presented its final report to the City. Its membership includes THCA resident Marion Jacobs. Resident Chris Ricketts also was deeply involved in a couple of the committees. The report is available at City Hall and the Laguna Beach Public Library.

Common themes run through the report: love for the City and the preservation of its unique place in the history and future of Southern California. Other priorities include: striving for a vital, people-oriented downtown; development of a community-based neighborhood task force; preservation of historical resources; and better communication through town meetings. There was a proposal for a community arts center and artist live-work facilities, and a committee to ensure preservation of the environment, including open space and beaches and ocean. There were recommendations to increase ridership of the city transit system, the only one in the county, and dedication of more of downtown to pedestrian use.

Dave Walker writes that Laguna should emulate the good shuttle service that runs throughout town every 15 minutes in places like Mammoth. His idea is that people would park in a structure in the canyon and be shuttled downtown to save time trying to find parking spaces. "Putting a large pay parking structure as far out in the canyon as possible would keep the traffic out of the downtown area," he suggested. ♡

THCA 2002 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.

**THCA
STEERING COMMITTEE**



Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2002, 7 to 9 p.m.
Home of Ben and Mary Lou Teschner,
1414 Temple Hills Dr.

Organic Produce

Delivery of organic produce to Laguna Beach is finally under way. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Ron Chilcote, deliveries to the first ten interested families began on Thursday, January 17. Only ten can be accommodated now, but sign up if you are interested in getting produce in the spring. This necessitates a \$150 deposit and guarantees your participation for 2002-2003.



Marian Farms is run by Gena Nonini and provides organic and biodynamic produce. The farm is located in Fresno and currently delivers to others in Orange County. Marian Farms is run as a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). This means that when you sign up, you are making a commitment to support a small farm and farmer. In exchange, you receive the very best available organic produce. In general, deliveries are made from November to June with seasonal fruits and vegetables. You select either a standard-size box (full share for about \$33 per week) or a small box (half share for about \$20 per week). There is a possibility of continuing deliveries through the summer. Payment is expected either monthly, bi-seasonally or seasonally as determined when you sign up. For more detailed information on Marian Farms and the program, visit their website at www.marianfarmsbiodynamic.com.

Our local coordinator is Chris Sullivan (949-640-0996), and for now our produce will be picked up at her home in Corona del Mar and brought to Laguna. When we have 25 people, we will be able to have the produce delivered to Laguna Beach.

To sign up or ask questions, please contact Ron Chilcote (497-2218, email ChilcoteR@aol.com) or Catherine Hall (494-4974, email CIHALL@aol.com).
— Catherine Hall ☺



Walkway Update

Mark Trestik of the City says staff has received a base plan drawing for the Temple Hills Pathway. Staff had hoped to have a meeting with concerned citizens to present their proposed plan for the pathway and the costs in December or January, but now feel it will be February or March.

The city still plans to put in a sidewalk, retaining walls and a railing where applicable between Dunning and Thalia on the ocean side, and do only a little pavement widening in places above Dunning on Temple Hills. Alternatively, they are considering turning the path and going down through the water district or the church land.

Mark says that he is curious to talk to people in the lower Temple Hills area about which of the two options are most appealing: turning the pathway down through the water district or the church land or continuing straight along Temple Hills to Thalia. If you want to give feedback on this issue to Mark Trestik, our liaison with the City, call him at 497 0300.

Each resident should receive a letter from the City when the next city meeting occurs, so watch your mail. We are pleased that the project is progressing smoothly. We are excited to see this 25-plus-year project coming to fruition.
— Carol Olson ☺

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Cleaner Oceans and Beaches, continued from page 2.

QUIT USING STYROFOAM

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PEOPLE CAUSE POLLUTION, PEOPLE CAN STOP IT

Next time you see some trash, pick it up.

JOIN A LOCAL ACTION GROUP, GET INVOLVED

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. Check the facts and vote. One more voice does make a difference.

COVER YOUR TRAILS

Take household hazardous materials and containers to a local collection program for disposal.

CONSIDER, CONTROL, CONSERVE

Recycle reusable materials. Throw litter into trash cans and keep cans tightly covered to prevent foraging by animals.

TALK AROUND TOWN

In addition, because most people don't realize they are contributing to non-point source pollution, spread the word and get your neighbors and co-workers involved.

HOLD ONTO YOUR BUTTS

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