

# TEMPLE HILLS

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## Steering Committee Plans for 2007

The Steering Committee met on January 13 and approved a financial report and budget presented by Rich Linting. Thanks to Rich for his efforts over the past year. Welcome to Fritz Knauss as our new treasurer.

### PARTY BUDGET APPROVED

Also approved was a budget of \$1500 for the Annual Party and Annual Meeting for sometime during the first two weeks of October 2007 (Rhonda Kinn with others to organize and to be at the home of the Saunders on Rimrock Canyon Drive).

### ADDRESS PROBLEMS

Fran Chilcote reported on membership and resident records and her work with neighborhood group chairs to update and correct address problems.

### LAND USE PRIORITIES

The committee reviewed and approved a Land Use Priorities Report with attention to:

- Saving Rimrock Canyon and some or all of the lesser slope and open space above Park Avenue
- Continuing work on traditional pathways through the hill
- Seeking to implement Temple Hills Drive pathway from upper water tank down to the walkway at the sharp bend
- Pursuing a mini-park at the Water District property next to the Catholic Church and opening up a path there or reopening the now closed path through the Catholic Church along the fence
- Becoming aware of general land use issues and ordinance revisions.
- Outside Temple Hills: being vigilant about Big Bend in the canyon and the Village Entrance Project

### EVACUATION PLAN

Finally, the committee encouraged and approved Joe Baker's initiative to establish an emergency and evacuation plan for Temple Hills. The first step is to find block captains for each street in coordination with the neighborhood groups and coordinators. ♻️

## Environmental Actions

On February 6th, The Council of Laguna Beach unanimously voted to adopt an agreement supporting the Conference of U.S. Mayors in efforts to reduce global warming. This night was a victory for the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, adopted by hundreds of cities across the USA.

On March 6th, The Council voted to authorize the Environmental Committee to form a subcommittee, including some people in the community, to formulate a plan for implementation of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The plan would deal with all sources of greenhouse gas emissions, not just public and private buildings as the agenda item indicated. Joie Jones and Bill Rihn were particularly effective in their public comments urging a broadening of the subcommittee and its mandate.

The Council instructed Ken Frank, City Manager, to do an inventory of public street lighting in Laguna with a plan to replace incandescent lighting with Compact Fluorescent Lights. This is a beginning that has been long in coming. ♻️

### Based on meetings with group chairs

## Neighborhood Concerns And Priorities

1. Parking adjustments on side streets, especially on Terrace Way
2. Slow down traffic on side streets, use speed bumps, especially on lower Temple Hills
3. Lower speed limits upper Temple Hills Drive, 15 miles per hour but no more than 25
4. Walkway along Temple Hills, above water tank to sharp turn and sidewalk
5. Secure open space above Park Avenue and in Rimrock Canyon
6. Walking trail through Rimrock if open space secured.
7. Explore Neighborhood Watch (assess what exists and determine needs)
8. Continue outreach to neighbors,
9. Establish a mini park by the water tank and a walk-through path by Catholic Church
10. Finish undergrounding utilities on Temple Hills above San Remo. ♻️



## Eradication Of Arundo And Pampas Grass

Two invasive species should be removed from city lots and where possible in open spaces, and private

homeowners are encouraged to remove them. These plants really do invade and cause the loss of native species in Laguna. I have removed pampas grass for many years from my garden and am always on the lookout for it. Both species are easy to remove when young.

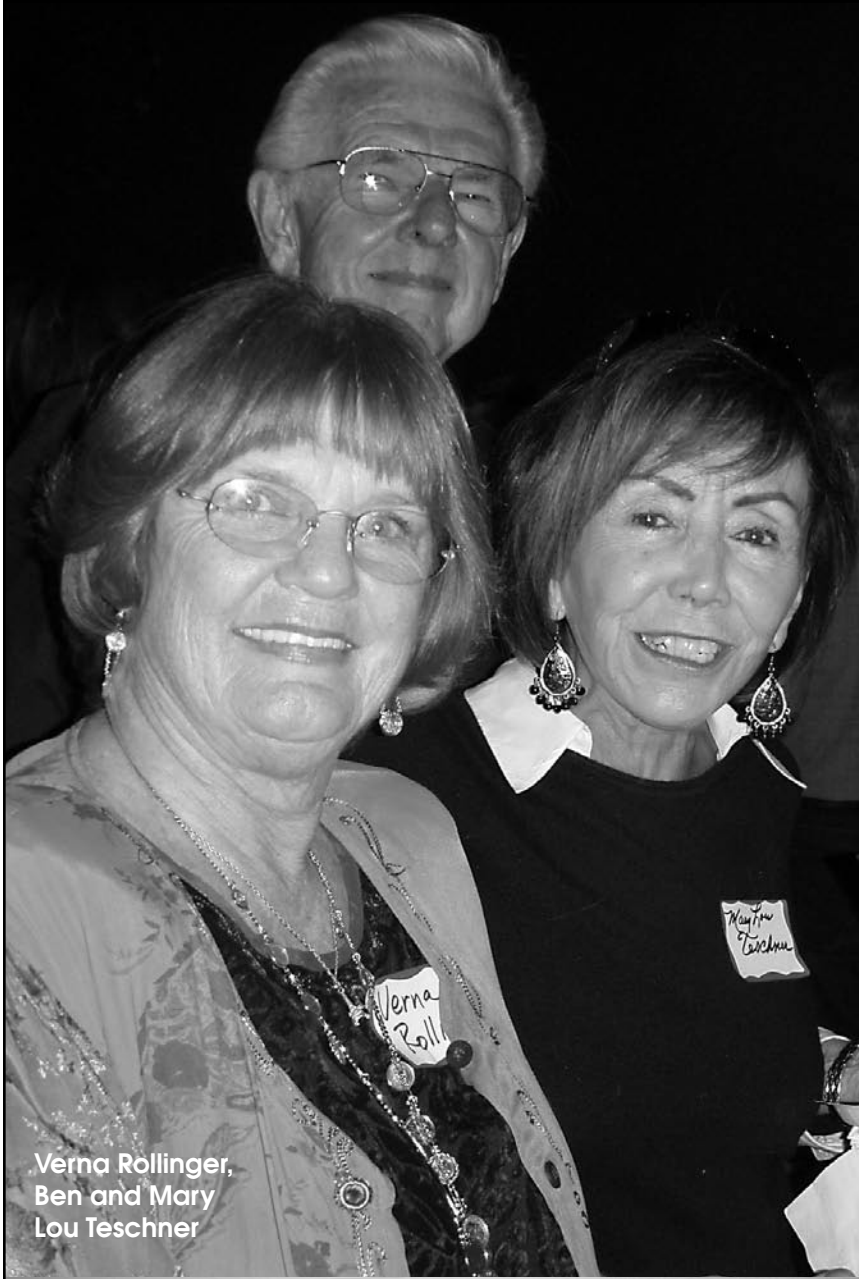
In Cardiff, they send the fire department out and give notice to homeowners that have Arundo. If you don't remove it within a couple of weeks, you get fined — substantially. — Charlotte Masarik ♻️

### FUTURE MEETINGS

**Steering Committee Friday, May 25, 2007**  
Home of Kirk and Mary Kate Saunders  
Rimrock Canyon Rd., 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Annual Party and Annual Meeting**  
Early October at home of the Saunders

# More from the THCA Party on October 28, 2006



Verna Rollinger,  
Ben and Mary  
Lou Teschner



Council  
Speaker  
Jane Egly



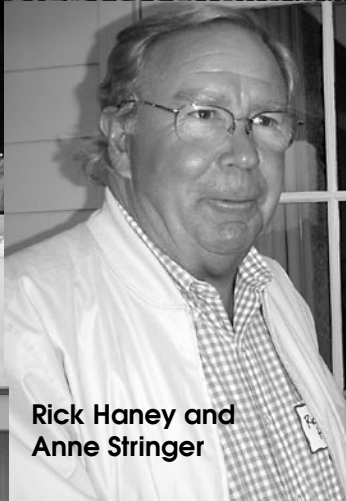
Lisa & Tim Black



Rich and Ginnie Linting



Jackie Walker, Susan  
Immel, Dave Walker



Rick Haney and  
Anne Stringer



Vickie Novak, Joe Baker  
Elliot Kornhauser



**TEMPLE HILLS**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Steering Committee 2007**

**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, Rhonda and Doug Kinn, Fritz Knauss, Ben Teschner, Dorothea Yellott.

- 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
- Fritz Knauss ..... Treasurer
- Carol Olsen ..... Walkways
- Jackie Parker ..... Membership Records
- Jennifer Radisay ..... At Large
- Nicholas Radisay ..... At Large
- Barbara Rathbun ..... Telephone List
- Chris Rickets ..... Planning
- Verna Rollingner ..... 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 1 ..... Lisa Black and Bo Powell
- Group 2 ..... Lisa Black and Marjorie LeGay
- Group 3 ..... Dave Walker and Kurt Topik
- Group 4 ..... Joe Baker
- Group 5 ..... Fritz Knauss
- Group 6 ..... Jamie and Stephen Crawford

**Liaison**

Linda Brown ..... League of Women's Voters  
 Jeannette Merrilees

**Advertising Banners Get the 'Go Ahead' from Laguna Beach School Board**

Advertising banners will continue to be allowed on Laguna Beach High School's baseball fence. The vote was 4-1 in favor of the banners at the February 13, 2007, School Board meeting.

Two main changes were made to Policy 1001. Advertising banners may be installed no more than three days prior to an event or season and must be removed one day after the end of an event or season. In addition, the number of banners will be decreased from 32 to 24.

Laguna Beach Unified School District has an annual budget of \$30 million. It also has \$5 to \$6 million in its regular reserves, \$4 million in another reserve fund, and \$2 million remaining from the bond issue that we're paying for with our property taxes. Why is the School Board unwilling to use some of this reserve money to provide needed updated equipment, uniforms and extra-curricular coaching? Why should parents be forced to sell advertising banners to make up the difference between what an activity or sport is allocated and what it actually needs?

School Board member El Hathaway cast the only dissenting vote against the banners. He contends that the District has adequate money in reserves to pay for the best equipment for high school athletes, and it is wrong for parents to have to do so. Hathaway stated, "The door is open to request additional funds by the principal and athletic director." He added that because of where the school is located, hundreds of neighbors look down upon or at the banners. "Residents pay yearly for what they are looking at. I think we have a major responsibility to protect the view window. To introduce commercial banners for \$6,000 to \$9,000 is blatantly wrong." He concluded: "The sole issue is the degradation and commercialization of the facility. It is blatantly wrong to commercialize a sports complex that people paid so much for."

Hopefully, the discussion will continue by the School Board. In the meantime, banners will be hung. Wendy Pierce, Baseball Booster President, graciously met on the field with some of the neighbors to discuss the placement of the banners. We very much appreciated Pierce being open to our input.

For many of us neighbors, the banners merely add insult to injury. Had the baseball field not been reoriented and a 30-foot-high fence erected where an eight-foot-high fence originally was, the banners would not even have been an issue for most of us neighbors. We are still stunned that the school's "repair and maintenance" project that blocked the view corridor for hundreds of homes could be built in a town that values its views more than gold.

Also stunning are some of the uninformed and insensitive statements recently made by some of our fellow Laguna Beach residents.

(1) "A couple of years ago the district voted to spend \$400,000 to install a state-of-the-art retractable fence around the baseball field." Hello-ooo!! That idea was proposed by the neighbors and rejected by the School Board.

(2) "It is the vibrant community of involved, well-educated people that creates higher housing prices thus adding to the net worth of the St. Ann's residents." Since when does destroying the view corridor so that residents look through two 30-foot-high fences and a backstop increase our property values?! Realtors have estimated a 10% to 20% loss in value of the selling price of a home on our street. We believe that we all desire to protect our property investments.

(3) "And to the dozen or so people it does impact, tell them not to buy a house right next door to a school next time." We had a good and neighborly relationship with Laguna Beach High School for 25 years (some neighbors have lived here for 40 years). In fact, we enjoyed living across from the school, prior to the new

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**THCA 2007 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 home in Temple Hills.*

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## The Rust House is on The Charm House Tour

On this year's Charm House Tour is the Rust House in South Laguna. Many of the walls are huge sheets of rusted steel — naked and exposed, a green environmentally friendly home using basically all recycled or recyclable materials. Home of creative Lagunans; he invented the stent, of help to many afflicted with heart disease. A large group of architects traveled from Spain to visit and study its design, and the home was featured in *Laguna Life* and *People* magazine.

- Charm House Tour tickets are \$38 pre-sale.
- Date: Sunday, May 20th, noon to 6 p.m.
- Starts next to South Coast Hospital, 31872 Coast Highway, Laguna Beach
- Send checks to Village Laguna, P. O. Box 1309 Laguna Beach 92652
- Info: [www.VillageLaguna.org](http://www.VillageLaguna.org)



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Additional information: Francine Holder at 497-1444 or [WFrancesHolder@aol.com](mailto:WFrancesHolder@aol.com), or Gene Felder at 497-4525 or [Gene@Felders.net](mailto:Gene@Felders.net)

## Ad Banners, continued from page 3

sports complex. However, because of the negative issues over the past three years, many of us neighbors are bothered by every ping of the aluminum bat, loud public address systems, high volume radios playing rap music, increased sports practices and games, noticeable traffic congestion, illegal parking of cars and school buses, more trash, brighter lighting for longer hours, and even allergic reactions to the football field's artificial turf by environmentally sensitive persons.

We neighbors are hopeful that in the future, the

School Board will budget enough money for all school programs so that advertising banners will not be necessary. Perhaps some of the Boosters would be pleased to have more money allocated so that they would not have to raise funds by selling banners. Many local merchants support LBHS teams by purchasing banners. Would another form of advertising be acceptable? We have nothing against advertising. We, whose homes face the school's field (and there are many), are asking if it would be possible that banners not be hung facing our front yards!! — Stephen and Jamie Crawford

Temple Hills Community Association Income & Expense Statement 2006 Actual and 2007 Proposed Budget				2007
Beginning Balance 1/1/06		\$	5,865.92	5305.59
INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Dues/Donations	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,560.00
News Letter Advertisements	\$	350.00	\$	300
Fund Raising (Party)	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,610.00
Other Deposits	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,850.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,170.00</b>
EXPENSE				
Printing & Graphics	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,688.52
Postage	\$	900.00	\$	739.81
PO Box	\$	38.00	\$	59.25
Annual Meeting	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,606.94
Holiday Meeting	\$	-	\$	-
Web Site & Membership	\$	500.00	\$	650.94
Legal Filings	\$	30.00	\$	-
Supplies	\$	200.00	\$	-
Journal Entry	\$	-	\$	-
Bank Charges	\$	50.00	\$	-
Miscellaneous	\$	100.00	\$	(15.13)
Special Meetings	\$	-	\$	-
Community Enhancement	\$	500.00	\$	-
Returned Deposit(s)	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,818.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,730.33</b>
Balance on hand as of 12/31/06		\$	5,305.59	5038

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