

Tricia: for the Newsletter. Estelle suggested I do something like this. Edit this and other stuff as you feel appropriate. Best, Ron

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#### Understanding What THCA Means to You

Many residents are new to Temple Hills and do not know the history of our association and have suggested we mention some of our past activity. THCA was founded nearly a quarter century ago when a developer proposed a subdivision along the hillside between Temple Hills Drive and Park Avenue, but we came to recognize that coming together promoted good feelings among neighbors. In the early years we formulated a Specific Plan for the area. It was based on a survey of opinion among the some five hundred families on the hill, and once approved by residents, we moved forward to implement some of its provisions. First, the hill was divided into five geographical sub-areas, each with a neighborhood group to deal with issues and concerns. Neighborhood Watch committees soon formed to help with security because vandalism had become a problem. Traffic flow along Temple Hills Drive was a another concern, and THCA successfully was able to remove it from the arterial map that had called for through traffic from what now is Aliso Viejo. The plan included provisions which were implemented to limit parking in areas where fire trucks and paramedics could not manuever in times of emergency. A pedestrian walkway along Temple Hills Drive was projected and soon will be constructed. The first of several miniparks recently established in the upper part of the hill was also a response to the plan. The plan called for preservation of open space on both sides of the hill, a goal that continues to be important to all of us.

THCA is run by a Steering Committee of persons who take on a function and commit to making our neighborhood a better place. All residents are members whether dues paying or not, but the dues ensure the continued publication of this Newsletter. THCA has encouraged bloc parties where neighbors come together for a social affair. There is an annual party (early September this year) and an annual meeting.

We encourage everyone to participate and share your thoughts and ideas.

Ron Chilcote