

# THE RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

February 2002

## RHA City Candidate Forums:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, February 13, 2002 – 7:00 P.M. - Mayoral Forum

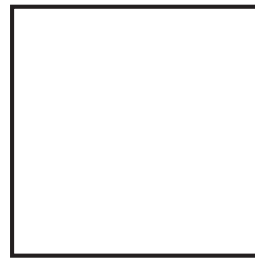
WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2002 – 7:00 P.M. - City Council Forum

WHERE: RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
23751 Nancy Lee Lane (off Newton Street)

AGENDA: Each candidate will make an opening statement. Following will be a question and answer period. Please come and bring your questions. Watch mayoral candidates Marcia Cribbs and Dan Walker respond to your questions concerning Riviera and citywide issues.



For more information go to:  
[cribbs4mayor.com](http://cribbs4mayor.com)  
or tune in to Channel 28 at  
6 pm daily starting February 13



For more information go to:  
[walker4mayor.com](http://walker4mayor.com)

Candidates for City Council include (in alphabetical order): Tom Brewer, Charles M. Deemer, Rod Guyton, Ted Lieu, G. Rick Marshall, Mike Mauno, Pat McIntyre, and Bill Sutherland.

## The Prez Sez...



Well, the city election is approaching fast. Please make an effort to attend both candidate forums set for February. We are not only electing a new council, but a new

mayor to lead them as well. Please take the time to inform yourself of the candidates' qualifications. Ask yourself: "Has the candidate served the city before?" Leadership and experience are important traits, but to me integrity is the most important trait of all.

Historically, Riviera precincts have been the most active in past citywide elections. Many current issues—hillside ordinance enforcement, undergrounding, trees vs views, traffic and excessive development—may not always take a priority on our council's agenda. Your participation in the process by being an informed voter will ensure that these and

other Riviera and citywide issues continue to receive the attention they deserve from the Torrance City Council.

**Register to vote (deadline is Feb. 19th).** If you are not registered to vote, applications will be available at the Feb. 13th candidate forum. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 19th. Although you may not receive a sample ballot, you **will** get precinct location information.

**Forum Questions:** Submit questions for the candidates via the internet or bring them to the forums on February 13th and 27th.

**Remember to vote on March 5th!**

# What's Up In the Neighborhood:

## The 2001 Holiday Program

The RHA held its annual Holiday Program on December 19th at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria featuring students from both Riviera Elementary and Richardson Middle Schools.

Following are some of the highlights of the evening.

**Second grade Riviera Elementary School teacher Ms Pagarigan accepts a check from RHA President Morgan Tookey for \$1500.00. This money is earmarked for construction of a playhouse and stage to be used for dramatic productions at Riviera Elementary and continues the RHA tradition of supporting "over and above" programs at neighborhood schools.**



**It was a patriotic theme that highlighted this year's performance. "It's a Grand Old Flag" waving high this night.**



**Third grade Riviera teacher Ms. Holman introduces the celebrated singers from the combined classes of her own and Ms. Pagarigan's students.**



**An expectant crowd of at least 150 awaits the festivities.**



**"Let There Be Peace On Earth...and Let it Begin With Me"**



The RHA wishes to extend its appreciation to all those who worked so hard to make this event so memorable, and to all those who contributed membership funds to the RHA which makes these happenings possible.

## Scholarship Awards

The RHA is again happy to announce our annual scholarship award to two senior highschool students who live in the Riviera attendance area. Last year, we awarded \$1,000.00 each to John Gamble, who is attending Northwestern University as a math and science major, and to Michael Peterson, who is studying liberal arts at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Scholarships are based on academic excellence, participation in school activities such as student government, work experience, athletics, teacher recommendations, and community activities.

Interested seniors can obtain an application form from their scholarship counselor at South High.

***Virginia Levanas***  
***Scholarship Chairman***



Can you identify this street?

Hint: This photograph was taken in 1932 .

***The article below was taken from the August 1932 issue of the Hollywood Riviera Review.***

## Somebody Was Wrong

We have encountered many pessimists who have stated that while they believed conditions would improve, they were sure that it would take five to ten years, and maybe much longer. These people must feel quite embarrassed when they pick up their newspapers and read that stock values on the New York Exchange have increased phenomenally and that commodity prices have increased greatly, and that thousands of men who have been unemployed are going back to work. We can find no period in history when a wave of optimism and improvement has so swept the country. We have not been able to find any period in the nation's history when stock values increased as they have almost overnight, and commodity prices increased in value so rapidly.

All indications point to the biggest boom that our nation has ever know. The wise will profit by taking advantage of their opportunity today.

***Thanks to Marshall Stewart, nephew of Clifford Reid, Developer of the Hollywood Riviera.***

## Proposed Increase in Water Rates

We have received a copy of a letter from Roscoe Anthony, Jr., a Riviera resident, addressed to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding a proposed increase in the water rates for an area which includes the Hollywood Riviera.

While we cannot reprint the letter here due to lack of space, please go to the website: [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org) to read it in its entirety. Thank you Roscoe.



*Third Thursdays in the Village!*

*Think outside the mall...  
for fabulous shopping, food & fun.  
Stores stay open 'til 8 pm  
every third Thursday  
of each month.  
Take a stroll and join in the fun!*

### Rose Cocktail

It's time to prune the roses & get them off to a good start for this year. Prune them, take off all the old leaves & clean away the old mulch & leaves. Give them a good spray with a lime sulphur solution or dormant horticultural spray & apply the following rose cocktail per plant (as per Ric Dykzeul, noted area landscape architect, designer & gardening teacher)

**1cup gypsite (not gypsum)**

**1tbsp. each of: iron chelate, soil sulfur, epsom salts**

Water in well, mulch & fertilize when green sprouts appear & then monthly till November. You should be well rewarded at bloom time. Epsom salts can be bought cheaply at drugstores. The other ingredients are available at Armstrong, Rolling Hills, or Elwood Nursery. Apply this cocktail only once a year. Happy Gardening!

*Ruth Vogel*

# RHA Membership Form

If the information on the mailing label is okay, please indicate by marking the appropriate box below.

Continuing Member – mailing label personal information is accurate. (NO NEED TO FILL IN PERSONAL INFORMATION BELOW.)

Continuing Member – See modifications and/or comments below.

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid:

Dues:

\$20 (annual) †  \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Other) = Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Board of Director Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, Board of Director elections will be held at the April general meeting. Officers are elected on alternating two-year terms. Positions available are President, 1st Vice-President (Programs), Treasurer, Secretary, Mailing, Community Homeowners Association Liaison, Planning Liaison, and Historian.

We encourage members to consider running for office. If you would like to be nominated for a position, please call one of the following members of the Nominating Committee: Morgan Tookey, Ruth Vogel or Pam Popovich. Their phone numbers can be found below.

## Check Us Out.

Have you checked out the RHA's very own website yet? If not, tune your computers to: [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org) to see what's been added lately: scenes from the Holiday Program at Richardson Middle School, pictures of last year's landscape award winners (in living color, no less), links to the Torrance planning department and the hillside overlay, and more. Don't forget, if you lose this printed copy of the newsletter, you can always log on to find it again!

Contributions to this ongoing neighborhood resource are welcomed. We are especially interested in collecting more tales and documentation from the early days of the Riviera. Please send your ideas, contributions, or brickbats to: [webmaster@hollywoodriviera.org](mailto:webmaster@hollywoodriviera.org).

## Riviera Homeowners Association 2001-2002 Officers and Directors

President	Morgan Tookey	213-680-6568	Landscape & Concert	Ruth Vogel	375-4702
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