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Calendar

Annual Meeting & Party
Saturday, Oct. 16, 4:30-8 p.m.
789 Bayview

Candidates Forum
Wednesday, October 20
7:30-9:30 p.m.
City Hall (Council Chambers)

…to keep THCA's mailing list up to date.

Please notify Fran Chilcote at chilcotef@aol.com or 1940 San Remo Drive of your or your neighbor's email or change of address.

REWARD — my gratitude!
— Fran Chilcote

It's That Time Again!

Please join us for the annual Temple Hills Meeting & Party
at the beautiful home of Doug Cortez & Phillip Leblanc
789 Bayview
This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors, chat with old friends and catch up on neighborhood news!

Saturday, October 16 ★ 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Annual Meeting Chair, Jim Hall
Guest Speaker: Ken Frank, 5 p.m.

Delicious Greek Dinner & Wine Tasting
We will be tasting wines from the Mediterranean region — think Greece, Italy, France, Turkey....
To participate, please bring a $12 to $20 bottle of wine from the designated region.
*** If you are not participating in the tasting, please still bring a bottle of wine or beverage of your choosing to share at the party.*

Members: $15 ★ Guests: $25 ★ RSVP by October 10th
Checks payable to THCA, P.O. Box 4913, Laguna Beach CA 92652

Please note: Parking is very limited on Bayview. Carpool or walk if possible. Additional parking on Rimrock Canyon Rd.
SOFT-SOLED SHOES ONLY PLEASE!
Information: Jradisay@cox.net or (949) 338-0793

If you aren't able to attend, we hope that you will still support us by sending in a contribution to the Temple Hills Community Association P.O. Box 4913, Laguna Beach CA 92652.

City Manager Ken Frank received the Government Person of the Year Award in 2008 from the Chamber of Commerce

Annual Meeting to Honor Ken Frank

Our Temple Hills Community Association holds a brief annual meeting to receive an annual report, financial report, and to hear from a City representative. This year Ken Frank will be our speaker and answer questions from neighbors. After so many years managing Laguna Beach, Ken is retiring as City Manager. His brief talk will begin at 5 p.m. followed by about 15 to 20 minutes of questions and answers.

Among the issues and questions that continue to interest us are preservation of our hillsides, undergrounding the small area in upper Temple Hills and Thalia, controlling speeding on Temple Hills and side streets, skateboarding, and other matters.

AGENDA (5 P.M.)

- Approval of Minutes (October 2009)
- Financial Report
- Annual Report
- Board and Officers
- Honor Ken Frank
- Ken Frank Talk and Question and Answers
- Adjourn to annual party

Candidates Forum

The Temple Hills Community Association will be joining once again with the South Laguna Civic Association and the Top of the World Neighborhood Association to sponsor a Candidates Forum in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, October 20, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

We have issues in Temple Hills and this is an opportunity to ask candidates for their views on our concerns: undergrounding, conservation of open space in Park and Rimrock Canyons, pedestrian pathways through the hill and along upper Temple Hills Drive, mansionization, view preservation, and other issues.

Please attend and let them know your concerns, learn their responses, and begin to move forward toward resolution.

Don't Miss Out on The Fun!

We welcome all neighbors and their friends to our annual party on Saturday, October 16. We plan a delicious Greek dinner in the beautiful home of Doug Cortez and Phillip Leblanc at 789 Bayview. Each year since our founding in 1973 we have sponsored this social event as a way to bring us together, meet new neighbors, be with old friends, and share in neighborhood celebration and appreciation of this marvelous place where we reside.

Please respond to our invitation on page 1 or evite so we can plan for all who wish to attend. If you cannot attend, consider sending a check to THCA, P. O. Box 4913, Laguna Beach, CA 92652 to support all the positive things we do to build our community.

We hope to see you there.

– Jennifer Radisay
jradisay@cox.net
(949) 338-0793

Arundo

Invasive Plants Update

Laguna Greenbelt Board members Elisabeth Brown, Robert House, and I met with Ken Frank and Mike Phillips (Environmental Committee staff liaison) this past May to discuss progress on implementing the City-approved Invasive Plants Eradication Program.

For private properties, the City is relying on the weed-abatement notices (which are handled through the Fire Department) for notification of invasive plants. Ken Frank indicated that the Fire Department Inspector is not trained in horticulture, therefore would not be qualified to identify invasives. In order to get some positive action on the issue, we all agreed that of the five separate invasives targeted on the City's list, Pampas Grass and Arundo were the two most egregious. These are also easiest to identify.

I volunteered to walk Laguna Canyon and Bluebird Canyon to photograph and identify the Arundo infestations, which I completed this past July. The Pampas Grass infestations are much more widespread than the Arundo, as most of you know. Since the City is welcoming volunteer assistance to help in this effort, any locations that can be identified for either removal (City properties) or notification (private properties) are appreciated.

Locations, addresses, and/or pictures of Pampas Grass or Arundo can be provided to Ken Frank at the City Manager's office. Please copy me or Chris Reed so we can all keep organized and effective.

Many thanks to Temple Hills resident Chris Reed for all his work in Rimrock Canyon where he has managed to eradicate about two-thirds of the Pampas Grass.

— Bob Borthwick

TEMPLE HILLS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Steering Committee 2010

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Evacuation Plan & Group 4 Chair
Lisa Black..... Neighborhood Liaison
Tim Black.....Land Use Issues
Bob Borthwick .....Community Issues
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Honorary Members

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

Liaison

Linda Brown.....League of Women Voters
Jeanette Merrilees .....North Laguna

The Coordinating Committee

Comprised of those with major responsibilities who may meet on an emergency basis.

Neighborhood Groups

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

Our Sponsors

In these tough economic times, please do not forget to patronize sponsors who have supported THCA for decades. These include two sponsors at the bottom of the hill: The Strand and Andrus Plumbing. The Stand has delicious sandwiches for a quick healthy lunch or snack, and Andrus Plumbing is a good neighbor to have nearby in an emergency and, as I have discovered, very helpful with advice.

Joe Baker, a long-time member of the THCA steering committee, has his practice of dentistry conveniently located at 31655 Pacific Coast Highway. And don't forget our friend Marion Jacobs, author of recent books, who is available for counseling.

— Fran Chilcote

Village Laguna Coastal Tour

Hotel Laguna from offshore

Village Laguna, a community organization dedicated to maintaining the village character of Laguna Beach, including support of the Laguna Greenbelt and the Laguna Bluebelt, recently sponsored a successful educational coastal tour aboard a catamaran moored in Dana Point. Participants had an opportunity to view the beauty of Laguna Beach from the ocean. Eric Jessen of the Laguna Beach Historical Society provided an in-depth narrative about the history of some of the homes viewed from the water. Nancy Caruso, a marine biologist, talked about the integral role that kelp plays in the health of the ocean and the progress made by her group in restoring kelp beds, for example, just off main beach. Participants included local artists, elected officials, tourists, and residents. Anyone interested in chartering, call (949) 496-5794 or visit the website at www.danawharf.com

— Charlotte Masarik

Neighborhood Involvement in Building off Coast Highway

[Excerpts from a letter to Design Review by the Laguna North Neighborhood Organization (LANO) by Ed Merrilees who is a member of THCA. The project is a new two-story office building for the offices of a non-profit foundation and aimed at a net-zero carbon footprint. LANO participation has led to modifications of the original plan that reduce the mass of the building, preserve views and privacy of neighbors, and increase the width of the pedestrian sidewalk.]

The proposed development on the corner of Chiquita and North Coast Highway should be an example for future projects along North Coast Highway and for this reason LANO actively participated in the DRB hearings. Our concerns are:

- The streetscape should be pedestrian friendly and visually appealing.
- The mass and scale of the project should be appropriate to the scale of the existing neighborhood.
- The project must be respectful of the privacy and ocean views of the neighbors who live nearby.

THCA 2010 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.

NAME (Please print)_____

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If you are interested in volunteering, please call 497-2218.

Neighborhood Concerns for a New Home at 1530 Temple Hills

Helen Pines and neighbors are concerned about a new home being considered at 1530 Temple Hills. It would be a teardown and a modern rebuild. The key issues are view equity, neighborhood compatibility, and historical pattern of development. Many surrounding homeowners are wary of the proposed project. Presently the plans are being revised by the architect. A key issue is the blocking of views of neighbors downhill, across the street, uphill and on Thurston. These neighbors voiced their opposition at the architect's recent community meeting.

The project is currently in for review at the Planning Department. To learn more or participate, contact Helen Pines or Robin Walker.

Aliso Creek Plans

Once known as the Super Project, the Ecosystem Restoration Projection for Aliso Creek is now being reviewed. At a meeting in Mission Viejo on August 26, the Army Corps of Engineers presented planning on a "no-project alternative" that discussed the future of Aliso Creek if no action is taken. It was made clear that no federal funds would be forthcoming unless there were some development of flood control. The problem for those of us who have visited upper Aliso Creek is the damage caused by ill-advised measures of the past, a shifting of the creek, and pollution caused by the housing developments above the canyon. In future there will be planning on a variety of alternatives for dealing with the problems. — Ron Chilcote

Street Paving

Paving Streets in Temple Hills & Undergrounding Utilities

As residents are observing, the City is resurfacing our streets, a timely move after completing the recent undergrounding in lower Temple Hills. We encourage residents above San Remo up to Top of the World to consider petitioning for undergrounding in the only remaining area needed to be undergrounded. It may be expensive, but the effort elsewhere is well worth it now that we do not have the ugly wires to look at or fire danger from above-ground utilities.

We also have been pushing (unsuccessfully) for undergrounding of Thalia down from Temple Hills to Coast Highway. And what about the area lower down and over to the high school?

Transition Laguna Beach (TLB) Food Group and 'Victory' Gardens in Temple Hills

The TLB food group helps people build "victory" gardens in their homes; educates them on how to grow, maintain and cook; and offers a co-op for sharing your extra food. The best part is that we build community over food and wine, and prepare ourselves for local sustainability in the case of 'peak oil' and climate change.

So join North Laguna, Oak St. Village and Arch Beach communities who have 20 gardens each and 300 members, and build a Temple Hills garden community. For more information, contact Sean McCracken at (949) 290-5317 or smccracken@surterreproperties.com. Also Facebook — transition laguna food group. — Sean McCracken

[TLB activities can be also seen on their website: http://transitionlaguna.org/index.html. Watch the following video of their own Leo the farmer, and Anna, who heads up our junior/senior program, help the kids plant seeds at the Boys and Girls club. Some 30 kids had a blast: http://bt.ly/2qU5e]

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