



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners' Association Newsletter

April Calendar

Torrance City Council Mtgs.

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

4.2

4.9

4.16

4.23

Torrance Planning Commission

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

4.3

4.17

TUSD Board Meetings

7pm at 2336 Plaza Del Amo

4.22

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

7-11am The Attic

4.6

Senior Prom: Springtime in Paris

1-3pm Ken Miller Rec Center

4.11

Breakfast & Visit with the Bunny

9 am-12pm Cultural Arts Center

4.20

Easter Egg Hunt

12-4pm Hickory Park

4.20

We Sing Tomorrow's Song

Torrance Civic Chorale + Orchestra

8pm James Armstrong Theatre

4.27

**For information on these events +
MANY more events**

www.torranceca.gov

Torrance Education Foundation

Who is TEF?

Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity organized in the early 1990s to unite the Torrance community in financially supporting our award-winning public schools.

Why are they important to our children and the community?

They want our kids to have more - more exciting learning opportunities, more STEM programs, more state-of-the-art classrooms, and more options for growth and creativity.

TEF has contributed:

9 New Science Labs • \$50,000 in STEM Grants • \$95,000 to Schools/PTA's • \$39,000 in 2018 Scholarships

Why should I contribute to TEF?

When you donate to TEF, your gift is an investment in Torrance kids. Our high-quality Torrance schools and excellent teachers simply can't do it all.

How do I contribute to TEF?

Learn about more giving options, including joining them for their [Silver Anniversary Ball](#) and supporting the TEF Endowment, by exploring their website or calling them at [310-320-7232](tel:310-320-7232).

WIN A LEXUS!

YOU could win an exciting LEXUS 300NXh Hybrid SUV. Tickets are \$30, and there is no limit to the number of tickets you may purchase. Improve your odds of winning by purchasing more than one ticket! Only 5,000 tickets will be sold, and 100% of your purchase will benefit TUSD students.

Silver Anniversary Gala

Saturday, May 4th, 2019, at the Torrance DoubleTree Hotel, the Gala will Celebrate 25 Years of Giving! The evening will include dinner & auction.

<https://www.tef4kids.org/>



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SCHOOL NEWS

West High School

West High named a **2019 CA Exemplary Program in Arts Education** school - Congratulations to their Visual and Performing Fine Arts Department!

Congratulations to the **Boys Soccer Team!** They advanced to the CIF Southern Section Finals AND to the Southern Section State Finals! Tough loss to El Segundo in both games.

Thoroughly Modern Mille will be performed by the West Theatre Department on April 3,4,5 and 6. Tickets go on sale NOW at WHS ASB or GoFan.co

On April 26, West will host a **Sustainable Fair** in the Pavilion from 4pm to 9pm.

Jefferson Middle School

JMS will celebrate their **Teachers and Staff** from April 22- April 26. Join the Jaguars by saying Thank You during this Appreciation Week.

Anza Elementary

Anza will hold their yearly **Book Fair** April 15 - April 19. Come shop the book fair before and after school.

On Thursday April 18 at 5pm join Anza at the **Unplugged Night**. Leave your phones at home.

Kinder Roundup will be held Tuesday, April 30. Please contact the school for more information.

All Torrance Schools will be on Spring Break from April 8 - 12.

Torrance School Board Report

At the School Board Meeting on March 4 the Board heard the Good News Student Presentation from Jefferson Middle School.

They also adopted resolutions calling for the support of two Assembly Bills: AB 428 would increase and equalize current (AB 602) base funding rates, establish a funding mechanism for preschool programs for children with disabilities, provide additional funding for students with the most intensive needs, and address declining enrollment in Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA). In recent years, special education funding has not kept pace with the escalating costs. Since special education services are an entitlement for each child with a disability, local districts must utilize general fund revenues to meet the excess costs.

AB 39 would increase the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) base, supplemental and concentration grant funding, to ensure that TUSD can grow and enrich its instructional programs to provide exceptional education for all students. Current LCFF funding levels do not keep pace with the massive growth in fixed costs such as employer pension contributions, health care, and special education services. California must look forward and specify new, higher LCFF funding.

The School Board also approved its 2019 Legislative Platform for the Torrance Unified School District, as developed by the District's Legislative Action Committee: the mission of the District is to provide an educational program with high expectations for all to learn the academic, social, and emotional skills needed to become lifelong learners by offering a learning environment that inspires -- in its students and families -- the passion and the power to make positive life choices by becoming architects of their future. In order to achieve its mission, the District takes a proactive approach in the state legislative process, and has established the attached legislative platform for the 2019 legislative session: 1) Implement the Local Control Funding Formula; 2) Use Non-Proposition 98 Funding to Help Alleviate CalSTRS Contribution Rate Hikes; 3) Increase Funding for Special Education Programs; 4) Increase California's Investment in Public Education for All Students K-12; 5) Expedite the Release of Facilities; 6) State to Pay for State-Mandated Cost Increases.

Congratulations on West High being named a 2019 California Distinguished School!

Distinguished School award winners represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful school climate efforts ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention.

Congratulations to the West High School staff, students and school community!



City of Torrance

EARTH DAY RECYCLING EVENT

**FREE Paper
Shredding and
Electronics
Recycling**

**Saturday,
April 20, 2019
8 a.m. to noon**



**Torrance City Hall employee
parking lot (near Torrance
Courthouse off Maple Avenue)**

- **Free Paper Shredding Drop-off**
Limit of 8 boxes or bags per vehicle (secure information only-no books, 3-ring binders large clips and magazines).
- **Free Electronics Drop-off**
TVs, monitors, cell phones, small appliances and other electronics for safe and responsible recycling.

Do NOT bring hazardous waste to this event. Hazardous waste includes items such as paint, batteries, medications, glues, fluorescent bulbs and chemicals such as pesticides, cleaners and insect repellants. These types of items will not be accepted at this event.



City of Torrance Public Works
For more information, call (310) 781-6900
or visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks
or www.RecycleTorrance.Org

Friends of The Library Book Sale

Location: Katy Geissert Civic Center Library

The Friends of the Torrance Library offer a great selection of books on a vast array of topics, all at bargain prices.

Friday, April 26- 2 - 6 p.m. Friends Members only -Join at the door for just \$5!

Saturday, April 27 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Public Sale

Sunday, April 28- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Bag Sale, fill up a grocery bag for just \$5

For more information visit the Friends of the Torrance Library at www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org



April 2019

**Thank you to the 394
members who have
joined the 2019
SWHOA!**

**If you haven't joined,
please join now!**

This list is based on dues received from 2/7 to 3/6.

Rita & Bud Carroll
Glenn & Patty Cuppy
Joan Grimsley*
Bob & Herta Huff
Diana Johnson*
Donna O'Connell
Earlene A. Parsons
Mike & Julie Pinnella
Joseph & Linda Ritacco
Steve & Jill Ryniker*
Masami & Cheryl Tachiyama
Thomas & Kat Yeh

*Charter Member: A charter member has been a member since SHA inception in 1975.

Winter District Performances

On April 25 the West High Entertainment Unit will be hosting a community event. The Winter Color Guard and Percussion competition teams from all four Torrance High Schools will perform. Where: West High Gym
Time: 7 - 9pm
Food Court: 5:30pm
Admission: FREE
Come support West and enjoy an evening of great performances.

Got News?

If you have news related to births, deaths, marriages, new neighbors, school/neighborhood events etc., we would love to hear about it; please email us at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com.

Please remember all information must come directly from the family.

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