



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

January Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.12 & 1.26
1.5 & 1.19 – no meetings

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.19 (Tuesday)

Torrance Airport Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.14 (2nd Thursdays of month)

Torrance Civil Services Comm.

6 p.m. via Teleconference
1.11 & 1.25 (2nd & 4th Mondays)

Torrance Cultural Arts Comm.

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.25 (usually 3rd Mondays)

Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Comm.

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.7 (1st Thursdays)

Torrance Library Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.11 (2nd Mondays)

Torrance Park & Rec Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.13 (2nd Wednesdays)

Torrance Planning Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.6 & 1.20 (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

Torrance Social Services Comm.

6 p.m. via Teleconference
1.28 (4th Thursdays)

Torrance Traffic Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference
1.4 (1st Mondays)

Message from Your President

Happy New Year! Cheers to a new year that we all hope will be the start of a return to a normal world.

I wanted to thank the members who have written such nice comments to the board on their membership forms. We are so glad you find the newsletter informative and we will continue to bring you the latest in local happenings. One of our main sources of information is the coordinator of all the Torrance Homeowner Associations, Sandi Monda. Sandi sends frequent emails with all kinds of news tidbits. Thank you, Sandi!

Speaking of local happenings, you may have noticed the January Calendar lists numerous Torrance Commissions and their meeting dates. Many of these commissions just started meeting again via teleconference making it easy for anyone to attend. The details on how to attend always appear at the top of the agenda for that meeting. The agendas can be found online at the commission's website. If you are interested in any particular commission, please let us know. We'd appreciate **more commission observers** to pass on any interesting news.

In fact, we have a new observer for the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission – **John-Milo Ernst**. We'd like to thank John-Milo for volunteering! He is a 15-year-old high school student interested in environmental quality issues related to the City of Torrance.

It's never too late to join SHA! We have 294 members as of mid-December, but we're hoping to get to 500. **Please send in your membership form today** (printed on page 3), or go online to www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join to join/renew. Your membership dues support the monthly newsletter, an annual scholarship, and gifts to our local elementary and middle schools. Plus you'll get the newsletter emailed to you monthly making it easy to get to any link with just a click.

Finally, here are some interesting stats about our Torrance School District:

Total number of students: 23,042	Languages Spoken by TUSD Families: 80
Number of Schools: 34	Number of Certificated/Teaching Staff: 1255 full-time; 49 part-time
Years in Operation (Since 1947): 73	Number of Classified/Support Staff: 598 full-time; 746 part-time
High School Graduation Rate: 95%	

Laurie Craig, SHA President



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California Cities for Local Control

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Torrance City Councilmember Mike Griffiths has started the above titled organization whose purpose is to protect cities' rights to manage their own land use and zoning and to work to influence state legislators to respect that right.

I encourage you to check out the [California Cities for Local Control Facebook](#) page. They have recently enlisted over 200 California city elected officials in support of their mission. If you want to find out about changes to your neighborhood recent bills have proposed, watch this [video](#) from their Facebook page. In the video, Mike Griffiths speaks to the Riviera Homeowners Association last October.

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SHA is posting more frequently on Facebook, so please be sure to follow us for all the latest and greatest Torrance news and events! To find us, look for "Southwood Torrance Homeowners Association" on Facebook or go to facebook.com/SouthwoodHOA.

Police Chief Retires

Torrance Police Chief Eve Berg has announced that she will retire on January 8, 2021. Chief Berg began her career with the Inglewood PD in 1984. She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1994, Lieutenant in 1999, and Captain in 2003. In 2011, she was appointed Chief of Police of the Manhattan Beach PD and then Chief of Police of the Torrance Police Department in January 2018. Thank you, Chief, for your service.

Torrance City Council (11.10 & 12.1 meetings)

By Jane Roseman

- Funding has been appropriated for a homeless services outreach worker for Torrance. For \$97,410 (\$50,000 of which is from a grant given by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments), Torrance will employ an outreach worker through Harbor Interfaith Services for a period of 18 months.
- Council was updated on abandoned shopping cart retrieval. Abandoned shopping carts may be reported by calling 888.992.4778 or via the myTorranceCa mobile app.
- City Council passed a resolution opposing the LA County Board of Supervisors decision to close down outdoor dining and in support of businesses and playgrounds. Council discussed sending a letter about the city's opposition to their decision.
- Council discussed expanding Torrance's "Take-out Tuesday" campaign to include patronage of all our small businesses.

Torrance School Board Report

By Kim Nokes



TUSD Public Notice from December 4th

Today, we received confirmation that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) approved all of our 17 elementary schools for the TK-2 waiver. The approved waivers enable our TK-2 Blended Learning students to return to campus for in-person instruction.

We will continue with our plans to welcome back our TK-K students on Monday, December 7, 2020, and our First Grade students on Monday, January 4, 2021. At this time we do not have a confirmed start date for our Second Grade students. We will send additional details to parents and staff after discussion with our Board of Education.

Per LACDPH, the recently modified health orders do not impact schools that are already open or are approved to reopen. We continue to follow health and safety guidelines in our schools to ensure it is a safe place for students and staff.

Scanning Southwood



Welcome to our new neighbors!

The Dietz Family – Fitz, Theresa Wilton and their son Cody (Reynolds Dr.)

Debi & Dennis Pumphrey on Ruby St. would like to announce the marriage of their son Andrew to Hillary Bradburn on September 12, 2020. They first met at an online gaming competition leading to a "Zelda" themed wedding. The wedding was attended by 20 socially-spaced guests amidst a very smoky Portland, Oregon. Twelve years ago, Andrew was severely injured in an accident. Unforeseen by doctors and family at the time, however, he has defied the odds and continues to regain varied motor skills and strength. Hillary provides extra courage and support while working in the field of prototype manufacturing. Truly a blessed team.

Southwood has lost one of our longtime residents, Werner Wagener, who passed away in September. He and his wife, Helga, moved into their home on Vicky Ave. on December 1, 1962. Werner was involved in AYSO for many years as a referee.

Please email or phone us with your news anytime (see front page for contact info).

Thank you to all who have joined the 2021 Southwood Homeowners Association

This list is based on dues received from 11.12 to 12.7. Additional names will be listed in February's newsletter.

Bennett & Monique Akker	Steve & Ameneh Ernst	Pamela Loof	Jeffrey & Jodene Sasine
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* Charter Member		Michael & Elaine Sams	Marlys Zotti

Southwood Homeowners Association, Inc.
Membership Application



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Annual Dues run from January through December. New members' voting rights begin 30 days after receipt of dues.

Please check appropriate category (only one fee is required per address):

Voting Member – Residing within the Southwood Area: \$20.00

Non-Voting Member – Residing outside the Southwood Area: \$25.00

Checks payable to "Southwood Homeowners Association".

Yes, I want my Membership Card: Let me know if I can help (observer, special events):

Name of Member(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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