



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

May Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings
6:30 p.m. Virtual or at
3031 Torrance Blvd.
5.9 & 5.23

TUSD Board Meeting
7 p.m. Virtual or at TUSD Board
Room, 2336 Plaza del Amo
5.1 & 5.15

Torrance Relay for Life

Support Torrance Relay for Life taking place on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at South High School. Teams of volunteers walk the track of South High School raising money through sponsors. You can support an existing team or make a general donation at the website, "[Relay for Life of Torrance](http://www.relayforlife.org/torranceca)". Click on the "Donate" box.



All residents are invited!

Southwood Homeowners Association General Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Anza Elementary School Cafeteria

21400 Ellinwood Dr.

(Doors open at 6:15 p.m.)

We have a packed agenda with something for everybody!

“Torrance Finances”

Torrance Finance Director Sheila Poisson

“Sidewalk Vending”

Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez

“Residential Recycling/Organics”

City Sanitation Dept. Representative

“Bring Back Local Control of Zoning”

Councilmember Mike Griffiths

We will also be honoring our Southwood HOA Scholarship Recipient along with welcoming our District 2 Councilmember Bridgett Lewis.

The meeting will also be live-streamed and recorded. Please go to www.southwoodhomeowners.com or our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/southwoodHOA) page for the links.

Hope to see you there!



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Parks & Rec Commission Report

By Ed Candioly, Commissioner

City Parks are currently undergoing storm recovery, solving flooding issues, assessing tree security, and resetting all the sport playing fields.

Additionally, the City's capital improvement plan will be presented and there are a number of park upgrades and beautification projects proposed.

Environmental Commission Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission saw a presentation from the Transit Department regarding LA Metro's C-line extension into Torrance.

The Commission also discussed options for the (revised) draft ordinance that regulates smoking in multi-family residential housing.

Attn: Up and Coming Artists

Win up to \$1,000 in cash prizes in the adult and youth competitions! The Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation (TOCA) is sponsoring its 2023 Juried Show to recognize the best in original art and photography. Forty pieces of art and thirty-five photographs will be selected and included in an exhibition at the June 24, 2023, TOCApalooza. TOCApalooza is the new bigger and better version of The South Bay Festival of the Arts.

Entries must be submitted by May 15, 2023. For more information, go to torrancearts.org/festival.

School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

At the March 20 School Board Meeting, the Board appointed two new members to the Torrance Unified School District Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The two members are: Michael Nitake, representing the Taxpayers' Organization, and At-Large member Mara Panguino. These new members were appointed to replace Ernest Lee, who completed his final Term on the Committee, and Michael Chung, who resigned.

On December 15, 2008, the Board of Education established the District's Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure Y and Z bonds. The purpose of which is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of proceeds from the voter-approved bonds. The Committee is composed of a chair, assistant chair, eleven members from specific categories, and at-large members.

On November 4, 2014, voters passed additional bond Measures T and U. On February 17, 2015, the Board appointed the current members of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure T and Measure U.

For additional information about the Committee, upcoming meetings, and a complete list of members, visit: <https://www.tusd.org/administrative-services/oversight-committee>.

Residents/Pilots Say their Piece

At the City of Torrance Transportation Committee Meeting on April 12, 2023, a variety of ways to reduce airport traffic and noise was discussed. The Transportation Committee is comprised of 3 Councilmembers – Chair Aurelio Mattucci, Jon Kaji, and Bridgett Lewis.

Dozens of residents and pilots spoke their allowed one-minute piece during public comments. Many pilots spoke against landing fees. Many agreed that training flights should not be allowed to fly the south pattern as the elevation of the hillside poses especially hazardous conditions. Some residents spoke of the effects on their quality of life as windows sometimes rattle and conversations have to be paused as low flying aircraft pass over. One resident even recalled how she felt the spray of jet fuel from a low-flying aircraft.

Councilmember Mattucci concluded the following:

- The goal must be to simply reduce the amount of airport traffic
- It is feasible to eliminate touch and goes on the south pattern
- Rising terrain on the south pattern is a concern that must be addressed
- Pushing all flights to the north pattern is not desired either
- The number of transient flights can be reduced by imposing landing fees on flights not based in Torrance
- The City can declare a moratorium on additional flight schools

Stay tuned as the City, pilots, and residents work on a compromise.

Armed Forces Day Parade is Back!

The City of Torrance is excited to invite the community to the 61st Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration!

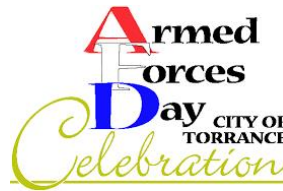
Mark your calendars for May 19 – 21, 2023!

There will be military exhibits, a 5K Run for Freedom, military concerts, and, of course, a big parade. The parade takes place on **Saturday, May 20, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

This year, the United States Coast Guard will have the distinction of being the honorary branch of the military. Visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/AFD for information on events, media access, and more!

Fun facts & info:

- Torrance is one of few cities nationwide sanctioned by the Department of Defense to honor our Armed Forces through an annual Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration.
- Torrance's Armed Forces Day Parade has the distinction of being the nation's longest running military parade sponsored by any city.
- On average the celebration has approximately 60,000 attendees along the Parade route.
- Torrance's celebration takes place the third weekend in May, and lasts from Friday through Sunday.
- Each year, the City of Torrance identifies one branch of the military – the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard - as the "honored service" of the Armed Forces Day Celebration. A high-ranking member of the honored service is invited to serve as Grand Marshal.
- The United States Coast Guard received the 2023 designation as the honorary branch of the military.
- Along with the Parade highlight, other events include a free concert, military exhibit, a 5K Run, and other special surprises.
- The military exhibit will include aircraft, vehicles, and support equipment on display. Dates, times, and location to be announced soon.
- Two free concerts are typically held at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the Friday of celebration weekend at the James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive.
- The Torrance legacy of the Armed Forces Day celebration began under the leadership of Mayor Albert Isen in 1960 and has grown throughout the years to be considered a Southern California tradition. According to Mayor Isen, the parade was to "increase public respect and understanding for military service and promote civic-military relationships."



Thank you for joining SHA!

This list is based on dues received from 3.16 to 4.10.

Darlene Bowen
Scott & Monique Griffie
Jimeigh & Elizabeth Chapman & Susan Guidos
Lisa & Jeff
Kevin Lynch
Janet Mentzer
Greg & Alina Nadsady
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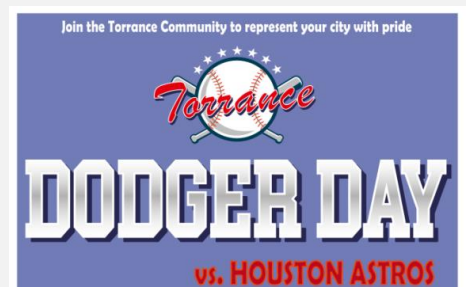
Please go online at southwoodhomeowners.com/join to either print a membership form and mail in, or join securely online.

Out to the Ball Park!

Torrance Dodger Day is Sunday, June 25! The game starts at 1:10 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 each. Seats will be in the Infield Reserve Section on the 3rd base side.

Join the Torrance Community to cheer on the Los Angeles Dodgers as they take on the Houston Astros!

Torrance residents can purchase tickets online. Search for "[City of Torrance Dodger Tickets](#)". There is a limit of four tickets per transaction.



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