



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### May Calendar

**Torrance City Council Meetings**  
6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
5.6 & 5.20

**TUSD Board Meeting**  
7 p.m. TUSD Board Room  
2336 Plaza del Amo  
5.5, 5.19

**Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**  
Leave bags of canned foods for postal carrier to pick up  
5.10

**Low Cost Community Pet Vaccination Clinic**  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Dee Hardison Sports Center (at Wilson Park). Held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. No appointment necessary.  
5.25

### Relay for Life

**RELAY FOR LIFE OF TORRANCE**  
MAY THE HOPE BE WITH YOU  
American Cancer Society  
ON WORLD GIVE DAY  
**SUNDAY- MAY 4TH 2025**  
**12:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**DOWNTOWN TORRANCE**  
\* LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
\* FOOD  
\* KID ZONE  
\* VENDORS  
JOIN THE COMMUNITY AS TORRANCE CELEBRATES 23 YEARS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!  
SIGN UP TODAY - [ACSRELAYFORLIFE.ORG/TORRANCECA](https://ACSRELAYFORLIFE.ORG/TORRANCECA)  
CONTACT: KRISTI - [KRISTI4TRFL@gmail.com](mailto:KRISTI4TRFL@gmail.com) OR MICHELLE - [MICHELLEPRAND@gmail.com](mailto:MICHELLEPRAND@gmail.com)  
Looper UCLA Health

### 63rd Annual City of Torrance

### Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration

The City of Torrance will host the 63rd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration, May 16 – 18, 2025. This distinguished weekend-long tribute honors the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and features a variety of events open to the public. This year's honored service branch will be the United States Army, which is celebrating its 250th birthday this year!



**Military Equipment & Vehicle Displays** - Interactive exhibits providing the public with an up-close look at military assets. Located in Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot along Madrona Ave.

- Friday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Free Military Concert** – Friday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., at the James Armstrong Theatre – tickets required. See [www.TorranceCA.Gov/AFD](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/AFD).

**5K for Freedom Run/Walk** – Saturday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.  
Registration required, visit [villagerunner.com/torrance-armed-forces-day-5k](http://villagerunner.com/torrance-armed-forces-day-5k).

**Armed Forces Day Parade** – Saturday, May 17, 1:30p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
The parade will begin at Crenshaw Blvd. and travel west on Torrance Blvd., ending at Madrona Ave.

Come out and show your appreciation for those who serve or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces!



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## NALC Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

The 33rd Annual Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Non-perishable canned goods or dry food needed:

- Canned Meats, Fish, Soup, Fruits, Vegetables
- Pasta, Hot & Cold Cereal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice
- Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Water

Personal care items:

- Diapers
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Toilet Tissue
- Body Soap
- Body Oil

\* Please no expired items or glass containers.

You may leave a bag of food at your mailbox, drop it off at your local post office, or give it to any letter carrier!

## Learn a Language with Mango

Here's another great resource available for free from Torrance Public Library! Learn a language fast on the go with Mango!

Traveling in the near future? With over 70 languages to explore, you're sure to find the one for your destination. Visit the library's website, click the Learning Resources tab, and then check out Mango Languages. You'll be speaking another language in no time! A Torrance Public Library card is required to use the program.

## 5K For Freedom Run/Walk

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TORRANCE ARMED FORCES DAY  
**5K FOR FREEDOM RUN/WALK**  
IN TRIBUTE TO LOUIS ZAMPERINI

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
village runner

**SATURDAY | MAY 17TH | STARTS AT 8:00 AM**

DEL AMO FASHION CENTER | MADRONA AVE. ENTRANCE (BETWEEN W. CARSON ST. & FASHION WAY) | TORRANCE

**REGISTER AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL | TORRANCE5K.COM**

ENTRY FEES // BY MAY 2ND: \$40 | MAY 3RD-17TH: \$45

**RUN/WALK ALONGSIDE OUR HEROES IN THE ARMED FORCES!**

COMMEMORATIVE EVENT T-SHIRT | 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE DIVISION MEDALS  
SPLIT TIMES EVERY MILE | COMPUTERIZED FINISH TIMES | WATER  
STATIONS FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES | EXHIBITOR BOOTH DISPLAYS  
DOGS AND STROLLERS NOT ALLOWED

**BE A PART OF THE 63RD ANNUAL TORRANCE ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION!**

1ST PLACE OVERALL MALE & FEMALE  
INVITED TO RIDE IN THE TORRANCE  
ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

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## TUSD Employment Opportunities

TUSD is looking to fill non-teaching (aka classified) positions. Go to [www.tusd.org](http://www.tusd.org), click the "Employment" link at the top, then click the "Classified Job Opportunities" button to see the various job openings.

One such position with multiple vacancies is the Instructional Assistant for the DevELOPment Academy. The Academy is a state-required expanded learning opportunity program (ELOP) that provides hands-on, engaging learning experiences to develop the positive academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of participating students. The position would entail assisting a certificated teacher in providing instruction to individuals or small groups of students.

Positions in this program are part-time (15-21 hours per week), 10 months per year, 200 days. The program hours are from 1:45 p.m – 6:00 p.m. Schedules will vary per site.

# TPD’s Real Time Response Center

The City website describes the Real Time Response Center (RTRC) as a specialized unit within the Torrance Police Department designed to enhance first responder efficiency and public safety.



This centralized hub leverages approved technology platforms to gather, analyze, and distribute relevant real-time information to City personnel, all with a focus on safeguarding the community. Equally important, the Torrance Police Department remains deeply committed to protecting the privacy of our residents. Access to and use of the data from approved technology resources is strictly limited to legitimate public safety purposes.

The PD is expanding the camera network through the Axon Fusus Community Connect Program announced on March 27. It will allow businesses and residents to connect their cameras to the response center.

For more information, go to [www.torranceca.gov/government/police/real-time-response-center](http://www.torranceca.gov/government/police/real-time-response-center).

## Torrance Commissioner Slots Open

If you’ve ever thought of serving your City, being a commissioner is a great option and one that you can tailor to your interests. There are currently 13 commissions with openings:

Airport	Civil Service	Aging
Cultural Arts	Environmental	Historic Preservation
Library	Parks & Recreation	Planning
Social Services	SST Oversight	Traffic
Water		

Applications are being accepted through May 8, 2025, on or before 5 pm. to meet the deadline for the Annual Commission Appointments held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

Applicants must be active registered voters in the City of Torrance and have completed the city-sponsored Commissioner Certification Training. Online Commissioner Certification Training is available by contacting the City Clerk’s Office (310.618.2891).

Commission applications are available online at [www.torranceca.gov/government/commissions](http://www.torranceca.gov/government/commissions), in person at the Office of the City Clerk, 3031 Torrance Blvd., or by calling (310) 618-2870. Applications are accepted at any time throughout the year.

# Thanks for joining Southwood HOA!

This list is based on dues received from 3.12 to 4.9.

- Bennett & Monique Akker
- Ann Vaughn & Ken Antell
- Darlene Marie Bowen
- Juan & Debbi Duenas
- Bert & Ellie Gamo
- Mike & Chris Klein
- Deborah Leister
- Dave & Joyce Matsuoka
- Kurt & Delta Natter
- Stanley Ponegalek
- Kieran Ching & Alyce Prentice-Chin
- Samuel Sung
- Wayne & Michelle VanLerberghe
- Andy & Karina Winje
- Dennis & Patti Wong

## Haven’t joined/renewed yet?

Please go online at [southwoodhomeowners.com/join](http://southwoodhomeowners.com/join) to either print a membership form and mail in, or join online.

## Torrance City 2024 Year in Review

The 2024 Year in Review is available now! The City invites the community to watch videos within the 2024 Year in Review and social media channels to discover milestones and highlights from an unforgettable year—visit: [TorranceYearReview.com](http://TorranceYearReview.com).

## Share your Voice

The Salvation Army at 4223 Emerald St. in Torrance is holding its second annual Share Your Voice Grand Finale Event on May 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Share Your Voice is a vocal talent competition for students in the South Bay Area and beyond. The suggested donation is \$20. To reserve your seats, go to [torrancecorps.org/torrance/share-your-voice](http://torrancecorps.org/torrance/share-your-voice).



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