



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

Southwood Membership Drive 2024

Southwood Homeowners Association is the longest continuously running homeowners association in Torrance – 47 years and counting! Help us keep this association going strong by becoming a member.

Benefits of Membership

- Keep informed and vote on important issues that affect our neighborhood via occasional emails
- Receive the e-version of the monthly newsletter in its full color glory
- Support the monthly hardcopy newsletter delivered to every door in Southwood
- Support candidate forums for mayoral, city council, and school board elections
- Support a \$1,000 scholarship to a Southwood West High School senior
- Support generous gift donations to Anza Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools

There are 2 ways to join:

- **Online** - Go to our website www.southwoodhomeowners.com, select Membership, then [Join](#). You will have the option of securely paying via your PayPal account or your credit/debit card.
- **By Mail** - Fill out the form below and mail it back with your check. For your convenience, a self-addressed envelope is provided in this month’s newsletter. Please apply a stamp and drop it in the mail.



Southwood Homeowners Association Membership Application



Please mail completed form and check to Southwood Homeowners Association, 4733 Torrance Blvd. #155, Torrance, CA 90503. Or, join online at www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join.

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):

- Residing within the Southwood Area – Voting Member \$20.00
 Residing outside the Southwood Area – Non-Voting Member (to cover mailing costs) \$25.00

Checks payable to “Southwood Homeowners Association”.

(SHA is classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(4) organization. Membership fees/donations are generally not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.)

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

Name of Member(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address (please **PRINT**): _____ Phone: _____

Optional donation to support SHA scholarships, school gifts, etc.: \$ _____ (Thank you!)

Additional Comments: _____

We never share your email, etc. with any third parties. Emails used for monthly newsletters, voting, and occasional notices. Contact us at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com or 424-226-6428 or www.southwoodhomeowners.com/contact-us.

November Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings

6:30 p.m. Virtual or at
3031 Torrance Blvd.
11.14 & 11.28

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. Virtual or at TUSD Board
Room, 2336 Plaza del Amo
11.6

SHA Board

Current board members (term ending
8.31.2024):

President	Laurie Craig
1 st VP	Carolyn Finkenbeiner
2 nd VP	Lynne Woike
3 rd VP	Sue Harrison
Secretary	Andrea Reilly
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Treasurer	Glenda Fukunaga
Serg.at Arms	Pat Lewis
Historian	Trish Valdez

Commission/Board Observers:

TUSD Board	Kim Nokes
City Council	Andrew Lee
Environment	John-Milo Ernst
Parks & Rec	Ed Candioly
Library	Andrea Reilly
Planning	Elizabeth Pino

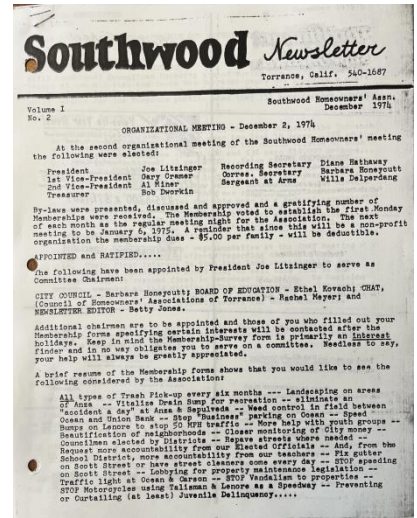
Water Commission Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Torrance Water Commission met on September 27 at the West Annex Commission Room. The Commissioners saw a presentation of Torrance’s annual water loss audit. Torrance’s total water loss is at 5%, whereas the state average is 8-10%, and the national average is 16-20%. The City of Torrance is trying to reduce its water loss to 4% in the next year. The commission discussed some possible public works programs such as systematic leak detection, main replacement and meter replacement.

Blast from the Past

Southwood HOA had its humble beginnings on November 4, 1974. A meeting was held at Jefferson Middle School that evening. Two thousand flyers had previously been distributed to residents throughout the area to announce the meeting. Approximately 75 residents attended. The residents unanimously agreed that a homeowners association should be created. John Litzinger volunteered to be president and a Steering Committee was immediately formed.



2nd SHA Newsletter – Dec 1974

Membership dues were set at \$5 per family per year. A survey form was included in the first newsletter asking residents for suggestions of projects or problems the Association could help with. Following are some of the responses to the survey. Things really haven’t changed that much in almost 50 years!

- All types of trash pickup every six months
- Landscaping on areas of Anza
- Vitalize drain sump for recreation
- Lobby for property maintenance legislation
- Eliminate an “accident a day” at Anza & Sepulveda
- Stop “Business” parking on Ocean
- Speed bumps on Lenore to stop 50 mph traffic
- Councilmembers elected by districts
- Repave streets where needed
- Fix gutter on Scott Street or have street cleaners come every day
- Stop speeding on Scott Street
- Traffic light at Ocean & Carson
- Stop motorcycles from using Talisman & Lenore as speedways
- Stop vandalism to properties

We hope you enjoyed this “blast from the past”. Southwood is truly a special neighborhood that has maintained the tradition of newsletters on every porch for almost 50 years! Help us keep our neighborhood ties strong by attending our forums and events. Also, be sure to let us know if you have just moved in or have news to share related to births, deaths, marriages, new jobs, or moving away, etc. Call or text us at 424.226.6428 or email us at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com.

TUSD School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

The Superintendent's Reports from the October 2 and September 18 School Board Meetings included the following highlights:

Girls Flag Football Kicks Off

Girls Flag Football has officially joined the California Interscholastic Federation. The Superintendent was excited to announce that all four high schools have a team.

Federal Affordable Connectivity Program

Torrance Unified has teamed up with Tablet ACP to provide tablets with internet access to qualifying students. For more information about this federally-funded program and student eligibility visit this [TUSD website](#).

Metro C Line LPA Recommendation Delayed

The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Recommendation for the Metro C Line Extension was not presented at the October Metro Board meeting and instead is anticipated to be presented in early 2024. This means the City of Torrance and its residents have more time to provide input on the issue.

The Metro C Line Extension is LA Metro's plan to extend light rail from the Redondo Beach (Marine) Station to the new Torrance Transit Center (on Crenshaw Blvd. just south of Del Amo Blvd.). This would provide a one-seat ride from Torrance to LAX, Inglewood and the Metro E Line.

LA Metro is evaluating 3 alignments for the extension – one using the existing Metro Right of Way elevated, one using the same route except trenched, and one going down Hawthorne Blvd. There is also a “No Build” option which Torrance City Council may also consider to support.

Torrance residents can voice their opinions to LA Metro directly (greenlineextension@metro.net), or to the Torrance City Council (CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov).

For more information on the Metro C Line Extension, go to www.metro.net/projects/green-line-extension/.

Sign up for Torrance Library eNewsletter

You will be amazed at all the things going on at our Torrance Libraries! By signing up to receive the Library eNewsletters, you'll never be out of the loop. The Library eNewsletters include Calendars of Events for youth and adult programs plus more. For example, just last month, eNewsletters were sent out about a College Scholarship Workshop, Zoom Dog Training, Movie Night and Chess Lessons. To sign up, go to the Torrance Library home page, select “Services”, then “[Join our Newsletter](#)”.

Parks & Rec Report

By Ed Candioly, Vice Chair Parks & Rec Commission

Our Park Rangers continue weekday afternoon patrols including uniformed support at all city libraries. Weekend patrols include general supervision of the parks, educating patrons on rules, and facilitating building and picnic reservations.

Volunteerism in our city continues to advance the quality of animal care, education programs, habitat support, restoration projects and special assignments to enhance the quality of our local services.

City Happenings Right to Your Inbox

The City of Torrance puts out a very informative eNewsletter every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. The purpose is to highlight activities and events that are happening each week in the city.

Search for “[City of Torrance eNewsletters](#)” to sign up for this eNewsletter and others.

To Lighten Your Day

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu: You get what you deserve.

What's Forest Gump's password?

1Forest1

What did the Tin Man say when he got run over by a steamroller?

“Curses! Foil again!”

Did you hear about the two people who stole a calendar?

They each got six months.

What kind of exercise do lazy people do?

Diddly-squats

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