



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

September Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings

6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
9.9, 9.16, & 9.23

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. TUSD Board Room
2336 Plaza del Amo
9.8

FREE E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding

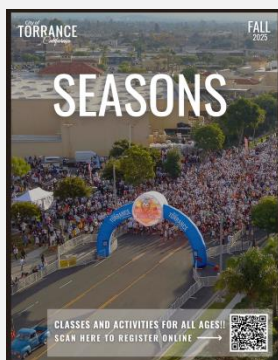
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Parking lot near Torrance Court House off of Maple. Limit of 3 boxes or bags for paper shredding. Bring TVs, monitors, cell phones, and small appliances. *No hazardous waste materials.* Proof of Torrance Residency Required.
9.27

Torrance Seasons Fall Classes

Registration
Open Now!

Booklet only
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Classes start
9.7.25



Check out the catalogue of classes and find one that interests you!

Register at www.torranceca.gov/our-city/cultural-services/registration.

FINAL NEWSLETTER!

This will be the final hardcopy newsletter delivered to the 2200 homes in the Southwood neighborhood. While it is definitely sad to see the end of this fifty-year tradition, the time and effort it takes to create the newsletter has simply become too burdensome for the board.

Instead, we will communicate to residents via occasional emails. So, if you aren't already receiving emails from us, please **send us your email** as soon as possible (message us at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com or fill out the [Contact](#) form on our website). You don't have to be a member to be on our distribution list.

Thank you to all of our current and past newsletter carriers who have diligently delivered the newsletters all these years! For many students, this was their first job and a nice way to make money while helping the community.

Southwood HOA isn't going anywhere! We will still be sponsoring scholarships, school gifts, and holding community meetings. Just look for us via email instead of your doorstep!



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Torrance Post Office Temporarily Closed

The Torrance Main Post Office, located at 2510 Monterey Street, Torrance, CA, 90503 has been temporarily closed due to building safety concerns. During this suspension, services for Bulk Mail Entry Unit (BMEU), Hold Mail, Caller Service, and PO Box handled by the Torrance Main Post Office have been relocated to the following post offices: Hawthorne, El Segundo, Marcelina and Gardena. Check online for more details (search for “[USPS Torrance Main Office](#)”)

Vacation Security Checks

The Torrance Police Department offers free vacation security checks to all Torrance residents. Officers will periodically visit your home to check for open doors, broken windows, or any other suspicious activity. For more information, visit www.police.torranceca.gov.

Interim Police Chief Appointed

Assistant Police Chief Robert Dunn was appointed on July 28 to temporarily lead the Torrance Police Department

Dunn will serve as interim police chief, taking over the helm for retiring Chief Jeremiah Hart, as the city searches for the outgoing leader’s permanent successor.

Dunn joined the Torrance Police Department in 2023, with 25 years of law enforcement experience, including serving as police chief in Fullerton and in several leadership roles in the Anaheim Police Department.

National Night Out Recap

Southwood HOA and West Torrance HOA teamed up to host this year’s National Night Out (NNO) for District 2 on Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 p.m., at Victor Park.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



There were snacks, games, and conversations among neighbors, police officers, fire personnel, and city officials. Councilmember Bridgett Lewis led a fun activity with the kids as they participated in a mock city council vote for the best food in Torrance.

Homekey+ Project Torrance Location

Back in early June, the LA County Board of Supervisors voted to propose a permanent supportive housing project at the Extended Stay America Hotel at 3523 Torrance Blvd. despite Torrance City’s formal opposition.

The City then requested that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) deny the Extended Stay America Hotel site in the County’s Homekey+ application based on the lack of community engagement, inappropriate site selection, unresolved service capacity issues, financial concerns regarding the inflated purchase price, and strong local opposition.

On July 2, Torrance Mayor George Chen along with City staff met at Supervisor Janice Hahn’s office in San Pedro to present alternative sites to the proposed Homekey+ location.

On August 15, the City put out this update: The Weingart Center (the LA County partner for the Torrance Homekey+ location) has withdrawn its Homekey+ funding application for consideration from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Therefore, as of this writing, the City has succeeded in its effort to halt (for now) the Homekey+ 120-unit permanent supportive housing facility at the Extended Stay America site. The City will provide updated information as it becomes available.

To get updates on this issue, sign up on the City’s official HomeKey+ webpage (www.torranceca.gov/government/city-manager/project-homekey).

Paradise Park Renovation Project

The following are excerpts from the Community Services Department's Paradise Park Renovation Project update report presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission on June 11, 2025:

As part of the City's ongoing effort to revitalize its parks, Paradise Park will be receiving a comprehensive renovation aimed at creating a more enjoyable community space and improving accessibility for all. Outreach efforts included an online survey and two in-person events. The key takeaways from the outreach events are:

- Playground Theme – Treehouse/Adventure was the most favored (101 votes), followed by Beach/Coastal.
- Court Amenities – Multi-use courts were the highest-rated (110 votes), followed by interest in basketball (56 votes). Although pickleball received a notable number of votes, the City ordinance prohibits new pickleball courts within a certain proximity to occupied structures.
- Programming and Features – Popular requested elements included special event/multipurpose space (104 votes) and walking/running trails (88 votes).
- Design Preferences – A Modern/Natural aesthetic for a new restroom and community building was the favorite (74 votes) with an expressed interest in accessible, family friendly, and shaded seating areas.
- Open-Ended Themes: Preservation of existing trees and open green space; playground features for both young and older children; and a quiet, neighborhood-focused character.

Staff will continue refining the project design and upon completion of the final design, the project will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further review. This design will also be presented at a future City Council meeting for consideration and approval to proceed with the preparation of construction plans and specifications.



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