



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

December Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings
6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
12.12 & 12.19

TUSD Board Meeting
7 p.m. via Teleconference or TUSD
Board Room, 2336 Plaza del Amo
12.11 (Organizational Meeting)

Holiday Concert!

Los Cancioneros Master Chorale will perform a medley of the most beloved Christmas carols along with a Hanukkah song, an audience holiday sing-along, and some Christmas comedy! Sunday, 12.17, 7:00 p.m., at the Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive; \$35 adults, \$25 students. Call 310.781.7171 or go to LCMasterChorale.com.

Christmas Tree Lot

Support the West High School
Marching Band and Color Guard!

West High School Parking Lot
20401 Victor St., Torrance
(corner of Victor and Del Amo)

Lot open from 12/1 til 12/16
Mon – Fri: 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sat – Sun: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Optional: Pre-order now thru
11/26 for pickup starting 11/29

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Message from Your President

Happy Holidays, everyone!

Thank you to those who have already joined/renewed their Southwood HOA memberships! If you haven't joined yet, **please send in your membership form today** (printed on page 3), or go online to www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join to join/renew.

When you become a member, you will also **receive a link to the Newsletter** via a monthly email. Since our articles frequently include links to sites with more information, having the online version makes accessing these links much more convenient.

Your membership dues support the monthly newsletter, an annual scholarship, gifts to our local elementary and middle schools, candidate forums, speaker forums, meet & greets with local officials, along with community social events.

Laurie Craig, SHA President

Coyote Prevention

While we live with coyotes year round, coyote activity typically increases from October through March. In September 2022, Torrance City Council increased trapping to year-round, 7 days a week. Please be sure to report any coyote sightings via the 24 hour coyote hotline 310.618.3898 or the MyTorranceCA app.

Here are some tips from the [At-Home Coyote Prevention List](#):

- Store pet food indoors and feed pets indoors
- Remove water attractants such as pet water bowls
- Don't overflow trash bins and keep lids tight
- Pick ripened fruit off trees and off the ground
- Safeguard Pets (neighborhood incidents have occurred recently)
 - Keep pets indoors when not supervised
 - Walk pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet



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Initiative Postponed

The Our Neighborhood Voices initiative was submitted to State Attorney General Bonta. His office has the power to give the initiative a “Title & Summary.” The organizers of this initiative felt his office gave a false and misleading “Title & Summary.” They wrote a letter to his office expressing this and urged him to give a fair assessment of the initiative, as was the case in 2021.

The organizers came to a tough decision to not proceed with the current, misleading “Title & Summary.” They don’t have enough time to sue the AG’s office and gather 1 million California voter signatures to qualify for the 2024 election. However, they have not given up and will try to get on the ballot again in 2026.

Current housing laws passed in Sacramento (multi-units allowed on single family lots) override local zoning laws. As more communities become aware of these laws, the Our Neighborhood Voices volunteer base continues to grow.

Feel free to join ONV every Wednesday at 6 p.m. on Zoom for information and/or questions at ourneighborhoodvoices.com.

Anza Resurfacing

Unfortunately, resurfacing of Anza Ave. between Del Amo Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. will not take place until Spring 2024 according to staff at the City Street Operations office. We originally reported it would happen by Fall 2023.

Correction

Last month’s “Blast from the Past” article mistakenly reported the name John Litzinger as the first SHA president. His name is actually Joe Litzinger.

Torrance in Action City Updates

On November 2, 2023, the City held an [online webinar](#) to provide updates on various City issues. Here are the highlights:

- Mayor George Chen - New Friendship Cities partnerships have been initiated this year. As described in the Mayor’s City Press release from March 15, 2023, “By expanding our partnerships abroad with wonderful cities in Taiwan like Changhua and Tainan, and hopefully Hwaseong, Korea, we are creating unique opportunities to share on a global scale the Why Torrance experience... I hope to develop support in various industries like biomedical and biotechnology, education, student exchanges and much more.”
- Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez - Torrance prohibits manufacturing and retail sales of both medical and adult-use cannabis. The City recently initiated a task force to investigate and enforce state and city regulations. She also pointed out that the City’s efforts to ensure sidewalk vendors follow the city and county codes have resulted in a drastic drop in the number of unpermitted vendors.
- Police Chief Jay Hart – Torrance has seen great improvements in retail crime after police used extra patrols and other resources at the hot spot retail locations. Torrance is also part of the LA County organized retail crime task force with 111 arrests already. Some of these crime groups are actually coming from outside the state of CA to take advantage of the more relaxed laws in our state.
- Finance Director Sheila Poisson - The SST measure is forecast to bring in \$23 million this fiscal year. About \$12 million will go towards maintaining public safety and to our homelessness response efforts. About 8 million will go towards the City’s fiscal sustainability.

TUSD School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

The Torrance Unified School Board recognized 10 staff members as their 2023 - 2024 Employees of the Year during the Board of Education Meeting held on October 16. The following employees were selected for their outstanding commitment to the continued success of TUSD students:

- Marie Brashears, Position Control Coordinator, District Office
- Jaime Castaneda, Lead Material Support Technician, Warehouse
- Desiree De La Cruz, Library Media Specialist, **Jefferson Middle School**
- Rebecca Hester, Resource Teacher, Educational Services
- Ian Kempton, Director Maintenance and Operations, District Office
- Chizuko Morimoto, Teacher, Wood Elementary School
- Parisa Razavi, Adult Education Teacher ABE/ASE, Hamilton Adult School
- Lawrence Shaw, Custodian, Magruder Middle School
- Nancy Ton, Teacher, Madrona Middle School
- Julie Wood, Teacher, South High School

Thank You to All Who Have Joined the Southwood Homeowners Association for 2024!

This list is based on dues received up to 11.7. Additional names will be listed in the January Newsletter.

Judy Alexander	Monte & Jean Furuya*	Sylvia Martinez	Sondra Scofield
Kent & Melinda Amano	Jennifer Gerhardt	Martin & Karen Matsunaga	Ken & Kathy Scruggs
Mark & Sharon Angelos	Tom & Lynn Gibson	Christie McCallister	Tarun & Monidipa Sharma
Chris & Nita Arora	Joseph D. Gualtiere	Barbara McCamant*	James Steven & Anita Shearer*
Randy & Rana Baba	Monica & Alfred Hagan	Betty Lillie McCarthy	Kim & Dale Sheckler
Warren & Sevenju Berkey	Tom & Gayle Hall	Violet Meeks	Rosine Sorbom
Christel Bochard	Mary Halligan	Pam Metz	Jim & Lana Speer
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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: _____

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