



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

April Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings
6:30 p.m. via Teleconference only
4.12 & 4.26

TUSD Board Meeting
7 p.m. via Teleconference or TUSD
Board Room at 2336 Plaza del Amo
4.18

**Earth Day Electronics Recycling
and Paper Shredding Event**
Residents of Torrance Only
Proof of Residency Required
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
City Hall Employee Parking Lot
3031 Torrance Blvd.
4.23

Petition Canceled

A few days after last month's newsletter printed, [Our Neighborhood Voices](#) (ONV) canceled the effort to collect signatures to put a measure on the November ballot. The measure would have given back control of local zoning to the cities. ONV felt they would not reach the required 1 million signatures by late April. We apologize if you went to Jefferson Middle School on March 20 to sign the petition as we advertised in last month's newsletter. We tried to let residents know via email and Facebook.

Our Neighborhood Voices is determined to try again and is planning a 2024 ballot measure. We will keep you posted when signatures will be collected again.

Southwood & West Torrance HOAs jointly host:

Candidate Forum

April 21, 2022

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Doors open 6:30 p.m.

**West High School Performing Arts Center
20401 Victor St.**

Candidates for Mayor and Treasurer in the upcoming June 7, 2022 Election will present their views on a range of questions. Come get to know the candidates to make your best, informed choices. This spacious venue will allow for social distancing. According to State and County health policies, masks are strongly recommended.

Candidates for Mayor

George Chen
Cliff Numark

Candidates for Treasurer

Dana Cortez Glenn R. Marshall
Tim Goodrich Melissa Wright
Mike Griffiths

Questions may be submitted by 5:00 p.m., April 20, via email to southwood.homeowners@gmail.com, or voicemail at 424.226.6428, or in-person at the forum by 6:45 p.m.*

The forum will be live-streamed and recorded as well. If you are a member, we will email the link for the live-stream. Additionally, we will post the link on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. For more information about the June 7, 2022 Election, please see the article on page 2.

*The hosts reserve the right to edit or omit questions.



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Scanning Southwood

Theresa, Fitz, and big brother, Cody, are so happy to welcome baby Zachary Wilton Dietz born February 15, 2022 (Reynolds Dr.). The Dietz Brothers Band (generation #3) will be coming to a garage near you in about 2035. ;)

Correction from last month: New neighbors, Lisa Fong and Jeff Gurr, reside on Ruby Place, not Ruby Street.

If you have news to share related to births, deaths, marriages, new jobs, just moved in, moving away, etc., please let us know.

More Candidate Forums

If you can't make the Southwood/West Torrance HOAs forum on April 21, then here are some other options:

April 14, Thursday

Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

North Torrance High School Library
3620 W. 182nd St.
North Torrance Neighborhood Association

April 20, Wednesday*

Mayor and City Council Districts 1, 3, & 5
8:30 a.m.

Doubletree Hotel
21333 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

*Purchase Tickets:

<https://www.torrancechamber.com>

May 3, Tuesday

Mayor, City Treasurer
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Toyota Meeting Hall
3330 Civic Center Dr.
League of Women Voters

Torrance City Election June 7, 2022

The Torrance City General Municipal Election is on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. City Council Candidates for District 1, 3 and 5 will only appear on the ballots of their respective districts. District 2 (includes Southwood), 4, and 6 were elected in March 2020. Following is the list of candidates:

Mayor Candidates	George Chen Cliff Numark
District 1 Candidates	Jimmy Gow Jonathan Kaji David Kartsonis David Zyguelbaum
District 3 Candidates	Lauren Cotner Asam Sheikh
District 5 Candidates	Harriette "Jean" Adelsman Aurelio Mattucci
City Clerk	Rebecca Poirier
City Treasurer	Dana Cortez* Tim Goodrich Mike Griffiths Glenn R. Marshall Melissa Wright

In addition to the election of Torrance City Officials listed above, there is also a half-cent city sales tax increase measure on the ballot. The half-cent sales tax increase would provide an estimated additional \$18 million in annual revenue with all proceeds locally controlled by Torrance. If the measure does not pass, there would be significant spending cutbacks. Please see www.TorranceCA.gov/EssentialServices for more information.

*It's interesting to note that our current City Treasurer, Dana Cortez, is running for re-election. As written in the Daily Breeze on May 20, 2021, "Current elected City Treasurer Dana Cortez makes roughly \$65,000 a year, even though her duties have been cut back since she mostly stopped reporting for work in 2018. Since then, Cortez has taken numerous leaves of absence and is currently working from home. Her only responsibility, according to city officials, is signing off on budget documents."

Torrance's First Citywide Report

On March 1, the City of Torrance proudly released its inaugural citywide report, a [2021 Year in Review](#). The City Manager's Office, in collaboration with staff from each of the 13 City departments, produced the report to communicate with the City Council and members of the public a highlight of projects across all departments for the 2021 calendar year. Mayor Furey was impressed with the visually inviting report and added, "I believe it provides a picture of how City staff takes pride in this community and works hard to make Torrance a wonderful place to live and do business."

Torrance School District News

By Kim Nokes

The West High Girls Soccer Team won the 2022 CIF Southern California State Championships Division III on March 5! The WHS Girls Soccer Team beat El Segundo by a score of 2-1.

Covid-19 Updates:

Indoor masking mandates for all K-12 schools and child care facilities will end as of March 12, 2022, regardless of vaccination status. Over the course of the pandemic, TUSD followed State and County Health Orders and guidelines to ensure that in-person instruction took place in the safest environment possible. With this change in masking policy, indoor masking is optional starting Monday, March 14; thus students will no longer be required to wear masks while on campus.

Mask wearing is still strongly recommended by the State and County Health Departments and is an option for every student or staff member who wishes to wear one at any time. Masks will still be provided by the District.

Secondary School Start Times Changes:

CA Senate Bill #328, signed into law October 13, 2019, required a change in secondary school start times by July 1, 2022. The TUSD Start Time Change Committee recommended the following changes that will be in effect starting fall 2022:

<u>School</u>	<u>Current Start Time</u>	<u>New Start Time</u>
High School	8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Middle School	8:10 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
Elementary	8:50 - 9:00 a.m.	No Change

SB9 Implementation in Torrance

By Leo Oorts, Sr. Planning Associate, Dept. of Community Development

In December 2021, the Torrance Community Development Department presented a slideshow to the City Council and residents that depicted the implementation of SB9 in the R-1 Zone. Staff explained that beginning in 2022, SB9 allows lots to be split to a minimum 1,200 sq. feet, and 2 units (homes) constructed on that lot, each one allowed to be at least 800 square feet, for a total of 4 units. If the homes are located within ½ mile of a bus stop, no parking area is required for the new construction.

In response, the Torrance Community Development Department prepared an Ordinance that included development standards for two-unit projects and urban lot splits allowed by SB9 to ensure there is no interruption of local regulatory authority. Those development standards dictate the maximum size of a new unit is 800 square feet; that it must have an unenclosed parking space onsite; that the maximum building height is 16 feet; and that the new home may only be one story. The City Council voted to adopt the Ordinance, thus implementing local development standards for two-unit projects and urban lot splits allowed by SB9.

Park & Rec Commission Report

By Ed Candioty – Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

The new LA Galaxy Sports Complex (formally the Toyota Sports Complex) is currently having the turf field replaced and the project should be completed by the end of April. This will be in time for an inaugural event with the Galaxy, as yet to be planned and announced by the City of Torrance.

Thank you for joining SHA!

This list is based on dues received from 2.12 to 3.8.

Yanhe Lue & Yan Cai
Juan & Debbi Duenas
Debra Fisher
Dane & Sue Harrison
Michael & Jovona Ludwig
Mike & Julie Pinnella
Dave & Pat Timmerman
Rick & Trish Valdez

Haven't joined/renewed yet?

Please go online at southwoodhomeowners.com/join to either print a membership form and mail in, or join securely online.

Cherry Blossom Festival Returns

The 2022 Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Columbia Park. The free festival includes a variety of multicultural performances and demonstrations.

The Torrance Craftsman's Guild invites artists and crafters to display and sell their work; and there is a wide range of food truck and food booth cuisine.

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