



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

Southwood Membership Drive 2022

Southwood Homeowners Association is the longest continuously running homeowners association in Torrance – 45 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. via Teleconference or in-person at 3031 Torrance Blvd. 11.9 & 11.16

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. via Teleconference or in-person (see agenda for location) 11.8

Torrance Theatre

Live theatre is back with the Torrance Theatre Company 2021-2022 Season. The Torrance Theatre Company is committed to providing affordable, professional quality theatre productions and related outreach/educational services to Torrance and the South Bay Area.

10.15 – 10.31 Murder in the Studio

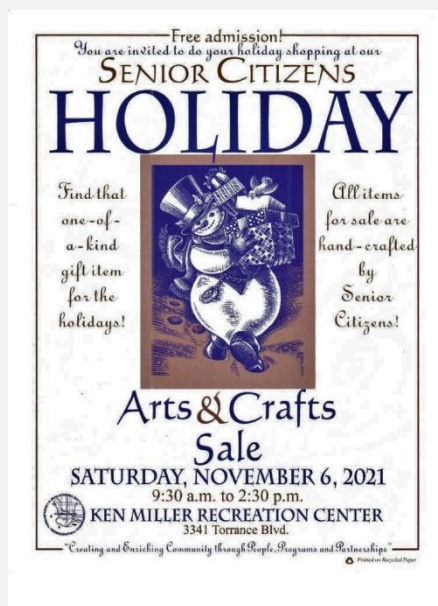
12.03 – 12.19 The Importance of Being Earnest

01.21 – 02.13 Holmes and Watson

03.18 – 04.10 Wait Until Dark

05.13 – 06.12 The Legend of Georgia McBride

Tickets are \$30 per show or \$125 for all 5 shows and is located at 1316 Cabrillo Ave. For more information, go to torrancetheatrecompany.com.



Commission on Aging Report

By Marilyn Wrightsman

The City of Torrance Commission on Aging deals with the needs and issues confronting senior citizens in the community and provides a voice for senior citizens as a community group. The Commission has a direct liaison to the City Council.

The Commission meets once a month (except June and December) on the second Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room in the Bartlett Center at 1318 Cravens Ave.

Seniors are encouraged to attend and find out what is happening in the Torrance community. For more information, call 310.618.2930.

Bartlett Senior Center Offerings

The Bartlett Senior Center, at 1318 Cravens Ave., re-opened on July 12, 2021, with limited services (Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Bartlett Café: Lunch program begins at 11:30 a.m. each day. Reservations required, call 310.320.5918.

Billiards Room: Seniors can play pool from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Reservations required, call 310.320.5918.

Online Activities: Bridge, Bingo, Jeopardy, and more. Go online to see the current schedule at torranceca.gov/our-city/recreation/seniors.

Need Resources? Call for appointments for free legal advice. Information on social services including Medicare, Medi-Cal, SSI, transportation, and other needs is also available. Call 310.320.5918 for further information.

5-O and on the Go Association! Everyone aged 50 years and older is invited to join. For an annual fee of \$5.00, members receive a monthly newsletter of activities. Call 310.320.5918 for more information.

Toyota Sports Complex in Danger of Closing

The popular 6-acre, \$3.2 million Toyota Sports Complex, located just north of the Torrance Courthouse, is facing potential closure as the existing lease ends with the Judicial Council of California, an Office of the State of California. Should the City and Judicial Council not reach agreeable terms, the multi-use sports fields will close.

In 2011, the City of Torrance negotiated and entered a \$1 per year lease of the Court-owned land for recreational use, with the City building the infrastructure and providing operations. Recently, the Judicial Council has proposed to start annual rent exceeding \$30,000 per month.

The City of Torrance is now asking the Torrance and South Bay community users to contact Governor Gavin Newsom to express your concerns about the potential loss of this valuable community resource and to ask him to intercede on the community's behalf with the Judicial Council. Visit torranceca.gov/TSC to find out how you can take action.

Board of Education Observer Report

By Kim Nokes

COVID-19 Testing Open for All Students and Staff

Free PCR testing is being offered at the four high school sites for all students and staff, Monday through Friday. Locations and hours of these sites can be found at tusd.org/parents/covid-19-testing-centers.

School Start Times for the 2022 - 2023 School Year

Dr. Stowe announced that beginning next fall, start times at the middle and high schools will be changing due to the passage of SB 328. The bill, approved by Governor Newsom in October 2019, requires that by July 1, 2022, the school day for high schools shall begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m., and the school day for middle schools shall begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. The District will be providing more information regarding the school start time changes before the end of the school year.

Environmental Commission Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Environmental Commission has resumed in-person meetings at the West Annex of City Hall. The Commission is reviewing the city's strategic plan on goals for the next 5 to 10 years, especially on stewardship of the environment.

A few months ago, the Torrance City Council voted not to ban gas-powered leaf blowers and instead limit the hours of operation. However, the state legislature recently passed a law banning gas-powered lawn equipment by 2024. It was signed by the governor on October 9, 2021.

Californians for Community Planning Update

Last month's newsletter introduced the Californians for Community Planning organization. This grassroots group is working to put an initiative on the November 2022 ballot to keep zoning and land-use decisions at the local level. The initiative is entitled the [Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative](#).

Some of the highlights of the initiative are:

- Retroactively reverse any bills that modified government codes regarding land use, zoning, or erosion of local control passed recently, including SB9, SB10, and SB35 and many more.
- Preserves CEQA, which is especially important to fight for environmental justice for our communities.
- Allows cities and counties to work *with* the state to solve the affordability crisis.

Go to communitiesforchoice.org to sign up for their newsletters (scroll to the bottom of the home page) and for more information on how to support their efforts.

November 2021

School Supply Drive

Thanks to those who dropped off school supplies for the TUSD students experiencing homelessness. In the September newsletter, we asked for donations to be dropped off at Postal Solutions. The Torrance Social Services Commission and TUSD Building Bridges program were very thankful and appreciative.

BCHD Project Opposed

The Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on September 8 for its 11-acre overhaul of its site on Prospect between Diamond and Beryl. The EIR for the proposed Healthy Living Campus, including a structure that would tower 133 feet over homes, schools and businesses, prompted the City of Torrance to cite major concerns that were not adequately addressed by the BCHD's responses. These concerns include aesthetics, hazardous materials, noise/vibration, traffic, air quality and more.

The grassroots organization TRAO (Torrance Redondo Against Overdevelopment) urges you to contact City Council to take action against the faulty EIR. For more information, go to traonews.org.

SHA Facebook

Many events happen just after our newsletter printing deadline, so follow us at SouthwoodHOA to get the latest updates.

Scanning Southwood

If you have any news to share related to births, deaths, marriages, new jobs, moving in, moving away, etc., please let us know. Call or text us at 424.226.6428 or email us at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com.

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