



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

October Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings
6:30 p.m. Virtual or at
3031 Torrance Blvd.
10.17 & 10.24

TUSD Board Meeting
7 p.m. Virtual or at TUSD Board
Room, 2336 Plaza del Amo
10.2 & 10.16

Position Filled!



Thank you to those who applied for the open position on our Newsletter Delivery team! We were able to quickly fill the position and form a waitlist for future openings.

Thank you to all the students on our delivery team! They work hard to deliver each newsletter on the porch of 2200 homes every month.

Free Recycling & Paper Shredding

Saturday, October 14, 8 a.m. – noon
Torrance City Hall Employee
Parking Lot (Near Torrance
Courthouse off Maple Ave.)

- Bring proof of Torrance residency
- Paper: Limit 8 boxes or bags
- Bring TVs, monitors, cell phones, small appliances and other electronics
- Hazardous waste NOT accepted
- www.TorranceRecycles.org

Community Event a Success!

Southwood HOA hosted a Community Event at Paradise Park on Saturday, September 16. We had a terrific turnout with well over 100 people of all ages enjoying the afternoon!

At least a dozen Torrance Police officers stopped by and many stayed the whole time. The officers had fun playing games with the kids and talking to residents. When the Torrance Fire Department arrived, families quickly descended upon the fire engine and paramedic truck. Mayor George Chen, a resident of Southwood, also came by to chat with neighbors.

It was a pleasure watching parents and their kids try out the variety of carnival games and play equipment. Every child took home a prize and everyone who attended got a free ice cream bar to enjoy.

Southwood HOA Board is so pleased with the turnout and hopes to have a similar event next year!



Thank you, Torrance Police & Fire Departments!



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Apple at Del Amo

A new Apple Store will come to the Del Amo Mall in December! The company will invest 5 million dollars and the new store will be located in the area of the mall near Nordstrom.

Parks & Rec Report

By Ed Candioly, Vice Chair Parks & Rec Commission

As soon as city plan checks for the Legacy Partners apartment complex at Carson and Del Amo Circle are approved, a very generous donation by Legacy will be used to upgrade the playground equipment at Paradise Park.

Environmental Commission Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission saw a presentation by Climate Smart Award Recipient, Jim Montgomery, about water usage. The commission members also debriefed the City Yard Open House from June 10, 2023. The Climate Smart Award Program is active again, and the commission is seeking nominations for all categories of the award. More information can be found on the [Environmental Commission page](#) of the city website.

Scanning Southwood

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Connor & Bonnie Kelsay (Carmen)

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

Metro C Line Extension Update

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 recently considered.

The City of Torrance will be providing its input on the issue sometime before a final recommendation of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) is presented to the Metro Board on October 26. Once the Metro Board selects a Locally Preferred Alternative, cities cannot override or appeal this decision.

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/.

City Council Votes for Changes to Airport

At the July 25, 2023, Torrance City Council meeting, several measures were approved to reduce airplane noise:

- Touch-and-go training operations are banned on weekends and city holidays and are restricted to 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekdays. An effort by Councilmember Sheikh to consider implementing a total ban on touch-and-goes received concurrence and will be discussed in October.
- All planes not based in Torrance and Torrance-based fixed-wing flight schools with fleets of 4+ planes will pay landing fees. Exempted are military, public safety and medical flights, and Robinson Helicopter. Landing fees are expected to bring in \$368,133 annually.
- A 1977 resolution that caps the number of flight schools to six will be enforced. There are currently eight flight schools, so the city will not renew the licenses of the two newest ones set to expire at the end of this year.
- City staff to study expanding the noise-monitoring system as well as report back to council within 12 months on a timeline for phasing out leaded gas.
- A voluntary letter of agreement with the flight schools was approved. Flight schools are banned from using the south pattern for training, must wait until reaching the shoreline to turn, will use other airports whenever possible, and stagger flights to avoid saturating airspace.

TUSD School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

The Superintendent's Report from the September 5 School Board Meeting included the following highlights:

- **Traffic Safety**

The Torrance Police Department issued an [official statement](#) reminding us all to be extra careful, slow down, and follow the speed limit as we travel to and from schools with our students.

“Please drive like it is your child, grandchild, niece or nephew walking or riding their bike to school,” Torrance Police Sergeant David Koenig said. “Pick-up and drop-off times can be hectic, but it’s important to be patient and stay safe as children are getting to and from school. It is better to be slow than sorry.”

- **Students Ride the Metro for Free This Year!**

Thanks to the support of the Board of Education, TUSD is now partnering with L.A. County Metro to offer the GoPass Program this school year. The GoPass will allow all students to ride public transportation for free throughout L.A. County until June 30, 2024. The transportation options include Metro Bus and Rail, Torrance Transit, Gardena Transit, LADOT Dash, Long Beach Transit, Norwalk Transit, etc.

- **City and School Partnership**

Mayor George Chen and City Councilmembers Sharon Kalani (District 4) and Asam Sheikh (District 3) joined the School Board to sign an updated partnership agreement between the School District and the City of Torrance.

Local Control Initiative Update

The Our Neighborhood Voices initiative was submitted to Attorney General Bonta's office for title & summary on July 13, 2023. Once, the Attorney General prepares and issues the title & summary, proponents of the initiative will have 180 days to collect over 1 million California voter signatures in order to qualify for the November 2024 election.



Recently passed laws allow developers to build multi-unit buildings next to single-family homes. If this initiative is approved by the voters, it will return local zoning to our locally elected officials.

To learn more, view the draft initiative and/or donate, go to ourneighborhoodvoices.com.

It's Never Too Early to Join SHA!

Our official membership drive starts next month, but any memberships received after September 1 will go towards the remainder of this year and all of next year.

This list is based on dues received from 9.1 to 9.14.

Shane & Lauren Vultee
Thomas & Maria O'Brien

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

School Gifts

Southwood HOA is proud to announce \$1400 was gifted to both Anza Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools in August 2023.

Anza Principal Catherine Di Vincenzo reported the gift would be used to fund Chromebooks as many of them are outdated.

Jefferson Principal Lisa Nunes responded, “Wow! What a blessing!!! We just found out we need a new power washer and honestly I wasn't sure where we would come up with the funds. This is amazing!”

Audit Report

As our bylaws require, an audit was performed at our fiscal year-end. Lynne Woike presented the Audit Report for September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023. It was concluded that all government forms have been filed and the financial records of the SHA have been examined and found to be correct.

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