



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### February Calendar

**Torrance City Council Meetings**  
6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
2.6 & 2.27

**TUSD Board Meeting**  
7 p.m. TUSD Board Room  
2336 Plaza del Amo  
2.5 (Recognition) & 2.20 (Tuesday)

**South Bay Quilters Show**  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Cultural Arts  
Center. For more information, go to  
[www.southbayquiltersguild.org](http://www.southbayquiltersguild.org).  
2.17 – 2.18

**South Bay's Got Talent Show**  
7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Armstrong  
Theatre. See the best talent the South  
Bay has to offer at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual  
talent competition. 2.24

### Mayor's Community Meeting

February 28, 2024  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber  
3031 Torrance Blvd.

Mark your calendars and join  
Mayor Chen at the first Mayor's  
Community Meeting of the new  
year!

Don't miss out on this great  
opportunity to stay up-to-date on  
important issues and topics that  
are happening in our community.

*Southwood & West Torrance HOAs present:*

## District 2 City Council Candidate Forum

**February 7, 2024**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
(doors open 6:30 p.m.)

**Bert Lynn Middle School**  
**5038 Halison St.**

District 2 has two candidates running for City Council in the March 5, 2024 Election. Bridget Lewis and Andrew Lee will present their views on a range of topics during our Q&A style forum. Come get to know the candidates to make your best, informed decision.

Questions may be submitted by 5:00 p.m., February 6, via email to [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto: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 two candidates, please see their websites:

Andrew Lee: [www.andrewleetorrance.com](http://www.andrewleetorrance.com)

Bridget Lewis: [www.lewisfortorrance.com](http://www.lewisfortorrance.com)

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



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## Parks & Rec Report

By Ed Candioly, Vice Chair Parks & Rec Commission

At the direction of the Torrance City Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission was tasked with finding a park in our city that could accommodate a possible off-leash dog park for its citizens. Two safe and secure enclosures would be necessary, one for small dogs and another for larger pets.

After surveying many of our parks, Columbia Park has been selected for further review and consideration. With a number of restrictions and required maintenance reviews, a recommendation will be presented if it is decided that Columbia Park would be a suitable site. City Council would then review the project and give final approval.

## Scanning Southwood

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](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com).

## Back by Popular Demand



My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.

If attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

I used to think I was indecisive. But now I'm not so sure.

## New Laws for 2024

Each new year brings with it new laws for Californians. Here is a list of some of these new laws:

- SB 700 – Prohibits an employer from requesting information about an applicant's prior cannabis use.
- AB 1228 – Raises the minimum wage of fast-food workers to \$20/hour in April (national fast-food chains with more than 60 establishments).
- SB 525 – Increase the minimum wage of some health care workers in June and will eventually reach \$25 for all health care workers by 2033.
- SB 616 – Requires employers to allow a minimum of 5 paid sick days a year for hourly and salary workers.
- AB 28 – Imposes an 11% tax on firearms and ammunition to help fund violence prevention programs.
- AB 360 – Establishes the “Ebony Alert” for missing young Black women and children.
- AB 452 – Eliminates the statute of limitations for victims of childhood sexual assault that occurs on or after January 1.
- AB 12 – Starting in July, landlords may not charge more than one month’s rent for a security deposit.
- SB 4 – Allows places of worship or independent higher education institutions to build a housing development on their property “by right.”
- AB 1084 – Requires retailers to have a gender-neutral toy section.
- SB 478 – Requires websites to show the actual cost of a service or item upfront starting in July (i.e. hotel stays, event tickets, food delivery).

## TPD’s E-Bike Safety Program



At the January 9 City Council meeting, Torrance Police Department’s Lieutenant Chad Farley presented TPD’s New E-Bike Safety Program. The police will be focusing on the following public awareness measures:

- The inherent hazards of riding on the street
- Applicable vehicle and municipal codes
- Habits that will keep you and your property safe
- Promotion through schools and social media

While there is definitely concern in the community over the speed and increase in the number of e-bikes, there has been no significant increase in the number of traffic collisions involving e-bikes in Torrance. As noted by Lieutenant Farley, this is in contrast to neighboring cities

It is important for parents to understand they are liable and can be charged for any damage or injuries caused by their child on an e-bike. Children need to be especially careful when they ride on the sidewalk to watch for cars backing out and they should yield to pedestrians. Common violations are two people on an e-bike, not honoring stop signs, and speeding.

Please be sure your kids know the rules and be safe out there!

## Thank you to all who have joined the Southwood Homeowners Association for 2024!

This list is based on dues received from 12.13.23 to 1.8.24. Please join/renew now! Go to [southwoodhomeowners.com/join](https://southwoodhomeowners.com/join).

The Akker Family	Ameneh & Steve Ernst	Candice Levinson
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Elizabeth Dye	Frank Kraus*	John & Jennifer VanderVennet
Todd & Laura Ellenberger	Steve & Masako Kubo	Daryl & Alison Wakuta

\*Charter member

## Discover Torrance

The “Discover Torrance” website ([discovertorrance.com](https://discovertorrance.com)) promotes Torrance as a great place to visit for vacationers as well as for business meetings or team-building getaways.

The website gives a nice overview of all the wonderful things about Torrance. They even have one and two-day itineraries to help plan a short stay in Torrance. The “Sun, Surf & Shopping in Torrance” itinerary really encapsulates the highlights of our city! Here’s the suggested activities paraphrased:

- Head to Torrance Bakery for their Buttermilk Sticks and stroll down Historic Old Torrance.
- Be transported to Japan inside Mitsuwa Marketplace with shops and restaurants serving authentic Japanese food.
- Stroll through the gardens of South Coast Botanic Garden or, if you’re visiting on a Tuesday or Saturday, swing by the Farmers Market at Wilson Park.
- The next day, stroll along Torrance Beach and take in the beautiful views of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.
- Start your shopping spree at Del Amo Fashion Center, South Bay’s premier retail destination.
- At the mall, take a break with a nice pedicure at Sugar Nail. “Eat colorfully” at Lemonade and choose from hot and cold seasonal dishes.
- Watch chefs make dumplings at Din Tai Fung, a one-of-a-kind restaurant specializing in soup dumplings and noodles.

## Will SHA Continue?

**Southwood HOA is in search of a new leader.** After five years, Laurie Craig will be stepping down as president in September, but will remain on the board and will be happy to advise and help a new leader for our Homeowners Association.

If you recently retired from a job or PTA position, being a part of the Southwood Homeowners Board is a wonderful way to keep active and serve the community!

The main activities of the president are to run the monthly meetings (we are dark in the summer), help plan a general meeting in the spring and optionally one more event for the year (candidate forum, community park event), and monitor the occasional emails.

The board is a friendly, supportive group. Everyone is very dependable in their various positions.

Join us for a meeting or two and see what you think. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. with some people coming in person and some joining on Zoom. Email [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail or text at 424.226.6428. Thanks!



SAVE THE DATE

# HEALTH & HAPPINESS FAIR

Thursday, February 1st, 2024

DoubleTree Hilton Torrance - Southbay  
21333 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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