



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

June Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. via Teleconference
6.1, 6.8, 6.15, 6.22
6.29 – No meeting

Torrance Planning Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference
6.2 & 6.15

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. via Teleconference
6.7 – Recognition Meeting, 6.21

Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Comm.

7 p.m. via Teleconference
6.3

SHA Supports ACA 7

State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi introduced an amendment to the State Constitution that would protect the rights of cities to control and manage their own land use and zoning (ACA 7). In April, an email was sent to SHA members asking if they agree that the Board should send a letter supporting ACA 7 to Al Muratsuchi, as well as to the appropriate State Committees on behalf of the Association. Of the 117 responses, 116 voted yes. A letter was sent to Muratsuchi along with copies to State Senators Allen and Bradford, and Torrance Mayor Pat Furey. There has been no movement on the amendment since its introduction. If the amendment progresses, we will then send letters to the committees.

Please join us for the

Southwood Homeowners Association General Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Anza Elementary School Lunch Benches
21400 Ellinwood Drive*

That's right – an actual in-person meeting at the lunch benches!
Our meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. with the following agenda:

Performance by the West High Theatre Students

SHA Meeting Business

SHA Scholarship Recipient Recognition

*“How Proposed State Bills will Affect our Neighborhoods”
by Torrance Councilman Mike Griffiths*

We are so looking forward to having a live performance by the West High Theatre students! They will be performing a 15-minute selection of numbers from the musical *Pippin*. After some short meeting business, we will honor our SHA Scholarship recipient, Timothy Horsey. Then, Councilman Mike Griffiths will speak about the how the housing bills being proposed in Sacramento will affect our neighborhoods and the current efforts to oppose these bills, followed by a Q&A session.

Please plan on wearing your mask and sitting in household groups. We regret we won't be able to provide any refreshments, but we will have a **free drawing for 2 \$50 restaurant gift cards!**

The meeting will be live-streamed and recorded via Zoom. Please go to www.southwoodhomeowners.com or our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/southwoodHOA) page for the links. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 3rd! Hope to see you soon!



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Scanning Southwood

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Matthew and Carrie Fries and their son, Will (Lillian St)

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.

Environmental Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission finalized their decision regarding recommendations to City Council on leaf blower regulations. The majority of the commission decided that 2 years is recommended for the transition to all electric leaf blowers. The commission agreed that limited hours of leaf blower use is necessary for the reduction of noise and pollution. They will recommend that the City get on the waitlist for an electric gardening equipment exchange program through the Air Quality Management District that will cover up to 75% of the cost.

Master Chorale Free Virtual Concert

Southwood residents since 1999, Margie Jones and her husband, Marshall, are longtime members of the Los Cancioneros Master Chorale. They wish to invite all of you to enjoy a free virtual concert entitled "Happy Together" on Sunday, June 13, at 4:00 p.m. Now in its 72nd season, the Master Chorale still brings excellent choral music to the South Bay. The group of over 50 singers has performed at Carnegie Hall, in Europe, Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia, and Argentina. View the concert at LCMasterChorale.com.

Congrats! 2021 SHA Scholarship Recipient

Timothy Horsey has been chosen as our 2021 SHA Scholarship recipient and will be awarded a certificate and check for \$1000 at our June 3rd Association meeting. Each year, SHA selects a West High School Senior who resides in Southwood and attended both Anza Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools.



We congratulate Timothy on his impressive West High School career excelling in both academics and sports while remaining active in his faith. Here is a short bio submitted by Timothy:

"Throughout high school, I gradually transitioned from a night owl to both an early bird and a night owl at the same time. This was due to time, or the lack thereof. I like to keep busy every day. Baseball took up a lot of my time during high school. I love the game of baseball and I have put a lot of work into honing my craft. Church plays a big part in my life as I attend the main service over the weekend and youth group during the week. High school itself is important to me as it builds the foundation of my college experience. I heavily valued education in high school and I used the education system to my advantage to help me with my future. I am going to study engineering in college, so I took all of the math and science honors/AP classes in high school. As I move into college, I plan to study engineering and play baseball at Westmont College."

Torrance City Council Report

By Jane Roseman

- Jeremiah Hart is the new police chief, effective June 20, 2021. He began with the department in 2001, serving a variety of positions.
- Council adopted an ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and Junior ADU's to allow both as prescribed by state law AB 68 which passed in January 2020. Parking does not have to be provided.
- Torrance's very first California Welcome Center is at Del Amo Mall, located above Entrance 1 (go up the escalator from the mall's outdoor village entrance). There is information about things to do in Torrance as well as in the state, plus Torrance merchandise for sale. All residents are encouraged to visit.
- There is a new [Coyotes](#) portal on the city website under "Services" to report coyote sightings and get information. The city will get pricing for five-month trapping and twelve-month trapping programs.
- The Office of Economic Development gave a presentation showing many great things in the works, with the goal to bring tourism and businesses to the city.
- The Council reviewed the proposed State Assembly Constitutional Amendment, ACA 7, regarding local land-use controls and zoning regulations and adopted resolution 2021-33 in support of ACA 7.

Torrance School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

Graduation, Promotion, and End of the Year Activities

Middle and high school in-person graduation and promotion ceremonies will take place during the week of June 7 at the four high school stadiums. In addition, elementary, middle, and high schools are working on events and activities to safely recognize students' achievements this spring.

Summer School Opportunities

TUSD will offer an expanded summer school program for K-12 students. Taking place from June 21 through July 22, 2021, classes will be held at approximately 8 elementary school sites, 4 middle school sites, and at each high school. In addition to a focus on academics, the K-8 Summer Learning Academy will provide opportunities for engagement, socio-emotional support, and health/physical fitness activities. The high school program will focus on credit recovery and course acceleration.

Torrance Education Foundation will once again offer summer enrichment opportunities (fee based) through the South Bay Enrichment Academy: <https://tef4kids.asapconnected.com/>.

2021 - 2022 School Year

In Person – TUSD students will return to full-time in-person instruction, 5 days a week, for the 2021-22 school year with expanded academic and socio-emotional support, beginning Thursday, August 26, 2021. TUSD staff is currently assessing how many students can be in a classroom and will hire teachers as needed, utilizing funding from Assembly Bill 86 (Covid-19 Relief and School Reopening).

Distance Learning – TUSD is surveying parents to determine how many still want a fully online option for their children next year.

2021-2022 SHA Proposed Slate of Officers

At the May Board Meeting, the proposed slate of officers below was nominated for next year's term beginning September 1.

President	Laurie Craig
1 st VP Programs	Carolyn Finkenbeiner
2 nd VP Membership	Lynne Woike
3 rd VP Activities	OPEN
Recording Secretary	Emi MuneKata Morimoto
Treasurer	Glenda Fukunaga
Corresponding Secretary	Val Clark
Sergeant-at-Arms	Roberta Stotesbury

If you are interested in running for any of the positions, nominations will be taken from the floor at our June 3 Association meeting. Elections will take place in mid-June via email. If you're not sure if we have your email, please send us an email at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com to confirm.

Thank You for Joining SHA!

This list is based on dues received from 4.13 to 5.13.

Michael and Jovona Ludwig

That makes 419 members so far!

Haven't joined/renewed yet?

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

Neighborhood Watch

Let's work together to make the City of Torrance a safer community!



The Torrance Police Department is looking for residents who are interested in becoming Block Captains. The Neighborhood Watch Program is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime. The goal of Neighborhood Watch is to create an environment where neighbors look out for each other and their community. As a Block Captain, you will receive and share important communications from the Torrance Police Department for you and your neighbors.

For more information, visit the [Neighborhood Watch page](#) or contact Sergeant Ron Salary at RSalary@TorranceCA.Gov or (310) 618-6389.

Funny Stuff

I changed my password to "incorrect". So whenever I forget what it is, the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light in the refrigerator?

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