



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### January Calendar

#### Torrance City Council Meetings

6:30 p.m. via Teleconference only  
1.11 & 1.25

#### TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. via Teleconference or TUSD  
Board Room at 2336 Plaza del Amo  
1.18

### New Apartments

On the corner of Del Amo Circle and Carson, a new 200-unit, 5-story apartment complex is being proposed by developer Legacy Partners. The developer reached out to the SHA board in late August and again in December to share their vision and to get feedback. The project is still in its early stages as the approval process with the City has not yet begun.

The development would have a “suburban-urban” design meant to attract singles and couples with about 70% studios and one-bedroom units and 30% two-bedroom units. Its excellent location with close proximity to the mall and to many employers, along with its particular amenities (such as an average of 2.2 parking spaces per unit) will appeal to high-end renters.

Legacy Partners wants to keep the community informed and listen to our feedback. They would like to have a meeting with any interested residents in late January. Look for an email from SHA or check our [Facebook](#) page or [website](#) for more information in January.

### Message from Your President

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful new year!

If you haven't done so already, please join/renew today and become a member of the Southwood Homeowners Association for 2022. You may go online to print the membership form and mail it in, or join/renew online. Go to [www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join](http://www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join).

By becoming a member, we can keep you updated on the latest issues concerning Southwood via email. You'll also receive the Newsletter online so you can simply click on the links in the articles.

Your membership dues support the monthly newsletter, an annual scholarship, gifts to our local elementary and middle schools, as well as candidate forums for local elections. **We are planning on holding a candidate forum in May before the June 7, 2022, election.**

*Laurie Craig, SHA President*

### Petition for Local Control of Zoning

The organization, [Our Neighborhood Voices](#), is sponsoring an initiative for the November 2022 ballot to make sure zoning and land-use decisions are controlled by the local cities and not Sacramento. This initiative would nullify the recently passed statewide laws (SB 9 and SB 10) that allow developers to build multi-story, multi-unit buildings right next door to single-family homes.

To get this initiative on the ballot, over one million signatures need to be collected. If you'd like to help, go to [OurNeighborhoodVoices.com](http://OurNeighborhoodVoices.com) where there are links to Endorse, Volunteer, or Donate.

Be on the lookout for petition signing events. One is being planned right here in Southwood at Paradise Park in January. We will send an email notification to members and also post the event on our [Facebook](#) page (be sure to Follow us) and our [website](#).



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## Scanning Southwood

Kevin & Lauren Lynch, along with their dog Cheddar, welcomed their new baby boy Scott on October 25, 2021. (Ladeene Ave.)

Greg Clark, the son of our beloved longtime board member, Val Clark, passed away from a heart attack on October 2, 2021. He leaves behind his wife Erin, son Chandler, daughter Madison Carter and son-in-law Eddie Carter. Greg grew up in Southwood, served in the Air Force and was a deputy in the LA County Sheriff's Department. He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

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).

## Got a Business?

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The annual rates are very reasonable at \$100 for a one-line ad or \$200 for a two-line ad. We also offer online ads on our website "[Business Partners](#)" page for only \$25 for the year.

If interested, we only have a few slots open for 2022, so please contact us soon at 424.226.6428 or email us at [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com).

## Torrance City Council (11.9 meeting)

By Jane Roseman

### Coyote Management Program Status Report

- Here are some stats for the year 2021:
  - 261 reported coyote incidents, 234 sightings
  - 2 non-fatal cat attacks, 16 fatal cat attacks
  - 9 other animal fatalities (e.g., city wildlife)
  - For the 2020-2021 trapping season (October-March), 15 coyotes were trapped. For the 2019-2020 season, 14 were trapped.
  - The month of December has the highest number of trappings
- Wildlife and Pest Solutions, Inc., of Anaheim will be taking over trapping. They will euthanize any animals trapped.
- The contract for the 2021-2022 tracking period will be \$27,600 for 6 months (October-March), 5 days a week, with an option to renew.
- Every city is addressing the issue in different ways, but the goal is to have a regional approach.
- Report coyote sightings via the coyote hotline 310.618.3898, the [city website](#), or the [MyTorranceCA](#) app.
- Be informed on how to reduce the elements of attraction. Go to the [City of Torrance Coyote Page](#) for the [At-Home Coyote Prevention Checklist](#) for more information.

### City Requests Residents to Sign Petition to Take Back Control of Zoning

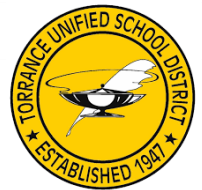
- The City Council believes control of zoning and land-use should be kept at the city level. To combat state laws, such as the recently passed SB 9, the City encourages residents to go to [OurNeighborhoodVoices.com](#) to support their efforts by volunteering or donating.
- This organization is gathering signatures for a November ballot initiative to ensure zoning and land-use laws can only be made at the local level. See the "Petition" article on page 1 for more information.

## Board of Education Observer Report

By Kim Nokes

### The School Board elected the following officers for 2022:

- President James Han
- Vice President Jeremy Gerson
- Clerk Jasmine Park



### Superintendent Report by Dr. Tim Stowe

- West High won the Division III Boys Cross Country Championship.
- The School Start Time Committee is continuing to meet to discuss the change in the middle and high school start times for the 2022-23 school year.
- Enrollment for Universal Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten will begin January 10th through the Family Welcome Enrollment Center (FWEC).
- Students who turn 5 between September 2, 2021, and February 2, 2022, are now eligible for Universal Transitional Kindergarten. Universal TK will be made available to all the state's 4-year-olds by 2025-2026.
- The Spanish Dual Immersion Program will continue to be offered for the 2022-23 school year at Torrance and Carr Elementary Schools.
- The new Middle School Intramural Program kicked off in November with a Cross Country meet. Additional events are being planned for the school year.
- An ESports program is now being offered at the middle and high schools. Competitions will begin in the spring.
- Volunteers are now allowed back on campus to help out at the schools.

# Thank you to all who have joined the 2022 Southwood Homeowners Association

This list is based on dues received up to 12.6. Additional names will be listed in February's newsletter. \*Charter Member

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## Oversized Vehicles Regulations

Upon receiving a variety of complaints, concerns, comments, and suggestions from the public about oversized vehicles (OV) and trailers being stored on public streets in the early 2000's, the City Council adopted an Ordinance for parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers on Sept. 12, 2006, [Ordinance No. 3686](#). Effective July 1, 2007, only registered oversized vehicles and/or trailers with activated daily paperless parking permits are allowed to park on public streets.

You may register your OV by completing the application (online or hardcopy) and bringing your proof of residency and one-time \$25 fee to the Community Development Department (CDD) to receive your sticker. Paperless daily permits may be purchased online, or at the Permit Center at the City Hall Planning Counter, or at the Police Department Traffic Division. The paperless permits are activated by calling the Torrance Police Dept at 310.618.5636. A resident may activate no more than 3 consecutive daily paperless parking permits at one time.

There are also provisions for residents who are hosting visitors traveling in an oversized vehicle or trailer ([OV Visitor Registration Form](#)). Please note that all parking laws apply (the 72-hour rule, street sweeping signs, etc.). For more information, go to [City of Torrance Oversized Vehicles](#) page or call 310.618.5990 or email [CDDTraffic@Torranceca.gov](mailto:CDDTraffic@Torranceca.gov).

## Street Sweeping Etiquette



Please be sure to keep cars off the street on street sweeping days. Even if the street sweeper has already been by, cars must still be off the street for the entire three hours or they may be cited. The City of Torrance Parking Enforcement Officers enforce the "No Parking" regulations.

Street sweeping is necessary to keep our streets and storm drains clean. Anything that is dumped into the storm drains will go to the ocean. An average of 11-12 tons is collected per day.

Please contact the Traffic Division at 310.618.5557 for any questions. Note: Street sweeping citations are suspended during the winter holidays starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in December and ending January 2.

## Environmental Commission Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Environmental Commission will be starting the Climate Smart Award Program for businesses and schools in Torrance. This program encourages people to take action against climate change. The commission will also be reaching out to the Library Commission, Water Commission, and the Youth Council to raise awareness of environmental issues.

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