



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners' Association Newsletter

### February Calendar

#### Torrance City Council Mtgs.

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

2.5

2.19

2.26

TUSD Board Meetings

7pm at 2336 Plaza Del Amo

2.4\*

2.29

\* Recognition Meetings - Twice a Year the BOE will have a Recognition Only meeting to honor achievements of Teachers, Employees, Students, and Community Members (2/4/19 & 6/3/19). These meetings will be held at one of the District high schools, please check agenda for specific location.

#### An Evening with Henry Winkler

8pm Armstrong Theatre

2.9

#### The Ugly Duckling

2pm Armstrong Theatre

2.10

America's Got Talent semi-finalist Lightwire Theater brings a classic tale to the modern stage in an unforgettable theatrical experience.

#### Dancing with South Bay Stars

7pm Armstrong Theatre

2.23

#### For information on these events + MANY more events

<https://www.torranceca.gov/services/calendar-month-view/-curm-2/-cury-2019>

### A Message from Your Southwood President

Hello Everyone,

A big congratulations to the Torrance Rose Float Association for winning the Volunteer Award at the 130<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade this past January 1<sup>st</sup>. (photo page 3) Torrance has proudly submitted an entry to the Rose Parade for over 60 years! For the last three years, the Torrance Rose Float Association has reached out to our district's high school students for float designs by way of a contest. And for all three years, the winning designs have been from West High students. The winning designer also gets to ride on the float. How cool is that?! Good luck to the students who will vie for next year's float.

On another note, the board has been working hard reviewing the Southwood Homeowners Association bylaws and formulating a budget for the association. While researching financials from the last several years, we noticed that membership income has steadily declined. Most expenses have remained the same, however some, such as newsletter printing, have risen. At this rate, by the year 2021, we will not have enough money to continue printing newsletters. While we are working hard to reduce our expenses, without the additional income by way of membership dues and advertisements, our fate is written on the wall. The last time we had over 500 members was back in 2015! Our 2019 goal is 500, but we're still short by 134 memberships. Thank you to those who have paid their membership dues and to our many advertisers. With 2,200 homes in our Southwood community, I'm hopeful we can reach our goal.

Please take a moment to let us know how our Southwood Homeowners Association can better serve you. What programs or events can we host for our community? What topics should we cover in our communications? Are there better ways we can utilize your \$15 per year membership dues? Please contact us at the email or phone number at the bottom of this page. We want Southwood to have a hometown feel; this is your community.

See you around the neighborhood!

Alicia Walker



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### West High School

Coffee with the Counselor on 2.7 at 8:00am. Topic: Drug and Alcohol Awareness. Meet at front office.

West High School Dance Department presents their 20<sup>TH</sup> Annual TUSD Dance Collaboration Effort in the James Armstrong Theater, on 2.20 at 7pm.

On 2.22 West High will hold their annual student talent show in the Performing Art Center at 7pm.

For more information plus so much more, check out. [tusd.org/schools/west-high-school](http://tusd.org/schools/west-high-school)

### Jefferson Middle School

JMS Family Night: Astronomy Night on 2.26. Come learn about the stars at 6pm at JMS

Learn more about JMS programs at [tusd.org/schools/jefferson/index](http://tusd.org/schools/jefferson/index)

### Anza Elementary

Anza will be hosting their annual Anza Around the World week from 2.12 through 2.14. On 2.14 at 2pm they will hold an International Fair.

On 2.28 Anza will hold a Spelling Bee. Good luck to all students who enter the 'Bee'.

Check out their website for more information [anzaelementary.org/home](http://anzaelementary.org/home)

### ALL SCHOOLS

2.1 End of first semester. Semester grades will be posted on Power School on 2.8.

## Torrance School Board Report

The three newly elected members of the Torrance School Board were sworn in at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The new members include: Betty Lieu, Jeremy Gerson, and James Han. They join current Board members Don Lee and Terry Ragins.

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The School Board also elected officers for the 2018 - 2019 school year:

President	Don Lee
Vice President	Terry Ragins
Clerk	Betty Lieu

The Torrance Unified School District Board of Education meets twice monthly; meetings are open to the public. Meetings begin at 7 pm. The board room is located in the Educational Materials Building (EMB) at 2336 Plaza del Amo.

You may attend the meeting in person or watch the meeting live on Spectrum channel 30 or Verizon channel 37. Board of Education meetings will also rerun on these channels until the next meeting.

A complete calendar of upcoming meetings plus the minutes of previous meetings is listed on the Torrance Unified School District's website.

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**Thank you to all who have joined the 2019 Southwood Homeowners Association**  
**If you haven't joined, please join now!**

This list based on dues received from 12/9 to 1/8.

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Susan Griffith & John O'Brien  
Jane Roseman  
Robert & Alice Rusa  
Michael & Elaine Sams  
Don Smith  
Karoline Snakenborg  
Ni Yang & Zhikai Tang  
Philip & Terri Thomas  
Ronald W. Wong  
Gloria Younkin\*

\*Charter Member: A charter member has been a member since SHA inception in 1975.

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**Torrance 2019 Award Winning Rose Float**



Designed by Justin Kim from West High

**SCANNING SOUTHWOOD**

**Thank You!**

- Love the new format & info - great job! Thank you!
- So happy to see our newsletter, super super good job.
- Former SHA Membership chair: Hope all is well in Southwood and with our friends on the Board & in SHA.

**Hobby Lobby**

It has been confirmed from HOBBY LOBBY corporate offices...a new store is coming to....TORRANCE, in the closed Toys R Us location on Hawthorne Blvd!

**Coming to Del Amo**

Look for these four eateries coming to the mall SOON!

- Burger IM
- Charleys Philly Steaks
- EMC Seafood & Raw Bar
- Uncle Tetsu (Japanese Cheesecake)

**College & Career Fair**

Calling all middle school and high school students....It's never too early to think about college. Torrance Unified School District and Torrance Council of PTSA is holding their annual College & Career Fair: Saturday February 23, 11am - 2pm @ West High School

**Got News?**

If you have news related to births, deaths, marriages, new neighbors, school/ neighborhood events etc... We would love to hear about it, please email us at [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com)

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