Happy New Year! SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners' Association Newsletter

January Calendar

Torrance City Council Mtgs. *7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.* 1.8 1.15

TUSD Board Meetings 7pm at 2336 Plaza Del Amo 1.22

Torrance Farmers Market 8am - 1pm Wilson Park ALL year, EVERY Saturday/Tuesday

Mayhem in the AM Mystery Book 10am Henderson Library 1.10

Cat On A Hot Tin Roof

2pm - 5:00pm Armstrong Theatre 1.13

Jack's Cats 7:30 pm Armstrong Theatre 1.19

Tax Help Day (FREE) 10am - 12pm Garden Rooms 1.26

Craft Delight 12pm - 2pm Henderson Library Every Wednesday

For information on these events + MANY more events

https://www.torranceca.gov/ services/calendar-month-view/curm-12/-cury-2018

A Message from Your Southwood President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our 2019 Southwood Homeowners Association membership drive is off and running. We are 65% of the way to our goal and need 174 more to reach our goal of 500 members. Thank you to all who have sent in their membership checks. For those who haven't had the opportunity to send in your checks yet, please mail them to the address at the bottom of the newsletter.

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Without your support, we won't be able to meet our financial goals which include awarding a scholarship for a West High School senior and donating much-needed supplies to our local schools. Supporting education in our community is one way we maintain the quality of our Southwood neighborhood.

Additional expenses such as newsletter printing costs and insurance have also increased. While many nearby homeowners' associations have raised membership dues, Southwood dues have remained \$15 for over a decade, and we would like to continue to keep it \$15. All we need is 174 more memberships.

Please keep those membership checks coming and be sure to include your email address on your correspondence. Your email address will not be shared and will only be used in the rare event to communicate time sensitive city and community issues, as well as to contact you for a vote such as for bylaws revisions and election of new officers. If you are not sure whether you have included your email, please contact me at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com and I can check for you.

If you have any questions or would like us to look into any topics that concern Southwood, please let us know.

See you around the neighborhood! *Alícía*



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SCHOOL NEWS

West High School

Winter Sports are in full play. Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Coed Wrestling and Girls Water Polo. Support West by attending a game and cheer on the Warriors.

On January 11, there will be a Dance Winter Concert in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Parent Cyber Safety Night will be held January 23 at 6pm in the PAC.

For more information plus so much more, check out. <u>tusd.org/schools/</u> <u>west-high-school</u>

Jefferson Middle School

Earn CASH for JMS while shopping. There are three ways to earn money for JMS: Benefit, eScrip and Shoparoo. It is super easy! Learn more about these fundraisers & other JMS programs at <u>tusd.org/schools/jefferson/index</u>

Anza Elementary

Anza will be holding a Toy Loan Drive from January 7 - January 18. Clean out the kids rooms and donate gently used toys. There will be boxes in front of the school.

The annual Talent Show will be January 17.

The EEA will host the Mother/Son Day on January 27.

Check out their website for more information <u>anzaelementary.org/</u><u>home</u>

Atomic Playgrounds

Our kids in Southwood and South Torrance are fortunate to have playground equipment with adventure and creativity in mind. The space race between East and West inspired a new era of play in the 1960's. Playground designers adapted the forms of rocket ships, radar installations and other military vehicles into new kinds of play



equipment. Some survived into the 21 century and became well-loved local icons such as those found at "Rocket Ship" Park and Paradise Park in Torrance. The three-stage rocket found at Los Arboles Park can accommodate 35 aspiring astronauts and is more fun to climb than a tree. The submarine at Paradise Park has hatches, ladders and a conning tower with a pilot wheel that really turns, all any young adventurer needs for a peril-free trip under the polar ice cap. Made by the Jamison Manufacturing Co., these fixtures are anchored firmly to the ground for the boundless voyages of children's fancy.

Mitch Levine

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One Line: \$100 Two Lines: \$200

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Homeless Crisis

The escalating cost of housing has contributed to a significant homeless crisis in Los Angeles. Recent data suggests there currently are over 50,000 homeless people in LA County. LA County staff briefed Torrance City Council on resources available to help homeless residents receive critical services. The LA Homeless Outreach Portal has an excellent website with links to critical resources. Visit their site for more information (https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/)

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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 11/6 to 12/8. Additional names will be listed in February's newsletter.

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