



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners' Association Newsletter

May Calendar

Torrance City Council Mtgs.

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

5.7

5.14

5.21

Torrance Planning Commission

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

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5.15

TUSD Board Meetings

7pm at 2336 Plaza Del Amo

5.6

5.20

Special Needs Job Faire

10am-12pm Switzer Learning Center

5.4

20th Annual Senior Faire

9:30am-2:30pm Ken Miller Rec Cnt

5.11

Turf Removal Class

9am-12pm Madrona Marsh Preserve

5.18

Utayabira Wuduyabira "Let's Sing, Let's Dance!"

2-5pm Armstrong Theatre

5.19

MIND Your Health: Teen Hip Hop Dance Class - FREE

4-5pm Katy Geissert Library

5.28

For information on these events + MANY more events

www.torranceca.gov

A Message from Your Southwood President

Hello Southwood,

Thank you to all who have sent suggestions about items to address that concern our Southwood Neighborhood. My topic this month is in regards to the preschool with an outdoor play yard that is planning to go in at the old El Torito Grill location.

If you have not heard about this, it may be because only the neighbors that would be directly impacted (which are the homes on Ocean Avenue immediately behind the building) received the notice. The neighbors were upset that they were not given enough time to make a proper presentation when it was on the agenda for the Planning Commission. However, after making an appeal, one of the neighbors made a presentation to the City Council.

The good thing is that some concessions were made in our favor. The preschool will build a twelve-foot wall around the exterior playground, and the area that is currently an iron fence will be changed to an eight-foot wall. However, the problem with this is that the senior housing between the fire station and Benihana restaurant will get a lot of noise during the day from the preschool because noise travels by line of sight. Another concession that was made is that there will be no pedestrian access to the preschool property from Ocean Avenue. Additionally, before the preschool can go in, an underground drain will have to be placed so that water from restaurant row will no longer drain onto the sidewalk on Ocean Avenue.

There are a lot of questions as to why anyone would want to put a preschool in that location. Many people are uncomfortable with having a preschool next to restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages. Traffic safety in the parking lot is an issue as well.

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SCHOOL NEWS

West High School

Annual Dance Workshop &

Showcase Event May 25th from 8:30 - 4pm in the gym. Open to kids 6 years and up. Fee required.

Jazz Concert on May 3 at 7pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Sharefest Work Day on May 4 starts at 7am

Dance Concert on May 9 and May 10 at 7pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Fashion Show on May 17 at 7pm in the Pavilion.

Achievement Awards on May 22 at 6pm in the Pavilion.

Pops Choir Concert on May 30 and May 31 at 7pm in the Performing Arts Center

Jefferson Middle School

JMS will hold their **Career Day** on May 3. **Open House** will be held on the evening of May 21. The **Spring Concert** will be held on May 28. And **MultiCultural Day** will be May 31.

Anza Elementary

Local Heroes Day is May 10.

On Thursday May 30 Anza will hold their **Annual Ice Cream Social** and **Open House/PTA Association Meeting**. All events will take place at Anza starting at 5pm. Come out and check out the amazing auction items.

May is a busy month at the Southwood Schools, please check their websites for more information.

Torrance schools are closed on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

President's message con't

To keep up with the proposed preschool, please attend City Council meetings; they meet on Tuesdays, 7 p.m., at 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Torrance CitiCABLE also televises live and previously-recorded meetings. Minutes from past meetings are also available on the City of Torrance website, www.torranceca.gov/government/council-agendas-minutes.

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The Planning Commission is another resource. They work with the Community Development Department in preparation of plans and zoning studies that affect the growth and development of Torrance. The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7 p.m., at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

Keep in touch and stay informed.

See you around the neighborhood!

Alicia



Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program enlisting the active participation of citizens, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in our communities.

Neighborhoods are divided by blocks; a captain is elected by a neighborhood group to represent his/her block. An initial meeting is scheduled with a Torrance Police Department representative where participants learn how to report and identify suspicious activities and individuals while implementing crime prevention techniques.

Subsequent meetings follow.

This program teaches citizens how to work together in creating the strongest crime prevention technique...neighbors looking out for each other. Call (310) 618-6392 to join your Neighborhood Watch or visit the city webpage for more information.

<https://www.torranceca.gov/government/police/community-affairs/neighborhood-watch>

Torrance Antique Street Faire

'The 4th Sunday Flea' in Old Town Torrance.

The Torrance Antique Street Faire debuted in October 1998 and has grown from 25 to over 200 vendors; it attracts thousands of people to Downtown each month. Shoppers and vendors alike love the laid-back alternative to big, hot arena swap meets. <https://torranceantiquefaire.com/>

Armed Forces Day in Torrance

Our nation's men and women of the military forces have defended our country, insured our freedom, and upheld the beliefs and principles that this great nation was built on. Now in its 60th consecutive year, the City of Torrance continues its long-standing tradition of hosting an Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade to honor the sacrifices of our nation's military.

The City of Torrance is proud to help honor and thank the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces!

The 2019 celebration honors the Navy.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Concert: 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A military band will perform for FREE at the James R. Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For ticket information, please contact the Box Office at (310) 781-7171. The tickets are free and are on a first come, first serve basis. There is a limit of four tickets per adult. Ticket holders must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to show time or the seat will be made available to other patrons.

Military Exhibits: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Military exhibits will be on display, including aircraft, vehicles and support equipment at Del Amo Fashion Center. The outdoor exhibits will be in the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot east of the Lifestyle Wing, which is located along Madrona Avenue.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

5k Run: 8 a.m.

4th Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day 5K for Freedom Run/ Walk, in tribute to Louis Zamperini. All finishing participants will receive a 5K for Freedom commemorative t-shirt. There will be chip timing and sponsor refreshments. Opens at 6:30am at the race expo at Del Amo Fashion Center on Madrona Ave. www.Torrance5k.com

Parade: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The 60th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade begins at Crenshaw Boulevard traveling west on Torrance Boulevard and ending at Madrona Avenue. All streets intersecting the parade route will be closed the majority of the day. Torrance's parade is the longest-running Armed Forces Day Parade in the nation. As one of few cities designated by the Department of Defense, the City of Torrance is proud to honor the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces.

Military Exhibits: 3 - 8 p.m.

Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot east of the Lifestyle Wing

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Military Exhibits: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot east of the Lifestyle Wing



Thank you to the 398 members who have joined the 2019 SWHOA!
If you haven't joined, please join now!

This list is based on dues received from 3/7 to 4/4.

Mark & Sharon Angelos
Samual Sung & Rong Huang
Steve & Margaret Lindsey
Daniel & Janet Donaldson

Thank You!

"It is obvious that someone with an eye for design has given the Southwood Newsletter a complete overhaul. I like the calendar of events on the left hand side of the front page and the newsletter's entire improved appearance."

-Dottie Rodman

Summer Camp

The Torrance Recreation Services Division offers camps for children ages 6-14 during winter, spring and summer vacation. Each one week session includes arts, crafts, games, entertainment and a special excursion. Camp meets 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Participants may also register for extended supervision from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. or 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes and a sack lunch with a drink are required each day.

Summer Camp begins June 24!

Torrance resident registration begins May 14, 2019. Non-resident registration will begin May 29, 2019.

Fun Camp will be held at La Romeria and Greenwood Parks. Sports Camp will be at Wilson Park. Teen Camp will take place at Greenwood Park.

Call (310) 618-2930 for information.

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