



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners' Association Newsletter

March Calendar

Torrance City Council Mtgs.

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

3.5

3.19

3.26

Torrance Planning Commission

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

3.6

3.20

TUSD Board Meetings

7pm at 2336 Plaza Del Amo

3.4

3.18

48th Annual Spaghetti Dinner (Torrance Firefighters)

4:30pm Ken Miller Rec Center

3.9

50th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Faire

10am Torrance Cultural Arts Center

3.16

Masterpieces from Hayden & Rutter

7pm Armstrong Theatre

3.17

Cherry Blossom Festival

11am Columbia Park

3.31

For information on these events + MANY more events

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cury-2019](http://www.torranceca.gov/services/calendar-month-view/-curm-3/-cury-2019)

A Message from Your Southwood President

Hello Everyone,

Spring is in the air and the shamrocks are in bloom.

There is a lot happening in the city of Torrance. The one thing that affects all of us here in Southwood is the proposed new preschool at the old El Torito Grill location. One of our neighbors gave a presentation at the city council meeting explaining how it will affect the neighbors immediately to the west of the location. Additionally, there will be a new train station on Crenshaw Blvd., and the new senior living complex at the financial circle is out for bid. Please keep informed by watching the city council and the planning commission meetings on CitiCABLE. The meetings are listed on our calendar.

West High School will be performing their spring musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie, in the new performing arts theater on campus. Come and support the very talented students.

The SWHOA board has reviewed and updated the bylaws; most changes involve grammatical or formatting edits. We will be sending an email later this month for a full membership vote. Also, if you haven't sent in your membership dues, it's not too late; please send to the address below. If you have sent in your dues, but not sure if you included your email, please contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Please continue to email us with comments or suggestions on what you would like us to cover in the newsletter.

See you around the neighborhood.

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SCHOOL NEWS

West High School

PROUD WARRIORS!

Academic Decathlon Team was named the winner of the Los Angeles County Academic Decathlon, advancing to the state competition this month.

Boys Soccer will play in the CIF Finals against El Segundo.

Girls Water Polo advanced to the CIF Finals for the first time.

Girls Soccer lost a tough match in round 3 of the CIF's.

Boys & Girls Basketball both made it to playoffs, and both lost heartbreakers in OT!

Thoroughly Modern Mille will be performed by the West Theatre Department on April 3,4,5 and 6. Tickets go on sale March 18 at WHS ASB or GoFan.co

Jefferson Middle School

Got High School?

Incoming 9th grade student and parent night will be held at West High, March 27, in the Gym from 6:30 to 8pm.

Student v Staff Basketball game will be held on March 20.

Anza Elementary

Dr. Seuss Day will be celebrated with a good read on March 1.

STEAM Fair Reception will be held on March 28 at 6pm. All entries are due March 26. GO SCIENCE!

Torrance Education Foundation

Tickets on sale NOW for the LEXUS car raffle. <https://www.tef4kids.org/>

Torrance School Board Report

At the January 22nd School Board Meeting, the Board gave approval for Anza Elementary School to accept the 2018 Japan Enrichment Grant (JEG) Award in the amount of \$1,040 for the 2018-19 school year. The award will be used to purchase two Music Center on Tour performances. The Board also gave approval to adopt elementary, middle and high school History-Social Science textbooks and support materials as recommended, and adopted a Resolution proclaiming February 2019 as African American History Month. In addition, the Board gave approval for TUSD to enter into an agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation for North High School and Torrance High School to participate in the High School Involvement Partnership.

Also, the Torrance Teachers Association presented their contract proposal for the 2018-19 school year.

City Of Torrance - Commissions

The City of Torrance currently has 12 commissions, boards and councils that are advisory to the City Council.

Airport Commission	Parks and Recreation Commission
Civil Service Commission	Planning Commission
Commission on Aging	Social Services Commission
Cultural Arts Commission	Traffic Commission
Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission	Water Commission
Library Commission	Youth Council

Each Commission has a monthly meeting on a specific day of the month. To learn more about the commissions and their meeting information, go to the City of Torrance Web page under, Government.

Commissioner appointments are made by the City Council as a whole from a list of certified applicants at a public meeting in June. Terms are for four years with a two-term limit. Commission applications are accepted at any time during the year and can be downloaded on the web page. Forms are available in the City Clerk's Office. Applications are kept on file for one year.

Commission Appointments: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Application Deadline: Thursday, June 6, 2019

Identity Theft-A Story of Gratitude

The day of my husband's memorial service I returned home to find that we had been victims of identity theft . Eventually we discovered that our e-mail accounts had been hacked into, credit lines were in the process of being opened and a change of address for mail forwarding (all those new credit cards) was in place. Our forwarded mail would also provide the thief with the location of bank accounts and numbers for pretty much everything we owned. We were glad to have stopped home before heading to a relative's home after the funeral.

Why a story of gratitude?

Although the USPS makes it VERY easy to forward mail, our wonderful mail carrier alerted us almost immediately to the problem.

One bank called to promptly verify our credit application before issuing credit. (Hmmm how many others didn't call?)

Lastly, my thoughtful husband had the foresight to provide one last gift, the information needed to locate all of our assets in one convenient location.

What have we learned from our experience? An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Freeze credit with the 3 major credit reporting agencies. It is inexpensive to unfreeze when necessary.

Write down every website you visit along with user-names and passwords. (Change passwords frequently.)

Make a photo-copy of the front and back of all credit cards.

Note the physical location of anything you wish your family to find.

Place a list with all of the above information in a secure location such as a safe deposit box.

We will never know the source of this misery. Did it come from the obit in the newspaper, or maybe from one of the many doctors' offices we visited, the hospital, an acquaintance? It really doesn't matter. All the information needed for criminals to initiate action against any of us is readily available and easily accessible. We were fortunate to have long established relationships with caring friends and neighbors which enabled us to take timely action against this threat to our financial security, but not everyone does. In hindsight, it would have been much easier (and less stressful at a particularly vulnerable time) to have had more security measures in place prior to this attack.

A Southwood Neighbor



Thank you to all who have joined the 2019 SWHOA!

If you haven't joined, please join now!

This list based on dues received from 1/9 to 2/6.

Bunch, Nancy L.
Carrington, Leona J.
Castillo, Elena E.
Colwell, Alexander & Cora
Crowley, Dan & Tracy
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Fukunaga, Raymond & Glenda
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Heidebrecht, Bill & Kathy
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Jonas, Jerry & Lynn
Laney, Evelyn
Marks, Joanne L.
Marra, Ron & Mary
Maughan, R.
Natsumeda, Neal & Peg T.
Ross, Jack & Nancy
Sameshima, Glenn & Shirley
Shah, Nirav & Kajal
Shao, Jinghua Zhou & Yunfeng
Simmons, Judith K.
Tearington, Debra

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

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.

Please remember all information must come directly from the family.

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