



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners' Association Newsletter

June Calendar

Torrance City Council Mtgs.

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

6.4
6.11
6.18
6.25

Torrance Planning Commission

7pm at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

6.5
6.19

TUSD Board Meetings

7pm at 2336 Plaza Del Amo

6.3 - Recognition Only
6.17
6.24

The Armed Man, A Mass For Peace

Los Cancioneros Master Chorale

7pm Armstrong Theatre

6.9

Redistricting Information Night

Speakers Councilmen Rizzo & Chen

6:30 pm Anza Elementary Cafe

6.12

South Bay Festival of the Arts

11am-5pm Torrance Cultural Art Ctr

6.22

Novels At Night Book Group

6:30pm Southeast Library

6.27

Portraits of Dance (The Dance Center)

7pm Armstrong Theatre

6.29

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

www.torranceca.gov

A Message from Your Southwood President

Hello and happy summer! It is hard to believe we are in June and looking forward to summer. There is so much happening that affects our neighborhood right now that I thought I would talk about a few of these items. First of all, as some of you might know, the City of Torrance has adopted an ordinance establishing by-district elections. This redistricting is a way to make smaller areas with one council member representing each area. Southwood falls under District 2. **We have invited two council members, George Chen and Geoff Rizzo, who would represent our Southwood district to a meet and greet, question and answer gathering at Anza Elementary School's cafeteria on Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m.** Please bring your questions regarding redistricting or any other concerns you may have that affect our neighborhood.

I would like to thank the current Southwood Homeowners Association board for their dedication to Southwood. As we are finishing up our first year, below is a slate of proposed officers for next year's term, beginning September 1. As you can see, we are in need of a president. I have enjoyed being the SWHOA president, but my (paid) work load has increased greatly and I am not having enough time to do it all. If anyone is interested in being president please contact me. I will gladly fill you in on what it job entails. SWHOA takes about 3 hours a week. It is not a difficult task; just needs some time. Please contact me at the phone number or email below.

President:	OPEN
1st Vice President:	Carolyn Finkenbeiner
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3rd Vice President:	Alicia Walker
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SCHOOL NEWS

19/20 TUSD Calendar Update

A reminder our 'First Day of School' for the 19/20 school is **Monday, August 26th**. The 19/20 TUSD Master Calendar has recently been revised, the new calendar is posted on the TUSD website.

Please check your school website over the summer for important 2019/2020 registration information.

Summer Break Begins 6.21!

James Banim III 1945-2019

Long Time West High School band director to be remembered. A public memorial is scheduled for **Sunday June 9 at 1pm** in the West High Performance Arts Center.

The West High Family is saddened by the loss of the longtime Band Director Jim Banim. Jim passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in Torrance, CA after an extended illness. Jim had relocated from Boca Raton, FL to Torrance in 1975 and retired in 2007 from West High as Director of Music. Jim had a long and award filled career traveling to Europe with his nationally recognized bands, as well as being selected to play the Macy's and Rose Bowl Parades. Jim will be sorely missed by all of his devoted students, parents and fellow educators, he was dearly loved.

A Go Fund Me Page has been started by the WHS band students for a memorial bench at West High School.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/honoring-the-memories-of-the-late-jim-banim>

President's message con't

Elections will be held via email on July 1st. If you have not joined or don't think we have your email, please send us an email stating this and we will add you to the email list for voting.

Additionally, we are looking for a newsletter editor. The board submits articles and the editor places them in a pre-formatted template. There are also many other ways in which you can help! If you have an extra hour or two each month and would like to help our neighborhood, please email me at Southwood.homeowners@gmail.com.

Are you new to Southwood? Wonder why you get a newsletter every month? Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthwoodHOA/> for information regarding Southwood or email or call.

See you around the neighborhood,
Alicia

Torrance City Council Elections March 3, 2020

On June 19, 2018, the Torrance City Council adopted an ordinance establishing by-district elections for City Council offices and approved an election calendar for the newly created districts. Previously, each Councilmember was elected for a "At-Large" 4-Year term which means they serve in an "At-large" capacity and are allowed to live anywhere in the City of Torrance. However, when their 4-Year term expires, they will be required to live within the boundaries of the district that is on the ballot during that election in order for them to be able to run for a 4-Year term to that City Council district seat. The districts will be phased in during the next two election cycles - Districts 2, 4, and 6 will be introduced in 2020 and Districts 1, 3, and 5 will be introduced in 2022. After all of the districts have been introduced, the City Council will be comprised of six Councilmembers who each live in and represent one of the established districts and one Mayor, who will remain elected "At-Large".

This is the status of filings as of 5PM, Wednesday, May 1, 2019 with candidates in alphabetical order.

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	DATE INTENT FORM 501 FILED
2	George Chen	April 11, 2019
2	Geoff Rizzo	January 11, 2019
4	Sue Herbers	April 30, 2019
4	Sharon Kalani	April 15, 2019
4	Andrew De Block	April 22, 2019 amended to change from District 4 to District 6 on April 23, 2019
6	Andrew DeBlock	April 23, 2019
6	Mike Griffiths	January 30, 2019

Recall Measure April 10, 2019
Citizens United for Recall Election of Dana Cortez (CURE DC)

For more information please visit www.torrancevotes.org/

Torrance School Board Report

At the meeting of the School Board on May 6, Board approval was requested for hardware and a three-year software subscription to Raptor Technologies. Raptor is a visitor management system that will screen every visitor against the registered sex offender databases in all 50 states. The system ensures that accurate and reliable records are kept for every visitor that enters the schools. In addition, Raptor's emergency "panic button" allows offices to instantly alert a customized list of school officials and first responders. The initial hardware purchase and three-year subscription is \$89,820.00, with an option to renew for an additional two years. The cost of \$89,820.00 will be paid out of Torrance Unified School District General Obligation Bond, Measure T.

The Board also heard proposals for improvement projects at west area schools, including drainage and asbestos abatement projects at Anza Elementary, and improvements to create ADA compliant restrooms at the West High stadium.

Torrance Summer Parks Program - FREE!

The City of Torrance Community Services Department invites the public to stop in for fun at the parks this summer. Recreation staff will be leading and supervising daily activities and crafts. The program is offered free of charge. Young children should be accompanied by an adult as this is a drop-in program where children can come and go as they please.

The Summer Parks Program will operate Monday through Friday from Monday, June 24 through Friday, August 16, 2019 from noon to 4 p.m. at the following parks: Alta Loma Park, Columbia Park, Delthorne Park, El Retiro Park, Hickory Park, La Romeria Park, McMaster Park, Paradise Park, Pueblo Park, Sur La Brea Park, Torrance Park, Victor Park and Waltheria Park.

MOVIES IN THE PARK
SUMMER 2019

We invite everyone to join us for Family Movie Nights at various Torrance parks! Picnics, blankets, and lawn chairs are welcome as the parks turn into movie theaters! Each park will feature a different movie beginning at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.) So bring your warm clothes, popcorn, cocoa, and snacks; and join in the fun!

This program is sponsored by the Torrance Community Services Department, in cooperation with local Homeowners' Associations. For more information, please call 310/618-2930.

See you at the movies!

 Rated PG	 Rated PG	 Rated PG
Saturday, June 29 De Portola Park 25615 Lazy Meadow Dr.	Saturday, July 27 McMaster Park 3624 Artesia Blvd.	Saturday, August 31 Hickory Park 2850 W. 232nd St.

Presented by the City of Torrance Community Services Department • Recreation Division
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Thank you to the 415 members who have joined the 2019 SWHOA!

It's never too late to join!

This list is based on dues received from 4/5 to 5/5.

- Alethea M. Boehm
- Jane Vitti & Ron Brookshire
- Gary Clayton & Janine Choi
- Mike & Wendy Collins
- Nikky & Howell Jaynes
- Paul & Donna Kasper
- Tim & Daphne King
- Pat & Dave Lewis
- Vi T. & Ha Nguyen
- Sondra Scofield
- Beth Sutton
- James & Diane Tracy
- Chris & Susan Whiteside
- Ann Vaughn & Ken Antell
- Carol Eubanks
- Elinor Accampo & Robert Hern
- Deborah Koch & Glenn Ito
- Thad & Debora Kovach
- Tanner & Stacy Logue
- Rich & Claudia Mitsuda
- Vicky Shaffer & Vicky Momary
- Matthew O'Malley
- Sandra Taban-Nejad & Raul Ortega
- Jeffrey & Jodene Sasine
- Betty Sessions
- John & Laura Shea
- Mel & Desiree Solberg
- Mary Sullivan
- Andy & Karina Winje
- Toru Yamamoto

Congratulations to Jillian Arthur, this year's SWHOA

Scholarship recipient.

Jillian Arthur will graduate from West High School in June and plans to attend San Diego State University as a member of the Weber Honors College in the fall. She plans to major in Civil Engineering with a Sustainability minor and pursue a career relating to sustainable water resource management.

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