



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### December Calendar

#### Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. via Teleconference  
12.1, 12.8 & 12.15  
12.22 & 12.29 – no meetings

#### Torrance Planning Commission Meetings

7 p.m. via Teleconference  
12.2 & 12.16

#### Torrance Traffic Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference  
12.7

#### TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. via Teleconference  
12.14

#### Torrance Park & Rec Commission

7 p.m. via Teleconference  
12.9

#### Del Amo Mall

##### Back to Normal Operating Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

##### Holiday Hours:

Christmas Eve: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Christmas: Closed  
New Year's Eve: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
New Year's Day: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

#### Madrona Marsh Now Open More Days

On October 19, Madrona Marsh added two days to their schedule. Hours of operation are now Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please follow CDC guidelines: wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and practice social distancing.

### Message from Your President

Happy Holidays, everyone! This is the time to spread some cheer – now more than ever. If you are thinking about giving to those in need this season, there are many local organizations that could use your help. The City of Torrance lists many reputable, local nonprofits on their Torrance Cares Connections website. Go to [www.cityoftorranceca.com/tcconnections.html](http://www.cityoftorranceca.com/tcconnections.html).

Thank you to those who have already joined/renewed their Southwood memberships! We have 160 memberships so far – our goal is 500. **Please send in your membership form today** (printed on page 3), or go online to [www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join](http://www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join) to join/renew. Your membership dues support the monthly newsletter, an annual scholarship and gifts to our local elementary and middle schools.

Along with our usual front door delivery of the Newsletter, we are now also sending a **monthly email with a link to the Newsletter**. This is so you can easily click on any of the referenced links. Of course, if we don't have your email, we can't send it to you. So, please join SHA to get the Newsletter sent to your inbox, along with occasional informational emails about issues that affect our neighborhood.

Are you a **business owner who would like to advertise** to the 2,200 Southwood area households that receive the monthly SHA Newsletter? Contact us if you are interested in placing a one (\$100) or two (\$200) line ad on the Newsletter's back page for the year. Priority is given to the businesses that are renewing their ads. However, we will take new ads on a first-come, first-serve basis. When your business purchases a back page ad, you may also advertise on the "Business Partners" page of our website for only \$25 for the year (a business card format ad). Contact us at the email or phone listed below.

Finally, I wanted to bring to your attention Mayor Furey's interesting "**Virtual State of the City Address**" that took place on October 22. Mayor Furey reflected on the obstacles Torrance encountered in 2020 including the Cyber Incident, COVID19, Civil Unrest and the Torrance Cares Campaign and gave insight to plans of recovery. His 22 minute speech was followed by a Q&A from members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. You can watch the recordings or read the transcript at [www.TorranceCA.Gov/StateOfTheCity](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/StateOfTheCity).

*Laurie Craig, SHA President*



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## New Businesses in Torrance

### Amazon Warehouse

Correction: Last month's newsletter reported the old Costco site on Skypark sold for \$581 million dollars. The actual cost was \$81 million dollars.

### ALDI Grocery Store, Chick-fil-A, Bank

All three will replace PV Bowl on Crenshaw.

### Raising Cane's



A wildly popular fast food restaurant specializing in chicken fingers will replace Pier 1 Imports on Hawthorne.

### Hobby Lobby

It will be at the former Toys R Us site. The grand opening is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021.

### Randy's Donuts & Jersey Mike's Subs

These two businesses will be next door to each other in a new building near Olive Garden Restaurant at 23330 Hawthorne Blvd.

### S-Mart

The Korean market by Hannam Company is replacing Sports Chalet.

### Touchstone Climbing

To be located at the former Buy Buy Baby location on Torrance Blvd., Touchstone is the largest indoor climbing company in the world with twelve unique gyms throughout California.

### PCH Mexican Grill and Seafood

Completed and open for business at 3737 PCH near Best Buy.

## Scanning Southwood

If you have news to share related to births, deaths, marriages, new jobs, just moved in, moving away, etc., please let us know. Call us at 424.226.6428 or email us at [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com).

## Torrance City Council (10.20 & 10.27 meetings)

By Jane Roseman

- Coyote trapping contract was renewed for October through March. Would like year round trapping, but cost is a factor. May get more bids. Coyotes come into Torrance from surrounding cities that do not have a trapping plan.
- The City received a \$50,000 grant from the South Bay Council of Governments to organize services for the homeless.
- Mayor Furey met with Torrance Memorial and Little Company of Mary. The hospitals are ready with beds, PPE, ventilators and the availability of more beds if necessary.
- The batting cages at Wilson Park have reopened.
- Relay for Life raised \$120,000 virtually in one day for cancer research and patient programs.
- Senator Steven Bradford, who represents part of our city spoke to the council. There will be no cuts and no new taxes in the new state budget. The state did need to access the "rainy day" fund.
- Seaside Ranchos Holiday Light Display will happen this year. There will be parking on one side only, twenty additional trash bins, two light boards to assist with traffic control, and a webpage for additional COVID information.
- Torrance Community Transit Program will extend the Senior and Disabled Dial-a-Taxi Programs until the end of the year. These programs enable participants to purchase credits for taxi rides at a discounted personal cost. The programs will be revisited in 2021 and possibly add veterans.
- The Mayor asked that we be mindful of safety measures posted at the parks.
- Please see Mayor Pat Furey's social media sites for updates from the mayor: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

## Torrance School Board Report



By Kim Nokes

### School Board Election Results

Jasmine Park and Anil Muhammed were elected from a field of four candidates to serve on the Torrance School Board. Muhammed and Park, who each had about 28% of the vote, will replace outgoing board members, Don Lee and Terry Ragins, whose terms expire next month.

### School Board Meeting Minutes

At the Board meeting on November 9, Interim School Superintendent Dr. Tim Stowe presented a reopening update. Currently, approximately 1500 students have returned to school campuses for in-person specialized services, self-contained special education, learning support (ELL, Foster, Homeless, and Others), and sports conditioning. Dr. Stowe stated that LA County Health Department staff have visited schools and the schools were found to have performed "very well" in following Covid-19 Health Guidelines.

Dr. Stowe also discussed the District's next steps for reopening, which include:

1. Return to school for the youngest high needs students (Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st grade);
2. Apply for TK-2nd Grade Waiver at each elementary school to allow students to return to school; and
3. Maintain current services being provided to high needs students.

Dr. Stowe emphasized the importance of involving stakeholders in all decisions, and in following County Public Health guidelines to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

# Thank you to all who have joined the 2021 Southwood Homeowners Association

This list is based on dues received up to 11.11. Additional names will be listed in January's newsletter.

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