



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

June Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
6.2, 6.9, 6.16, & 6.23
6.30 – no meeting
See page 2 for virtual meeting info.

Torrance Planning Commission Meetings

All Commission meetings are cancelled until further notice.

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. at 2336 Plaza Del Amo
6.15 & 6.29
Virtual meeting info at www.tusd.org.

Virtual Events List

The Easy Reader has many free virtual events listed on their website including comedy shows and well-being workshops. Go to www.easyreadernews.com and click on “Events”.

Daily Breeze Free Coronavirus Content

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Celebrate Your Grad!



Message from Your President

Hello, Southwood Neighbors! The newsletter is back for one last edition before our summer break. You may have noticed we did not deliver an April or a May newsletter. The world kind of turned upside down in March and, so, as many things in our lives, we put the newsletter on pause. I truly hope all of you are well and have adjusted to the changes – maybe you’ve even picked up a new hobby!

The SHA Board had its first virtual meeting in May without a hitch. Since we had some extra funds, we voted to increase our donations to Anza Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools from \$500 each to \$1000 each. I’m sure the schools will very much appreciate these gifts given the extra unexpected expenses of going virtual. We will let you know what was purchased with the donations in our September newsletter.

We also nominated proposed officers for next year’s SHA executive board positions. I’m so glad everyone has decided to run again! The slate of officers is listed on page 3 along with election information. Also, check out the article on page 2 about our SHA Scholarship winner, Aidan Schwing!

I wanted to share a few timely jokes to hopefully put a smile on your face ☺:

Like a good neighbor.....stay over there! (Did you sing it?)

I was watching the birds fight over a worm while sitting on the front porch yesterday. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1.

Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have NO clue how this place is still in business.

Stepped on my scale this morning and it said, "Please use social distancing ...one person at a time!"

Laurie Craig, SHA President



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Southwood's New Website

Check out our new website:

www.southwoodhomeowners.com



Scanning Southwood

“Thank you for all of your dedication!”

“Please welcome the Renery family to Redbeam Avenue! Mike and Natalia and their young son, Max, joined the neighborhood in December, 2019.”

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.

City of Torrance Covid-19 Information Center

Torrance has a website that consolidates all the Covid-19 related information for the city. It's at www.cityoftorranceca.com. There, you will find the current rules for businesses that are reopening, a virtual recreation center, a dashboard showing a map of local cities and their stats, how to sign up for Torrance Alerts and more. There is also a section called “Torrance Cares” that lists Torrance based non-profits that are seeking help.

2020 SHA Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to **Aidan Schwing**! He was chosen as our 2020 SHA Scholarship recipient and was awarded \$1000. Each year, SHA selects a Southwood West High School Senior who attended both Anza and Jefferson. Since we are not able to have a June General Association Meeting, we presented Aidan with his scholarship on May 4th in front of his house.

Aidan will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall. Throughout high school he has taken an active interest in engineering through leadership in the FIRST robotics club at West as well as internships at Northrop Grumman. In college, he hopes to continue learning as a mechanical engineering major and looks forward to the many extracurricular opportunities that await at Cal Poly SLO.



City Council Observer Report

By Jane Roseman

The Torrance City Council has been hard at work responding to the Covid-19 crisis in a number of ways. Following are highlights from the City Council meetings these past few months:

- Residents are encouraged to sign up with Torrance Alerts to receive the latest updates on COVID-19 at www.torranceca.gov/torrancealerts.com.
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meets daily with local hospitals, TUSD and private schools.
- The Torrance Cares 2 Go program was implemented, providing groceries for seniors age 65 and over and special needs residents. This ended May 15. More than 1,200 orders were delivered!
- The City Council is encouraging residents to watch the council meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m..
 - To watch live, go to your CitiCABLE channel (Ch 3 Spectrum, Ch 31 Frontier, or over-the-air on 25.2) or stream at www.torranceca.gov (click “Watch CitiCABLE Live”), Facebook @ City of Torrance CA Government, or YouTube Channel TorranceCitiCABLE. Details on how to participate by phone or email can be found online at www.torranceca.gov by clicking on the Agenda for the meeting.
 - Recorded meetings may be viewed anytime at www.torranceca.gov. Click “Government”, then “City Council Meeting Videos”.
- Torrance is broadcasting the Daily News Show Covid-19 at 4 p.m. on weekdays and 2 p.m. on weekends on CitiCABLE (Ch. 3 Spectrum, Ch. 31 Frontier, or over-the-air on 25.2). You may also stream the show at the same streaming sources as listed above for the council meetings.
- Police Department – Until further notice only single officer units are patrolling and being dispatched. The Police Dept. lobby is closed unless access is absolutely necessary.

Board of Education Observer Report

By Kim Nokes

Torrance schools are closed until further notice. There has been no formal announcement regarding when our students will be able to return to campus.

Tim Stowe Selected to Serve as Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Tim Stowe will take on the role of Interim Superintendent, effective July 1, 2020. He succeeds Dr. George Mannon, who in December 2019 announced his plans to retire by the end of the current academic year. Dr. Stowe will be the eighth TUSD Superintendent since the District formed in 1947. Dr. Stowe began with the District in 1992 as a teacher at Magruder Middle School and later was promoted to Assistant Principal at Richardson Middle School. Dr. Stowe then went on to serve as Principal for seven years, first at J.H. Hull Middle School then at West High School. He worked as Senior Director of Secondary Schools for six years and, in 2013, was promoted to Chief Academic Officer. Most recently, for the past four years, he has served as the District's Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Stowe holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California, received a Master of Science in School Counseling and California Administrative Services Credential from the University of La Verne, and a Bachelor of Arts in History, with a minor in Political Science, from the University of Redlands.

Grading Policy – In a collaborative effort among TUSD administrators, Torrance Teachers Association, teachers, parents (District Communication Committee-DCC) and students, a grading plan was developed to identify a framework and policy to guide the issuance of report card grades for students during the final grading term of the 2019-2020 school year. Please see the TUSD website for details.

Watch/Listen to School Board Meetings on Zoom online or by phone (see www.tusd.org for the links). Comments can be made on agenda items by emailing to superintendent@tusd.org.

2020-2021 SHA Proposed Slate of Officers

At the May Board Meeting, the following proposed slate of officers was nominated for next year's term beginning September 1:

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| President | Laurie Craig |
| 1 st VP Programs | Carolyn Finkenbeiner |
| 2 nd VP Membership | Lynne Woike |
| 3 rd VP Activities | Alicia Walker |
| Recording Secretary | Emi Munekata Morimoto |
| Treasurer | Glenda Fukunaga |
| Corresponding Secretary | Val Clark |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Robertta Stotesbury |

Elections will take place in late June via email. If you're not sure if we have your email, please send us an email at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com to confirm. Also, if you're not a member yet, and would like to join and vote, let us know via email or call 424.226.6428.

Thank You for Joining Southwood Homeowners Association!

This list is based on dues received from 2.5 to 5.20.

Mike & Wendy Collins
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Marilyn Dubas
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Tim & Daphne King
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Patricia A. Marks
Brent & Cara Nakama
Don Smith
Samuel Sung
Anita & Glenn Thomas
Steven & Sheila Ton

Census 2020 – Have you been counted?

It's not too late! If you haven't responded to the census yet, you can still do so. Go to www.2020census.gov to see how to respond either online, by phone or by mail. Torrance has only had about a 68-69% response rate in the past, but the city needs 100%! Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

Torrance Public Library Promotes New Libby App

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