



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

December Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings
6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
12.3 & 12.17

TUSD Board Meeting
7 p.m. via Teleconference or TUSD
Board Room, 2336 Plaza del Amo
12.16

Torrance Theatre

Come see the Torrance Theatre Co.'s production of *A 1940's Radio Christmas Carol* showing on various dates from December 7 – 22 at the James Armstrong Theatre. Watch the mayhem and madness that takes place during a live radio production of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.
www.torrancetheatrecompany.com

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Message from Your President

Happy Holidays, everyone!

Thank you to those who have already joined/renewed their Southwood HOA memberships! If you haven't joined yet, **please send in your membership form today** (printed on page 3), or go online to www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join to join/renew.

Your membership dues support the monthly newsletter, an annual scholarship, gifts to our local elementary and middle schools, candidate forums, speaker forums, meet & greets with local officials, along with community social events.

Laurie Craig, SHA President

Paradise Park Makeover: Your Input Wanted

Paradise Park is slated to begin major renovations later next year and the City would like the residents' input on the design, type of equipment, and uses for the park.

The City will be working with DVD Landscape Architects, Inc. on the site plan design and have created a project website at <https://tinyurl.com/CTParadisePark>.

After taking a look at the project website, please give your feedback by taking a [short survey](#) (QR code below).

Community meetings took place on November 9 at Paradise Park and on November 13 at City Hall. The November 9 meeting had a good turnout of about 50 residents. The presenters from DVD Landscape Architects had picture boards showing the various options and residents were asked to put stickers on the options of their choice.

There will be one more community meeting to present the Final Concept Plan. The date for that meeting is TBD.



Survey



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Torrance Elections

Last month's newsletter included responses to two questions from the 3 TUSD Area E School Board candidates (Area E includes Southwood residents east of Anza Ave.). David Zygielbaum won the election with 51% of the vote. Tony Yeh came in second with 34% and Charles Deemer got 15%. TUSD Area E had a vacancy due to the election of Dr. Jeremy Gerson to the City Council. David Zygielbaum will finish out the remaining 2 years of the term.

Measure TC (Torrance City Council's proposed amendments to the City Charter) passed with 71% of the votes. As stated on the [City website](#), Measure TC is designed to increase the efficient operation of city government, avoid potential corruption and mismanagement, and increase public transparency. It also increased the pay of City Council members from \$100/month to ~\$2,700/month (a full-time minimum wage salary).

School Gifts

Southwood HOA is proud to announce \$1,500 was gifted to both Anza Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools in August 2024.

Anza Principal Catherine Di Vincenzo is again going to use the gift for Chromebooks as many of them are outdated/need repairs.

Jefferson Principal Lisa Nunes hopes to put the funds towards sunshade fixtures in the large courtyard.

Scanning Southwood

If you have news to share, please let us know. Call or text us at 424.226.6428 or email us at southwood.homeowners@gmail.com.

New Senior Home Development Proposed

Another living community is being proposed near the Southwood area. Anastasi Development Co. is proposing a 50-unit active senior condo community at 4501 Torrance Blvd. Recently, a 158-unit senior assisted living complex was completed (Cogir) near Carson St. and Del Amo Circle. Next door to Cogir, construction will soon begin on a 200-unit luxury apartment complex (Legacy Partners developer).

Anastasi's active senior condo community will be built on the site where the Brazilian Plate House, Via Firenze, and Thai Rama currently exist. The plan is for a 2 to 4 level tiered building with 50 units (38 two-bedroom homes and 12 one-bedroom homes).



Artist rendition of Anastasi's 50-unit active senior condo community.

TUSD School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

During the School Board meeting on November 4, 2024, the Board discussed the following items:

- Conference with the Real Property negotiator regarding the Hamilton Adult Center property (during closed session).
- Completed and upcoming facilities projects including those at Southwood neighborhood schools: kitchen improvements and new stadium lighting (West High), new digital marquee and exterior painting (Jefferson Middle School).
- Approval to redefine the Adult Education High School diploma requirements for Torrance Adult School.
- Approval of the second amendment to the employment agreement for the Superintendent of TUSD, Dr. Timothy Stowe.
- Adopt a resolution proclaiming November 2024 as Torrance Education Foundation Month.
- Adopt a Resolution recognizing November 18 – 22, 2024, as International Education Week.

For more information regarding agenda items, please visit the [TUSD website](#).

Thank You to All Who Have Joined the Southwood Homeowners Association for 2025!

This list is based on dues received up to 11.9. Additional names will be listed in the January Newsletter.

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Please mail completed form and check to Southwood Homeowners Association, 4733 Torrance Blvd. #155, Torrance, CA 90503. Or, join online at www.southwoodhomeowners.com/join.

Annual Dues run from January through December. New members' voting rights begin 30 days after receipt of dues.

Please check appropriate category (only one fee is required per address):

Residing within the Southwood Area – Voting Member \$20.00

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