



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### September Calendar

**Torrance City Council Meetings**  
6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
9.10, 9.17 & 9.24

**TUSD Board Meetings**  
7 p.m. TUSD Board Room  
2336 Plaza del Amo  
9.3 (Tues) & 9.16

**Torrance Seasons Fall Class**  
**Registration**  
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Classes start  
9.8.24



### Free Futsal Clinic!

9.28.24, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre-registration required at [Torrance.rec.us](https://torrance.rec.us)  
For ages 6-14 years old  
11am-12pm (6-10 years old)  
12pm-1pm (11-14 years old)

**COMMUNITY FUTSAL CLINIC**  
Location: Wilson Park  
Community Sports Complex - Rink  
2400 Jefferson St, Torrance, CA 90501  
Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 11 am - 1 pm

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### Message from Your President

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

Southwood HOA is back after a short summer hiatus. Our board met in early August and is still working out how to move forward. I am staying on as president, but we are not sure about continuing the hardcopy newsletter. I'll keep you posted.

Right now, we **need a Recording Secretary**. We have a board member doing double duty as acting Secretary, but we really need someone to fill the position. The Secretary takes notes at our once-a-month board meetings and types them up – that's it! We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at my house or on Zoom. So, if you'd like to be involved in your neighborhood association without a lot of time commitment, this is the job for you! Please email or text/call us: [southwoodhomeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwoodhomeowners@gmail.com) or 424-226-6428.

*Laurie Craig, SHA President*

### Torrance Town Hall with Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi

Torrance residents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and share their thoughts regarding state and legislative issues that affect their community.

Learn what is happening in Sacramento and the district, as well as the services that can be provided to you.

Saturday, September 7  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Torrance Council Chambers  
3031 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90503



Go to <https://a66.asmdc.org/events> to RSVP.



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## Parks & Rec Report

By Ed Candioly, Vice Chair Parks & Rec Commission

The Paradise Park Improvement Project is progressing. A firm has been selected and as soon as the contracting process has been completed, the City will schedule a community outreach session to share final plans and specifications. When that is done, a construction schedule will be released.

The City Council approved an off-leash dog park at Columbia Park at the August 13 Council Meeting. The Parks & Recreation Commission had previously reviewed all possible city parks and determined that Columbia was the best option. The dog park has gone out to bid and a revised bid will be issued on September 1.

## Library Report

By Andrea Reilly

The approved California Budget continues to include borrowing a Park Pass from local libraries to gain free entry to state parks. The day pass allows for free parking at more than 200 state parks for vehicles with less than nine people. Otherwise, parking cost is \$10.

## Environmental Commission Report

By John-Milo Ernst

The Environmental Quality Commission individually awarded Trisha Minahan and two other members of the community with the Climate Smart Award for their dedication and hard work in caring for the environment.

The commission also heard a presentation from a representative of Heal the Bay. The presentation outlined ways homeowners can contribute to environmental protection by planting native plants.

## Torrance City Council Report

By Andrea Reilly

City Council highlights from June 2024:

- Community Services – Recognized \$15,000 donation from the Torrance Refinery for Torrance’s Summer Nights program.
- Approved conceptual float design for the Tournament of Roses Parade.
- Awarded contract to Citigard Inc. to provide unarmed security service at City Hall, Leroy Jackson City Hall Chamber, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, and the Torrance Farmers market for 3 years (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027).
- Approved builder appeal to allow a new development of 272 apartments at 2325 Crenshaw Blvd. (across from SCROC). This approval allows redevelopment of commercial property with housing. The plan includes four buildings with a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, a two-level car garage with 467 spaces, and 28 units of very low-income affordable housing units.

City Council highlights from August 13, 2024, meeting:

- Approved raising parking ticket fee to \$52. City presented rationale to increase fees: 1) Enforcement cost (personnel, vehicle maintenance, technology upgrades) is not covered with the current fee structure and 2) Promote compliance with parking regulations. Council voted 5-2 with Councilmembers Gerson and Lewis voting no.
- Discussed amending Torrance Municipal Code to prohibit camping in public places, loitering at city bus sites, and fires in public places and parks. Public comments were received by council concerning the impact on unhoused individuals as well as comments in support of prohibiting public camping.
  - Councilmembers raised concerns on enforcement (cite or arrest, including associated processing costs) and tools for officers to use.
  - Council voted 7 to 0 approving amending Torrance Municipal Code to prohibit camping in public places, loitering at city bus sites, and fires in public places and parks.

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## Family and Elder Fraud Prevention Event

The South Bay Chapter of the FBI Los Angeles Citizen’s Academy Alumni Association is hosting a Family and Elder Fraud Prevention event on Saturday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center. Presentations will be provided by the FBI, Torrance Police Cyber Crimes Division, and the US Attorney’s Office. In addition, several local area banks will be present to explain and assist with how to prevent and recover from fraud. It’s free to the public. For more info:

<https://www.fbilacaaa.org/event-details/family-elder-fraud-prevention-event>.



# School Board Report

By Kim Nokes

Torrance Unified School District was selected as the best public school district by the readers of the Daily Breeze/Beach Reporter. TUSD was also selected as a favorite workplace. Anza Elementary, Jefferson Middle, and West High Schools were chosen by the newspapers readers as among the favorite public schools in the south bay.

## Board of Education Trustee Area E Update:

Don Lee was appointed to fill the vacant Trustee Area E School Board seat. This seat was previously filled by Dr. Jeremy Gerson, who resigned in April due to his election to the Torrance City Council. Mr. Lee will serve until the consolidated special election takes place on November 5 to identify a candidate who will finish the two years of the remaining term. Don Lee previously served on the TUSD School Board from 2007 – 2020.

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## Torrance Airport Family Days

**September 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Western Museum of Flight and Sling Pilot Academy host an Open House on one Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Go to <https://torranceairportfamilydays.com> for more info.

- Free pancakes and coffee served (donations optional).
- Arts & crafts activities for young children.
- For older children and adults, fly an FAA-Certified flight simulator.
- For those interested in how airplanes are built, pull some rivets on real airplane parts and learn how airplanes are constructed at the STEM station in the aircraft build center.
- See and touch (and maybe sit in) some rare aircraft on display, and meet the pilots that operate them.
- Visit the Western Museum of Flight and see some rare and special aircraft exhibits. The Museum has waived their \$10 fee for Family Day!



September 2024

## Thanks for joining Southwood HOA!

This list is based on dues received from 5.12 to 8.14.

John S. Burns, MD  
Susan & Paul Fukuda  
Mary Sullivan  
David Zygielbaum  
Roberto & Eliza Gamo  
Larry & Ellen Michaels  
Helen Liu & Leland So

### Haven't joined/renewed yet?

Please go online at [southwoodhomeowners.com/join](https://southwoodhomeowners.com/join) to either print a membership form and mail in, or join online.

## Gable House Bowl Apartments

The Gable House Bowl property will have a new mixed-use development complex with 218 apartments, 17 of which will be affordable units.

The 3.82-acre property, was sold to Intracorp Homes for \$21 million. The complex is expected to open for residents in mid-2025. It will boast approximately 12,000 square feet of commercial space and feature amenities such as a sky deck with a swimming pool and spa lounge, a “state of the art” fitness center, view decks, and co-working space.

The five-story apartment complex will have studios, and one- and two-bedroom units. The market-rate apartments are expected to be priced from the high \$2,000 to mid-\$4,000 ranges.

The 17 affordable units are regulated to rent for less than \$1,000 per month for very low income residents – for example, those with income of \$41,700 or less for a household of one.

(Ref. Daily Breeze article 6.29.24)

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