



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### April Calendar

#### Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
4.7, 4.14, & 4.21  
4.28 – no meeting

#### Torrance Planning Commission Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
4.1 & 4.15

#### TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. at 2336 Plaza Del Amo  
4.20

#### Madrona Marsh Nature Center Spring EGG-Stravaganza

4.4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
3201 Plaza del Amo

#### Cherry Blossom Festival

4.5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Columbia Park  
4045 190<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Breakfast and Visit with the Bunny

4.11, 9 a.m. – noon  
Toyota Meeting Hall  
3330 Civic Center Dr.  
Tickets \$20  
Register online or call 310.618.2930

#### Torrance Civic Chorale Presents Voices in Bloom

4.18, 8 p.m.  
Armstrong Theatre  
3330 Civic Center Dr.  
310.781.7171 (\$5 discount for 2-week advance purchase; mention “bloom”)

#### Relay for Life of Torrance

4.25, 9 a.m. – 4.26, 9 a.m.  
South High School  
4801 Pacific Coast Hwy.

**Note: The events listed in this newsletter may have been canceled or postponed, so please confirm before attending.**

### Message from Your President

Spring is here! While the weather here in Torrance almost always feels like spring, I think it’s the start of daylight savings time that makes it feel like the beginning of a new season. Everyone likes the longer days where most come home from work while it’s still light out and there’s more daytime to enjoy. So, here are some ideas on how to enjoy the spring season and its longer days in Torrance:

- See the Cherry Blossoms – You don’t have to go to D.C. to see the cherry blossoms; we have them right here in Torrance at Columbia Park! Come to the park on Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. for the Cherry Blossom Festival. There will be music, food, activities for the kids, and fine arts and crafts for sale. Columbia Park is at 4045 190<sup>th</sup> Street. For more info, call 310.618.2376 or visit [Facebook.com/TorranceCherryBlossom](https://www.facebook.com/TorranceCherryBlossom).
- Go to a Farmers Market – You’re sure to find a new fruit or vegetable you’ve never tried at the Torrance Farmers Market at Wilson Park on Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Go Bird Watching – Madrona Marsh offers several opportunities to learn about the variety of birds right here in Torrance: “Tour de Torrance”, a free weekly bird walk on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; “The Birds of Madrona”, a free walk with Bob Shanman, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; “Audubon Bird Walk”, a free walk every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Enjoy the beach! When was the last time you walked or rode your bike down at the beach? Torrance Beach holds the honor of being the official starting point of “The Strand”.
- Get great seats at a ball game! Come to a West Torrance Little League game! There are games on week days and most Saturdays. Check the schedule at [westtorrancelittleleague.com](http://westtorrancelittleleague.com).

I hope we can all enjoy the outdoors this spring, but we may be faced with a different reality due to the Coronavirus. Everyone please take precautions and I wish you all a happy and healthy month of April!

*Laurie Craig, SHA President*



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## Southwood's New Website

Check out our new website:

[www.southwoodhomeowners.com](http://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](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com).

## Free Earth Day Recycling

4.25, 8 a.m. – noon

Torrance City Hall employee parking lot (near Torrance Courthouse off Maple Ave.)

- Free Paper Shredding Drop-Off: Limit of 8 boxes or bags per vehicle (secure information only; no books, 3-ring binders, large clips, or magazines)
- Free Electronics Drop-Off: TVs, monitors, cell phones, small appliances, and other electronics

<http://recycletorrance.org/>

## City Council Report

- 2020 Census begins April 1, 2020: Information will be coming to each household mid-March, letting us know how to complete the census. There are three ways to respond to the census: online, by phone, and by mail. More information is on the website, [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).
- Homeless Plan Listening Session, April 23, 2020, Council chambers, 6:00 p.m.: Further information and online survey available at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk/commissions-and-advisory-boards/social-services-commission/meetings>.
- Motion approved for the “Torrance Transit Tomorrow Plan”, a comprehensive analysis of the transit system and authorization for staff to begin the implementation beginning in July 2020. More information is posted on <https://transit.torranceca.gov/what-s-new/transfers/coa>.
- Resolutions were adopted approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of three light industrial buildings, a division of lot to allow the subdivision of one parcel into three parcels and a General Plan Amendment from General Commercial to Light Industrial land use designations at 2751 Skypark Drive (where Costco used to be).

## Keeping Hands Clean

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/hand/handwashing.html>

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Learn when and how you should wash your hands to stay healthy.

### Wash Your Hands Often to Stay Healthy

Help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:

- **Before, during, and after** preparing food
- **Before** eating food
- **Before and after** caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- **Before and after** treating a cut or wound
- **After** using the toilet
- **After** changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- **After** blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- **After** touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- **After** handling pet food or pet treats
- **After** touching garbage



### Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Washing your hands is easy and one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community – from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals. Follow these five steps every time:

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

# Board of Education Observer Report

## Executive Search for Superintendent of Instruction

The Torrance Unified School District School Board recently announced that it is in the process of conducting an Executive Search for the purpose of hiring the School District's next Superintendent of Instruction. Dr. Mannon has announced that he will be retiring as of June 30, 2020.

The Torrance Unified School District Board of Education appointed Dr. George Mannon as Superintendent of Schools in 2005. Previously, he was the superintendent of the Glendora Unified School District, Tustin Unified School District, and Carlsbad Unified School District. Prior to becoming a superintendent, Dr. Mannon worked in public education as a social studies teacher, assistant principal, and principal in Charleston, West Virginia. He also served as executive director for Kanawha County Schools in West Virginia and worked for the Phoenix Union High School District as a principal, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent.

In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Mannon has been actively involved in community affairs through membership in various service organizations. He has been an active member of Rotary International, the Torrance YMCA Board of Managers, the Board of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation.

The executive search firm Leadership Associates has been selected to advise and assist the Board in this important process. The School Board looks forward to working with the Torrance community as it moves towards selection of the new leader for our Torrance schools.

Please check the <https://www.tusd.org/district/superintendent> webpage for ongoing updates and important announcements regarding this process.

## West High Theatre Presents *SHREK the Musical*

Show dates:

7 p.m. – 3.26, 3.27, 4.2, & 4.3

5 p.m. – 4.4

As of March 14, all performances are postponed until further notice.

## Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural Festival

April 18 & 19

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.

Don't miss this fun-filled event featuring taiko drums, kimono models, martial arts, calligraphy, tea ceremony, bonsai flower arrangements, doll exhibit, games, storytelling, music, dance, food, arts and crafts vendors, and more!

For more information, visit [www.TorranceSisterCity.Org](http://www.TorranceSisterCity.Org).



## Thank You for Joining Southwood Homeowners Association

This list is based on dues received from 2.5 to 3.7. Additional names will be listed in May's newsletter.

Mike & Wendy Collins  
Carolos & Sonia Lorenzo  
Brent & Cara Nakama

Anita & Glenn Thomas  
Robert & Julie Dances  
Danny & Belinda Dea

Tim & Daphne King  
Steven & Sheila Ton

We are currently at 377 members, 123 below our membership goal of 500. Please visit our new website at [southwoodhomeowners.com](http://southwoodhomeowners.com) to download a membership form or mail in the form below. Thank you for your support!

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Become a member! Please mail in this application with your check for \$20 (made out to "Southwood Homeowners Association") to Southwood HOA, 4733 Torrance Blvd. #155, Torrance, CA 90503. Thanks!

\*If you're not sure if you've already joined, ask us at (424)226-6428 or email [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com).

Name of Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address (please **PRINT**): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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