



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

February Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
2.4, 2.11 & 2.25
2.18 no meeting

Torrance Planning Commission Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
2.5 & 2.19

TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. at 2336 Plaza Del Amo
2.18, Tuesday

Free Life Planning Classes

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Katy Geissert Civic Center Library
3301 Torrance Blvd.
2.04 – Eldercare and Residential Choices
2.11 – Financial Planning for Long Term Care
2.18 – Awareness for Safe Senior Living

Reserve your spot by calling
310.533.1996

21st Annual TUSD Dance Collaboration Effort

West, South & North Torrance High Schools perform
James Armstrong Theater
3330 Civic Center Drive
2.19, 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Tickets \$12/\$10
Call Box Office: 310.781.7171

For information on these events + MANY more events, go to www.torranceca.gov

SHA is proud to sponsor:

Torrance City Council District 2 Candidate Forum

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.
Forum: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Anza Elementary School Cafeteria
21400 Ellinwood Drive

The Torrance City Council elections are now by-district elections where voters residing in a particular district will only vote on candidates for that district. Torrance has been divided into 6 districts.

Voters residing in Districts 2, 4 and 6 will elect a Councilmember at the March 3, 2020, General Municipal Election. Southwood is in District 2 and the two candidates are:

George Chen www.vote4georgechen.com
Geoff Rizzo www.rizzo4council.com

We have also invited the other candidates running in Districts 4 & 6 for a meet and greet at the end of the forum.

Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. to **submit your questions** or contact SHA by email or phone to submit your questions beforehand. This event is FREE and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

There are also four city measures to be voted on in the March 3 election. For information on the districts, candidates, and issues that will be on the March 3 ballot, go to www.TorranceVotes.org.

Please be an informed voter and join us on Wednesday, February 5!



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Board of Education Observer Report

At the December 16 Board of Education meeting, the following new Board of Education officers were elected for 2020 – 2021:

President: Mrs. Terry Ragins
Vice President: Mrs. Betty Lieu
Clerk: Mr. James Han

Madrona Marsh Monthly Events

2nd Wed: 8 a.m. – Bird Walk
1st Thur: 10 a.m. – Tyke Hike
2nd Sa/Su: 10 a.m. – Nature Walks
Sa: 8:45 a.m. – Habitat Restoration
Fri: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Friday Fun
3-6 yrs old; hands-on program
Pre-registration required
Call 310.782.3989
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West Torrance Little League



Opening Day

Saturday, February 22

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www.westtorrancelittleleague.com

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.

Torrance Education Foundation Car Raffle

Here's your chance to win a **2020 Lexus NX300H Hybrid** while supporting Southwood neighborhood schools and all Torrance schools!

100% of your ticket price (\$40) goes towards the many Torrance school programs supported by TEF. However, if you list a specific school on your ticket order form, \$20 of the \$40 goes directly to the school listed.

Simply order your ticket(s) using the form found at tef4kids.org/lexus-2020/ or call 310.320.7232 by March 16. The drawing will be held on March 26, 2020. The winner need not be present. Good luck and thank you for your support!

Torrance Parks & Rec Observer Report

Accolades

Congratulations to the Torrance Rose Parade Association for winning the Princess Award (most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length) at the 2020 Tournament of Roses. Eleah Kang, a student at West High, designed the float depicting the Pine Wind Japanese Garden at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.



Wilson Park Improvements

The bathrooms in the Wilson Park Sports Center are getting an upgrade in March. Thanks to Los Angeles County Proposition A, the wear and tear on the bathrooms, intensified by Farmers Market visitors, will be repaired. Also, new resistance/gravity exercise machines will be installed near the splash pad in February.

What's on the Ballot for March 3 Election?

In addition to electing Torrance City Council members for Districts 2, 4 and 6, there are four Torrance city ballot measures:

- Measure J – Change the city treasurer from an elected to an appointed position
- Measure Q – Change the city clerk from an elected to an appointed position
- Measure U – Extend from 30 to 60 days the time allowed for a new council member to be appointed if needed
- Measure X – Conditional increase in city sales tax by $\frac{3}{4}$ cents

In Memory of Gracie McKewen

Southwood Homeowners Association sends its deepest sympathy to the family of Gracie McKewen who died on December 24, 2019, in Colorado. Gracie was Southwood president for the years 1990-91 and 1992-94. Then her husband George took over for the years 1994-96. Gracie also volunteered for every PTA all through the school years of her son Matthew. Gracie and George moved to Colorado about two years ago to be close to Matthew and his family. Thank you, Gracie, for your contribution to our community.

Thank you to all who have joined the 2020 Southwood Homeowners Association

This list is based on dues received from 12.07 to 01.07 (plus some members we inadvertently left out who had turned in their dues before 12.07). We are at 333 members – only 66.7% of our goal of 500. Call or email us anytime to join!

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****Charter Members***

“Thank you!” from Joseph’s Gift



In the November newsletter, a flyer was enclosed from Joseph’s Gift requesting holiday donations/gifts for the children of wounded and fallen military warriors. Founder Dawn Anzack Ayers, the aunt of fallen warrior Joseph Anzack, sends this message of thanks:

“As we finish up another holiday season, I am proud to report that Joseph’s Gift provided holiday gifts to 126 military-connected children. In addition to the children of our severely wounded heroes, we were also able to lend assistance to children with special needs and very sick children of our active military. We could not have done so much without you! Thank you for helping to honor Joe’s memory and supporting our American heroes. My very best wishes to you and your families in 2020.”

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