



SOUTHWOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

May Calendar

Torrance City Council Meetings
6:30 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.
5.7 & 5.21

TUSD Board Meetings
7 p.m. TUSD Board Room
2336 Plaza del Amo
5.6 & 5.20

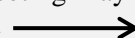
Senior Arts & Crafts Faire
One-of-a-kind gifts, card making,
snack bar, and music.
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Ken Miller Recreation Center
5.4

**Seaside Heroes Park
Beautification**
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
22812 Katherine Ave.
5.11

**Letter Carrier’s Stamp Out
Hunger Food Drive**
Leave bag of canned foods for postal
carrier to pick up
5.11

Armed Forces Day Parade
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw
Blvd. & Madrona Ave.
5.18

Board Members Needed!

Our numbers have dwindled and we need more residents to join our Southwood HOA board. Be our guest at the next board meeting May 2, 7:00 p.m. Contact us at 

All residents are invited!

Southwood Homeowners Association

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Anza Elementary School Cafeteria
21400 Ellinwood Dr.**

Let’s have a great turnout! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will have speakers on interesting topics and honor our SHA Scholarship winner as well.

Newly Elected District 2 Councilmember
Bridgett Lewis

Torrance Police Department
Community Lead Officers
Traffic Division – ebikes

City of Torrance
Homeless Outreach Team

Show your community spirit and join us for an informative and celebratory evening!

The meeting will also be live-streamed and recorded. Please go to www.southwoodhomeowners.com or our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/southwoodHOA) page for the links.

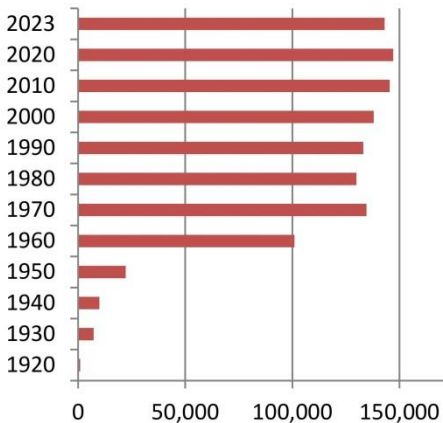


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Torrance Population

Below is a chart of the Torrance population since 1920. In 1920, there were 1,011 people in Torrance. We've grown to 143,057 in 2023. It's interesting to note that the population trended downwards in 2023 for the first time since 1980.



Here's the Torrance population by generation for 2023:

Greatest Gen (1945/earlier): 6.5%
Baby Boomer (1946-1964): 22%
Generation X (1965-1980): 22.4%
Millennial (1981-1998): 22.8%
Generation Z (1999-2016): 20%
Alpha (2017-Present): 6.3%

Time to Smile



Will glass coffins be a success?
Remains to be seen.

I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.

You'll never be as lazy as whoever named the fireplace.

What do you get when you cross a polar bear with a seal? A polar bear.

I spent a lot of time, money and effort childproofing my house...but the kids still get in.

So what if I don't know what "Armageddon" means? It's not the end of the world.

Southwood Student Heading to Japan

The annual student cultural exchange program with Kashiwa, Japan announced the Torrance students who will be spending three weeks in Japan this summer.

Amongst the eight delegates is our own Southwood resident and SHA board member, John-Milo Ernst. John-Milo has been covering the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission in our newsletters. John-Milo described the selection process and his reasons for applying to the program:

"The Torrance Sister City Association held two months of activities and events for the applicants, giving the selection committee opportunity to choose the right representatives of Torrance. In addition to attending TSCA events like the annual potluck reunion, the applicants were interviewed in multiple settings. We even met the selection committee at Mitsuwa market where they met our families and ate dinner with us. Eight students were selected out of 14 who applied.

I applied for the exchange program to learn more about Japanese culture and the language, especially since I've been immersed in Torrance's Japanese community my whole life. I wanted to meet people from across the world, understand a foreign culture, and of course, try lots of new food. And now I will be able to experience these things this summer."

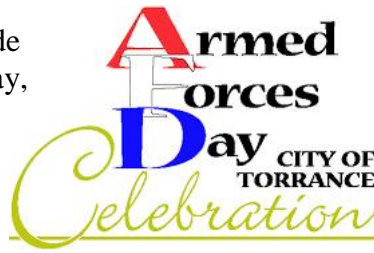
Torrance Landmarks Recognized

In 1983, the Torrance Historical Society began a program of placing bronze plaques on Torrance landmarks that merited recognition. To date, 13 plaques have been placed on landmarks throughout Torrance:

1. Torrance Public Library, 1345 Post Ave., 1936-1978
2. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., 1266 Sartori Ave., 1928-1953
3. U.S. Post Office, 1433 Marcelina Ave., 1936
4. Torrance City Hall, 1511 Cravens Ave., 1936-1956
5. Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital, 1425 Engracia Ave., 1924-1971
6. Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., Est. 1921-Built 1925
7. Torrance High School, 2000 Carson. First property in Torrance to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places., 1983
8. Fern Avenue School, 1314 Fern Ave., Est. 1929-Built 1932. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places, 1992
9. Miramar Park (Torrance Beach) Site of Hollywood Riviera Beach Club, 1931-1958. Historic Societies of Torrance and Redondo Beach
10. Methodist Episcopal Church, 1551 El Prado, Est. 1922-Built 1923.
11. Pacific Electric Railway - El Prado Bridge, Torrance Blvd., west of Western Avenue. On the National Register of Historic Places, 1989
12. Pacific Electric Railway Station: The Depot, Built 1912. Depot function ceased in 1981 under the ownership of Southern Pacific Transportation Company
13. The Rocketship, Los Arboles "Rocketship" Park, 1960, Restored 1992

Armed Forces Day Parade – May 19th!

The 62nd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration will take place from Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19. Here is a list of the events:



FRIDAY, May 17

- Concert: 7:30 p.m.
 - On Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., a military concert will be performed for FREE at the James R. Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For ticket information, please contact the Box Office at 310.781.7171. The tickets to the evening concert are free and are on a first come, first served basis. There is a limit of four tickets per adult.
- Military Exhibits: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Military assets will be on display, including aircraft, vehicles, and support equipment at Del Amo Fashion Center.
 - The outdoor exhibits will be in the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot east of the Lifestyle Wing, which is located along Madrona Avenue.

SATURDAY, May 18

- Parade: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - The 62nd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade begins at Crenshaw Boulevard traveling west on Torrance Boulevard and ending at Madrona Avenue. All streets intersecting the parade route will be closed the majority of the day.
 - Torrance's parade is the longest-running Armed Forces Day Parade in the nation. As one of few cities designated by the Department of Defense, the City of Torrance is proud to honor the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces. This year's honorary branch is the the United States Space Force.
- Military Exhibits: 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 - Military assets will be on display, including aircraft, vehicles, and support equipment at Del Amo Fashion Center.
 - The outdoor exhibits will be in the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot east of the Lifestyle Wing, which is located along Madrona Avenue.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- Military Exhibits: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Military assets will be on display, including aircraft, vehicles, and support equipment at Del Amo Fashion Center.
 - The outdoor exhibits will be in the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot east of the Lifestyle Wing, which is located along Madrona Avenue.

Times for certain events are subject to change. For updated information about the festivities, visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/AFD.

Thanks for joining Southwood HOA!

This list is based on dues received from 3.13 to 4.10.

Pamela Loof
David & Shelly Oriba
Mia Fogh, Andreas Pfander
Krislyn & Bill Pomeroy
Lisa Shoemaker-Coleman
Maurice Vogel

Haven't joined/renewed yet?

Please go online at southwoodhomeowners.com/join to either print a membership form and mail in, or join securely online.

NALC Stamp Out Hunger Drive

The 32nd National Annual Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Drive is Saturday, May 11, 2024. Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Place your bag of goods next to your mailbox. Your letter carrier will handle the rest!

Here is a list of items needed:

Non-perishable canned goods or dry food:

- Canned Meats, Fish, Soup, Fruits, Vegetables
- Pasta, Hot & Cold Cereal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice
- Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Water

Personal care items:

- Diapers
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Toilet Tissue
- Body Soap
- Body Oil

* Please no expired items or glass containers.

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