



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION EVENT**  
 SEASIDE HEROES PARK

**2nd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**8-11AM**



Any amount of time you can give is appreciated.  
 Questions? Call Jenna Christensen @ 310-920-9387.  
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# SEASIDE MATTERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Seaside homes get their "Scary" on during October.

**NEWS FLASH!**  
 City Attorney to present Vending Ordinances at City Council meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 pm.

## BUTCHER-SOLANA PROJECT UPDATE

SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD (SON) continues to fight this proposed 248 unit development on Hawthorne Blvd. claiming it is too dense for the area, brings in excessive traffic, and that the soil may be contaminated. For more information and to join the SON yellow shirts at the picket lines, go to <https://www.sontorr.com>. Riviera HA has also published extensive documentation on this development. <https://hollywoodriviera.org/butcher-solana/>

**SNA FALL GENERAL MEETING**  
**WED., OCT. 16TH**

**TFD Community Outreach, AND**

Presentation by City Staff explaining the **Holiday Lights Displays changes**

**SOCIAL 6:30 - 7:00**  
 Featuring tastings by Dream Dinners  
**MEETING 7 - 9 PM**

## City Treasurer Still a No-Show

Have you seen this banner around Torrance, and wondered what the story is? G. Rick Marshall is the Principal Proponent in a campaign to recall City Treasurer Dana Cortez, who stopped working a year ago, just after her job was cut to part time and her \$138,000 pay was reduced to \$65,000. Since October 30, 2018, Ms. Cortez has been sending in a monthly doctor's note stating that an unspecified illness keeps her from fulfilling her duties. She will continue to receive her salary, benefits, and car allowance until June 2022 unless she is recalled. For further information, contact Rick Marshall, (310) 346-7425, or go to [curedc.online](http://curedc.online).



## Changes to City Charter Considered

On October 1, City Council conducted the second Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the City's 1947 City Charter. The last major update of the City's Charter was in 1973. Three proposals, no doubt inspired by the City Treasurer's absence, concern whether the City Clerk and City Treasurer positions should be 'selected,' i.e., appointed, rather than elected. Another issue under discussion is upping the Mayor and Council salaries, currently set at \$100 per month. Some of the proposals will likely be on the ballot in spring 2020, when the City will conduct its first District, rather than city-wide, elections.

## Coyote Trapping Season Begins

Torrance began a five-month coyote trap and kill program in October, bowing to public pressure from residents who fear for the safety of pets and small children if the predators remain unchecked. Coyote sightings in Torrance are actually down 35% so far this year compared to 2018, City officials said. Dog fatalities have decreased 66% and 4% fewer pet cats have been reported killed. Still, the Torrance City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 10, approved the annual \$70,000 trapping program, urged on by activists in the audience wearing red "Evict Coyotes" T-shirts. It is illegal to trap and release coyotes.

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**Social Time 6:30 Meeting 7 - 9 PM**  
**Sea Aire Golf Clubhouse**

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COMMUNITY SAFETY, every day of the year including the month of December, is the theme of the Fall 2019 Seaside Neighborhood Association General Meeting.

First of all, have general safety questions ready for the **Torrance Fire Department**, who will give a Community Outreach Presentation to our Association.

Secondly, since February 2019, residents of streets affected by the crowds and chaos of the Holiday Lights Display period have met at least 8 times, alone and with City Staff, TPD, Public Works, City Council and other involved parties, to hammer out improvements to the various problems. **City Staffer Katie Wand**, who researched the various Lights Displays proposals on behalf of the City Council, will lead us through a summary of all the agreements. Already aired publicly are the addition of a Stop Sign at Doris Ave. and Robert Rd.; the institution of a NO PARKING FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES lane on one side of streets during the Lights period only; and a vehicle counter to ascertain the number of vehicles on our streets in December.

STILL TO BE REVEALED by the City Attorney at the October 15th City Council meeting are **City Ordinances** that aim to regulate both resident and outside vendors. Residents are invited to **PREVIEW and DISCUSS** the Ordinances at a Neighborhood Meeting on Saturday, October 12th, 2-4 pm at the Szeles home, 5326 Linda Drive. RSVP please, 310 994 4416.



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## Special Somebodies in Seaside

My neighbor **Thurman Hines** looked at me in mock surprise when I asked him if he'd met the newborn babies on our block yet. "Oh no," he said, "I keep far away from that corner. That's the Fertile Crescent down there." Laughing, I admitted he did have a point: In a two month period, five babies were born directly across the street from each other, a set of twins and a set of triplets. And, each couple was already the proud parents of a pre-schooler.

It is a joyful and affirming sign of the vitality of our neighborhood to observe babies being born and children growing up in the Seaside area. The proximity to top rated public and private schools, recreational facilities like TABB and Heroes Park, plus beautiful Torrance Beach with its bike path, offers a family an active, healthy lifestyle that's not common in LA County.

I asked two SNA Board Members and Scholarship Sponsors who are also Realtors specializing in the Seaside area, if they have detected a baby boom. **Jenna Christensen** of Engel and Völkers, homeowner and investor in Seaside since 1993, remarked that she definitely assists many couples with little ones because Seaside is so desirable to families. "The variety of houses here, from WWII bungalows to larger homes, offer people options, whether they're looking for a 'starter home' or need and can afford a larger property."

**Pam Jensen** of ReMax Estate Properties, born and raised in the South Bay, a South High grad and a Grandma of five, affirms that "Young families love Seaside, and the large lots in the area offer room for kids to play and families to add on to their homes if need be." She continued, "I see many families moving to Seaside from more crowded beach cities, like Manhattan Beach, because here you have room to breath and plenty of parking! The wide, tree lined streets also add to the appeal."

This edition's **SPECIAL SOMEBODIES**, then, are the **babies & children of Seaside** who brighten our days with their laughter and innocence, and **their parents**, who move here to provide them a wonderful life.

# SNA: COME GROW WITH US!

## Torrance Chamber of Commerce “State of the City” Luncheon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, the Chamber of Commerce invites you to join many policy makers and residents at the Annual State of the City Luncheon, with keynote address by Mayor Patrick Furey. Tickets are \$48. each and may be acquired at [TORRANCECHAMBER.COM/SOTC2019](http://TORRANCECHAMBER.COM/SOTC2019).

## Torrance Rose Float Association

NOVEMBER 1, 2019 is the deadline for Torrance Rose Float Association members to submit their Request to Decorate the float. Membership dues begin at \$20 per year. The Association also offers rose vials for sale that will ride on the float with the name of a loved one inscribed on them. <http://www.torrancerosefloat.org/>

## Torrance Theater Company

‘For the community, from the community.’

NOVEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 8TH at the James Armstrong Theater, patrons will be treated to a romantic comedy by well-known playwright Joe DiPietro, directed by SNA’s very versatile Secretary Perry Shields. <http://torrancetheatrecompany.com>

## Torrance Civic Choral Holiday Concert

DECEMBER 14TH at the James Armstrong Theater, the 90-member strong Torrance Civic Choral will delight the audience with holiday music from all the countries in North America. <http://www.torrancecivicchorale.org/>

# 2019 Business Partners



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- Duffy Humbert & Beverly Wurth | Dream Dinners, Torrance



Please join the Seaside Neighborhood Association for our Holiday Member Mixer! Come mingle with your Seaside neighbors and enjoy nibbles, sips and treats, as we kick off the Holiday Season in our festive Seaside neighborhood!

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Tuesday, December 10th, 2019, from 5:30 PM-9:00 PM**

This is a SNA member and adult only event with details to follow on the SNA Website and Facebook Page.

Have you joined the Seaside Neighborhood Association? It's easy! Household memberships cost \$20, and Business Partner memberships start at \$100. All membership donations go towards funding our SNA Scholarship Awards, as well as supporting the Holiday Lights Awards, the Green Thumb Award, and our Seaside Matters Newsletter. And you won't want to miss fun events like the Holiday Member Mixer (above)!

All memberships are valid for 1 year from the date you join or renew. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up via PayPal. Please send an email to [seasideneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com](mailto:seasideneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com) if you wish to pay by check or have any questions. We appreciate your support!

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