

# SNA Matters

Newsletter of the Seaside Neighborhood Association



Torrance Beach at sunset, December 26, 2017. To purchase, contact photographer John Perchulyn on Facebook, or at [john@rivieraimaging.com](mailto:john@rivieraimaging.com)

## Welcome to the SNA Newsletter!

Your Seaside Neighborhood Association exists to enhance the lives of our residents by providing scholarships to outstanding high school seniors, by highlighting City and neighborhood issues for our residents, and by bringing Seaside issues to the attention of Torrance City leaders.

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## “Beautiful. Clever. Generous.”

Those were some of the compliments offered to homeowners by visitors and residents alike who toured the holiday lights streets in December. The City of Torrance provided directional signs and cops on bicycles, but each individual resident shouldered all the cost of his/her decorations and lights. To view the wonderful Lights Award and Honorable Mention houses, go to <http://www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org/photos.html>.



But... this is not a street faire! The chief complaints voiced by residents this year were caused by **disruptive vendors**. Because residents may sell only **on their own property**, thoughtless vendors who called out to drivers, didn't keep their area clean and kept lights and music going past 10 pm did so with the permission of a resident. In order to keep the Holiday Displays safe, courteous and clean, SNA seeks help revising our Holiday Lights Suggestions document ([www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org/](http://www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org/) ). We invite you to voice your written suggestions on this matter by dropping us a line via our website. [Email us here.](#)

## JOIN SNA! WE'RE HERE FOR THE KIDS!

Under the able direction of VP of Scholarships Linda Conkey, SNA has been able to increase the amount of our college scholarships to accomplished high school seniors every year. Last year, Jacob Downey and Joseph Mills each received \$1000. towards their college expenses.

DID YOU KNOW THAT .... MOST OF YOUR \$20 YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES GOES TO SCHOLARSHIPS?

Discover the advantages of Family Memberships, Business Memberships and Scholarship Sponsors and join the party!!! [www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org/](http://www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org/)



# City Watch: Activists & Activities

1. TORRANCE CANDIDATES FORUM featuring Mayoral and Council aspirants will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at South High School. This is being organized jointly by the Seaside Neighborhood Association (SNA), the Riviera Homeowners' Association (RHOA) and the South Riviera HOA. Doors open at 5:30 pm; Council forum from 6 -7:30, Mayoral from 7:45 -9.
2. BUTCHER-SOLANA DEVELOPMENT. A proposed 5-story, 248 unit apartment building on the property known as Butcher Hill, located on Hawthorne Blvd. at Via Valmonte, would impact a significant part of Torrance. There are a lot of complexities related to the planning process, zoning, the city's General Plan, and the [Hillside Overlay](#) that are pertinent. Follow this issue at <https://hollywoodriviera.org/butcher-solana/> Also, contact Josey Vanderpas of SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD (310 6477247) to attend her meeting on this subject on 1/15/2018.
3. TORRANCE REFINERY ACTION ALLIANCE. <https://www.traasouthbay.com/>. TRAA was formed following the massive Torrance refinery explosion in February 2015, which nearly released 50,000 lb. of the chemical MHF. The goal of TRAA is to have the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) pass Rule 1410 to require HF/MHF replacement with a safer alternative at both South Bay refineries. A decision will be made by March 2018.
4. NO SIGNS/NO FINES. This neighborhood group is working to reverse the fines given to parked cars on street sweeping days since the initiation of the 'Optimized Street Sweeping' program in 2016. Contact person is Bob Bornino at [nosignsnofines@gmail.com](mailto:nosignsnofines@gmail.com) . Councilman Mike Griffiths gives his view of fines and signs in this youtube video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIL2n-D8\\_kw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIL2n-D8_kw&feature=youtu.be) .
5. SAVE HAMILTON FIELDS. While TUSD feels that it has a fiscal responsibility to sell the Hamilton Adult School fields, parents of softball players and others disagree. See more at <https://www.facebook.com/northtorrance.fields>
6. COYOTE PROBLEMS. The TPD has a page dedicated to advice about living with coyotes. <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/police/general-info/living-with-urban-coyotes> For a different viewpoint, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1878124889082537/> .

**SEASIDE HEROES PARK beautification.** Older and younger adults, teens, and kids are needed to join in weeding the park that was created to honor three young Seaside men who lost their lives in the service of our country. On-going, every second Saturday of the month, anytime from 8 to 11 am. MAKE NEW FRIENDS, HAVE FUN, DO GOOD! Contact: [cjenna@realtor.com](mailto:cjenna@realtor.com).

