

SNA Matters

Newsletter of the Seaside Neighborhood Association (SNA)



April showers have brought lovely May flowers to our area. And... you can meet our own 'budding' success stories at SNA's Scholarship Awards Meeting on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 at the Sea Aire Golf Clubhouse.

Ronunculus photographed by Seaside resident Pam Combar (pac824@yahoo.com).



Celebrate! Join us at the SNA Scholarship Awards Meeting, May 30, 7 PM at Sea Aire Golf Clubhouse.

Seaside Neighborhood Association, RHA (Riviera Homeowners Association) and SHOA (Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association) worked together to present a very successful Candidates Forum on April 4th. Close to 200 residents participated, questioning candidates on everything from pensions to coyotes, the use of MHF at Torrance refinery to over-development. You may view this Forum by clicking on these links, courtesy of Dan Feliz:

Mayoral candidates <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMG5AVkaTE4>
Council Candidates <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcPAwWnVi2g>



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**BIG CHANGES
COMING TO CITY
COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

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**AQMD RULES ON
SAFETY OF MFA AT
REFINERY**

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**PROPOSED
BUTCHER-SOLANA
DEVELOPMENT**

4

**SUMMER MOVIE AT
EL RETIRO PARK**

1. Next City Council May Be Chosen by Districts

A threatened lawsuit alleging that ‘racially polarized voting’ in Torrance City Council elections resulted in ‘the inability of Latinos and Asians to elect candidates of their choice’ and violates the California Voting Rights Act has started the City down the path of dividing the city into Council Districts. To defend the City’s at-large elections in Court would ‘likely exceed \$1,000,000.’ according to the City Attorney. Therefore, Torrance may be split into geographic areas with one Council member elected by only the people of the area that he/she represents. The Mayor would still be elected at-large. Proposed districting submissions may be viewed at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-council-and-elected-officials/district-elections/proposed-district-map-submissions> Public reviewing of the submissions will take place on 5/22 at 7 pm at the regular City Council meeting. For a report about a city that is fighting a lawsuit threatened by the same law firm, see <http://torrancecitycouncil.com/?p=2733> .

JOIN SNA! WE’RE HERE FOR THE KIDS!

Did you know that... most of your \$20.00 yearly membership dues goes to the two Scholarships that we award local, deserving high school Seniors each year?
Did you know that...most of our Scholarship money comes from our generous Business Partners?

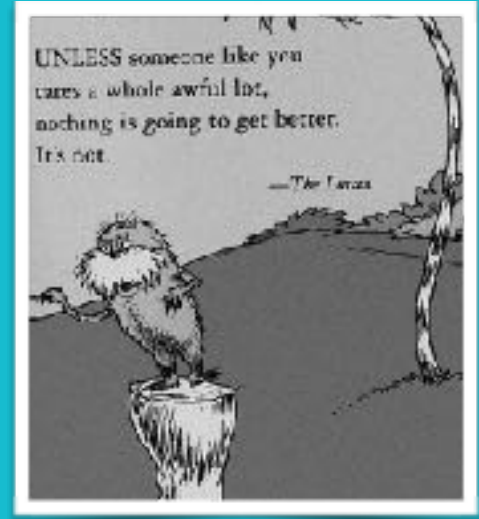
Please join SNA yourselves, for only \$20 a year, Discover the advantages of Family Memberships, Business Partners and Scholarship Sponsors .
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2. AQCB Committee Allows MHF... for now

Remarking that there isn’t as yet hard data to clarify the percentage of additive needed to ‘modify’ or prevent the formation of a toxic gas cloud of hydrofluoric acid, a committee of the Southern California Air Quality Control Board directed staff to discuss additional safety measures with the Torrance and Wilmington refineries, and to find out the percentage of additive that is presently used. In the meantime, the toxic chemical will not be banned at the two refineries, which are the only ones in the country that use it. Balancing safety concerns with the potential loss of hundreds of jobs if the refineries are shut down has created emotional and passionate discussions between advocates on both sides. The Torrance Refinery Action Alliance (<https://www.traasouthbay.com/>) spearheads local opposition to the use of MHF. <https://www.dailybreeze.com/2018/04/28/more-safety-measures-but-no-eventual-ban-on-potentially-lethal-refinery-chemical-used-in-torrance-wilmington-aqmd-panel-says/>

3. BUTCHER-SOLANA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

248 apartments built onto a hillside that was previously an illegal dumpsite on the corner of Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Blvd. would have a REALLY BIG IMPACT on Torrance and neighboring cities. Since 2017, the developers and citizens groups have been facing off at Council and planning commission meetings, each presenting his/her viewpoint on why this project is good or bad for Torrance. Two grass roots groups who have been very effective in keeping this project before the public are Riviera Homeowners Assn. (<https://hollywoodriviera.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/butcher-update-flyer-9-20-2017.pdf>) and Save Our Neighborhood <https://www.gofundme.com/save-our-neighborhood-torrance> butcher-update-



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.

4. Saturday, July 28 Torrance Movies in the Park will bring Despicable Me 3 (rated PG) to our very own El Retiro Park (126 Vista del Parque).

DESPICABLE ME



Thank you Friends of SNA

2018 MEMBERSHIP, to date-

Tricia & John Blanco

Perry & Cindy Shields

Erik & AnnMarie Wightman

Leona Grosskopf

Tom & Ann Elliott

Bong Sug Kim

Aurelio Matucci

Mario Obejas

Keith Heath

Geral Santiago

Kelly Wedel

Linda Conley

Marge Miller

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