

SNA Meeting – September 14, 2022

Live meeting – Sea Aire

City of Torrance guest speakers

- Trash & Recycling

(Chuck, Leah, Caleb, Melissa, Robert, Chris)

Chris Sanitation Manager (recycling and sewage) The city services approx. 30,000 accounts per week. Large/bulky item collection is offered once a year. Recycling goes to a facility in Wilmington. The city collects approximately 54,000 tons of material per year.

Recycling: paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, NO food containers, red solo cups, plastic bags

Beginning January 1, 2023, organics (green and food waste) will be required to be placed in **Green Bin**.

For more information, go to www.Torrancerecycles.org and www.TorranceCA.Gov/ResidentialCollection

The city is still trying to figure out how the organics will be collected in your **Green Bin** trash can to keep the bugs out. Possible need to use biodegradable bags. This will cost around \$40 billion for Los Angeles County to comply with the State mandated rules.

If you have a hole or crack in your trash can, you can call the City to have your can replaced. This is a part of the service you pay for.

- Chuck Water service. Most of the information will apply if you use Torrance Municipal Water (TMW) or Cal Water Service. TMW provides approx. 22 million gallons of water per day. The water comes from the aqueducts coming from the Delta and Sierra Mountains. We purchase our water from Metropolitan Water.

TMW mission: resilience and sustainability, Diversified water portfolio, rate stability and affordability, local and regional partnerships.

Goldsworthy Groundwater Desalter in Torrance: owned and constructed by Water Replenishment District. Operated by TMW with all water sold to Torrance. This plant will provide 20% of TMW's Potable Water in 2023.

A 2-acre lot behind Yukon school will provide new water sources with two new water wells and will be operational Fall of 2022.

Level 1 restrictions are in effect now! Cut watering by 15%, watering 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, No more than 15 minutes per station, and no more than three days per week. No pool and spa restrictions.

Water Efficient Landscape training is offered by the city. See their website to sign up. www.TorranceCA.Gov/WaterConservation also, see www.bewaterwise.com for rebate programs

- Louis Landscape Manager: Maintaining all the City Trees. The city of Torrance has approx.. 37,318 City Trees. Seaside has Approx. 2,988 Trees
Tree removal and replacement: A thorough inspection is done by a certified arborist before removal. The main reason is infrastructure damage, dead, drying, rot, and decay. Homeowners are notified if a tree is adjacent to their home. Approx. 560 trees are planted per year with 24" box and 15-gallon trees. No tree can grow over 25 feet in the hillside overlay. Things that are considered when planting are easements, overlay, water needs, power lines, etc.
Tree planting efforts: Anza Ave. 29 median trees. Sepulveda Blvd. 65 trees at service road medians. Palos Verdes Blvd. 29 trees along the shopping center and center median. 2 water trucks go around to water the trees. Free wood chips are available upon request.
www.TorranceCa.Gov/Trees

Sidewalk repairs will be coming in the Seaside neighborhood. If you have a tree, you will be notified by the city. The project is part of the safe Seaside for kids walking to school.

- Robert Park Services: TABB Eucalyptus trees that have been taken out. The city felt that due to the age of the trees, they were becoming a potential safety hazard. No timeline is in place for when the trees will be replaced yet. They are trying to find the property trees for the area, soil, space, and height.
- Please come and help at the Seaside Heroes park on the first Saturday of the month for park beautification. We will work with the South Bay Parkland Conservancy to bring more native plants.