

SNA Scholarship Awards

General Meeting

Special guest Mr. Mattucci

05/29/2024 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Tricia:

1. Introductions of our neighbors and members of SNA and the business partners.
2. Upcoming events: National Night Out will be held on August 6th and will be held at Sea Aire Golf
3. Due to low attendance, we have some general in-person meetings and most are held on Zoom. The next in-person meeting will be held on September 11th. It is important for neighbors to give us their emails so that they do not miss out on information.
4. \$3,000 Savings and \$3,000 for scholarship

Jenna:

1. The scholarship presenter was announced, and the story of how the scholarship award was born. Tom Rische, a neighbor, is the founder of the Scholarship Award, and his son is so proud that the tradition has grown and is still a huge part of the association.

Sue O'Donovan:

1. Explanation of the scholarship committee and how they chose the two winners.
2. Introduction of Molly Melia (UCLA) and Jordan Ho (San Diego State).

3. Lisa Babros to present the certificates
4. Aurelio Mattucci to present city certificates
5. Tricia to present the checks

Aurelio Mattucci:

1. Torrance is the largest city in the South Bay - 21 square miles
2. City is budgeted and looking good. \$500,000 reserves. An outside firm (cost of firm approx. \$35K+) is looking to see what went wrong and why we don't have better reserves.
3. Pension is over \$600 million, and no money to pay this off
4. Budget Cuts – He suggests we sell our Torrance water rights. The city could receive approx. \$1 billion (from whoever buys it)
5. We are short-staffed, and no one will lose their jobs. 160 positions are budgeted for, but the money is being used to pay Torrance City bills.
6. Show up at the meetings and speak your mind. Sometimes, people on the committee are swayed by citizens' thoughts/opinions. Being in person and speaking up is more valuable than an email.
7. Christmas lights—permits will be needed again this December. We are trying to keep the food vendors following the rules. There is a process to control the vendors, and we will be keeping non-compliant ones out of the Christmas lights. FYI, only one vendor at Maple near the courthouse (a fruit stand) is in compliance.
8. Sears lot—It was suggested that the City buy it and lease it to the Del Amo Mall for 99 years.
9. E-bikes are a problem. Something needs to be done.
10. Anza Ave. ADA-compliant sidewalks are being fixed
11. Purple pipe system: our toilet water is being used to water the parks

12. Over 300 permits for ADUs

13. We went to court over the lot split and won! The South Bay—City of Torrance infrastructure is not set up to handle the additional housing that the State is mandating on us. This would include parking, streets, sewer, plumbing, electrical, etc. The problem isn't housing the problem is affordability.