Neighborhood Watch Group History

New Horizons South Bay · Torrance · Month by month

Since April 2025

What our group has done since it started, taken from the New Horizons Newsletter and our meeting notes. We add to it every month.

2025: Getting Started

April	• **April 17:** Kickoff meeting. Our watch group is formed, founded by Joanie Jones.
June	• **June 11:** First monthly meeting. New Horizons joins the Torrance Neighborhood Watch program. • Looking for an Area 1 Captain. • Fire Department "Safety at Home" talk (June 10).
July	• **July 9:** City of Torrance kickoff presentation in the Town Hall. • Coyote alert: keep pets inside.
August	• Recruiting Building Coordinators. • Call for resident artists for an art show.
September	• Goal: a Building Coordinator for every building. • **Sept 21:** Fine Arts Showcase, hosted by our group.
October	• More Building Coordinators needed. • Great ShakeOut earthquake drill (Oct 16).
November	• Thanks to Lisa Duarte and Area 5 Captain Esther Audrey. • Still recruiting Building Coordinators.
December	• Window stickers given to every unit. • Thanks to the Board for funding the art show. • No December meeting.

2026: Growing Stronger

January	• All Area Captain spots are filled. • Meetings start again on January 14.
February	• **Feb 11:** Dog Walkers Appreciation meeting. About 40 came, and they filled out a survey.
March	• **March 11:** Q&A on safety with Janet Garcia, our On-Site Property Manager, and Board Member Gail Standley.
April	• Torrance Police join our meeting. • Our group turns one year old.
May	• "Hello, what is your name?" campaign: greet people you don't know at the pool and gym.
June	• "Coyote Crossing" PBS movie night. • Tips: security doors and water leak detectors.
July	• **July 8:** Open discussion about scams. • Call the police non-emergency line for anything suspicious. • Fake AT&T salespeople going door to door.
August	• Traffic on Nadine Circle and 229th: drivers running stop signs. • Lisa Duarte voted in as our new Facilitator.
September	• Lisa takes the lead. • Preparedness Month, El Niño readiness, and pet safety. • **Sept 26:** Senior Self-Defense class. • **Sept 28:** "Our Streets, Your Brakes" crosswalk event. 24 residents came. 10 cars failed to yield in 75 minutes.

October	• **Oct 12:** "Stop for Us" at the Nadine and 229th stop. 510 cars counted in one hour. Councilmember Gerson attended. • Fire Prevention Week. • **Oct 15:** Kitchen fire close call. A neighbor's call brought Torrance Fire in time. • **Oct 24:** Our table at the Clubs Meet & Greet.
November	• **Nov 5:** District 6 Community Meeting. • **Nov 11 meeting (13 came):** 22 lights out found, more police patrols for speeding. • Holiday Food Drive (600 item goal) and Toy Drive begin.
December	• Toy Drive runs through December 21. • December meeting to be announced.