



5 November, 2004

Dear OTNA Member:

We have one last OTNA meeting before the holidays are upon us. As you know, back on October 5th, the City Council fell two votes shy of extending the 45-day building Moratorium for another 10 months and 15 days. However, City Council *did* vote in "Plan B" — a resolution to follow the General Plan adopted in 1992 *until* the General Plan is revised. So . . . before we get caught up in the hustle 'n' bustle of the season, we've invited Jeff Gibson, Community Development Director for the City of Torrance, to explain "Plan B," which is currently in effect. Mr. Gibson will also discuss the City-wide traffic study.

I hope you will join us for this meeting on Wednesday, November 17th, at 7:30 PM at the Bartlett Center. Or . . . get there at 7:00 PM to chat with your neighbors, and treat yourself to a homemade brownie!

I also wanted to mention that this would be a good time to renew your membership for 2005. All memberships are just \$10 per family, and are due annually in January. The money we collect via annual dues, donations and sponsorships, is donated back to our community (less operating expenses). Here is a list of the worthwhile programs and activities, OTNA supported this year:

\$175 - Easter In El Prado Park

Since its inception, OTNA has sponsored "Easter in El Prado Park." In fact, 2004 marks our 23rd consecutive year in doing so. On Easter Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Bun arrive in the "Bunny Mobile". Both greet the 100+ kids in the park, and then Mr. Bun leads them in the *Bunny Hop*. After that, the Easter "egg" (candy) hunt begins — the kids LOVE it!

\$100 - Southeast Library

Money will be used toward a Homework Center. The Library needs to raise \$55,000 for this project, and OTNA's contribution was the first donation they received!

\$150 - Operation Teddy Bear

Operation Teddy Bear is designed to promote literacy, increase self-esteem, and encourage being kind to one another. The program gifts first grade school children with a colorful new backpack stuffed with toys, crayons, coloring books, story books, pencils, other educational tools, and, of course, a teddy bear. See enclosed flyer for details.

\$50 - South Bay Ballet

Money will be used to sponsor a scholarship.

Best regards,

Debbie Hays

President, OTNA

P.S. Trudy Coburn, Escrow Officer for Tradewinds Escrow, Inc., is sponsoring this mailing. Trudy has 23 years in the escrow business, specializing in Residential, Commercial & Income Properties, as well as 1031 Exchanges and Refinance Escrows. For over 30 years, she's also been a volunteer in Torrance with various organizations such as: Early Childhood Education/Advisor to Loyola Marymount College; Torrance PTA; Girls Softball Assoc.; Festival of Trees, and the James Armstrong Heart Fund Dinner!