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Dear OTNA Members —

Spring has arrived, yet it feels as though summer is already here. At our last OTNA meeting, we learned about the birds (chickens) and bees and a potential change of City codes focusing on urban farming. This month, we continue the **theme of home and garden** with a very special multi-part program. You will want to attend and meet **Tracy Drake, Manager/Naturalist** from the **Madrona Marsh & Nature Preserve**. There will be a **special presentation** about the Marsh **Blooms & Butterflies**. This is a beautifully filmed look at a favorite part of nature. Tracy will share some **tips on how to attract those butterflies to your garden** this year, and touch on **water-wise landscaping**, as well!

Additionally we will have plenty of information from the Torrance Water Department regarding Water Conservation **Do's & Don'ts about lawn replacement** (where you can receive up to a \$2.00 rebate per square foot), **toilet trade-in for free new low-flush toilets**, and about more **rebates for washing machine, dishwasher and sprinkler head replacement**. This will be an environmentally packed evening with free give-aways, prizes and the opportunity to **win free dinners at Keegan's!**

We'll start the evening at 7:00 PM (Bartlett Center - 1318 Cravens Ave.), visiting with friends and neighbors over delicious **Torrance Bakery Cookies**. The program will begin at 7:30 PM.

Mark your calendar, as Neighborhood Clean-up Project Manager, Charles Payne, invites all members to join him for another **Neighborhood Clean-up Day** on **Saturday, May 24th**, from **9:00 - 11:00 AM**. Before we start, we'll meet at Charles' home (RSVP - 310.328.7549), at 8:30 AM, for a light breakfast, **Torrance Bakery treats**, and **freshly brewed coffee**. The clean-up will focus on cleaning-up the railroad tracks on Sartori Ave. Water will be provided for all those who participate in the clean-up. Bring your work gloves, wear sunscreen, sturdy shoes, and . . . *bring a friend!*

This month's meeting sponsor is **Inspirations Floral Artistry**, a new downtown business (1313 Sartori Ave., Old Torrance). **Meet the creative designers behind the floral works of art** and find out how they can give you personalized attention for your inspirations — *leave the arrangements to them!*

On **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 26th at **2:00 PM** at the **City of Torrance Veterans' Memorial**, you're invited for a **reading of all the names on the wall**. This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

I'm happy to report that both our Candidates' Forums were a huge success last month and we thank everyone of you who attended to become informed voters. **Remember to VOTE on Tuesday June 3!**

Thanks for all each of you do to make our neighborhood great!

Sincerely,
Janet H. Payne
OTNA President