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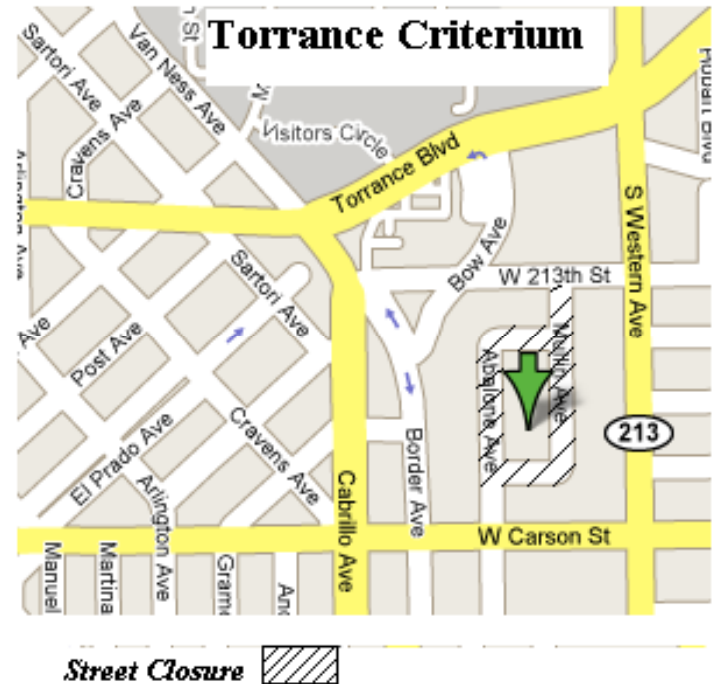
Temporary Street Closures for Public Event

On Sunday, **April 20, 2008** from **7 a.m. to 6 p.m.** the 15th Annual Torrance Criterium will be held in the downtown area. The following streets will be closed for the course: Mullin Avenue south of 214th Street down to 216th Street, then proceeding west to Abalone Avenue, North on Abalone Avenue to 214th Street, returning to Mullin Avenue. The start/finish is on Abalone Avenue midway between 216th and 214th streets. The first heat begins at 8 a.m. with each heat lasting about 45 minutes over the 1/2 mile course. The final race will start at approximately 5 p.m. Traffic will be detoured and only emergency vehicles will be allowed access.

The Criterium helps promote the involvement of junior cyclist, under the age of 18, through the Lance Armstrong Olympic trials and provides opportunities for the Masters (ages 60 and up) to compete.

Parking will be located at the Miyako Hotel & Resorts located at, 213th Street and Mullin Avenue.

For more information about the event, contact Edgardo Potes at 310-832-1966. For more information about the street closures, contact the City of Torrance Redevelopment Agency Staff at 310-618-5990, or by e-mail at redvelopment@torrnet.com



23rd Annual For Our Children Food & Wine Festival

The Little Company of Mary Health Foundation & Sandpipers are proud to host the 23rd Annual For Our Children Food & Wine Festival as presented by American Honda, on Sunday, **April 27, 2008** from **1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** This event will be held at the American Honda National Headquarters located at, 1919 Torrance Boulevard. On site parking will be provided and fees for this event are \$150 presale or \$175 at the door with proceeds benefiting Little Company of Mary's Partners for Healthy Kids Mobile Pediatric Van & Sandpipers charities.

Guests will feast on fabulous food specialties, sip fine wines and sample unique beers of all kinds. The spectacular silent and live auctions feature unique gift items, sports tickets and memorabilia, golf getaways, dining, entertainment, spa certificates and exciting travel packages. With the purchase of an opportunity ticket, you may become the lucky winner of a 2008 Acura MDX donated by American Honda. For more information on this event please call 310-374-1748 ext. 6.

Ride for Kids 2008



On Sunday, **May 4, 2008** the Ride for Kids fundraiser will start and end at the **American Honda Corporate Headquarters** located at, 1919 Torrance Boulevard. The ride **starts promptly at 10 a.m., rain or shine**. The police escorted ride will go through several cities before it finally ends at the Honda Corporate Headquarters. The motorcade will travel on the following city streets: westerly on Torrance Boulevard and northerly along Western Avenue. Last year, there were approximately 1,000 riders on 400 motorbikes. Participants in the event will stage their motorcycles on the existing streets within the Honda campus. After the ride, guests will hear from the children who have received help from this

fundraiser and cheer the top individual fundraisers as they receive awards for their efforts. The closing ceremony will end around 2 p.m. For more information call 800-253-6530 or go to www.rideforkids.org.

Upcoming Street Improvements

The Wastewater Program maintains and repairs the City's storm drain systems. During the next few months, you will see staff performing storm drain repairs along Torrance Boulevard between Crenshaw Boulevard and Palos Verdes Boulevard. Work will also include installation of new storm drains to improve drainage, with some lane closures. For more information, contact Craig Bilezerian, Public Works staff at (310) 781-6900. So please plan accordingly, slow down and drive carefully along Torrance Boulevard.



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