



McMaster Park is situated on 5.5 acres at 3624 W. Artesia Boulevard. The land was purchased in parcels from 1949 to 1953. Its prior use was as a railroad right of way, and it was named after former Fire Chief John McMaster. In the many years since its original acquisition, McMaster Park has grown to become a thriving center for residents of all ages in the North Torrance area. The park contains 4 buildings for recreational use; the North Torrance Library, the Herma Tillim Senior Citizens Center, the North Torrance Neighborhood, and the McMaster Recreation Building.

The North Torrance Library was dedicated on February 27, 1965 and was remodeled in 2008 with continued enhancements over the last few years. The Exxon Mobile Foundation donated approximately \$90,000 towards the library's renovation. On a historical note, the original Torrance libraries were at the sites of the Historical Museum and the current Tillim Senior Center.

The Tillim Senior Center was named after Herma Tillim who was a Torrance civic leader and member of the Parks and Recreation Commission in 1957 to 1958. She was instrumental in securing the old North Torrance Library building for a senior citizen recreation center which provides daily enjoyment for residents that are 50 years and older. She also donated funds towards its renovation to include the building of a kitchen. Herma Tillim passed away in 1964.

The North Torrance Neighborhood Center was originally dedicated on July 28, 1978 and was constructed on the site of the old North Torrance Fire Station. This site used to include a teen drop-in center.

The McMaster West Recreation Building with kitchen can accommodate 50 persons and is used by many local meeting groups and the community for private parties. The McMaster East Recreation Building is used by the City's pre-school program. There is also a room that is used by the STAR program for children with intellectual disabilities. For more information on these programs please see the Torrance "[Seasons](#)" guide.

The park also boasts a basketball court, lighted softball diamond, and children's play area with handicapped access. This park, along with the Community Services Department, provides youth recreational programs like the flag football program. Overall, it is the combination of these facilities which enables McMaster to offer such a tremendous array of popular services to local residents of all ages.