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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.
VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Feliz, Korman, Mataalii, Mele, Montoya, Muhammed, Chair Candioly

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Korman

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, February 3, 2022 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Your comment to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying in the meeting and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your comment recorded.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of Community Services Director that your Honorable Body approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of January 12, 2022.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Community Services Director – Status of Programming and Projects.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance:

- Pandemic Reconstitution and Reopening
- Tennis Court and Tennis office lights at the Las Canchas Tennis Center
- National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Multi-Use Sports Complex

7B. Correspondence

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file a letter and attachments from the Council on Aging regarding the 2022 Older American Award.

7C. Community Services Director – Review Department Monthly Reports

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the Department Monthly Reports for:

- Administrative Services
- Park Services
- Recreation Services

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, via teleconference or other electronic means.

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Mataalii, Mele, Montoya, Muhammed and Chair Candioly

Absent: Commissioners Feliz and Korman

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock,
Administrative Analyst Lee,
Recreation Services Manager Craig and
Park Services Manager Drake.

MOTION: Commissioner Montoya moved to approve the excused absences of Commissioner Feliz and Korman; motion was seconded by Commissioner Mataalii. A roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Absent Commissioners Feliz and Korman).

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Montoya.

3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Community Services Director La Rock stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board on January 6, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFFERED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Chairperson Candioly welcomed members of the Youth Council.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 8, 2021

MOTION: Commissioner Montoya moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of December 8, 2021 as submitted. Commissioner Mataalii seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Absent Commissioners Feliz and Korman).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR LA ROCK - STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance.

- Pandemic Reconstitution and Reopening
Update provided on City's transition back to virtual Commission meetings which began on December 14, 2021. Director La Rock reported that the City was continuing to maintain modified programming, spacing and reduced capacity to keep the public safe. He added that effective January 18, 2022, City staff would be required to wear only surgical or medical grade masks; cloths masks would no longer be permitted. He confirmed that a supply of masks would be stocked in order to provide all departments with quantities that allowed for employees to be masked at all times and to have an adequate supply of replacement masks.
- Pathway Lights – Wilson Park
There was no more temporary lighting in the Park and all timers had been re-set to the current time to ensure adequate lighting at night.
- Multi-Use Sports Complex
The new lease had been approved by the Council and would run through December 31, 2028, which would encompass both the 2028 Summer Olympics and the 2028 Special Olympics. In addition, the agreement with the LA Galaxy had been completed and would be in effect until December 31, 2028. The LA Galaxy would: provide funding on a monthly basis, rename the venue to LA Galaxy Sports Center and install new branding pieces on the complex fencing. A project to install new turf has also begun.

7B. SUR LA BREA PARK LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the donation of a proposed Little Free Library at Sur La Brea Park

Community Services Director La Rock presented the report on the proposal by resident Lowell Hardison to donate a Little Free Library to be located at Sur La Brea Park. He noted that Mr. Hardison had sourced some possible styles for the library box and had offered to donate the box and curate the contents. He added that the Park services would be responsible for the site location and the installation of the box.

In response to questions from Commissioner Montoya, Community Services Director La Rock noted that the report for the item listed the location of other Library boxes in Torrance and added that South Torrance Library was the closest library to the proposed Little Free Library. Director La Rock stated that to his knowledge there had been no vandalism issues with Little Free Libraries. He reported that there would be a cost to the City for the Park installation of the box.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Mele, Mr. Hardison explained that he planned to inventory books for kindergarten through fifth grade in the Library box, due to the proximity of elementary schools.

MOTION: Commissioner Mataalii moved to approve the placement of a Little Free Library at Sur La Brea Park as noted in the staff report. Commissioner Mele seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Absent Commissioners Feliz and Korman).

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- Review Department Monthly Reports

- Administrative Services

Administrative Analyst Lee presented the Administrative Services Division Report for December 2021, included in agenda packets. He highlighted Facility Booking, picnic and park building reservations, Park Ranger Program, Registration, and the Home Improvement Program.

- Park Services

Park Services Manager Drake presented the Park Services Monthly Report for December 2021, included in the agenda packets. Her review included reports on Park/Facilities crews and tree trimming vendors, the work on the lights at Wilson Park, storm cleanup, the adjustment of irrigation clocks and sensors, the installation of the signs at Los Arboles and DePortola Parks and fence and gate repairs. She discussed volunteer help at the parks, grant applications, scout projects, the amount of rainfall for the year and the number of visitors to the Preserve and Nature Center. She explained the process of the repair and replacement of the gazebo at the Sur La Brea Park.

- Recreation Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the Park Services Monthly Report for December 2021, included in the material of record. His review included reports and user feedback on Adult Sports, Aquatics, Senior Citizen Programs, After School Club and Adaptive Recreation. He noted that Youth Sports and Early Childhood Education (ECE) would resume in January 2022. He stated that the fields at Wilson Park had been closed to allow the fields to rest, discussed the newly added section to the report: Pickle Ball Highlights and announced that Sea-Aire Golf Course had set a new single year record for rounds of golf played, with 32 rounds shy of 37,000 rounds.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, February 9, 2022

MOTION: At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Mele moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference or other electronic means. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mataalii and a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval. (Absent Commissioners Feliz and Korman).

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TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance:

- Pandemic reconstitution and reopening
 - Maintaining facial covering requirements for all interior City locations
 - Indoor youth sports require vaccination or weekly negative test results for all participants (youth/adult)
 - Outdoor competitive youth sports 12+ require vaccination or weekly negative test results for all participants (youth/adult)
 - Outdoor competitive youth sports under 12 require symptom screening and vaccination or weekly negative test results for adult participants
 - After School Club staff must comply with TUSD site personnel policies to include weekly testing or proof of vaccination
 - Staffing remains a challenge as workforce trends shift and hourly wage competition increases. The first priority is to maintain services to the public with available personnel.
 - All City affiliated meetings to be conducted via electronic means until further notice, including City Council and Commission meetings.
- Tennis Court and Tennis office lights at the Las Canchas Tennis Center have been impacted by an electrical issue. Staff is working to solve the problem and develop interim solutions for lighting in the Tennis office.
- National Random Acts of Kindness Day is on February 17 and the City has approved of a small display on the lawn in front of the Benstead plunge to help communicate the spirit of the event to the community.
- Multi-Use Sports Complex
 - Staff will present to the City Council on February 15 for approval to commence the field turf replacement at the Sports Complex. The project schedule is anticipated to be 6 weeks and be completed by April 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

FOR COMMISSION MEETING
February 9, 2022

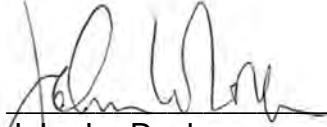
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM TORRANCE COUNCIL ON AGING

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file a letter and attachments from the Council on Aging regarding the 2022 Older American Award.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Correspondence from Council on Aging



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TORRANCE
COMMISSION ON AGING

Julie Dojori
Chairperson
(310) 618-2949

January 14, 2022

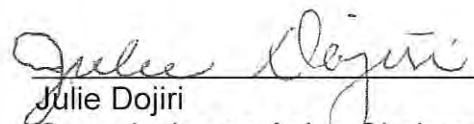
Hello Commissioners,

The Commission on Aging has launched our Older American Award campaign for 2022. Torrance is privileged to have so many seniors who volunteer in our community. This award is to acknowledge and honor them for their dedicated service.

Our Commission is requesting your assistance by inviting you to nominate a qualified senior volunteer. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation and gratitude for the work he/she does on behalf of our community.

Please take a moment to study the cover letter and application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and participation.



Julie Dojori
Commission on Aging Chairperson

Attachments

Your name: _____ Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact person _____ Number _____

E-mail address: _____

A person we can contact for further information if different from above

If you would like to add anything else about this person: _____

If you need more room please use the back or attach another sheet of paper.
Please return to COA
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Torrance CA 90503
Or e-mail it to: dreed@torranceca.gov

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – JANUARY 2022

FACILITY BOOKING – Kenita Trinidad, Acting Program Coordinator

During the month of January, staff issued 26 short-term, 2 hour permits for fields. Long-term field users were issued 483 permits. There were no softball tournaments held at Wilson Park.

Picnic Reservations

- A total of 73 picnics with 1,550 guests in attendance were permitted at Torrance parks during the month of January. The breakdown is as follows:

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	15	431
El Nido Park	6	54
El Retiro Park	8	211
Hickory Park	4	102
Lago Seco Park	4	45
McMaster Park	3	27
Paradise Park	6	136
Torrance Park	5	73
Victor Park	3	32
Walteria Park	6	88
Wilson Park	13	351

There were 38 bouncer permits issued for the month of January.

Park Building Reservations

- Park buildings were rented once by a private group with a total of 55 guests in attendance.
- Non-profit organizations used the buildings on 284 occasions.

Building	Private	Non-Profit	Building	Private	Non-Profit
Alta Loma Park	0	18	Pueblo Park	0	0
El Nido Park	0	27	Sea Aire Park *	8	18
El Retiro Park	1	19	Sur La Brea Park	0	26
Greenwood Park	0	119	Walteria Park	0	12
La Romeria Park	0	17	The Attic	0	0
McMaster Park	0	28			

*Sea Aire reservations for private count is for city holds not reservations.

Facilities Revenue Report

Revenue	January	2022 YTD
Attic	-	-
Facility Reservations	1,365.00	1,365.00
Field Lights/Support	2,904.00	2,904.00
Field Prep	22.50	22.50
Filming Permits	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hockey Rink	803.20	803.20
Picnic Reservations	680.00	680.00
Pool Rental	18,648.39	18,648.39
Special Events	-	-
Sports Center	4,770.72	4,770.72
Torrance Art Museum	-	-
Multi Use Sports Complex	6,274.60	6,274.60
Weddings	-	-
Monthly Total	36,968.41	36,968.41

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Victor Arevalo, Program Coordinator

During the month of January, the Park Ranger program continued its weeknight and weekend patrols of all City parks with a heavy focus on assisting field permit holders and picnic reservations.

Parks

Statistics were kept of common incidents that Rangers observed during the month of January.

	January	YTD
Alcohol Violations	19	19
Amplified Sound	2	2
Bouncer Violations	0	0
Citizen Assist	23	23
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	6	6
Dogs Off Leash Violations	78	78
Fire Call-Outs	0	0
Graffiti Hotline	55	55
Hazard Report/Removal	7	7
Maintenance/Park Call-Outs	6	6
Marijuana/Smoking/Vaping	7	7
Miscellaneous	0	0
Missing Subjects	0	0
Park Damage	17	17
Parking Violations	10	10
Permit Issues	11	11
Police Call-Outs	1	1
Ranger Call-Outs	17	17
Skating/Biking Violations	0	0
Suspicious Subjects	7	7
Unhoused Subject Contacts	24	24
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	17	17
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	0
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	0	0

- Two Rangers completed training phase and riding solo in full uniform.
- Requisition approved to hire four additional staff, interviews to take place in February.
- Unhoused (formerly “transient”) activity and contacts continue to increase with large number of encampments at Columbia Park and increased activity at Torrance and Hickory Parks.
- Unhoused individual residing at Columbia Park gazebo may begin to further impact permit reservations as the condition of the area deteriorates due to impacts caused by makeshift restroom solutions for him and his.
- Torrance Police Dept. effected two arrests of known unhoused individuals at Columbia Park due to assaults in the northeast area of the park, adjacent to Community Gardens.
- Apparent trending social media challenge of defacing/stealing industrial grills resulted in the loss of barbecue grills at Columbia, Torrance and Wilson Parks.
- Rangers assisted Facility Booking by reopening El Retiro, McMaster and Alta Loma for public weekend building rentals.
- Unpermitted tennis instruction continues to impact court usage at Hickory, Sur La Brea and Walteria Parks. Instructors contacted but non-compliant, citing confusing signage on court. Park Services will provide a future report on improved signage for the courts.
- Rangers reporting an uptick in “First Amendment Auditing” activity (subjects filming staff on the field and inside public areas of City facilities).
- El Nido remote control track expansion observed and documented throughout the month, reports of online solicitation of mapping sent to Ranger Coordinator, and forward to Park Services.

REGISTRATION – Suzy Corzine

Registration processed a total of 347 enrollments with a net revenue of \$80,936.00 during the month of January. The breakdown is as follows:

January 2022

	Resident Enrollments	Non-Resident Enrollments	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Staff Enrollments	100	45	145	29,410.00
Internet	94	53	147	14,555.00
Totals	194	98	292	\$ 43,965.00

Adult Leagues January 2022

	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Basketball	15	11,063.50
Softball	40	25,907.50
Totals	55	\$ 36,971.00

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of January, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 11 households, with ongoing projects at 7 additional households.

	January	YTD
Carpentry	14	14
Electrical	4	4
Miscellaneous	7	7
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	0	0
COVID-19	0	0
Total number of services provided	25	25

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for January 2022:

YOUTH SPORTS / AQUATICS / EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – *Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Jesus Castro, Recreation Supervisor; Kathi Wilson, Interim Aquatics Program Coordinator*

Aquatics:

- The drop-in lap swim accounted for 1,512 pool visits. Recreational swim had 94 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental and Swim Torrance accounted for 2,389 pool visits.
- Long-term pool rental LAPS (Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers) Master's Swim Team accounted for 497 pool visits.
- Winter classes have begun. Water Exercise, Adaptive Swim Lessons and Youth Learn to Swim Lessons are taking place. Private lessons are also available.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- The Winter Early Childhood Education has begun at Greenwood Park.
- Fun and Friends, for children ages 3.5 to 5 years old, has 19 participants enrolled.
- Lollipop Tree, for children ages 3 to 4 years old, has 14 enrolled.

Youth Sports:

- The 2022 Co-Ed Indoor Basketball Clinic and Cheerleading Clinics have begun at Wilson Park. The programs are indoors at the Dee Hardison Sports Center and follow the protocols established by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
- The Basketball Clinic is for players in grades K-8 on Tuesday nights and Saturday days. The sessions have been very popular, with each timeslot filling to capacity.
- The Cheer Program is for children in grades 2-8 and is full with 35 cheerleaders. Uniforms have been ordered, and participants are already excited for their end of season performance!

ADULT SPORTS / SEA-AIRE GOLF COURSE – *Jesus Castro, Recreation Supervisor*

Adult Sports:

- Our Winter Adult Basketball leagues began on January 16, 2022, the league set a new record with 60 total teams playing. Leagues are offered Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights.
- The Winter Adult Softball Leagues closed registration on January 12, 2022 with a total of 72 teams.
- Leagues began on Sunday, January 16, 2022 and are offered Sunday – Friday evenings at Wilson Park.
- Adult Roller Hockey has continued their leagues at the rink Monday-Saturday. On non-league days, rentals for practices, skate parties, etc. have been frequent occurrence.

- Private gym rentals for basketball and volleyball have also continued to be strong throughout January.
- New Recreation Supervisor Jesus Castro started on January 31, 2022. Jesus will oversee Adult/Youth Sports Leagues and Sea-Aire Golf Course.

Pickleball:

- Staff met with Torrance Pickleball Ambassadors to review a proposal for possible Adult Pickleball League.
- Staff have reached out to current pickleball instructors to gauge interest in offering youth pickleball lessons.
- Staff have requested quotes from vendors to paint six pickleball courts on the roller hockey rink at Wilson Park.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Warmer and drier than normal weather brought out plenty of golfers to *Sea-Aire* golf course throughout January.
- Total rounds of golf played at *Sea-Aire* totaled 3,080.
- On January 7, the seniors golf club had a great time playing their once a year "Use One Golf Club Only " tournament.
- The *Sea-Aire* women's golf club enjoyed playing a "Best Ball" and a "Pars and Birdies Only" tournament in January.
- The *Sea-Aire* community room continued to be rented during the weekday evenings for Scouts and other group meetings.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / PARK DROP-IN / DAY CAMPS/ VIRTUAL RECREATION– *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Nicole Madera, Recreation Supervisor*

After School Club Program:

The After School Club welcomed Veronica Minter as the new Senior Supervisor and Nicole Madera as the new Recreation Supervisor. The After School Club program remains very popular with 214 participants currently enrolled. Eight out of the eleven sites have a waiting list. Participants had a busy month and enjoyed the Martin Luther King Jr. themed crafts and activities. Congratulations to the Carr After School Club for winning the Site of the Month award! Staff have done an outstanding job and will be commended on the City social media pages.



Winter Camp:

- Winter Camp was held December 27-30 at Greenwood Park.
- Both the Kitchen "A" and Ceramics Room "B" were used with 15 and 21 campers, respectively.

- Campers enjoyed holiday-themed activities and crafts, outdoor group games and challenges as well as video game and movie days.
- Winter Camp continued to follow the L.A. County Department of Public Health guidelines and protocols outlined in Appendix K.

Virtual Recreation:

- Torrance virtual recreation and social media continues to grow. We have transitioned to encourage recreation and promote our programs.
- This Month:
 - Happy New Year – warm wishes to residents from Recreation
 - International Mind-Body Wellness Day 1/3/22 – encourage activities
 - THE ATTIC Book Drive – spotlight program
 - ASC Site of the Month— program announcement
 - National Clean Your Desk Day 1/10/22 – encourage cleaning your desk
 - We're Hiring – announcements and highlights
 - HIP Program – project spotlight: new grab bars
 - ASC Staff Community Project – Cards for Meals on Wheels
 - Senior Tech Day – spotlight upcoming program

**TEENS/CO-REC / YOUTH COUNCIL / SENIOR CITIZENS / COMMISSION ON AGING
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION / ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS –**

Deborah Reed, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Patti Goldenson Recreation Supervisor Senior Programs; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator; Linda Wilson-Gray, Senior Program Specialist, Senior Programs, Nena Davis, Senior Program Specialist, Teen Programs; Vacant, Recreation Supervisor

Special Events:

- No Updates for January

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- The winter program began on January 10, 2022.
- In both classes, we are continuing to work on cutting skills, alphabet letters and doing some fun art projects. We are also getting ready for Valentine's Day and our pajama parties.
- Classes are running smoothly. There are no volunteers to report at this time due to COVID. Hoping to have them back in the classroom soon.

Adaptive Recreation:

- Virtual programming continues via Zoom for PALS (People Actively Learning and Sharing) members. An average of 20 - 25 members attend each virtual activity.
- PALS 2022 membership is off to a great start. There was an outreach to past PALS members who did not participate last year. There were positive responses to this outreach and many of those members have renewed for 2022.
- Along with the ZOOM activities in January, PALS swim and basketball have started their respective practice seasons. Basketball and swim have an average of 20-25 participants. The team volunteers do an excellent job as usual! If it were not for our dedicated volunteers, our sports programs would not be as successful. They are truly an extension of our staff. All county COVID protocols have been in place for both sports activities.

THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- THE ATTIC continued with regular hours throughout the month of January. THE ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 520, including guests and members.
- On Wednesdays, ATTIC staff held special “Welcome Back to THE ATTIC” activities for the members. This month’s welcome back activities included: Joel - Finish the Lyrics, Neah J - Paper Plate Challenge, and Emily Escalante, Senior Program Specialist – Last Day Party.
- Currently training a new Senior Program Specialist to maintain programming and staffing for THE ATTIC facility.
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Neah - “Fruit Roll-Up Challenge” and “Exploding Kittens,” and Joel - “How Good is Your Memory” and fuse beads.
- Movie Fridays featured, “The Amazing Spider Man,” “Little Nicky” “Rio,” and “Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl.”

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday January 3, THE ATTIC Advisory Committee Council held their monthly meeting, which took place from 6:04pm to 7:16pm via Zoom. Sixteen members attended. Committee members participated in a teambuilding game and discussed upcoming events. January and February events were postponed due to the surge in COVID numbers. The next zoom meeting is scheduled for February 7.

S.P.I.N. (Serving People in Need): (Not currently meeting due to COVID)

Co-Rec (Co-Recreation):

Co-Rec is on hold through summer due to COVID.

Youth Council (TYC):

- The Youth Council continues to meet in committees to plan for their upcoming events.
- TYC is excited about Senior Tech Day on February 5 at the Bartlett Center. Seniors can get one-on-one help with laptops, cell phones or tablets. Any and all questions will be answered. COVID protocols will be in place to keep everyone safe.

RECREATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER

LOCATION/PROGRAM	NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
Adaptive Sports		
Bartlett Senior Center	17	71
Early Childhood		
Focal Point	9/in office 1/home	204
AARP Tax Aide	8	24
S.P.I.N.		
Youth Sports		
TOTAL:		

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The Commission is working on the Older American Awards scheduled for May. Applications are out to organizations that utilize seniors thru volunteer service.
- The Commission is also working on scheduling guest speakers to discuss topics that affect seniors.

Focal Point on Aging:

- The Focal Point office continues to operate from 9:00am-noon. They now have full staffing in the office. However, in-person consultations are not available without an appointment. Focal Point is not accepting walk-ins.
- Some of the volunteers continue to pick up messages and make referrals from home during the remaining hours of 12:00pm-3:00pm.
- Focal Point staff continue to make birthday calls to seniors in the community.
- The AARP Tax-Aide program begins on February 14 and will be structured differently than we have seen in past years due to COVID-19, and social distancing. No walk-in preparation is available; participants will need to make an appointment online. Those with appointments will be seen on Mondays only.

Senior Citizens Programs (Bartlett Center, Tillim, Walteria)

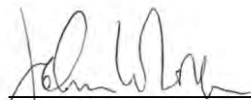
- Bartlett's crafting group meets in the conference room every Friday. They might bring a project such as crochet or knitting to work on, but mostly, they are there enjoying each other's company. There are 5 or 6 ladies that attend each week, and have met at Bartlett for many years in the Hobby Shop. They are a delightful group and we are so happy to have them come back!
- The computer training program has resumed and is off to a great start! The program is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and there are two appointments available each session. We already have reservations all the way into March and most days have a waitlist. Seniors that wish to become more familiar with their cell phone, tablet, laptop, or any other device are welcome to participate.
- Card playing (online Bridge) continues to be well attended. We welcome players of all levels at the card tables and encourage those who wish to learn the game to come and try it out.
- Bartlett staff continue to conduct ZOOM games including Bingo, Jeopardy, and Wheel-less of Fortune; all are doing well and our participants enjoy the programs.
- The Tillim Senior Center and Walteria Park Senior programs remain closed.
- Staff continue to work on winter classes and the re-opening of Tillim and Walteria facilities.
- TUSD Friday winter Cardio Salsa classes for seniors began in January at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.
- Bartlett began offering exercise classes: Chair Fusion-Yoga, moves and stretching and a Fitness Difference class that offers active movement, floor work and strengthening with bands and lightweights.

Respectfully Submitted,



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