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The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 Candioty

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Mataalii

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, March 3, 2022 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15 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 1 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 February 9, 2022.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Torrance Youth Council Presentation on the “Happy to Chat Bench” Project

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the installation of a Happy to Chat bench, or Happy to Chat signage to be placed on existing park benches.

7B. Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Presentation regarding the Climate Smart Award Program

7C. 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
- Congratulations Vic Arevalo
- Commission Meeting Time

7D. Presentation of the Community Services Department Portion of the Inaugural Year in Review

7E. 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, April 13, 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, February 9, 2022, via teleconference or other electronic means.

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Feliz, Korman, Mataalii, Mele, Montoya, Muhammed and Chairperson Candioty

Absent: None

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock,
Administrative Analyst Lee,
Recreation Services Manager Craig,
Park Services Manager Drake
Park Ranger – Program Coordinator Arevalo
Senior Supervisor Madera
Senior Supervisor Minter

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mele.

3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson Candioty stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board on February 3, 2022.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Community Services Director La Rock stated that the Park Services Report was a supplemental item which had been issued on February 9 and would be presented to the Commission at the meeting by Park Services Manager Drake.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Chairperson Candioty welcomed members of the Youth Council. Youth Council Vice Chair Kaplan spoke about a proposal for a project for “happy to chat” benches in parks.

Newly promoted Senior Supervisor Minter and Senior Supervisor Madera introduced themselves to the Commission.

Newly hired Recreation Supervisor Castro for Adult/Youth Sports Leagues introduced himself to the Commission.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 12, 2022**

MOTION: Commissioner Mele moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of January 12, 2022 as amended to include an excused absence for Commissioner Korman for the January 12, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Feliz seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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**
Director La Rock reported that the City was anticipating some significant reductions in the restrictions to the current operating programs with the hope that at the end of the school year, summer programs and camps could be back to normal and continue into the fall.
- **Tennis Court and Tennis office lights at the Las Canchas Tennis Center**
Director La Rock reported that staff was currently working to correct an outage at Las Canchas Tennis Center.
- **National Random Acts of Kindness Day**
Director La Rock announced that the City Manager's Office and Community Services had approved the recognition of February 17, 2022 as National Random Acts of Kindness Day. He stated that a sign announcing the day would be displayed on February 17, 2022 in front of the Benstead Plunge.
- **Multi-Use Sports Complex**
Director La Rock reported that staff would present to the City Council on February 15 for approval to commence the field turf replacement at the LA Galaxy Sports Complex. He explained that the project schedule was anticipated to be 6 weeks and completed by April 1, 2022.

7B. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Director La Rock explained that the Commission on Aging had sent a request to the Commission for nominees for the 2022 Older American Award. He noted that the nominee form was attached to the item and included information on how to return the form to the Commission on Aging.

7C. **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- Review Department Monthly Reports**

- Administrative Services

Administrative Analyst Lee presented the Administrative Services Division Report for January 2022, included in agenda packets. He highlighted Facility Booking, picnic and park building reservations and noted that park reservations had been re-opened for private groups. He discussed the Facilities Revenue report, the Ranger Program, Registration, and the Home Improvement Program.

- Park Services

Park Services Manager Drake presented the Park Services Monthly Report for January 2022, included in the agenda packets. Her review included reports on Park/Facilities crews weeding and continuing storm cleanup, the replacement of lines and valves in the irrigation system, turf management and mowing, the ongoing installation of the signs at Los Arboles and DePortola Parks and the repair and replacement of the gazebo at the Sur La Brea Park. She discussed volunteer help at the parks, including the Steamers, grant applications for the Newton triangle and Discovery Park, scout projects, donated plants for Seaside Heroes Park and the addition of two college student volunteers at Henrietta Basin. She noted that the Preserve and Nature Center was in the process of adding more staff, more programs and tours and would continue to work with a grant from the Audubon Society. She stated that Pelican Products, Inc. continued to support the City and had recently filmed a commercial at the Marsh. She discussed ground mammal maintenance.

- Recreation Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the Park Services Monthly Report for January 2022, included in the material of record. He noted that the departments had been reorganized in January, which allowed opportunities for change and different perspectives for the programs. His review included reports and user feedback on Adult Sports, Aquatics, Senior Citizen Programs, After School Club, Pickle Ball, Teen Center and Adaptive Recreation. He noted that Youth Sports had resumed in January 2022 with basketball clinic and cheerleading. He added that 2 CIF basketball games had been hosted at the Dee Hardison Sports Center.

8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION: At 7:42 p.m., Commissioner Feliz moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference or other electronic means. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Korman and a roll call vote reflected a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION MANAGER
SUBJECT: TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL – HAPPY TO CHAT BENCHES

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the installation of a Happy to Chat bench, or Happy to Chat signage to be placed on existing park benches.

At their February 2, 2022 meeting, the Torrance Youth Council discussed and approved a proposal to provide a bench or signage on specific benches at a few of the parks within the Torrance community. The proposal for the bench and/or signage is to encourage conversations between individuals.

In the event the proposal is approved, staff will discuss with the Park Services Manager available benches that signs can be placed on as well as possible placement for a new bench, if one is purchased. Attached are samples of signage from other communities.

More information about Happy to Chat benches is available at the following web link:
<https://www.apartmenttherapy.com/poland-happy-to-chat-benches-37007127>.

Respectfully submitted,



Garrett Craig
Recreation Manager

CONCUR:


John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Samples of signage on other benches
B) Sample of sign if TYC provides the bench
C) Sample of publicity (flier digital and hard copies)



**“Happy to Chat”
Bench**

Sit here if you don't mind
someone stopping to say hello!

Donated by the Torrance Youth Council
-2021-2022



You might have noticed some benches around Newcastle with a sign placed on them.

Happy to chat bench

The 'Chat Bench' seeks to break down social barriers and allow us to all say 'hello'.

By sitting on the bench, you can let people know that you're happy to have a friendly talk with someone.



To find out more
Scan here

Torrance Climate Smart Awards Fact Sheet

The **Torrance Climate Smart Award** is a program being implemented by the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission in support of the Stewardship of the Environment Priority in the 2021 Strategic Plan. The goal of the award is to recognize residents, students, schools, businesses and organizations within Torrance for their outstanding environmental achievements.

Nominations can be submitted to Environmental staff in the Community Development Department.

Award categories are:

Climate Smart Energy

Climate Smart Water

Climate Smart Youth

Climate Smart Community

Climate Smart Business

Torrance Climate Smart Award categories are based on any of the following criteria:

Sustainability; Energy (energy efficient, reduction of energy demand, all electric and zero net energy); Waste Reduction (recycling, waste prevention); Transportation (reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, EV); Reduction of air pollution; Water usage reduction; Solar panels; Drought tolerant landscaping; Reduction of carbon dioxide emissions; meeting Clean Bay and California Green Business Network standards.

Climate Smart Energy Award: Recognizes individuals and/or organizations that demonstrate outstanding achievements in clean energy, energy efficiency, demand reduction, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate Smart Water Award: Recognizes individuals and/or organizations that demonstrate outstanding achievements in water conservation through the implementation, planning or promotion of innovative water conservation efforts.

Climate Smart Youth Award: Recognizes Torrance youth age 18 or younger for going above and beyond to improve the environmental quality of life in Torrance and for leadership in environmental programs that build awareness and engagement of their peers, school and community.

Climate Smart Community Award: Recognizes an individual member of the community or community group that provides outstanding support to the implementation and goals of the strategic plan as it pertains to environmental stewardship.

Climate Smart Business Award: Recognizes commercial and industrial businesses that demonstrate achievements in any area of the award criteria or have received a LEED or other recognized environmental certification, including but not limited to Clean Bay Restaurant and California Green Business Network.

Stewardship of the Environment



In 2008, Stewardship of the Environment rose to the level of a Strategic Priority based on increasing awareness and concerns regarding climate change and its effects on our world. This Strategic Priority addresses the need for Torrance to be aware of, and proactively respond to, a wide variety of issues concerning the physical environment, from the micro and local to the macro and global. Understanding and addressing the cumulative impacts of individual, local and regional activities assures that Torrance will be a leader in minimizing negative effects on our environment. We see this priority as both a vital issue to address and preserve the quality of life for future generations, and an opportunity for Torrance to be a leader in encouraging and facilitating individual, local, regional and commercial solutions for this on-going global issue.

2021 Strategic Plan

- The data collected for this renewal indicates a continued concern with issues related to the environment, including recycling, storm water run-off, air quality and global climate change and the ways in which these issues can be mitigated. Since Stewardship of the Environment was made a Strategic Priority, Torrance, along with numerous other jurisdictions, adopted a Climate Action Plan, and continues to look for ways for our community to proactively address the issues arising from and adding to climate change.

2008 Strategic Plan

- All of the data collection efforts for the 2008 Strategic Plan update indicated a growing awareness of the importance of issues relating to the environment. From local issues related to recycling efforts and storm water run-off, to regional air quality impacts from industry and transportation, to the effects of global climate change—all the data affirmed the wisdom of making Stewardship of the Environment a Strategic Priority for Torrance.

Previous iterations of the Strategic Plan addressed various aspects of environmental issues in goals and sub-goals. These were gathered under this Strategic Priority or left to echo the interrelatedness of all the Strategic Priorities where appropriate.

GOAL 1: Establish Torrance as a leader in environmental responsibility and sustainability.

- Sub-goal 1.1:** Communicate the urgency of the ecological crisis and its impacts at all levels—from local to global—and the City’s obligation and commitment to taking a leadership role in environmental stewardship.
- Sub-goal 1.2:** Incorporate environmental stewardship goals and policies using best practices in all the City’s plans and implementation programs, including metrics to the extent feasible.
- Sub-goal 1.3:** Continue to collaborate with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and other regional and local partners to implement sustainable initiatives, plans, practices, and policies and take a leadership role in their implementation.
- Sub-goal 1.4:** Seek out funding sources outside of the City, including state and federal funds, public-private partnerships, institutional investors, and insurance and financial institutions to aid the City in implementing their sustainability plans.

GOAL 2: Actively inform, educate, and motivate the community regarding the value and benefit of environmental stewardship.

- Sub-goal 2.1:** Develop and implement a comprehensive environmental stewardship outreach plan that raises awareness of the issues and the importance of local action; educates and provides information; actively involves the community; and inspires action.
- Sub-goal 2.2:** Motivate community involvement and action through dynamic methods and partnerships, such as incentives, rewards, recognition programs, promotions, and competitions.
- Sub-goal 2.3:** Regularly report and celebrate progress in achieving environmental stewardship goals.

GOAL 3: Aggressively plan and act to enable all city stakeholders to mitigate and adapt to the climate change and ecological crisis.

- Sub-goal 3.1:** Recognize the Climate Emergency, like numerous cities in the United States have already done.
- Sub-goal 3.2:** Provide sufficient authority, staff, and resources necessary to enable the City’s Sustainability Team to assist city stakeholders to implement the City’s Climate Action Plan and other sustainability plans and programs to effectively mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Sub-goal 3.3:** Develop, sustain, and update comprehensive climate change mitigation and adaptation plans (for example, Climate Action

Plan, etc.) and programs grounded in consensus-based scientific research and recommendations.

Sub-goal 3.4: Identify and implement solutions to climate change-related risks and impacts faced by the City.

Sub-goal 3.5: Create and maintain climate resilient infrastructure that will enable the City and its stakeholders to mitigate and adapt to the local and global impacts of climate change, including but not limited to, higher temperatures, rising sea levels, pressure on food and water resources, and threats to human health.

Sub-goal 3.6: Prioritize programs to protect those in the City most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including but not limited to, the health-impaired and the economically and environmentally disadvantaged.

GOAL 4: Create and promote sustainable/green practices for use in daily life.

Sub-goal 4.1: Implement policies that encourage and support the City and all community members in localizing the control and sustainable/green acquisition, production, storage, use, reuse and/or recycling of the necessities of daily life; including water, food, and energy.

Sub-goal 4.2: Promote information regarding City and State programs aimed at energy conservation and efficiency (for example, Energy Upgrade California, Southern California Edison Green Rates Program, etc.).

Sub-goal 4.3: Increase awareness of local opportunities for proper disposal of bio-hazards, hazardous, toxic and electronic wastes and/or provide a community drop/off or exchange program.

Sub-goal 4.4: Increase outreach and education to the public on how to “refuse, reuse, recycle and reduce” waste.

Sub-goal 4.5: Provide more recycling opportunities in communal areas (for example, parks, bus stops, street corners, etc.) wherever there are trash containers.

Sub-goal 4.6: Increase local food production and security by promoting edible, pollinator-friendly, yard/container/rooftop gardens, farmers’ markets and composting in private and public spaces, and increasing the opportunity for community gardens, gleaning and exchanges.

GOAL 5: Strive for water reliability through the preservation and conservation of water resources.

Sub-goal 5.1: Monitor and maintain adequate water resources.

Sub-goal 5.2: Prevent saltwater intrusion (Goldsworthy Desalter) and clean up groundwater contamination.

- Sub-goal 5.3:** Expand use of recycled and gray water for landscaping, industry, business, and other applications.
- Sub-goal 5.4:** Explore, encourage and implement water conservation programs.
- Sub-goal 5.5:** Promote Low Impact Development (LID) methods for the capture and reuse of stormwater.

GOAL 6: Preserve and protect the natural environment and the benefits provided by well-functioning ecosystems.

- Sub-goal 6.1:** Preserve coastal resources, including preventing polluted stormwater runoff from flowing into protected watersheds.
- Sub-goal 6.2:** Encourage and support a natural urban ecosystem, including preserving Madrona Marsh; promoting use of native and drought-tolerant plants; and seeking opportunities to create new green spaces and/or open space.
- Sub-goal 6.3:** Continue to plant trees appropriate to the local climate, and replace trees lost to removal.
- Sub-goal 6.4:** Adopt measures to make Torrance a wildlife-friendly city, such as identifying vehicle-free corridors and easements for connectivity, promoting the use of plant species known to host abundant local wildlife species, limiting feral animals, and keeping pets out of natural habitats.

GOAL 7: Create a positive environment for businesses and industries to adopt sustainable/green practices.

- Sub-goal 7.1:** Support and provide incentives for businesses to use environmentally-friendly and socially-responsible practices, (for example, LEED certification, Envision, Organic Material Review Institute, Integrated Pest Management).
- Sub-goal 7.2:** Publicly recognize and reward businesses and practices that minimize adverse environmental impacts and/or improve the environment, and offer a certification program, (for example, "Torrance Green Business").
- Sub-goal 7.3:** Continue to recruit and provide incentives for relocation of environmentally and socially-responsible businesses into the City.
- Sub-goal 7.4:** Promote public and private partnerships to achieve and demonstrate greater synergy for sustainable/green businesses and practices.

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

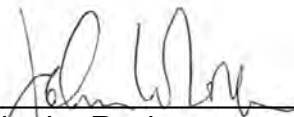
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

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
 - Impacts of latest LA County masking rules
 - Staffing remains a significant challenge as businesses seek to capture the entry-level workforce with hourly rates beyond the City's current capacity.
- Congratulations to Vic Arevalo on his promotion to the new position of Ranger Supervisor. Under the Ranger Supervisor, the Park Ranger, Animal Control and Coyote Program will find alignment.
- Commission meeting time
 - A number of City Commissions have elected to make changes to the start time of their meetings. Of the 11 Commissions that meet in the evenings, 6 meet at either 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. The City Council meetings commence at 6:30 p.m. Should the Commission wish to consider a modification to the start time of their meetings, a referral to staff can be made for a future agenda report on the process to change the time.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

FOR COMMISSION MEETING
March 9, 2022

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES INAUGURAL YEAR IN REVIEW

The City of Torrance released its inaugural Citywide report, a 2021 Year in Review on March 1, 2022. The City Manager's Office, in collaboration with staff from each of the 13 City departments, compiled the information and produced the report to communicate with the City Council and members of the public a highlight of projects across all departments for the 2021 calendar year.

Staff are providing the Parks and Recreation Commission with the Community Services Department's portion of the Year in Review tonight in order to share with you the achievements made over the past year. Staff are not requesting any action from the Commission on this topic, as this is intended to be for information only.

The complete City Year in Review can be viewed at:

<https://www.torranceca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/72788/637818110015993577>

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachments: A) Community Services Year in Review

COMMUNITY SERVICES

CREATING AND ENRICHING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The **Community Services Department** offers Torrance residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds unique opportunities to experience physical, emotional and intellectual growth within the specialized areas of Cultural Arts, Libraries and Humanities, Parks and Recreation. As a professional organization, each of our dedicated team members strive to deliver services to our community with integrity, honesty, and respect for all participants. Across our services, we work to foster lifelong learning and personal development, with a goal of cultivating joy, delight and wonder. In addition, we foster the axiom that “Parks Make Life Better” for everyone.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**



COMMUNITY SERVICES

PARKS

PARKS HIGHLIGHTS

- Maintenance of all City parks, Civic Center Complex and Sea-Aire Golf Course
- Maintains all trees, turf, barbecues, benches, game courts and athletic fields
- Responsible for the rehabilitation of all parks
- Monitoring and repair of playground equipment, park buildings and restrooms and park irrigation systems
- Division staff includes certified play equipment inspectors and a certified arborist
- Manage the operation, plant and animal life at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center and Preserve

Our parks are for the community, and in them you can enjoy all manner of sports and recreation, dogs on a 6-foot leash, picnic areas, a splashpad and so much more. Community members can dedicate a tree, park bench or other amenity in honor of a loved one, and they can also volunteer to beautify their parks including forming or joining a Friends of the Park group.



Park Services staff and community volunteers clean up and make improvements at Walteria Park.



Park Services manages
412 ACRES
of parks and open space in Torrance.



RECREATION

RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

Bartlett Senior Citizens Center was able to reopen July 12, 2021 for our Senior Lunch Program and served a total of 2,351 meals to Seniors in 2021.



Youth Sports section of the Recreation Division received the 2021 National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), Excellence in Youth Sports Award. The award was based on the City's innovative ways to return to play safely amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff created a Co-Ed Outdoor Basketball Skills Clinic for children in grades K-8 at Wilson Park. The Youth Sports Section served 743 participants in 2021.

Sea-Aire Golf Course was able to safely stay open for all of 2021; the course set a new single year record with 36,968 total rounds of golf played in 2021. This is a testament to the hard work by Recreation Services and Park Services staff to keep the course open and running.



Recreation Services served more than
65,000 PARTICIPANTS
throughout all their programs in 2021.

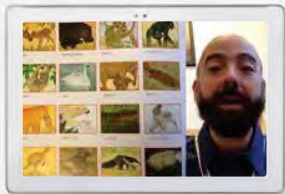


COMMUNITY SERVICES

LIBRARY

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

- At the height of COVID in 2021, the Library pivoted to provide contactless services—which included curbside circulation services, make-and-take craft kits and the California State Library funded ZipBook program to engage and maintain library users.
- Library staff created and implemented a 10-week All Ages Summer Reading Program that was completely virtual and well-received with more than 1,700 participants.
- The Library increased its digital services exponentially with the introduction of Hoopla, Kono, Overdrive and PressReader, as well as six additional learning resource databases: Skillshare, LinkedIn Learning, Coursera, GetSetUp, Learning Express Library and Northstar Digital Literacy, all funded by the California State Library's Career Pathways Program.



The Library established a robust social media presence utilizing Facebook, Instagram and YouTube platforms where staff promoted library services and resources and presented programs, including Pantry Helpers, cooking tutorials incorporating foodstuffs from Torrance Cares 2 Go supplies.

The Open Plus concept and design was initiated at El Retiro Library, and the transformation continues to offer additional self-service library options. Although the building was closed temporarily, programming continued outdoors and virtually.



CULTURAL SERVICES

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS



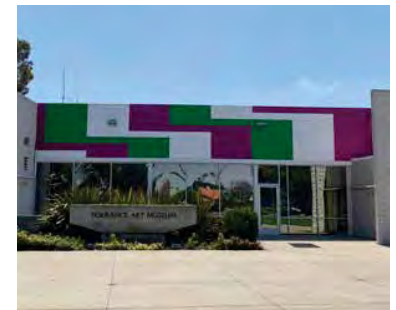
Offered yoga classes and youth dance classes on the Torino Plaza during the pandemic.



The annual summer musical returned this year, featuring "Nunsense: The Mega-Musical."



Ambitious Cultural events and programs were provided to the community under specific guidance for participant safety. Season highlights included the restoration of creative and wellness classes such as yoga and ceramics, as well as Torrance Theatre Company productions at their Downtown theater, including an acclaimed production of "Nunsense: The Mega-Musical," at the Armstrong Theatre. There also was continuation and expansion of the Farmers Market. Plus the Torrance Art Museum presentation of the ULTRA! exhibit and public art festival for more than 2,000 guests followed by NOMAD, the largest pop-up of contemporary art in Southern California history showcased at the Del Amo Crossing office complex.



A new mural was added to Torrance Art Museum as part of the Ultra! events this past summer.



Torrance Batting Cages

Torrance Batting Cages at Charles H. Wilson has facilities for baseball, as well as fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball. There also are private pitching tunnels and a curveball machine. You can even get your glove relaced at the pro shop!



Torrance Plunge

The Victor E. Benstead Plunge has been serving the community since 1956. The Plunge is an Olympic-sized 50x20 meter heated pool. It was named for Victor E. Benstead, a City Councilmember from 1952 to 1964. Benstead championed the development of City parks and recreational facilities.



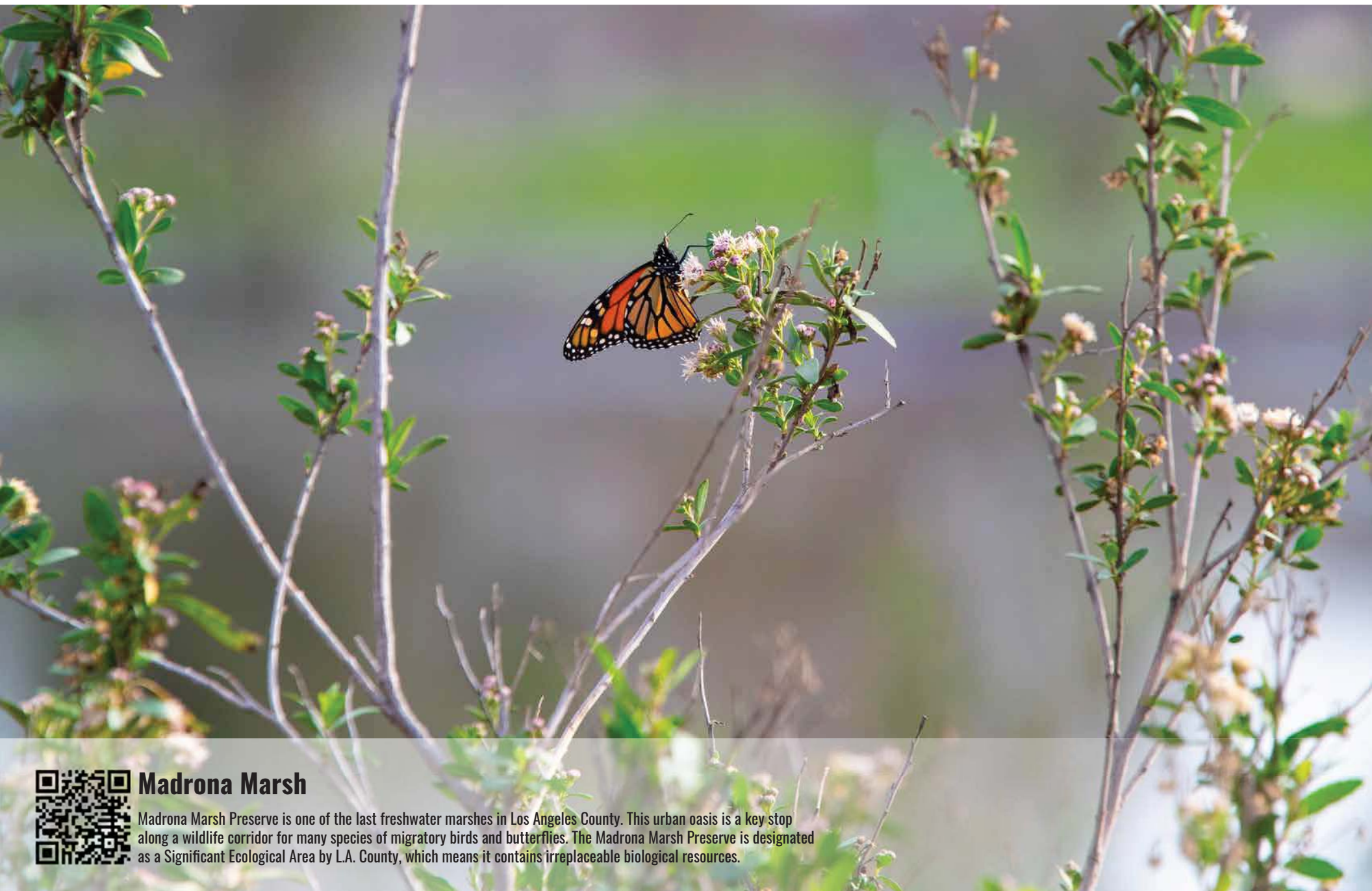
Torrance Art Museum

Torrance Art Museum, which opened in 2005, is located on the Civic Center campus as part of the Cultural Arts Center. It showcases several exhibits throughout the year with an emphasis on contemporary art, including many local artists.



Seaside Heroes Park

Seaside Heroes Park was dedicated in 2011. The name is intended to honor three fallen Army soldiers who grew up in the neighborhood near the park: Cpl. Joseph Anzack Jr.; Capt. Matthew Ferrara; and Cpl. Micah Gifford.



Madrona Marsh

Madrona Marsh Preserve is one of the last freshwater marshes in Los Angeles County. This urban oasis is a key stop along a wildlife corridor for many species of migratory birds and butterflies. The Madrona Marsh Preserve is designated as a Significant Ecological Area by L.A. County, which means it contains irreplaceable biological resources.

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022

FACILITY BOOKING – Kenita Trinidad, Program Coordinator

During the month of February, staff issued 20 short-term, 2 hour permits for fields. Long-term field users were issued 727 permits. There were no softball tournaments held at Wilson Park.

Picnic Reservations

- A total of 629 picnics with 25,634 guests in attendance were permitted at Torrance parks during the month of February. The breakdown is as follows:

| Park | Picnics | Guests |
|----------------|---------|--------|
| Columbia Park | 182 | 9,743 |
| El Nido Park | 35 | 758 |
| El Retiro Park | 24 | 627 |
| Hickory Park | 15 | 351 |
| Lago Seco Park | 21 | 252 |
| McMaster Park | 1 | 25 |
| Paradise Park | 9 | 198 |
| Torrance Park | 33 | 876 |
| Victor Park | 18 | 360 |
| Walteria Park | 8 | 232 |
| Wilson Park | 283 | 12,212 |

There were 28 bouncer permits issued for the month of February.

Park Building Reservations

- Park buildings were rented twice by private groups with a total of 110 guests in attendance.
- Non-profit organizations used the buildings on 301 occasions.

| Building | Private | Non-Profit | Building | Private | Non-Profit |
|-----------------|---------|------------|------------------|---------|------------|
| Alta Loma Park | 0 | 13 | Pueblo Park | 0 | 0 |
| El Nido Park | 0 | 24 | Sea Aire Park * | 8 | 18 |
| El Retiro Park | 1 | 52 | Sur La Brea Park | 0 | 23 |
| Greenwood Park | 0 | 117 | Walteria Park | 0 | 13 |
| La Romeria Park | 0 | 16 | The Attic | 0 | 0 |
| McMaster Park | 1 | 25 | | | |

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

Facilities Revenue Report

| Revenue | February | 2022 YTD |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Attic | - | - |
| Facility Reservations | 335.00 | 1,700.00 |
| Field Lights/Support | 9,866.50 | 12,770.50 |
| Field Prep | 18.75 | 41.25 |
| Filming Permits | - | 1,500.00 |
| Hockey Rink | 4,201.80 | 5005.00 |
| Picnic Reservations | 5,510.00 | 6,190.00 |
| Pool Rental | 24,187.52 | 42,835.91 |
| Special Events | - | - |
| Sports Center | 6,229.28 | 11,000.00 |
| Torrance Art Museum | - | - |
| LA Galaxy Sports Complex | 32,648.20 | 38,922.80 |
| Weddings | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Monthly Total | \$ 83,497.05 | \$ 120,465.46 |

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Victor Arevalo, Program Coordinator

During the month of February, the Park Ranger program continued its weeknight and weekend patrols of all City parks.

Parks

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

| | February | YTD |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Alcohol Violations | 22 | 41 |
| Amplified Sound | 15 | 17 |
| Bouncer Violations | 1 | 1 |
| Citizen Assist | 36 | 59 |
| Defiant/Disruptive Subjects | 2 | 8 |
| Dogs Off Leash Violations | 172 | 250 |
| Fire Call-Outs | 0 | 0 |
| Graffiti Hotline | 33 | 88 |
| Hazard Report/Removal | 3 | 10 |
| Maintenance/Park Call-Outs | 3 | 9 |
| Marijuana/Smoking/Vaping | 4 | 11 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 |
| Missing Subjects | 0 | 0 |
| Park Damage | 5 | 22 |
| Parking Violations | 26 | 36 |
| Permit Issues | 3 | 14 |

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|---|----|----|
| Police Call-Outs | 3 | 4 |
| Ranger Call-Outs | 11 | 28 |
| Skating/Biking Violations | 1 | 1 |
| Suspicious Subjects | 0 | 7 |
| Unhoused Subject Contacts | 11 | 35 |
| Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks | 7 | 24 |
| Trespassing on Closed Fields | 0 | 0 |
| Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts | 0 | 0 |

- Major progress in program restructure with the hire of Ranger Supervisor, additional reclassifications and adjustments to follow.
- Spike in dog off leash contacts with increased presence at Miramar Park which has a high number of dog owners letting pets run free, compliance has improved through additional presence and education.
- Unhoused (formerly “transient”) activity at Columbia Park remains high with several long term subjects impacting permitted areas (gazebo); Torrance Police Dept. presence throughout the month to assist with a variety of calls (medical, disputes, suspicious behavior).
- Additional Torrance Police Dept. support requested with unhoused subjects at Torrance Park who shines lights at cars driving by has improved.
- Other noteworthy items include: adding Delthorne Park restroom to the list of restrooms secured during the week; documentations of El Nido remote control track which continues to expand and impact other park amenities (softball field and basketball court) and a high number of citizen assists as park usage increases approaching spring.

REGISTRATION – Suzy Corzine

Registration processed a total of 248 enrollments with a net revenue of \$99,875.42 during the month of February. The breakdown is as follows:

February 2022

| | Resident Enrollments | Non-Resident Enrollments | Total Enrollments | Net Revenue |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Staff Enrollments | 206 | 32 | 238 | 99,008.42 |
| Internet | 2 | 8 | 10 | 867.00 |
| Totals | 208 | 40 | 248 | \$ 99,875.42 |

Registration processed the 3rd payments for After School Club and Priority Preschool. There were no adult sports registrations.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of February, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 11 households, with ongoing projects at 9 additional households.

| | February | YTD |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| Carpentry | 6 | 20 |
| Electrical | 5 | 9 |
| Miscellaneous | 6 | 13 |
| Paint | 0 | 0 |
| Plumbing | 5 | 5 |
| COVID-19 | 0 | 0 |
| Total number of services provided | 22 | 47 |

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – February 2022

PARKS / FACILITIES

The North Crew:

- Raked parking lot at McMaster Park.
- Removed trash and other items generated by the Torrance Farmer's Market at Wilson Park.
- Weeded California native garden at Hickory Park.
- Raised tree for safety at Sur la Brea Park.
- Care for plants at nursery in the City Yard.
- Filled in ruts at La Carretera Park.
- Met with So. Cal Gas Company at Wilson Park in regards to staging their tools and equipment as part of a gas line installation on Crenshaw Blvd.
- Removed trash and debris generated from the Street Fair downtown.
- Cleared debris from Kingsdale Ave. adjacent to El Nido Park.
- Applied pesticide at Civic Center.
- Removed active wasp nest from play equipment at Greenwood Park.
- Relocated two trash containers to El Nido Park.
- Replaced damaged picnic table board at Torrance Park.

South Crew:

- Removed a high volume of ice plant that had become overgrown on the slope and along the walkway at Los Arboles Park.
- Trimmed pine tree branches overhanging the walkway at El Retiro Park.
- Located and repaired an irrigation main-line break at Columbia Park.
- Trimmed up all of the trees around the Victor Park picnic area.
- Trimmed up all of the trees at Columbia Park. This was hundreds of trees!
- Trimmed up low hanging branches on the pine trees at Delthorne Park.

- Trimmed all of the hedges around the library, the recreation building, the ball diamond, and the restrooms.
- Cleaned up the Gunser Park men's and women's restroom after there was a huge back up in the plumbing. This back up caused the restrooms to be closed for a half a day.
- Removed a dead New Zealand Christmas tree from Walteria Park.
- Performed, in advance of removal, a tree stump inventory in all south Torrance Parks. There are 13.
- Removed all of the weeds in the fallen fruit area that surrounds the Lago Seco Community Gardens fence line.
- Filled up all of the low spots at Miramar Park in advance of a weekend wedding.

Divisional Crew:

- Continued to mow all parks on a 7-day schedule.
- Initiated ground squirrel management program at Wilson Park.
- Removed 2 iron benches from the downtown Kennedy Memorial and prepped the area for renovations.
- Provided two iron benches to vendor where they will be renovated and powder coated.
- Installed temporary chain-link fence panels around the Kennedy Memorial Park to secure the area during construction.
- Created the wooded forms necessary to contain concrete in the process of creating more picnic and seating areas at Keller Memorial Park.

Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center

- Rainfall through February
 - Our season runs from October 1st to September 30th.
 - Season to date rainfall = 8.51 inches
 - February precipitation = .10 inches (extremely low)
 - Last season February = .02 inches (extremely low)
 - February normal = 3.64 inches
 - Excluding March, the historical record low monthly rainfall amounts have all been set in the past 10 years!
- Collected in excess of 30 volunteer applications seeking to volunteer with Madrona Marsh
 - Many candidates interviewed in February, with balance during March.
 - Friends of Madrona Marsh sharing interview duties.
 - These are long-term volunteers. Positions include reception, front gate, outreach, docent, animal care and gift store, among others.

- Program activities increasing at the Nature Center. February activities included:
 - Saturday Nature Walk (monthly)
 - Senior stroll (monthly)
 - Friday Fun (weekly)
 - Nature Stories and Crafts (monthly)
 - Audubon Bird Walk (monthly)
 - Henrietta Basin Tour (monthly)
 - Tyke Hike (monthly)
- Supported Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Science Fair
 - Provided judges for environment sciences categories
- School Tours in February
 - Torrance Montessori school
- Moving forward on three Eagle Scout projects beginning March/April.
 - Preliminary planning performed during February
- Conducted bio filter weeding and planting project with Project Upward Bound.
 - A program to develop youth leaders from underserved communities through community volunteering.
 - Thanks to staff members Tracey Dunn and Jon Nakai.
- Staff led bird walk tour of Madrona Marsh for Whittier Area Audubon Society.
 - Jon Nakai provided staff support.
- Cub Scout Pack 586 out of Redondo Beach held their clean-up trash day at the Preserve.
 - Increasing environmental awareness one piece of trash at a time.
- Attendance for February = 2,220 by hand count.

Volunteers:

- One volunteer worked at the City Yard assisting with filling and data entry in the absence of the Admin. Assistant
- Volunteer hours continued at Guenser and Entradero Park. These volunteers worked on weed abatement and vegetation management.
- The Steamers at Wilson Park
 - Gave 906 train rides. That's the most rides we given in one day for quite some time. They had 5 trains and 13 volunteer members that participated. Interestingly, they ran the trains in the opposite direction that have been for many years all day with no problems.

Projects:

- Evan McCallum continued his conservation project for the City yard and completed building his first propagation table.



- Staff have been working to renovate non-resolvable fields starting with Walteria. The fields are much improved over last month:



Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for February 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 2,196 pool visits. Recreational swim had 121 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental and Swim Torrance accounted for 2,145 pool visits.
- Long-term pool rental LAPS (Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers) Master's Swim Team accounted for 681 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.

Youth Sports:

- The 2022 Co-ed Indoor Basketball Clinic ended its season, with the last session on Tuesday, March 1. Anonymous parents and guardians left positive comments and high satisfaction scores on the feedback survey. Here is a comment from one:

"We had a 5yr old and 8yr old participate in the clinic and both had a great time. Both of our kids gained great skills, enjoyed meeting new kids, and our son really loved the scrimmages.

5yr old - She LOVED the coaches (Darius and Ireland), I swear that was the only reason she really wanted to go in the last couple of weeks. The coaches were warm and fun, especially Darius's personality and the hilarious 'freeze' game; he had us parents enjoying the whole clinic too.

8yr old - He really thrived with the types of drills they did. They were very assertive and did a great job being positive with their redirection or corrections. They got the best out of every single kid in our son's class. It was so fun to see them grow so quickly over the weeks.

Thank you for offering a safe and fun environment for our kids. Even though we couldn't do traditional basketball teams/games, thank you for making something happen so our kids could try basketball. It's such an important age for kids to try different sports. This was a really well-run program!! We appreciate you!"

- The cheerleading clinic program completed their end of season performance on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Dee Hardison Sports Center.
- The City began youth volleyball registrations on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, and will end on Thursday, March 31, 2022. The program offers a clinic division for grades 2nd through

4th, a junior league division for grades 4th & 5th, and a senior league division for grades 6th through 8th grades.

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

Adult Sports:

- The Winter Adult Basketball leagues playing Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Dee Hardison Sports Center are in season. Projections to finalize playoffs and championship games are set for early to mid-April 2022.
- The Winter Adult Softball leagues playing Sunday through Thursday nights at Wilson Park have had a few rain delays but are around mid-season and scheduled for playoffs and championship games in mid to late April 2022.
- Adult Roller Hockey has continued their leagues at the rink Monday-Saturday. On non-league days, rentals for practices and skate parties have been frequent.
- Private gym rentals for basketball and volleyball have also continued to be consistent throughout February.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Total rounds of golf played at *Sea-Aire* for February totaled 2,780.
- The Friday morning senior golf attendance has steadily increased in the last month.
- The Thursday Morning Women's golf club held their annual "team" golf challenge.
- With the high school golf season beginning, the junior golfers have played more frequent practice rounds at *Sea-Aire*.
- The greens and fairways are looking in terrific shape with the help of rainy days and our groundskeeper team.
- The beginning of Daylight Savings Time on March 13 will bring a new last tee-off time of about 5:30 p.m.

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 continues to operate at eight elementary school sites and three middle school sites with a total of 213 participants enrolled. The final session of the program begins on March 14 and will continue until June 16 when school ends. This month, the participants created Valentine's Day cards that were given to the Torrance Meals on Wheels program and some staff departments within the West Annex. A few staff were awarded Staff of the Month and will be highlighted on the Torrance Recreation Instagram page.



Parents of the program are given opportunities to submit a survey on their After School Club experience and we have received all positive scores and anonymous comments such as, *"I am pleasantly surprised that my children consistently express excitement and happiness with the programs at ASC. On days when they have to leave early for soccer practice etc. they often say they are disappointed that they can't stay the whole time."* *"I love Jay!!! He says hi to me every day at pick-up and really goes out of his way to make sure the kids have a great afternoon and get the help they need with their homework."*

Spring Camp:

- The 2022 Spring Camp program will take place at Greenwood Park April 4-8, 2022. Registration begins on March 1 and will be offered to children ages 6-14. Camp will continue to follow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols. We are looking forward to a successful program!

Virtual Recreation:

- Torrance virtual recreation and social media continues to grow. We have transitioned to encourage recreation and promote our programs.
- This Month:
 - We're Hiring Plunge - announcement and highlight
 - ASC site of the month – program announcement
 - Spring Reporter - announcement
 - ASC Staff of the Month - program announcement
 - We're Hiring AS - announcement and highlight
 - National Random Acts of Kindness Day- 2/17/22 – encourage kindness
 - Co-ed Indoor Basketball Video – program spotlight
 - ASC Staff Community Project – Valentine Day Cards for Meals on Wheels
 - National Send A Card to A Friend 2/7/22 – encourage reaching out to a friend
 - Senior Tech Day 2/5/22 - event highlight



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:

- Staff is preparing for the Summer Movies in the Park.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- The winter program began January 10, 2022 and will continue for 10 weeks and ends mid-March.
- In both classes, staff continue to work on cutting skills, alphabet letters, and doing some fun art projects getting ready for St. Patrick's Day.
- Classes continue to run smoothly. The program is now down to two staff members.

Adaptive Recreation:

- Both Virtual and In-Person programming was planned for the month of February.
- PALS (People Actively Learning and Sharing) welcomed five new members. There are now close to 85 active PALS members in the program.
- Along with the ZOOM Bingo activity, it was with great anticipation that the group participated in Saturday Bowling at Gable House. This is an overwhelmingly popular event with 18 members enjoying the fun! A special thanks to Gable House who provides a deep discount for the PALS members. For only \$6.00, PALS members can bowl for two hours! Shoes were provided free as well.
- PALS Sports is running very smoothly. New athletes have been taking part and really enjoying the physical activity and positive environment that the staff and volunteer coaches provide. Basketball practice takes place on Sunday from 10:30-11:45am and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at the Wilson Park Sports Center. Pals Swim practice takes place on Sundays from 9-9:45am at the Benstead Plunge. There will be a special swim meet on Sunday, February 27 from 9-10am. This is a great opportunity for the athletes to show case what they have been working so hard on for the past two months. Many of the swimmers have been in the swim program for many years and are very dedicated and hardworking athletes!

THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- The ATTIC continued with regular hours throughout the month of February. For the month of February THE ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 430, this includes guests and members.
- On Wednesdays, ATTIC staff held special Welcome Back to the Attic activities for the members to participate in this month. This month's activities included Joel Gaxiola- Pool Tournament, Neah Johnson- Charades, and Nena Davis – Valentines Cookie Party.
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Neah Johnson- "Taste the Rainbow" and Painting Fish, and Joel Gaxiola- "Movie Lines" and Ultimate Uno.
- Movie Fridays featured, "Fast and the Furious," "Guardians of the Galaxy" "The Bee Movie," and "Avengers: End Game."
- On February 16, The Attic Senior Program Specialist Emily Escalante met with Citi Cable; to talk about and raise awareness as February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Air date February 23, 2022; view the interview using the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsxoocE4Uo4>

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday February 7, 2022, THE ATTIC Advisory Committee held their monthly meeting, at 6:00pm via Zoom. There were 13 committee members present. Agenda items included January sports event postponed to April. Committee members voted to set a tentative date for the ACC glow sports night event on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Agenda also included February's clothing drive. We have received a few small bags of clothing donations. Along with MADD event as well as beginning to prepare for a mental health virtual campaign.

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 planning upcoming events.
- The Youth Council and their peers collaborated with the Bartlett Center to sponsor their second Senior Technology Day, on Saturday, February 5. Thirty-one seniors brought their electronic devices and received one-on-one help, and all questions were answered. Forty-six Torrance area high school students volunteered their time on a Saturday morning, and received Community Service hours.



RECREATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER

| LOCATION/PROGRAM | NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS | VOLUNTEER HOURS |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Adaptive Sports | | |
| Bartlett Senior Center | 19 | 76 |
| Senior Tech Day | 47 | 141 |
| Early Childhood | | |
| Focal Point | 9/in office 1/home | 200 |
| AARP Tax Aide | 10 | 190 |
| S.P.I.N. | | |
| TOTAL: | | |

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The Commission continues to work on their Older American Awards upcoming in May. Applications are out to organizations that utilize seniors through volunteer service.
- The guest speaker for the March meeting was Laurie Jacobs; Analyst II, South Bay Cities Council of Governments who spoke about Home Sharing for seniors and the benefits.

Focal Point on Aging:

- On February 18 the guest speaker at the Focal Point meeting was Judith Diamond representing Harbor Terrace Retirement community. Available are studio, 1 bedroom and assisted living accommodations. Offered are daily recreation, social programs and chef prepared meals. Harbor Terrace was given a reader's choice award as South Bay's Best.
- Focal Point had 77 web inquiries.
- 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 from home 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 began on February 14. No walk-in preparation is available; participants will need to make an appointment on line. Those with appointments will be seen on Monday's only. The online appointments filled up quickly and waiting list are now available. Staff are directing clients to AARP tax programs in surrounding cities.

Senior Citizens Programs (Bartlett Center, Tillim, Waleria)

- Bartlett's crafting group now meets in the Hobby Shop every Friday for a couple of hours. There are 5 to 6 crafty ladies each week and have met at Bartlett for many years.
- We have resumed our computer training program and it's 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 into April and most days have a waitlist. Participants may bring their cell phone, tablet, laptop, or any other device they wish to become more familiar with and learn to use it to send and receive email, navigate the internet, or almost any other topic that is of interest.
- The computer assistance program seems to be a much needed program as the world becomes more digital. The Youth Council's Senior Tech Day was a huge success with thirty-one seniors in attendance.

- Card playing (on-line 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 continues to offer 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 Walleria Park Senior programs remain closed. Staff continue to work on winter classes and the re-opening of both facilities.
- TUSD Friday Cardio Salsa classes for seniors at the Ken Miller Recreation Center continues to draw a consistent group.
- Bartlett exercise classes; Chair Fusion-Yoga offers movement and stretching and a Fitness Difference class that offers active movement, floor work and strengthening with bands and lightweights continues to draw in seniors. Once done many of the participants are staying for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,



Garrett Craig
Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director