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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, JUNE 8, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 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, Mataalii, Mele, Montoya, Muhammed, Vacant Chair Candioty

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Muhammed

**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, June 2, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**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 May 11, 2022.

**6B. ACCEPT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB DONATION FOR USE TOWARD THE CITY PARKS DOG BAG PROGRAM**

**6C. RECOMMENDATION THAT COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

**6D. RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION NOMINATE AND ELECT THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR 2021-2022.**

**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
- Commission Appointments
- Armed Forces Day Concert
- Park Service Day

**7B. 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, August 10, 2022 at 6:30 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, May 11, 2022, via teleconference or other electronic means.

**ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Present: Commissioners Feliz, Mele, Muhammed and Chairperson Candioly

Absent: Commissioners Mataalii and Montoya

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock,  
Administrative Analyst Lee,  
Acting Recreation Services Manager Reed,  
Recreation Services Manager Craig,  
Park Services Manager Drake,  
Park Ranger – Program Coordinator Arevalo.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mele.

**3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Chairperson Candioly stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board on May 5, 2022.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFFERED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Community Services Director La Rock stated that there were no items.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Jeff and Debbie Martin presented an update on the number of pickle ball players at the various parks and requests for additional programs. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their support of the successful fundraiser that was held on May 1, which raised \$2575. He added that a survey had been distributed to pickle ball players and the results of the survey would be shared with the Parks and Recreation Department.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 13, 2022**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Feliz moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of April 13, 2022, as submitted. Commissioner Mele seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Mataalii and Montoya)

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 7A. **Community Services Director La Rock – Accept and File Presentation on Homeless 101 Training**

Director La Rock introduced Deputy City Manager Hoang who explained that the presentation on Homeless 101 Training had been developed with the help of Director La Rock and Nancy Wilcox, Co-Chair of South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness.

Nancy Wilcox presented the report and discussed the results of the 2020 Homeless count and noted that the results of the 2022 Homeless Count would not be available until later in the year. She reported that in the 2020 Count: there were over 300 people in the City of Torrance experiencing homelessness, with over 270 individuals unsheltered, with 70% of those individuals living in vehicles. She detailed some of the reasons for individuals or families to be homeless: lack of affordable housing, no work, low wages, poverty, implicit bias, discrimination based on race, sexual preferences, gender or age, victim of domestic violence, aged out of foster care, physical or mental challenges or criminal record.

Ms. Wilcox reviewed some of the common myths of homelessness and noted that although 25% to 30% of homeless did have mental illness or substance abuse, the vast majority of homeless did not fall into that category. She added that the majority of homeless had jobs but did not make enough money for housing and noted that 200 students from Torrance Unified School District self-reported as homeless.

Ms. Wilcox provided a list of services for the homeless, through both public and private sources. She explained how to report/refer a homeless individual through Los Angeles County's Coordinated Entry System (CES) using the homeless outreach portal, LA-HOP.org, and discussed the process of street outreach team after a report had been received. She stated that the outreach team could help connect the individual, a family, young adults or seniors to various levels of services, shelter and case management.

Deputy City Manager Hoang presented an overview of the City's and the Social Services Commission work with the homeless to date, including conducting the yearly Homeless Count for Torrance, toiletry drives, school supplies drives for Torrance Unified School and Veterans appreciation activities. He outlined the accomplishments of the City's outreach/housing navigator worker and announced that the City would begin providing interim housing services for the Torrance Temporary Housing Program, with client intake to begin on July 1. He explained that the temporary housing program would include temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness, combined with case management and housing navigation services, with the goal of achieving permanent housing solutions for the participants. He reported that the shelter would consist of forty temporary housing units with shower and laundry facilities and discussed the various funding sources for the project. He shared success stories from the City's outreach worker in obtaining permanent housing for her clients.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Feliz moved to accept and file presentation on Homeless 101 Training; Chairperson Candioty seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Mataalii and Montoya)

**7B. Torrance Youth Council – Update from Torrance Youth Council – “Happy to Chat Bench” Project**

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the report for the item and introduced Harry Kaplan, President of the Torrance Youth Council (TYC), who explained the Youth Council's responses to the tasks which the Commission had assigned to the TYC. Mr. Kaplan stated that TYC would like to place their first trial bench at Hickory Park and proposed a series of follow up by TYC members to judge community members reactions, starting a few weeks after the installation and continuing every month or so after that.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Feliz moved to approve the refurbishing of an existing wooden bench at Hickory Park, to use as a trial for a Happy to Chat Bench, with signage to be placed on this existing bench; Commissioner Mele seconded and a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Mataalii and Montoya)

**7C. Community Services Director-Status of Programming and Projects**

- Pandemic Reconstitution and Reopening  
Director La Rock reported that the City was still strongly recommending masks for indoor facilities and City Commission meetings remained in a virtual format until the end of June.
- City Commission Appointments  
Director La Rock reported that per the City Clerk, the Annual Commission appointments would take place at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 and applications were due by Thursday, May 26, on or before 5 p.m.

Director La Rock announced that the live Patriotic Concert in the Park would take place in the Wilson Park amphitheater on Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. He added that Home Town Heroes Banners continued to be installed on the streets and noted that tributes to veterans could be posted on the City's website.

Director La Rock announced that the change of Commission meeting time had been approved by the City Council and noted that the new start time of 6:30 p.m. would begin on June 2022.

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

- Administrative Services  
Administrative Analyst Lee presented the Administrative Services Division Report for April 2022, included in agenda packets. He highlighted Facility Bookings and picnic and park building reservations. He discussed the Facilities Revenue report, an increase in filming permits, the completion of the turf project for the LA Galaxy field, the Ranger Program, Registration, and the Home Improvement Program. He noted that there had been a softball tournament at Wilson Park and registrations had begun for spring and summer softball and basketball.
- Park Services  
Park Services Manager Drake presented the Park Services Monthly Report for April 2022, included in the agenda packets. She noted that the report format had been changed to outline the changes/projects per park. Her review included reports on Park/Facilities crews weeding, planting and tree trimming projects, and the soon to be completed project at the Newton Triangle. She discussed the number of volunteers at Seaside Heroes Park, and a scout project, the McCallum family conservation project

at the City yard. She added that there had been a successful film permit at La Romeria Park and there had been an increase in docent led tour at Madrona. She noted that a spring butterfly count had been conducted and an adopt-a-park program at Henrietta Basin had begun.

- Recreation Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the Park Services Monthly Report for April 2022, included in the material of record. He reported that Aquatics had completed the Lifeguard training, with 8 successful candidates. He announced that the hiring fair had been successful, with 32 candidates referred for employment. He noted that Youth sports volleyball had begun and a summer basketball league was being formed. He stated that Adult basketball sign up was completely full. He noted some Pickleball highlights and added that the City was looking to increase the number of crossover pickleball courts throughout the City. He announced that Summer Camp registration would begin on May 18 and discussed free Movies in the Park during the summer for Teen and Co-Rec. He detailed the activities of PALS and noted that senior-specific fitness equipment had been purchased for use at the Bartlett Center.

8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9A. **Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**MOTION:** At 8:42 p.m., Commissioner Mele moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., via teleconference or other electronic means. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felix and a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Mataalii and Montoya)

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**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: ACCEPT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB DONATION FOR USE TOWARD THE CITY PARKS DOG BAG PROGRAM**

Since 1958, the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance has offered an outstanding dog-training and obedience program for the community, and has continued to provide very generous donations to the City of Torrance. On April 10, 2022 staff received their recent letter of donation. (Attachment A)

In April 2009, City staff received a request from the Torrance Dog Obedience Club asking if their donation could be used toward the purchase of dog bags for the variety of Dog Bag stations located in various city parks. Staff reviewed this request and felt that this was a very appropriate usage of these donation funds as these Dog Bag stations will assist dog owners with disposing of dog waste. The Dog Obedience club has continued to make these generous donations even though they have not been able to conduct dog obedience classes since COVID-19 began in 2020.


This dog bag program has been extremely successful and additional Dog Bag stations have been implemented in several parks. The Community Services Department is extremely appreciative of the dedication and cooperation of the Torrance Dog Obedience Club, as well as for its on-going donations to the City which currently total \$57,335. (Attachment B)

The Community Services Director is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the donation from the Torrance Dog Obedience Club and apply this donation toward the dog bag program. After acceptance, a letter of appreciation for the donation will be sent to the Dog Obedience Club from the Community Services Director and the Parks and Recreation Commission Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Tracy Drake  
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Letter from the Dog Obedience Club dated April 10, 2022  
B) List of Dog Obedience Club donations to the City



## Dog Obedience Club of Torrance, Inc.

April 10, 2022

John La Rock  
Parks & Recreation Department  
City of Torrance  
3031 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90503-2970

RE: Dog Obedience Club of Torrance Donation

Dear John,

It is the privilege of the Dog Obedience Club to make a donation to the Torrance Park & Recreation Department. Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$3,000.00 in hopes it can be used towards the potty bag program.

To ensure that the Club's financial records are kept current and accurate, please deposit this donation as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Dog Obedience Club of Torrance

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Jacoby", is written over the printed name.

Rick Jacoby, Trainer and President, (310) 329-0202

## Dog Obedience Club donations to the City of Torrance

TOTAL

\$57,335

Year	Month	Amount
2022	April	\$3,000
2021	November	\$2,000
2019	July	\$1,500
2019	November	\$1,000
2018	August	\$1,000
2018	October	\$1,000
2017	July	\$1,000
2017	October	\$1,000
2016	February	\$1,000
2016	July	\$1,000
2015	July	\$1,000
2014	July	\$1,000
2014	October	\$1,000
2013	August	\$1,000
2013	November	\$1,000
2012	April	\$1,000
2012	September	\$1,000
2011	March	\$1,000
2011	August	\$1,000
2010	June	\$1,000
2010	October	\$1,000
2009	April	\$600
2009	August	\$800
2008	March	\$600
2008	September	\$600
2007	March	\$500
2006	February	\$800
2005	June	\$800
2004	September	\$900
2004	April	\$900
2003	June	\$800
2003	October	\$800
2002	March	\$800
2002	July	\$800
2002	October	\$800
2001	June	\$600
2001	July	\$600
2000	September	\$800
1999	April	\$800

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1999	December	\$800
1998	April	\$1,000
1997	August	\$800
1996	April	\$1,000
1996	August	\$1,000
1995	August	\$1,000
1994	February	\$600
1993	June	\$600
1992	July	\$400
1991	January	\$400
1991	September	\$400
1990	August	\$500
1989	May	\$300
1989	September	\$300
1988	March	\$400
1988	June	\$500
1987	February	\$400
1987	August	\$500
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1976	June	\$350
1975	June	\$300
1974	July	\$400
1974	November	\$400
1973	June	\$400
1973	October	\$500
1972	June	\$400
1972	November	\$300
1971	June	\$400
1970	July	\$250
1969	July	\$250
1968	August	\$150
1967	January	\$250
1967	July	\$150
1965	February	\$250

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1963	September	\$250
1962	June	\$200
1962	November	\$200
1961	June	\$60
1961	July	\$325
1960	August	Tickets for P.O.P. (children Walteria Park).
1959	September	Equipment for Walteria Park Night lighting
1958	October	Refrigerator and Stove for Walteria Park.

For Commission Meeting  
June 8, 2022

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY  
AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE**


**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the draft Proclamation declaring the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Torrance.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Attached is a draft of the 2022 Proclamation to celebrate July as Parks and Recreation Month. Staff is seeking the Commission's concurrence in requesting the City Council adopt this Proclamation at its meeting of June 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: Draft Proclamation - July as Parks and Recreation Month

# P R O C L A M A T I O N

**WHEREAS**, July is National Parks and Recreation Month. Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Torrance, and are fundamental to the environment and well-being of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life for our residents, ensuring the health and wellness of our patrons through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation enhances human development and provides endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities by providing safe spaces to come together peacefully and facilitate conversations and friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation supports safe, vibrant and attractive neighborhoods that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities, which contributes to the economic strength and environmental well-being of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Torrance Parks and Recreation programming and education activities, such as summer and school year camps, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Torrance recognizes that parks, playgrounds, and recreation resources enrich the lives of its residents and visitors as well as adding ecological beauty and value to the community's properties, homes and neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. FUREY**, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2022 as

## ***PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH***

in the City of Torrance, and urge all residents to recognize the environmental and community wellness benefits derived from enjoying the open space and participating in recreational programs available in the City of Torrance.

Signed this 28nd day of June 2022.

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Mayor Patrick J. Furey

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission Nominate and Elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2022-2023.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Parks and Recreation Commission traditionally holds its annual elections of Chair and Vice-Chair during its June meeting. In March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic forced closures and protocols put in place by the State and inhibited the Parks and Recreation Commission from having any further meetings until fall of 2020. As a result, at the October 14, 2020 meeting, the Commission unanimously approved extending the term for Chairperson Feliz and Vice-Chair Cohen thru to June 2021. At the January 13, 2021 meeting, the commission voted 6-1 to elect Commissioner Mataallii as the interim Vice-Chair with the retirement of Commissioner Cohen.

The 2021-2022 Chairperson and Vice-Chair were unanimously approved at the June 9, 2021 meeting by a vote of (6-0). Commissioner Candioly was appointed for Chairperson and Commissioner Mataallii for Vice-Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2021-2022.

The new Chairperson and Vice-Chair will leading his/her first meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

For Commission Meeting  
June 8, 2022

**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
  - Masking now only strongly encouraged for use at City facilities and programs
  - Staffing remains a significant challenge as the City competes with higher wages from businesses seeking to capture available entry-level workforce members.
- Commission Appointments
  - The Annual Commission appointments will take place at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. The application period has closed. At this time, we are still in a hybrid virtual format.
- 1<sup>st</sup> ever Armed Forces Day orchestral concert at Wilson Park amphitheater, was a success.
- Reminder July 23 Park Service Day at Guenser Park. (Attachment)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: Park Service Day Flyer



JOIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR

# PARK SERVICE DAY

**SATURDAY  
JULY 23  
10 AM - 2 PM**



## **PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING:**

- Reusable Gloves
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sturdy Footwear

Volunteers will participate in light duty park improvements at

## **GUENSER PARK**

17800 Gramercy Place, Torrance, CA

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**[PARKSANDRECREATIONCOMMISSION@TORRANCECA.GOV](mailto:PARKSANDRECREATIONCOMMISSION@TORRANCECA.GOV)**

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

**FACILITY BOOKING** – Suzy Corzine

During the month of May, staff issued 67 short-term, 2 hour permits for fields. Long-term field users were issued 599 permits. There were no softball tournaments held at Wilson Park.

Picnic Reservations

- A total of 154 picnics with 9,639 guests in attendance were permitted at Torrance parks during the month of May. The breakdown is as follows:

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	12	874
El Nido Park	15	519
El Retiro Park	12	486
Hickory Park	7	226
Lago Seco Park	9	427
McMaster Park	11	261
Paradise Park	10	257
Torrance Park	9	650
Victor Park	6	256
Walteria Park	6	250
Wilson Park	57	5,433

There were 54 bouncer permits issued for the month of May.

Park Building Reservations

- Park buildings were rented a total of 20 times by private groups with a total of 913 guests in attendance.
- Non-profit organizations used the buildings on 291 occasions.

Building	Private	Non-Profit	Building	Private	Non-Profit
Alta Loma Park	4	13	McMaster Park	9	34
El Nido Park	0	27	Sea Aire Park *	8	21
El Retiro Park	4	44	Sur La Brea Park	0	26
Greenwood Park	0	97	Walteria Park	2	16
La Romeria Park	1	13	The Attic	0	0

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

\*El Retiro reservations for non-profit includes 31 holds for the Library

## Facilities Revenue Report

Revenue	May	2022 YTD
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Facility Reservations	1,550.00	9,105.00
Field Lights/Support	16,653.20	43,717.80
Field Prep	105.00	296.25
Filming Permits	500.00	3,000.00
Hockey Rink	4,472.00	22,797.52
Picnic Reservations	9,395.00	26,513.80
Pool Rental	14,199.85	80,349.51
Special Events	-	4,000.00
Sports Center	2,049.00	19,180.00
Torrance Art Museum	-	-
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	37,687.60	150,305.40
Weddings	250.00	2,250.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$ 86,861.65</b>	<b>\$ 361,515.28</b>

### **PARK RANGER PROGRAM** – Victor Arevalo, Program Coordinator

During the month of May, the Park Ranger program continued its weeknight and daytime 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 May.

	May	YTD
Alcohol Violations	3	55
Amplified Sound	7	31
Bouncer Violations	1	5
Citizen Assist	15	126
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	1	18
Dogs Off Leash Violations	116	683
Fire Call-Outs	1	1
Graffiti Hotline	45	220
Hazard Report/Removal	6	20
Maintenance/Park Call-Outs	7	19
Marijuana/Smoking/Vaping	3	45
Miscellaneous	0	0
Missing Subjects	0	0
Park Damage	6	29
Parking Violations	12	86
Permit Issues	6	61
Police Call-Outs	5	14
Ranger Call-Outs	23	85
Skating/Biking Violations	0	1
Suspicious Subjects	3	11
Unhoused Subject Contacts	7	71
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	5	48
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	0
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	3	5

- Park usage continues to increase citywide.
- Decrease in permitted/reservation conflicts.
- Dogs off leash contacts high; patrons aware of lack of enforcement/citations, occasional contentious contacts particularly at El Retiro and Miramar, resident complaint submitted to third floor.
- Increase in graffiti at various parks.
- Rangers documented the ongoing alterations at El Nido Park by remote control track organizers; also documented the use of electricity to charge their equipment.
- Significant decrease in amount of unhoued camping at Columbia Park.
- Rangers supported logistical efforts associated with Armed Forces Day Patriotic Concert at Wilson Park.
- One of three new hires started ride along phase of training, eagerly anticipating second and third candidates.

**REGISTRATION** – Suzy Corzine

Registration processed a total of 3,837 enrollments with a net revenue of \$433,847.11 during the month of May. The breakdown is as follows:

**May 2022**

	Resident Enrollments	Non-Resident Enrollments	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Staff Enrollments	320	28	348	57,727.50
Internet	3,160	329	3,489	376,119.61
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>\$ 433,847.11</b>

**Adult Sports**

	Resident Enrollments	Non-Resident Enrollments	Total Enrollments	Total Fees
Softball	0	3	3	1,976.51
Basketball	1	0	1	740.88
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 2,717.39</b>

- May has been a very busy month with youth summer basketball registration that began May 10 and summer camp registration on May 18.
- Summer class registration for residents started May 24 and May 31 for non-residents.
- First real summer registration in 2 years with a lot of programs filling up within minutes of opening.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Andres Islas**

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

	<b>May</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Carpentry	6	41
Electrical	3	22
Miscellaneous	3	23
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	6	25
COVID-19	0	0
<b>Total number of services provided</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>111</b>

HIP spent half this month working on the Tiny Home Village project at the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2022**

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

**YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE** – *Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Jesus Castro, Recreation Supervisor; Kathi Wilson, Interim Aquatics Program Coordinator*

***Aquatics:***

- The drop-in lap swim accounted for 2,524 pool visits. Recreational swim had 75 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental and Swim Torrance accounted for 2,506 pool visits.
- Long-term pool rental LAPS (Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers) Master's Swim Team accounted for 723 pool visits.
- Spring classes remain in session. Water Exercise, Adaptive Swim Lessons and Youth Learn to Swim Lessons are taking place. Private lessons are also available.
- Summer hours will begin June 17.

***Youth Sports:***

- The youth volleyball program is currently on its 7<sup>th</sup> week of clinic and games with an end date of Saturday, June 18.
- The Summer Co-Ed Basketball League is for children in grades K-8 and it will be offered indoors at the Dee Hardison Sports Center. Registration is underway, and we are projected to have 680 participants.
- The Youth Cheer program began registration for City of Torrance residents on Tuesday, June 7 with non-resident registrations beginning on Tuesday, June 14. Cheer participants in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in a variety of cheerleading skills, dances and routines.

***Adult Sports:***

- The 2022 Spring/Summer Adult Basketball Leagues started the week of Sunday, May 15.
- The basketball league runs four leagues on Sunday's, two on Monday's, two on Wednesday and two on Thursday with a grand total of 60 teams playing in the Spring/Summer season.
- The 2022 Spring/Summer Adult Softball Leagues started the season the week of Sunday, May 15.
- The softball leagues run Sunday through Friday nights at Wilson Park. A total of 15 leagues are currently in season with a grand total of 90 teams registered for the Spring/Summer season.
- Adult Roller Hockey has continued their leagues at the rink Monday through 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 May at the Dee Hardison Sport Center.

- Private softball field rentals have been frequent at Wilson Park in the month of May with local high schools.
- The gym floors resurfacing project was completed the week of May 8; it was last done in 2019.



**Sea-Aire Golf Course:**

- The *Sea- Aire* Golf Course turnout for the month of May continued to be great with 3,385 rounds played.
- Golf rounds have been very steady and frequent by local high school teams playing practice rounds throughout the month.
- The *Sea- Aire* Women's golf club enjoyed a "closest to the hole" bonus point tournament on May 26.
- The Friday mornings senior's golf club held a "best two out of three shots" team golf event on May 6.
- Starting Wednesday, June 1 the last tee-off time will be 6:30 p.m. due the longer daylight hours during the summer season.
- Sea-Aire hosted its annual Memorial Day Junior Day Golf Challenge on Monday, May 30. The tournament registered twenty-five participants' ages 6-14 years old who practiced through the month of May. Picture below.



**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 8 elementary school sites and 3 middle school sites with a total of 212 participants enrolled. This month, as a Community Service Project, the participants took part in collecting and giving teachers on site supplies and handmade cards. This was to celebrate and show appreciation for all the amazing Torrance school teachers that work hard for their students.

***Summer Camp:***

Registration for our Summer Camps program began on May 18. Greenwood Fun Camp specifically, became full and had waiting lists soon after 8:00 a.m. Sports Camp still has some spots available. Overall, our camp continues to be very popular and we are in typical territory with the waiting lists. Non-resident registration begins on May 31 online. Staff are looking forward to a fun summer. Camp begins on June 20.

***Virtual Recreation:***

- Torrance virtual recreation and social media continues to grow.
  
- This Month:
  - ATTIC Mental Health Month – program spotlight
  - ASC staff of the month – program announcement
  - Torrance Summer Seasons– program announcement
  - Handrail HIP Project – program spotlight
  - Early Day Camp Registration – reminder
  - Splash Pad Re-Opening – program spotlight
  - Volleyball Clinic/Leagues – program spotlight
  - Summer Registration Dates – program announcement
  - Teen Camp – program spotlight
  - Babysitter Preparedness Course – program spotlight



**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 have been busy planning and advertising the Summer Movies in the Park Program using digital venues as well as posters and flyers. The first movie will be held this month at McMaster Park on the 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00pm. The featured movie is “Mitchells vs The Machines.”

### **Early Childhood Education (ECE):**

- Spring session is in its last few days ending on Friday, June 3.
- Participants are going to Wilson on a train field trip with parents and staff.
- A pajama party and festivities will be held on Friday.
- ECE had 10 volunteers this month who volunteered a total of 25 hours.

### **Adaptive Recreation:**

- Three new PALS members were welcomed to the program.
- PALS basketball wrapped up their basketball league on May 22. An average of 30 athletes participated on a weekly basis, from January through May. The athletes enjoyed participating in the activity and the parents were very grateful to the staff and coaches for providing the program.
- PALS swim continues practicing on a weekly basis.
- The first Adaptive Pickleball program was offered in the month of May. Coach Tammy led a group of PALS participants through the basics of the very popular sport. This program was very high energy and fun! There are plans for a second four-week session, in the near future, due to its popularity.



### **THE ATTIC Teen Center:**

- The ATTIC continued with regular hours throughout the month of May. For the month of May, The ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 592 including guests and members.
- On Wednesdays, ATTIC staff held special activities for the members to participate in this month. This month’s activities included: Joel G - Two Truths and a Lie, Neah J- Friendship Bracelets, and Nena D – Nacho Party.
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Neah J - “DIY Stress Relievers and Origami” and Joel G - “Music Therapy and Vision Boards.”
- Movie Night Fridays featured, “Aliens,” “March of the Penguins,” “Hairspray,” and “Spider Man: No Way Home.”

**ATTIC Advisory Committee:**

- On Monday, May 2, THE ATTIC Advisory Committee held their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items included review on May Mental Health month as well as reviewing sources on the benefits of the activities. Committee members discussed the opportunity in having an annual mural painted from graduating classes at the Teen Center. Members voted they would rather do something less permanent without interfering with the charm of the building itself. Members would like to team bound and paint a large canvas each year representing the year in art form, which would be displayed inside.
- Advisory Committee held activities for May Mental Health month that focused on promoting the importance of mental health. Committee members lead practical and engaging events that offered various tools to help cope with stress, anxiety, depression and more. Activities for the teens in the Torrance community for May Mental Health Month included: Kindness Act Monday, Health and Fitness Tuesday, and Kindness Acts reflection on Friday. Along with a variation of activities for Wednesday and Thursday activities included: Future Me, color therapy, DIY stress relievers, journaling, origami, music therapy, vision board, and word art. May Mental Health month was a great success with a minimum of 10 or more in attendance for each activity.

**S.P.I.N. (Serving People in Need):** (Not currently meeting)

**Youth Council (TYC):**

- The Youth Council held two meetings via ZOOM during May.
- Interviews will be conducted in early June for the 2022-2023 Torrance Youth.
- The Youth Council held their third Senior Tech Day on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Bartlett Center from 9am-noon. Twenty-two (22) seniors stopped by to get a refresher course on using their digital devices. Youth Council was pleased to see a few returnees.



**RECREATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FOR MAY**

LOCATION/PROGRAM	NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
Adaptive Sports	10	25
Bartlett Senior Center	2	30
Senior Tech Day	4	10
Early Childhood		
Focal Point	8/in office 1/home	185
AARP Tax Aide		
S.P.I.N.		
Youth Sports		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>250</b>

### ***Commission on Aging (COA):***

- At their May meeting, the Commission accepted and filed the Homeless Presentation by the South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness. Seniors who were awarded the Older American Award for 2022 were recognized at the May 10 City Council Meeting via Zoom.
- Fern Ruiz was recognized at the Los Angeles Counties Older Americas Recognition that was held on May 26 via Zoom. Fern is a volunteer at the Torrance Historical Society; they held a viewing party for her that day.
- The COA is dark during the month of June. Meetings will resume Tuesday, July 5.

### ***Focal Point on Aging:***

- On May 20, the guest speaker at the Focal Point meeting was Mohamed Hassan, from Seniors Helping Seniors. Seniors Helping Seniors is a senior (non-medical) home care service helping them maintain their independence in the comfort of their own home. They have a passion for meeting the needs of seniors in a way that provides both dignity and a sense of camaraderie.
- Focal Point had 111 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 new Focal Point service directory is being printed

### ***Senior Citizens Programs (Bartlett Center, Tillim, Walteria)***

- Bartlett's crafting group now meets in the Hobby Shop every Friday for two hours. There are 6 - 11 crafty ladies each week and they have met at Bartlett for many years. All levels are welcome.
- "Sew Its Tuesday", the quilt and crochet group, they meet noon to 2:30p.m. They have 12 members. All levels are welcome. They regularly meet at Tillim, but until it reopens, they will continue meeting at Bartlett.
- The Beading class meets at 8:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. The beading class has 12 to 13 members and all levels of participants are welcome.
- The painting class, which usually meets at Tillim, will started meeting on Fridays at Bartlett from 1pm to 3pm.
- We have resumed our computer training program and it's off to a great start! The program is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month and there are two appointments available each session. We already have reservations into July and most days have a waitlist. We will be opening up more appointments as we have a new volunteer who will be teaching along with another volunteer. 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.
- Card playing (Bridge) continues to be well attended. We welcome participants of all levels at the card tables and encourage those who wish to learn the game to come and try it out. For the last 3 classes we have filled four card tables with sixteen players
- Bartlett staff will continue to offer ZOOM games including Bingo, Jeopardy, and Wheel-less of Fortune through June 29; all are doing well and our participants enjoy the programs.

- The Tillim Senior Center and Walteria Park Senior programs remain closed. Staff continues to work on getting ready for spring and hopefully the re-opening of both facilities soon.
- 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 moves 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 stay for lunch.

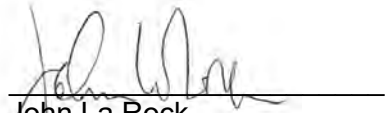
Respectfully Submitted,



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**Park Services Report  
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