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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members Craft, Habel, Hoover, Mele, Muhammed, Wright, and Chair: Candioty

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. REPORT OF THE STAFF 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, April 3, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission 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. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker**. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

**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 Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. Approve Commission Minutes: March 12, 2025**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – ACCEPT AND FILE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept and file Community Services Department updates.

**7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – APPROVE UP TO SIX NOMINEES TO RECEIVE PET LICENSING DONATION FUNDS**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to six (6) nominees to receive all or a portion of the 2024 Safe and Happy Fund donations, with a second nonprofit selected for 2025 funds.

**7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – ACCEPT AND FILE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission accept and file 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, May 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



March 12, 2025

**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 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Present: Commissioners Craft, Habel, Hoover, Mele, Wright and Chair Candioly

Absent: Absent Commissioner Muhammed

Also Present: Recreation Services Manager Craig,  
Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo,  
Administrative Analyst Ohanian,  
Preserve Manager Liz Evans.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Habel.

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

Recreation Services Manager Craig stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and the City's website on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mele moved to receive the powerpoint presentation on Item 7B for the update on the Columbia Park WWII Camp Wall Incarceration Monument. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent Commissioner Muhammed)

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A member of the Torrance Youth Council spoke.

A member of the public spoke about event information available for the public from the Torrance School system.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 8, 2025, February 5, 2025 and Joint Meeting with Social Services Commission, February 5, 2025**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025, February 5, 2025 and Joint Meeting with Social Services Commission, February 5, 2025, as submitted. Commissioner Mele seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent: Commissioner Muhammed)

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – ACCEPT DONATION FROM SUNRIDER INTERNATIONAL FOR THE ADAPTIVE SPORTS PICKLEBALL PROGRAM**

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the report for the item and noted that Sunrider International had been able to donate \$9,700 to sponsor the entire six-week pickleball training program including equipment, uniforms and coaching.

Sunny Beutler, CEO of Sunrider International spoke.

There was no public comment.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wright to accept the donation from Sunrider International for the Adaptive Sports Pickleball Program; motion was seconded by Commissioner Mele. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Muhammed)

#### **7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES – RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON THE COLUMBIA PARK WWII CAMP WALL INCARCERATION MONUMENT**

Recreation Services Manager Craig introduced Tina Chee, principal, Chee Salette who presented the proposal for the design of the project with the aid of slides. She described the site concept, monument design and setting and how it would memorialize and identify those who had been incarcerated during WWII. She noted that she hoped to submit the project for plan check in May, with the hope to start construction in July with a target to complete the project by end of February 2026, the grant deadline.

Members of the public spoke in favor of the Monument.

The Commission requested a copy of the presentation.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mele, Administrative Services Manager Sanabria noted that the it would be the Park Services Department who would maintain the monument after the installation. He noted that the project had received a \$5 million grant and the budget would be developed in connection with other Park projects.

The Commission noted the following:

- There needed to be adequate ADA parking
- Security camera might be needed or other security precautions
- Lights might be necessary
- The size of the text for the names needed to be readable
- Parking for school buses might be necessary
- Possible National Park Monument status
- Audio features if possible
- Signage
- Types of trees
- Disruption in the rest of the park
- Talk about the project to Smithsonian
- Verification of the names
- Parallel projects for site grading and granite engraving
- Project would be on the Council's agenda on March 25

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wright moved to receive and file the report for 7B: Columbia Park WWII Camp Wall Incarceration Monument; motion was seconded by Commissioner Habel. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Muhammed)

## **7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES – PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE AND NATURE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT**

Preserve Manager Liz Evans presented the 2024 Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center Annual report with a slide presentation. She detailed the following information:

- Names of staff members
- 2024 Attendance inside the Marsh: at least 21,795; attendance in the Nature Preserve: at least 7795; attendance at the Annual Nature Festival: 971 for Nature Center and 544 for Nature Preserve
- She detailed the number of volunteer hours for both long-term and short-term volunteers, which were over 9000 hours of labor for the year and discussed the recipient President's Volunteer Service award and Climate Smart Award.
- She discussed the events for the Marsh's yearlong celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- She noted the various nesting birds in 2024, as well as the rare bird sightings.
- She listed the accomplishments for the restoration of the preserve through volunteer groups of youth and corporations, as well as staff maintenance
- She listed the education opportunities: including school tours, labs, historical and cultural education, science and art projects for Pre-K to second grade, noted the 2024 research projects and community outreach
- She provided a list of community partners, past and upcoming projects and the social media feedback

## **7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- ACCEPT AND FILE WILSON PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS UPDATE**

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the report and noted that on March 19, the concept of the design will go before the Planning Commission with a 15-day window for appeals. He noted that eight courts were planned and detailed the upcoming dates and events and noted that at this time, the project was projected to be completed by November 2025.

Members of the public spoke.

Recreation Services Manager Craig confirmed that the Commission's Pickleball Subcommittee would be involved in the planning, once the Conditional Use Permit had been approved.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Craft moved to receive and file the report for 7D: Accept and File Wilson Park Pickleball Courts Update; motion was seconded by Commissioner Mele. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Muhammed)

## **7E. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- ACCEPT AND FILE PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS UPDATE**

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the report for the item and noted that the next pet vaccination clinic would be held on March 23, 2025, the Discovery Park rehabilitation project had held a reopening ceremony on February 2025, the Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival would be at Columbia Park on March 30 and listed the ongoing Capital Improvement projects.

Recreation Services Manager Craig noted that he and Community Services Director would be attending the California Park & Recreation Society's (CPRS) conference.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wright moved to receive and file the report for 7E: Accept and File Programming and Projects Update; motion was seconded by Commissioner Habel. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Muhammed)

## **7F. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- ACCEPT AND FILE PROGRAMMING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS**

### Administrative Services

Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo noted that in January and February 2025 there had continued to be a high number of e-bike incidents, especially at Entradero Park and added that there was also significant coyote activity at the park. He added that the information of suspected feeding was shared with the coyote management program, as well as Park Services and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. He announced that a recruitment had taken place for a journey level position within the Ranger unit and noted that in March there would be a recruitment for a senior program specialist position within the program to complete the career ladder for rangers. He explained that the ranger program had graduated rangers to the national park service, homeland security, Torrance Police Department, Los Angeles County and Orange County sheriff departments.

Administrative Analyst Ohanian presented the Administrative Services Division Reports for January and February 2025, included in agenda packets. He highlighted Home Improvement projects and noted that there had been 8 completed services in January and 9 projects in February. He stated that the total revenue for Farmer's Market for January 2025 was \$94,726 and \$105,079 in February. He reported that the Community Gardens would include an in-person meeting at Lago Seco Park. He noted that in January there were 37 reported coyote encounters with 453 pet licenses sold and in February there had 25 coyote encounters with 435 pet licenses sold.

### Park Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig announced that applications had been received for the position of Park Manager and interviews would begin soon. He noted that if any Commissioners had questions for Park Services, they could email the questions to him.

### Recreation Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the Recreation Services Monthly Report for January and February 2024, included in the material of record. He noted that youth basketball was sold out with 1040 participants with 104 teams and volunteer coaches. He announced that Sophie, a young golfer from Sea Aire had qualified for the Masters Junior golf challenge. He noted that Adaptive registration had moved to an online registration system with over 120 members and added that staff had processed a total of 1439 transactions in February with a total of \$369,538. He added that Adult Softball had begun with 70 teams and Sea Aire would host a night glow golf event. He stated that a talent show had been hosted at the Bartlett Senior Center with the acts provided by members of the Torrance Youth Council.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wright moved to accept and file the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent Commissioner Muhammed)

## **8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Habel announced the Pancake breakfast at the Attic on April 5.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

**MOTION:** At 8:46 p.m., Commissioner Habel moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoover and a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Absent Commissioner Muhammed)

Subject to Approval

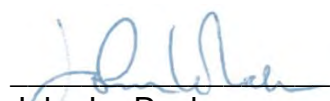
For Commission Meeting  
April 9, 2025

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**  
**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept and file Community Services Department updates.

- Commission appointments will be made by the City Council on June 17, 2025. Applications due c.o.b. May 8. Please visit the following weblink for the application and more information: <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/commissions>
- Councilmember Gerson, District 6, will hold a community meeting on April 10, 2025 at Levy Adult Center @ 6:00pm
- Torrance Dodger Day tickets are on sale for the July 20, 2025 game against the Milwaukee Brewers at 1:10pm. Visit [www.Rec.us/Torrance](http://www.Rec.us/Torrance) for more information and ticketing
- The City will host the next pet vaccination clinic on April 27 at the Wilson Park Dee Hardison Sports Center plaza
- Madrona Marsh Nature Festival on April 26 from 10:00am-4:00pm
- Capital Improvement Projects:
  - La Carretera Park retaining wall replacement project in progress with projected completion by 4/30
  - Columbia Park bocce courts replacement synthetic bocce turf ordered ahead of installation and reopening with projected completion by 5/30
  - Columbia Park parking lot A missing light poles (2) replaced and operational
  - New solar park lighting at Descanso Park completed

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – APPROVE UP TO SIX NOMINEES TO RECEIVE PET LICENSING DONATION FUNDS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to six (6) nominees to receive all or a portion of the 2024 Safe and Happy Fund donations, with a second nonprofit selected for 2025 funds.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Torrance municipal code requires all dogs over three months old be registered annually (TMC 41.3.1). In 2001 the City partnered with DocuPet of East Syracuse, NY, to provide a platform for residents to purchase licenses, access the HomeSafe™ 24/7 lost pet service, and opt for designer tags. Torrance Animal Control enforces licensing, while DocuPet handles registrations.

The Safe and Happy Fund allows DocuPet to partner with local cities and counties to provide additional funding for the community’s vulnerable animals and the staff that serves them. Through the sales of designer pet tags and pet licensing, 20% go to local pet welfare initiatives. In 2024, \$10,000 in donation funds have been collected for Torrance, and staff recommends the Commission designate a local recipient(s) for those funds and designate an additional recipient for the 2025 Safe and Happy Fund. Once the commission selects recipients for these funds, an item will be brought to Council for approval of funding.

**ANALYSIS**

Five (5) Torrance based nonprofits focusing on pets and/or dogs, were evaluated for transparency (clarity of mission and operations), effectiveness (impact on pet welfare), and alignment with licensing goals. Additionally, the City of Torrance Community Services Animal Control City Donation Account was assessed for its potential to support pet welfare through operational enhancements. Priority is given to Torrance-based entities and initiatives with social media presence included for nonprofit visibility (Attachment 1).

Staff recommends the Commission consider the following options for the \$10,000 2024 DocuPet Safe and Happy Fund disbursement, with 2025 allocations to follow a similar structure. These options ensure Torrance-centric impact, aligning with city goals for pet welfare and Animal Control support.

Option 1 – Select one non-profit from the nominees to receive all or a portion of the \$10,000 with a second nonprofit selected for 2025 funds.

Option 2 – Allocating the \$10,000 to the City of Torrance Animal Control City donation account, to be used for Animal Control supplies and equipment, facility maintenance, a reserve fund for Los Angeles County Animal Shelter fees for individuals who cannot afford to retrieve their

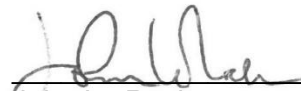
animals due to high fees, and potential other efforts to support the community and the Animal Control Office mission. A second allocation for 2025 funds could follow a similar structure.

Option 3 - Allocate the \$10,000 between one or more of the five (5) nonprofits and the City of Torrance Animal Control city donation account, with a similar approach for 2025 funds.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission consider the options for the 2024 DocuPet Safe and Happy Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for disbursement, with 2025 allocations to follow a similar structure. Following a Commission recommendation, staff will present the recommended option(s) to the City Council for final approval, enabling disbursement to enhance Torrance's pet welfare.

Respectfully submitted,



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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: 1) List of Torrance Nominees

Nominees in Torrance

## 1. Rover's Retreat

- Headquarters: 4216 Pacific Coast Highway 1447, Torrance, CA 90501 (EIN 47-2021245).
- Overview: A 501(c)(3) all-volunteer dog rescue founded in 2014, focusing on rescuing, fostering, and adopting out stray, abandoned, or homeless dogs, including from high-kill shelters and international locations. They provide medical services and foster care until permanent adoption.
- Transparency: Moderate—Website (roversretreat.org) outlines mission; financials require direct inquiry or IRS Form 990 (Charity Navigator rates 1/4 stars, 53%, but this may be outdated).
- Effectiveness: High—Places numerous dogs in loving homes, reducing shelter strain in Torrance, as seen in testimonials and Petfinder listings.
- Alignment: Strongly benefits licensed dog owners, enhancing local pet welfare by reducing strays.
- Social Media: Facebook: ~9,600 followers; Instagram: ~29,500 followers.

## 2. Rescue Bae

- Headquarters: 1818 W 253rd St, Torrance, CA 90501 (EIN 87-2366840).
- Overview: Rescue Bae, led by Shaland Leach, is a Torrance-based nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and rehoming dogs in need, focusing on the unwanted, abandoned, sick, injured, old, and young animals. The organization provides veterinary care, fosters animals until adoption, and prioritizes matching each dog with its ideal forever family, ensuring thorough vetting and care before adoption.
- Transparency: Moderate to High—Website (rescuebae.com) outlines mission, adoption process, and contact information; financial transparency may require direct inquiry or access to IRS Form 990, but the website enhances visibility.
- Effectiveness: High—Rescues dogs from high-kill shelters or dire situations, providing medical care and foster homes until adoption, reducing Torrance's stray population. Social media and testimonials indicate successful adoptions and community impact.
- Alignment: Strongly aligns with Torrance's licensing goals by placing rescued dogs in responsible, licensed homes, enhancing local pet welfare and reducing strays.
- Social Media: Facebook: ~346 followers; Instagram: ~12,700 followers.

## 3. Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue (SCLRR)

- Headquarters: 24325 Crenshaw Blvd. 137, Torrance, CA 90505 (EIN 33-0788621).
- Overview: A 501(c)(3) all-volunteer nonprofit since 1998, dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming Labrador Retrievers in Southern California, operating foster-based with adoption applications and home visits.
- Transparency: High—Website (sclrr.org) details mission and outcomes; IRS filings accessible via Guidestar.
- Effectiveness: High—Rescues and rehomes numerous Labs, reducing shelter intake for a popular breed in Torrance, as noted on their site and Petfinder.
- Alignment: Strongly supports Torrance's licensed pet owners, reducing strays and enhancing pet welfare.
- Social Media: Facebook: ~13,300 likes; Instagram: ~3,276 followers.

#### 4. Dharma Rescue for Cats and Dogs

- Headquarters: 24325 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505 (EIN 80-0266821).
- Overview: A 501(c)(3) all-volunteer nonprofit rescuing special-needs cats and dogs, providing medical and holistic care, and facilitating adoptions through foster-based care.
- Transparency: Moderate—Website (dharmarescue.org) outlines mission; financials less public but accessible via IRS Form 990.
- Effectiveness: Moderate to High—Saves at-risk pets, addressing a critical need in Torrance, as seen on adoptapet.com.
- Alignment: Aligns with Torrance’s licensing goals by aiding vulnerable pets, potentially benefiting licensed households, though broader focus on cats and special-needs animals.
- Social Media: Facebook: ~3,200 likes; Instagram: ~1,726 followers.

#### 5. Caring Arms Rescue Inc.

- Headquarters: 3702 W 180th Place, Torrance, CA 90504 (EIN 46-0784029).
- Overview: Focuses on rescuing dogs and cats, providing foster care, and facilitating adoptions in Torrance, but specific operations are unclear without a public website. Likely reduces stray populations locally.
- Transparency: Low—No website or financial transparency data found; relies on minimal social media presence.
- Effectiveness: Moderate—Facebook indicates successful adoptions, but impact is hard to quantify without detailed reports. Contributes to Torrance’s pet welfare.
- Alignment: Aligns with Torrance’s licensing goals by placing pets in responsible homes, but limited data hinders full assessment.
- Social Media: Facebook: ~1,600 likes; Instagram: No active presence found.

#### 6. City of Torrance Community Services Animal Control City Donation Account

- Purpose: Funds would support Animal Control Officer supplies and equipment, facility maintenance, kennel supplies, a reserve fund for Los Angeles County Animal Shelter fees for individuals unable to afford retrieval costs, and potential other efforts to support the community and the Animal Control Office mission.
- Transparency: High—City financial reports and budget documents are publicly available, ensuring accountability.
- Effectiveness: High—Directly enhances Torrance Animal Control’s ability to enforce licensing, reduce strays, and assist pet owners, aligning with city goals. Funds could address critical needs like equipment upgrades, facility repairs, and fee assistance, reducing shelter strain.
- Alignment: Strongly aligns with Torrance’s licensing and pet welfare goals, supporting Animal Control’s mission to maintain public safety and pet health.

**TO:           PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

**SUBJECT:    ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – MARCH 2025**

**PARK RANGER PROGRAM** – *Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor*

During the month of March, the Ranger Unit (16 part-time staff) maintained a consistent deployment schedule, not including holidays:

- High volume of graffiti and vandalism reported throughout the month; El Nido Park, Guenser Park, Sur La Brea Park, Wilson Park all heavily affected
- Ongoing e-biker activity at Entradero Park causing damage to hillside
- Three TPD support requests; McMaster Park for severe damage to restroom caused by a cinder block; Two parking violations at Cherry Blossom Festival
- Ranger support of Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park and Eid Al-Fitr event at Wilson Park

***Parks:***

<b>Municipal Code Violations</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Alcohol	7	25
Amplified Sound	4	6
Dog Off Leash Contacts	55	136
Marijuana/Smoking	12	22
Parking Violations	24	42
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	0
Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts	15	30
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	4	24

<b>Park Patron Specific Contacts</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Assisting Park Patrons	27	50
Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts	45	84
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	7	37
Missing Subjects	0	0
Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage	17	74
Skating/Biking Violations	15	107
Suspicious Subjects	5	42

<b>Building, Park, and Facility Issues</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal	175	274
Facility Maintenance Report	22	52
Hazard Report/Removal	8	17
Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations	0	0

<b>City Resource Support Requests</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
EMT/Fire Department Callouts	0	0
Park Services Callouts	0	6
Police Department Callouts	3	5
Ranger Unit Callouts	28	52

<b>Unhoused Interactions</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations	19	45
Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests	5	21
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	5	22

**HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** – *Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor*

During the month of March, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 9 households, with ongoing projects at 5 additional households. Total mobile home clients 2, with 2 mobile home households completed.

	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
ADA	2	3
Carpentry	4	14
Electrical	4	12
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	5	14
Miscellaneous	7	15
<b>Total number of services provided</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>56</b>

**FARMER'S MARKET PROGRAM** – *Joyce Chan, Farmer's Market Manager*

The Farmers' Market (FM) is still seeing lots of Citrus this month, particularly mentionable are Crown Ranch's Lee tangerines. We are starting to see the beginnings of Spring with green garlic (my personal favorite), asparagus, PURPLE asparagus, and fresh lettuce on of kinds.

The Tuesday market added three two new food vendors, High Society Meats selling frozen wagyu beef, and a new pickle vendor, the Crazy Cucumber, from Orange County.

FM Staff took a field trip to Santa Monica Farmers' Market, and had a Staff Meeting, to compare, contrast, make suggestions, etc. It was quite fun, and also informative.

FM Staff also worked on Cherry Blossom Festival. Really fun, and great to see a big crowd having so much fun at Columbia Park.

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>FY YTD</b>
March 2025	\$28,447.54	\$99,189.36	\$127,636.90	\$934,773.73
March 2024 Comparison	\$26,232.37	\$63,354.57	\$89,586.94	\$870,549.63

**COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM** – Joyce Chan, Farmer’s Market Manager

Community Gardens Staff just finished Registering Lago Seco plots, and are busy weeding plots left to others on the waiting list.

**ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS** – Edwin Ohanian, Administrative Analyst

Coyote abatement continues Monday through Sunday trapping. The City’s pet licensing program with DocuPet also continues servicing Torrance residents.

***Coyote Report:***

During the month of March, there were 38 reported coyote encounters by the public, with 3 coyotes captured by the vendor.

Type of Coyote Encounter	March	Current Trapping Period (Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025)
Sighting Reported by Public	34	182
Dog Attack	0	3
Cat Attack	1	2
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality	1	2
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality	2	25
Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	0	6
<b>Total Encounters</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>225</b>

	March	Current Trapping Period (Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025)
Coyotes Trapped	3	13
Carrion (non-trapped)	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>

***Pet Licensing:***


*Statistics provided below may not be finalized numbers as the official pet licensing invoices are delivered by DocuPet, to the city at the end of the second week of each month.*

During the month of March, a total of 497 licenses were sold. 424 of these were purchased through DocuPet’s online portal and 73 were purchased offline by mail. Total revenue received by the city will be approximately \$15,330.06.

	March 2025	Year to Date (March 24 – Present)
Licenses Sold	497	6,334
Donations Received	\$196	\$3,346.00
Total Revenue less Fees	\$15,330.06	\$211,378.87

For a year-over-year comparison, in March 2024, there were a total of 523 license sales resulting in revenue of \$15,926.80.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

**TO :** PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
**FROM:** JEFF BISCHOFF, PARK SERVICES MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – MARCH 2025

**ALL PARKS**

During the month of March, the members of Park Services maintained a consistent schedule of Park Maintenance represented below:

<b>PARKS AND PARKS FACILITY MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>MONTHLY</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Restroom Maintenance	✓		432
Trash Maintenance	✓		496
Irrigation Maintenance	✓		141
Debris cleanup	✓		205
Tree limbs picked up	✓		32
Landscape Maintenance (Shrub or Tree)	✓		328
Safety Checks	✓		178
Playground Check	✓		32
Mow crew service to 33 parks	✓	277 Acres	
Projects crew completed projects for March	✓	18	
Reservation Facility Custodial Services			105

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS COMPLETED BY DISTRICT**

**District 1 – Descanso, Guenser, La Carretera, McMaster, Osage**

- Descanso – New LED solar lights were installed on the walking trail.
- Guenser – Mainline irrigation repair was completed.
- La Carretera – Staff participated in the Arbor Week event planning. Installation of 10 new trees was completed with the assistance of many local Torrance groups including the Girl Scouts and the North Torrance Neighborhood Association. Removal and grinding of several old trees were also completed
- McMaster Park – Completed the refurbishment and installation of a bicycle rack adjacent to the North Library and provided services for the Tillim Senior Center patio project.

**District 2 – Entradero, La Romeria, Paradise, Sunnyglen, Victor**

- Victor Park – The rebuild and installation of the Henderson Library sign was completed.

**District 3 – City Yard, Civic Center, Columbia, Delthorne, El Nido, Greenwood, Pequeno**

- Civic Center – Extensive landscape maintenance was performed in the Cultural Arts Center Plaza for the Summit Conference.
- Columbia Park - Staff completed the renewal & refresh of the cherry tree grove including removal of grasses around the tree base, installation of new mulch and installation of new tree stakes and straps as well as the removal of four dead trees. We also completed the playground sand rototilling, power washing of the gazebo, playground, and picnic shelter and tables Staff also completed preparations on the portable stage to be deployed at the Cherry Blossom Festival and provide maintenance staff for the event.
- Delthorne – Tree mitigation after storms caused a pine to be unsafe, removed.
- El Nido Park – A new BBQ grill was installed at the west picnic area.
- Greenwood Park – Playground gate repair was completed.

**District 4 – Attic Teen Center, Downtown, El Prado, Pueblo, Scout Center, Southeast Library, Sur la Brea, Torrance, and Wilson Park:**

- Torrance Park – New flags were installed at the Tanouye memorial in Torrance Park, a storm related downed limb was removed in the playground, a fence repair was completed on the South fence line caused by a broken tree branch, and a rusted post located on the Kendall baseball field was repaired
- Wilson Park – A dedication tree was planted near the Treehouse in honor of Leo Ferrari. Installation of four (4) new BBQ grills was completed at the SE picnic area. Also, a storm related downed tree was removed by the Splash Pad.

**District 5 – El Retiro, La Palmona, Lago Seco, Los Arboles, Miramar, Riviera, Seaside Heroes, Sea Aire Golf Course**

- Lago Seco: crack repairs in front of the men’s and woman’s bathrooms were completed and clean up around the community garden was started. Seaside Heros volunteers planted the west side with native plants.

**District 6 - Alta Loma, De Portola, Discovery, Hickory, Walteria**

- DePortola: Tree mitigation performed to remove two dead trees, removal and installation of four fence panels / gates at the west and east easements was completed
- Walteria Park - we completed the rebuild and installation of both the Walteria Library and community center signs. Also, one dead pine tree was removed.

**VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Live Steamers	25	330
Wilson Horseshoe Pits	1	20
Madrona Marsh Preserve /Nature Center	103	739
1Cherry Trees (city wide)	10	10
Seaside Heroes Park	38	101
Civic Center Veteran’s Memorial and Rose Garden	10	20
Civic Center Pine Wind Garden	1	2
Entradero Park	3	36

Wilson Park	158	256
Guenser Park	6	63
Pequeno Park	1	11
Lago Seco Park	2	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	358	1,608

**MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE and NATURE CENTER (MMP)**

**March Attendance Numbers:**

Preserve: 2,371 people  
Nature Center: 607 people

**Precipitation:**

Precipitation: 1.66”  
Seasonal total Oct 1-present): 5.11”

***Regularly Scheduled Programs***

- Friday Fun: March 7 (27 people), March 14 (31 people), March 21 (27 people), March 28 (31 people)
- Nature Storytime: March 13 (31 people)
- Tyke Hike: March 6 (9 people)
- Nature Walk: March 8 (12 people), March 15 (12 people), March 22 (9 people)
- Night Hike: March 8 (20 people)
- Star Party: March 8 (10 people)
- PV/South Bay Audubon Chapter Meeting: March 18 (16 people)
- PV/South Bay Audubon Walk: March 22 (10 people)

**Preserve and Facility Maintenance:**

Maintenance Activity	Quantity (Acreage, # of plants, etc.)	Hours
Trash Removal	3 contractors' bags	10
Mowing (prairie, primrose, etc.)	Selective mowing around vernal pools	5
Tree Maintenance	12 trees	20
Irrigation Maintenance	--	--
Seasonal Maintenance (tule work, etc.)	Weeding	48

**Programs and Projects:**

The City received a quote from Oscar's Electric to perform the sump pump replacement project at the Madrona Marsh's sump. The City is moving forward with Oscar's Electric, with procurement to begin in May 2025 and installation in August/September 2025.

Students from Redondo Union High School's AP Environmental Science class participated in a field study experience at the Marsh where they learned to build dynamic ecosystem models and participated in an advanced Water Lab. Marsh volunteers are conducting outreach with TUSD high school classes and clubs to promote educational opportunities at Madrona Marsh. Students from Torrance High led a poppy-planting activity in the Preserve as part of their State Civic Seal of Engagement program. The Marsh hosted several educational programs this month, including 11 school tours, a water lab for 4H members, 3 Scout badge activities, and a presentation from North High science teacher Jay Estabrook on North's Ecology Club program that replaces homeowners' lawns with drought-tolerant gardens.


**VOLUNTEERS**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Advanced Restoration Crew	17	170:32
Animal Care	2	33:29
Docent (tours/outreach)	10	59:47
Education Programs	3	23:22
Gift Shop Clerk (21 yrs or older)	5	30:13
Habitat Support & Maintenance	3	22:11
Native Plant Propagation	4	13:30
Nature Center Maintenance Support	0	0
Preserve Entrance Greeter	8	52:12
Reception Desk Greeter	7	79:38
Restoration Program	29	90:35
Research Assistant	3	12:38
Special Assignment	4	94:27
Outreach (events & schools)	0	0
Total	103	738:43

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeff Bischoff  
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:

  
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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 MARCH 2025**

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for March 2025:

**FACILITY BOOKING AND REGISTRATION** – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Kenita Trinidad, Facility and Registration Program Coordinator and Suzy Corzine, Senior Program Specialist*

***Facility Booking:***

During the month of March:

- Field Bookings:
  - Staff issued 100 short-term permits for fields
  - Long-term field users were issued 696 permits
  - There was 1 softball tournament held at Wilson
  
- Picnic Reservations:
  - 23 bouncer permits were issued

<b>Park</b>	<b>Picnics</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Columbia Park	8	250
El Nido Park	3	100
El Retiro Park	5	250
Hickory Park	4	97
Lago Seco Park	3	130
McMaster Park	0	0
Paradise Park	2	100
Torrance Park	1	25
Victor Park	1	40
Walteria Park	2	100
Wilson Park	8	284
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1376</b>

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>2025 YTD</b>	<b>March 2024</b>
Attic			
Facility Reservations	\$460.00	\$4,822.88	\$147.00
Field Lights/Support	\$12,165.79	\$41,206.20	\$6,720.27
Field Prep	\$270.00	\$480.00	\$157.50
Filming Permits		\$500.00	

Hockey Rink	\$3,888.00	\$10,073.00	\$2,800.00
Picnic Reservations	\$11,620.00	\$27,290.00	\$7,935.00
Pool Rental	\$12,618.75	\$36,358.75	\$12,530.00
Special Events	\$(300.00)	\$3,650.00	
Sports Center	\$3,656.00	\$16,769.44	\$3,893.00
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$2,385.50	\$59,896.82	\$19,393.57
Weddings	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,514.04</b>	<b>\$202,547.09</b>	<b>\$54,576.34</b>

**Registration:**

Registration processed a total of 1,204 transactions for a total of \$165,095.00 during the month of March 2025:

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>March 2025 Total Fees</b>	<b>March 2024 Total Fees</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>\$165,095.00</b>	<b>\$116,535.37</b>
Staff	175	59	234	\$31,795.00	\$33,900.46
Web	616	354	970	\$133,300.00	\$82,634.91

**YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE** – Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Justin Ferneau, Recreation Supervisor; Jacob Castillo, Recreation Supervisor, Traci Fuentes, Senior Program Specialist– Youth Sports and Darius Holmes, Senior Program Specialist– Adult Sports

**Aquatics:**

- March was another busy month for the Plunge, with steady participation across programs and ongoing efforts to maintain a positive experience for the public. As we move further into spring, we're preparing for increased attendance and the transition into the busy Summer season.
- Winter swim lessons wrapped up, while spring sessions began with high enrollment, leaving only a few spots available.
- Lap Swimming and Recreation Swim attendance remained consistent as the weather started to warm up.
- March lifeguard in-service training focused on refining rescue techniques, CPR/AED skills, reinforcing emergency action protocols and a refresher on the importance of enforcing pool rules as the warmer months approach.
- A few summer events at the pool are being planned and will be announced at a later date.
- Splash into Spring event is a free event scheduled for Sunday, April 13 from 1-3p.m. This free event is available for participants ages 3 and up.
- Swim Torrance athletes: 2,137
- Drop-in lap swimmers: 1,270
- Recreational Swim: 87
- LAPS Masters Swim Team: 154

**Youth Sports:**

- The Winter 2025 basketball league concluded this month. All participants and coaches were excited for the playoffs and championship series. Congratulations to all of the participants!
- A staff recap was scheduled, and staff very excited the season came to an end. Staff gave positive shout outs to each other and spoke on some rule suggestions to better the experience of our participants.

- Cheer had their last performance for the season. Staff created a season memory book with pictures.
- Volleyball registration took place and registration quickly filled up. Staff were able to adjust registration numbers to allow more participants to join.
- The Clinic and Games will take place in April for 8 weeks.

### **Adult Sports:**

- Adult softball has started the winter season.
- Staff were working on getting the Dee Hardison Sports Center gym and MPR resurfaced. This will be done in early April, just in time for the youth volleyball program to start.
- The Roller Rink received some new hockey goals, but they were not fit for the use the rink offers and were returned. New goals are being researched and will be bought soon.
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball, baseball, softball and AYSO soccer have also continued to be strong throughout the month, and all patrons have shown, or expressed their satisfaction. Rentals have also been affected by the weather, and several were moved to other fields or cancelled.
- Judo and youth cheerleading have been using the MPR frequently this month, and all have been enjoying their time while at our facility.

### **Sea-Aire Golf Course:**

- The spring golf season swung into action at *Sea-Aire* golf in March. The total rounds of golf played for the month of March were 2,730.
- The highlight of March at *Sea-Aire* golf was the first ever night glow golf event. The night glow golf was a *Sea-Aire Women's* golf club special event. The participants overall had a terrific time, and most players are excited to have another glow golf night. Incredibly, a father and son participant both had fantastic hole-in-ones that night! The new flagpole glow lamps, glow domes, and glow sticks made for a cool-looking lighting effect. There are talks of possibly holding some family glow golf nights and some open play glow nights in the future.
- The big main line water line to the water pump issue was completely repaired and is no longer causing leakage issues.
- With the start of Daylight Savings Time on March 9, the new last tee-off time at *Sea-Aire* was moved to 5:30 p.m.

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

### **After School Club Program:**

March was a month for gratitude as participants created Thank You cards for our Park Services department! We wanted to extend our recognition and appreciation to those who keep the parks clean and fun to play at! The sites are running very well with many outstanding parent surveys and recognition of specific staff members. Check out our social media pages for our recent “ASC is Trending” videos to see what we have been up to!

Our parent interest survey for additional After School sites at Riviera and Seaside Elementary yielded an incredible response. 96 parents from Riviera and 62 parents from Seaside expressed strong interest, allowing us to move forward with the plan to offer care at those sites.

### **Day Camp:**

Spring Day Camp is full with 88 participants for the upcoming break. We have fun activities planned, a couple of fun activity surprises, and incredible staff ready to make memories with the campers.

### **Virtual Recreation/Social Media:**

This month we did something a little different and collaborated with the After School Program. The After School Clubs (ASC) kicked off an exciting social media trend competition, inviting every ASC

school to explore the latest social media trends for March. This initiative was all about showcasing the distinctiveness of each of our After School Clubs. Family and friends were encouraged to engage by liking, sharing, and commenting on their favorite entries. The competition was a hit, resulting in a boost of over 150 followers on each platform. Anza After School Club emerged as the champion, racking up more than 4000 views, 300 interactions, and over 50 comments!

This month's social media content included:

- Torrance Cheer Program – program reel
- Co-Rec Teen Night Out– program spotlight and story
- Summer Movies in the Park Poll – Story poll
- Rec Instructor Network – spotlight and story
- Happy Valentine's Day Cards – program spotlight
- Spring Seasons– program spotlight and story
- Youth Cheerleading – program reel and story
- Torrance Cheerleading – program spotlight and story
- Winter Adult Softball Leagues Registration – program spotlight and story
- ASC Staff of the Month– program spotlight

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

*Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Nena Davis, Interim Recreation Supervisor; Charlene Walker, Recreation Supervisor; Linda Wilson-Gray, Senior Program Specialist; Cindy Tapp, Senior Program Specialist*

***Special Events:***

- No events were held in the month of March.

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

The month of March was filled with festive activities, creative crafts, and fun celebrations as the winter session wrapped up on March 14. The spring session resumed on March 24, with both classes at full capacity, totaling 38 students. ECE had a total of 5 parent volunteers for the month of March.

*Fun & Friends Class* concluded the winter session with a St. Patrick's Day party where the children enjoyed green bagels with cream cheese and created colorful Fruit Loop necklaces and adorable leprechaun crafts. They kicked off the spring session by continuing to learn the alphabet, focusing on letters R-S.

*Lollipop Tree Class* celebrated the end of the winter session with a St. Patrick's Day pajama party. They Enjoyed a breakfast feast of pancakes, fruit, and yogurt. Participants watched a "Dora the Explorer" movie while snacking on popcorn and started the spring session by crafting butterflies and caterpillars.

***Adaptive Recreation:***

- 116 participants have registered for the 2025 PALS programs.
- The first session of Adaptive Pickleball was a huge success. The feedback from the participants and parents is overwhelmingly positive. "Faren has fallen in love with the sport" is a quote from one of the participants' mothers. Everyone has built confidence and developed new skills in the first session, and they look forward to the next session on April 10.
- Over 45 basketball players regularly attend the Special Olympics Basketball practices offered twice per week. Four teams of 10-12 athletes are participating this season. Without the hard work and dedication of the volunteer coaches, the program would not be the success it is. The first tournament will be on Saturday, April 26 in Whittier.
- The Special Olympics Swim team is working on perfecting their speed and swim strokes. With over 20 swimmers, one of the very dedicated moms of an athlete has received her swim certification. This will allow more athletes to participate in the swim meets. The first swim

meet will be on April 26. A huge thank you goes out to the coaches who run the swim program 10 months out of the year.

- The social monthly activities included Paint and Stain Art Studio on March 10, Trivia Night at McMaster Park on March 24 and a Wilson Park Walk to Bruster's Ice Cream on March 31

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

- THE ATTIC was closed to students on March 14, 2025.
- For the month of March, THE ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 867; this includes guests and members.
- On Monday, March 17, THE ATTIC staff held a Green Day party for students. ATTIC members got to enjoy festive treats and played Trivia.
- ATTIC staff held game day Mondays, for the members to participate in each week.
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities.
- THE ATTIC gym was open to students every Wednesday 4 - 5 p.m. with an attendance of 6 or more students each week.
- Friday Movie days featured "The Amazing Spider Man," "Knives Out," and "Up."

#### **ATTIC *Advisory Committee*:**

- On Monday, March 3, 2025, THE ATTIC *Advisory Committee* held their monthly meeting, which was held at THE ATTIC at 6pm. There were committee 10 members present.
- Agenda items included Hearts & Crafts debrief, Pancake Breakfast, May Mental Health Month and preparation for MADD event.
- The Committee members received Pancake Breakfast ticket books. Each Committee members' goal is to sell 25 tickets each and promote the event.
- THE ATTIC *Advisory Committee* hosted MADD event "Mother Against Drunk Driving on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 5 -7pm. Students joined an empowering night of pleading to not drink and drive. The MADD event this year was focused on "A single choice can cause lifelong consequences." MADD organization had a virtual guest speaker, Zaira Simones, whose life was impacted by drinking and driving. The MADD event had 3 interactive booths that were hosted by the ATTIC *Advisory* along with a MADD information booth. There were 25 students in attendance.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday April 14, 2025, at 6pm in THE ATTIC multi-purpose room.

#### **Torrance Youth Council (TYC):**

- The Youth Council held its regularly scheduled meetings on Wednesday, March 5, and 19 in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.
- Prior to the meetings, the Youth Forum, Senior Events, Publicity, and ATTIC *Advisory/Happy to Chat Committees* met to discuss and prepare for their 2025 events.
- The Senior Activities Committee held its monthly Senior Tech Day at the Bartlett Senior Center on Saturday, March 22, from 8:30 to 11:30am. This event was received positively with over twenty seniors in attendance to receive assistance with their electronics. The commission is looking to have another tech day in the month of April.
- The Youth Forum Committee held its annual event on Thursday, March 13, at the ATTIC Teen Center from 6-8:30pm. With over forty Torrance Unified School District High School Students in attendance the event was a huge success. Participants enjoyed a great night that offered a keynote speaker, Justin Ho, also known as "The Mindset Guy," who began his career delivering motivational speeches at his high school and is now a content marketer specializing in helping business owners build celebrity brands. The night also had great debates that students participated and great food for all in attendance.

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

- The commission met on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the West Annex Commission meeting room.

- A presentation by Crystal Seddon, MBA, General Manager from Comfort Keepers was provided to the COA members and those in attendance on the services they offer. Comfort Keepers is a homecare company based in Torrance, serving the South Bay area.

***Focal Point on Aging:***

- The group met for their monthly meeting on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the Bartlett Senior Center. Guest speaker, Shirley Lederhos, of the Torrance YMCA spoke to the group on their current activities.
- The Torrance South Bay YMCA Senior Nutrition Program offers daily lunches beginning at 12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday for a suggested contribution of \$4.00 per meal for Seniors 60 years old and their spouse/caregiver of any age.
- The Senior Meal Program also offers a weekly "Grab 'n' Go" option which includes seven frozen meals that can be picked up on a designated day. Home delivery meals will also be available on a limited basis. Unfortunately, there are no Senior activities currently.
- For the month of March Focal Point had eight volunteers for a total of 123 hours.

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

- The City of Torrance Senior Centers warmly welcome everyone aged 50 and older, providing a vibrant and inclusive space to connect, learn, and stay active.
- Members can access benefits for just five dollars a year, including the bi-monthly "5-0 and On-the-Go!" Newsletter, which keeps them updated on special events, exercise classes, senior center schedules, activities, lunch menus, and more. The staff have noted an increase in registrations each month.
- The Bartlett's crafting group continues to meet in the Hobby Shop every Friday. They might bring a project such as crochet or knitting to work on, but mostly, they are there enjoying each other's company. There are 20 ladies who attend each week, they are a delightful group, and we are so happy to have them.
- The beading workshop meets at the Bartlett Center from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm on Wednesdays. The beading class has 12 to 13 members. All levels of participants are welcome.
- Bartlett has line dancing! The classes are held on Thursdays at 8:30 am. The course is exceptionally well attended. All levels are welcome.
- The TYC had a Senior Tech Day, on Saturday, March 22, from 8:30am to 11:30am, at the Bartlett Senior Center. The Youth Council members came to the center and worked with our seniors on any device they brought in. As always, our senior greatly appreciated the help and advice the teens provided!
- AARP continues free tax help in the Focal Point offices on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 am to 2:30 pm.
- The Mini-Fitness Center at the Bartlett Senior Center continues to open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for any senior looking to work out in a friendly and welcoming environment.
- The Senior Citizen Walking Club meets on Mondays at 10 a.m. at the Bartlett Senior Center, and on Fridays, there are several different walking venues. This activity is always looking for new participants. Please contact the Bartlett Senior Center to sign up; all levels are welcome.
- Torrance Travelers will be traveling again in April to Olvera Street in Downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. More information to come in March.
- On Tuesday, March 18, the Bartlett Senior Center celebrated Patti Goldenson's retirement from the City of Torrance. We wish her all the best in the next chapter in her life. Congratulations Patti!

**BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS AND CLASS ATTENDANCE**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Beading Workshop	47
Cards	46
Craft Workshop	31
Drop-ins	77
Table, Games, and Puzzles	0
Lapidary	38
Line Dancing	131
Paid Lunches	269
Pool	59
Senior Discussion (Coffee with Maxine)	22
Telephone Log	403
Television	17
OLEF Chair Fusion	53
OLEF Fitness Difference	81
OLEF Salsa for Seniors	40
OLEF Spanish Class	27
Walking Club	42
Gardening Club	Not in Season
Mini-Fitness Center	15
Coffee with Maxine	35
Meditation	13
English/Spanish Book Club	4
Volunteers	2
Radio Club	6
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,458</b>

**TILLIM SENIOR CENTER**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Cards	18
Creative Crafters	60
Drop-ins	12
Games	25
Pool	8
Telephone	0
Volunteers	0
Watercolor workshop	32
We Empower One Another	24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>179</b>

**WALTERIA SENIOR CENTER**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Games	0
Ping Pong	160
Drop-ins	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>160</b>

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recreation Services Manager

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Community Services Director



Glow Night Golf at Sea-Aire Golf Course.



ECE participants during their St. Patrick's Day Celebration.



Music play class at ECE.



ATTIC Teen Center participants during the MADD event on March 20, 2025.



TYC Students assisting a senior during Senior Tech Day at the Bartlett Senior Center.



Adaptive pickleball participants being presented with a donation check from the program sponsor, SUNRIDER at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.