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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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, May 8, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: April 9, 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 – 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, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



April 9, 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, April 9, 2025, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Craft, Habel, Hoover, Muhammed and Acting Chair Mele

Absent: Absent Chair Candioly and Commissioner Wright

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock,
Recreation Services Manager Craig,
Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo,
Administrative Analyst Ohanian.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Craft.

3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Community Services Director La Rock stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and the City's website on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Community Services Director La Rock stated that a flyer had been added to announce the adaptive sports recreation celebration dinner.

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to approve the absence of Chair Candioly from the meeting. Acting Chair Mele seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent Chair Candioly and Commissioner Wright)

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the Torrance Youth Council spoke.

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 12, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025, as submitted. Commissioner Muhammed seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent Chair Candioly and Commissioner Wright)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Community Services Director La Rock announced that Commission appointments would be made by the City Council on June 17, 2025 and applications were due by May 8.

Community Services Director La Rock stated that Dodger tickets were on sale for the July 20, 2025 game and noted that there was currently a wait list for tickets.

Community Services Director La Rock reported that the next pet vaccination clinic would be held at Wilson Park at the Dee Hardison Sports Center exterior plaza on April 27, 2025 and added that the Madrona Marsh Nature Festival would be held on April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Services Director La Rock listed the following capital improvement projects:

- La Carretera Park: retaining wall replacement had been completed and noted that public art could be installed on it.
- Columbia Park bocce courts replacement synthetic bocce turf had been ordered with projected completion by 5/30 and lighting poles at parking lot A had been replaced and were operational.
- New solar lighting had been installed at Descanso Park

There was no public comment.

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

Administrative Analyst Ohanian explained the three options that the Commission had to receive the pet licensing donation funds collected through Safe and Happy Fund donations:

Option 1: Select one non-profit to receive all or a portion of the \$10,000 2024 donations with a second non-profit selected for 2025 funds

Option 2: Allocate 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 other potential efforts, with the second allocation for 2025 following a similar structure

Option 3: Allocate the \$10,000 between one or more of the five non-profits and the City of Torrance Animal Control city donations account, with a similar approach for 2025 funds

Administrative Analyst Ohanian explained the requirements which the six suggested non-profits needed to have in order to be listed as possible candidates to receive donation funds and described the fees that DocuPets collected for license fees.

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to select non-profits #1- #4 and #6 (City of Torrance Animal Control city donation) and evenly split the 2024 donations. Commissioner Muhammed seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent Chair Candioly and Commissioner Wright)

Community Services Director La Rock requested that the item be brought back for the consideration of 2025 funds and noted that Commission had also directed staff to request that the entities who were selected to receive the donated funds come before the Commission to present information on their organizations.

Community Services Director La Rock confirmed that staff could reach out to non-profit #5, and explain why they had been excluded, and request them to provide more information in answer to the Commission's questions.

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- ACCEPT AND FILE PROGRAMMING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to accept and file the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Muhammed seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent Chair Candioly and Commissioner Wright)

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Craft requested an excused absence for the May Commission meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, May 14, 2025

MOTION: At 8:46 p.m., Commissioner Habel moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muhammed and a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval. (Absent Chair Candioly and Commissioner Wright)

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL STA

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 receive 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>
- 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 for more information and ticketing
- The City will host the next pet vaccination clinic on May 25 at the Wilson Park Dee Hardison Sports Center plaza
- Armed Forces Day events will be held May 16, 17 and 18
- Summer Concerts in the Park 2025 schedule confirmed
- The Splash Pad at Wilson Park will open for the summer season on May 23
- Capital Improvement Projects:
 - La Carretera Park retaining wall replacement project completed
 - City Council approved the design and next steps for the WWII Camp Wall Incarceration Monument in Columbia Park
 - City Council approved the design-build contract for the New 8 pickleball courts project in Wilson Park
 - New traffic bollards were installed at Wilson Park at the perimeter of the Farmers' Market
- Department Key Performance Indicators
 - Fall-Winter 2024-25

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachments: 1) Armed Forces Day Information
2) Summer Concerts Schedule
3) Key Performance Indicator Report

FACT SHEET

- Torrance is one of a few cities nationwide sanctioned by the Department of Defense to honor our Armed Forces through an annual Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration.
- Torrance's Armed Forces Day Parade has the distinction of being the nation's longest running military parade sponsored by any city.
- 2025 marks the 63rd year that the City of Torrance has hosted an Armed Forces Day Celebration to honor the nation's military. Torrance's celebration takes place from Friday, May 16, 2025 through Sunday, May 18, 2025.
- On Saturday, May 17, 2025, the parade begins at 1:30 p.m. at Crenshaw Boulevard and travels one-mile west on Torrance Boulevard to Madrona Avenue. It ends at approximately 3:30 p.m.
- Each year, the City of Torrance identifies one branch of the United States military as the "honored service" of the Armed Forces Day Celebration. A high-ranking member of the honored service is invited to serve as Grand Marshal.
- The honorary branch of the military for 2025 is the United States Army.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

CONCERT: 7:30 p.m.

MILITARY EXHIBITS: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

ARMED FORCES DAY 5K: 8 a.m.

PARADE: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

MILITARY EXHIBITS: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

MILITARY EXHIBITS: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Besides the Parade highlight, the community can enjoy other festivities during the 63rd Annual City of Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration, including military assets on display.
- Military assets on display, including aircrafts, vehicles, support equipment may be viewed at the Del Amo Fashion Center during the three day celebration.
- An evening concert will be open to the public on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets required. Ticket info to come.
- The Torrance legacy of the Armed Forces Day celebration began under the leadership of Mayor Albert Isen in 1960 and has grown throughout the years to be considered a Southern California tradition. According to Mayor Isen, the parade was to "increase public respect and understanding for military service and promote civic-military relationships."

City of
TORRANCE
California

**63RD
ANNUAL**

ARMED FORCES DAY

PARADE & CELEBRATION

MAY 16-18, 2025

TORRANCECA.GOV/AFD



CITY OF TORRANCE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



JUNE 7
5:00 PM

BRITAIN'S FINEST
Beatles Tribute Band

JUNE 14
7:45 PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Dog Man - La Romeria Park

JUNE 21
5:00 PM

LOCKED OUT OF HEAVEN
Bruno Mars Tribute Band

JUNE 28
5:00 PM

BLUE BREEZE BAND
Blues, Soul, R&B, Jazz

JULY 5
5:00 PM

ANDY & RENEE & HARD RAIN
Woodstock Retrospective

JULY 11-13
12-6:00 PM

TRYST & NOMAD ART FAIR
Del Amo Crossing - Hawthorne Blvd

JULY 12
7-45 PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Moana 2 - De Portola Park

JULY 19
5:00 PM

SPACE ODDITY
David Bowie Tribute Band

JULY 26
5:00 PM

ABBA LA
ABBA Tribute Band

AUG 2
5:00 PM

GET LIT - WORDS IGNITE
Workshop and Poetry Slam

AUG 9
7:45 PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Sonic the Hedgehog: 3 - Wilson Park

AUG 16
5:00 PM

LA CHARANGA CUBANA
Grammy-nominated Salsa Band

AUG 23
5:00 PM

SANGRE NUEVA
Salsa Band

AUG 30
5:00 PM

PETTY THEFT
Tom Petty Tribute Band

2024 Fall Youth Flag Football League

2025 Winter Youth Basketball League



Participant Counts

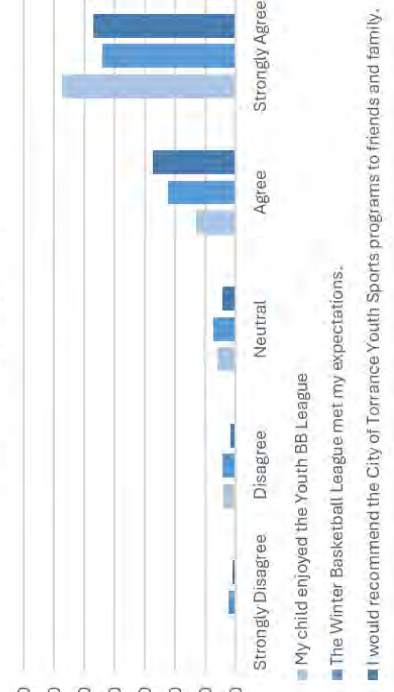
- Fall Flag Football League included 337 boys and girls, an increase from 234 in 2023.
- Winter Youth Sports Basketball League participation exceeded maximum at 1060 making up 104 teams.
- Both leagues were led by over 100 volunteer coaches.

Parent/Guardian Comments

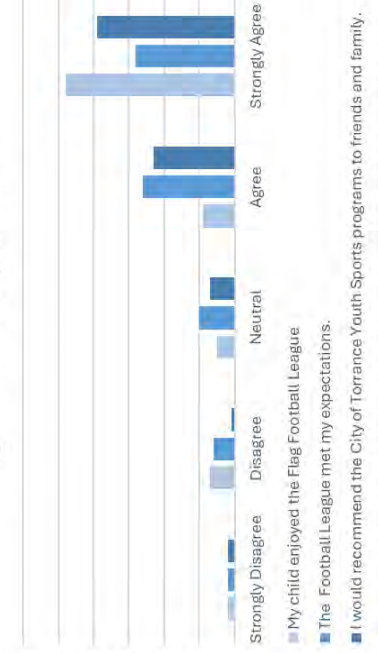
- We love the basketball and football leagues you guys run and appreciate all the hard work. Everybody is so good to the kids and they learn so much and love it. Thanks for all you do!
- We loved the league and officials. We'll be back next year!
- It's my daughter's first time to join at the City of Torrance basketball, and it's an amazing experience! She loves it.
- Thank you for a great program, and I love the medal! See you next season!
- A continued concern from 8 respondents was the lack of parking at Wilson Park for the Saturday games while the Farmers' Market was taking place.

	Needs Imp	Below Avg	Avg	Above Avg	Excellent
Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Youth Flag Football League.	2	5	15	21	29
Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Youth Basketball League.	5	5	25	46	82

Basketball Survey Results



Flag Football Survey Results



Fall 2024/Winter 2025

Victor E. Benstead Plunge

New for Fall!

- The Plunge hosted the First Annual Floating Pumpkin Patch in October. 100 participants got to enjoy a swim with the floating pumpkins in the pool. Each participant selected a pumpkin to decorate and take home.
- Of the survey respondents, 92% said they'd attend the event next year.



Fall/Winter Classes

Classes for both sessions filled to

93

classes offered

628

swim lesson participants

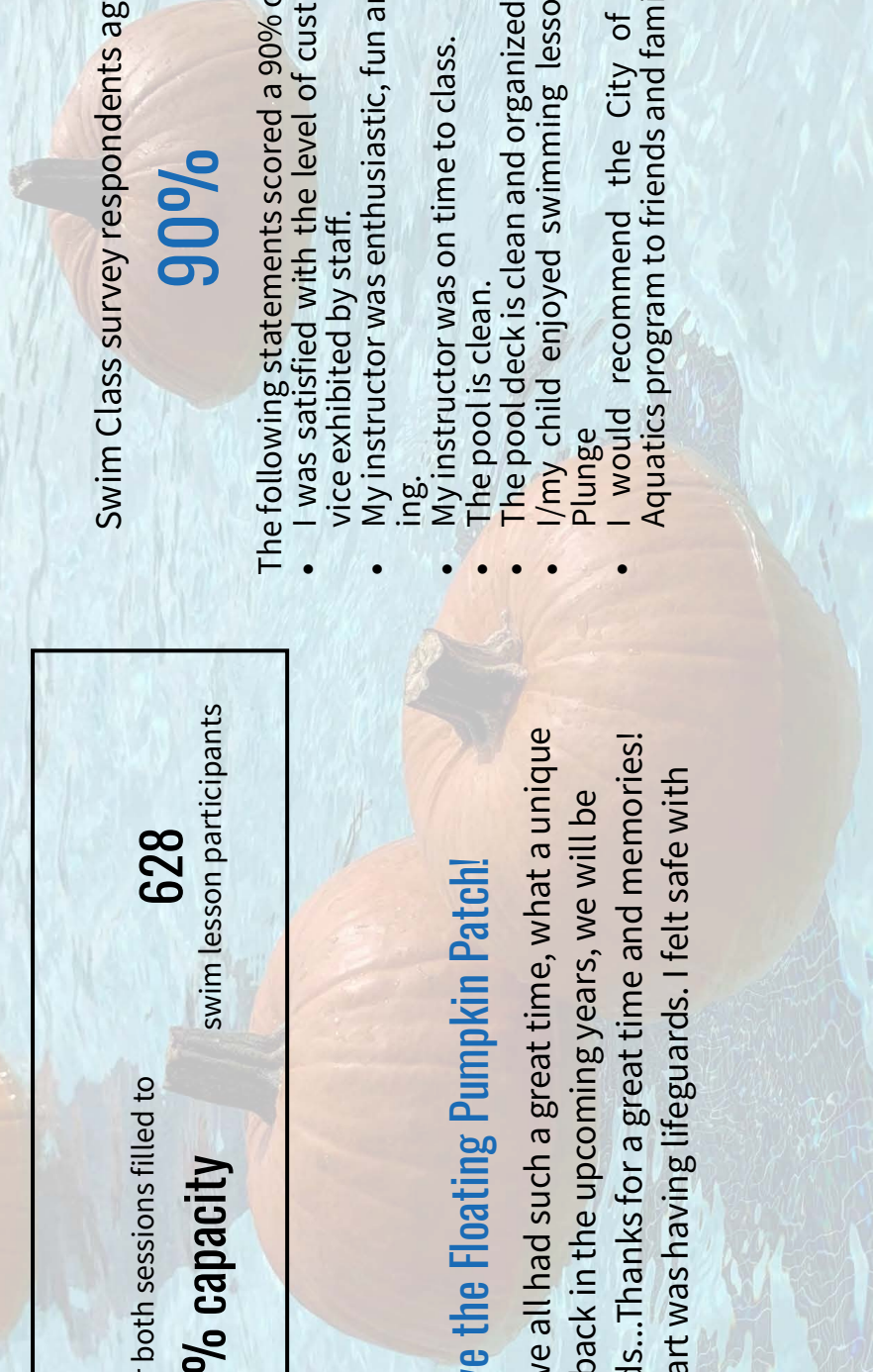
Parents and Guardians love the Floating Pumpkin Patch!

- I brought my family of 5, we all had such a great time, what a unique event! I hope you bring it back in the upcoming years, we will be back and telling our friends...Thanks for a great time and memories!
- I loved all of it. The best part was having lifeguards. I felt safe with my child swimming.

Swim Class survey respondents agreed...

90%

- The following statements scored a 90% or above:
- I was satisfied with the level of customer service exhibited by staff.
 - My instructor was enthusiastic, fun and engaging.
 - My instructor was on time to class.
 - The pool is clean.
 - The pool deck is clean and organized.
 - I/my child enjoyed swimming lessons at the Plunge
 - I would recommend the City of Torrance Aquatics program to friends and family.



Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 Cheer Programs



- The Youth Cheerleading Program supports the Youth Flag Football and Youth Basketball Leagues.
- Cheerleaders performed at the Halloween Movie in the Park and had an end of season performance.
- The program is open to children in grades 2-8. All levels are welcome! The program is very popular and reaches capacity each season with 68 participants this Fall and Winter.

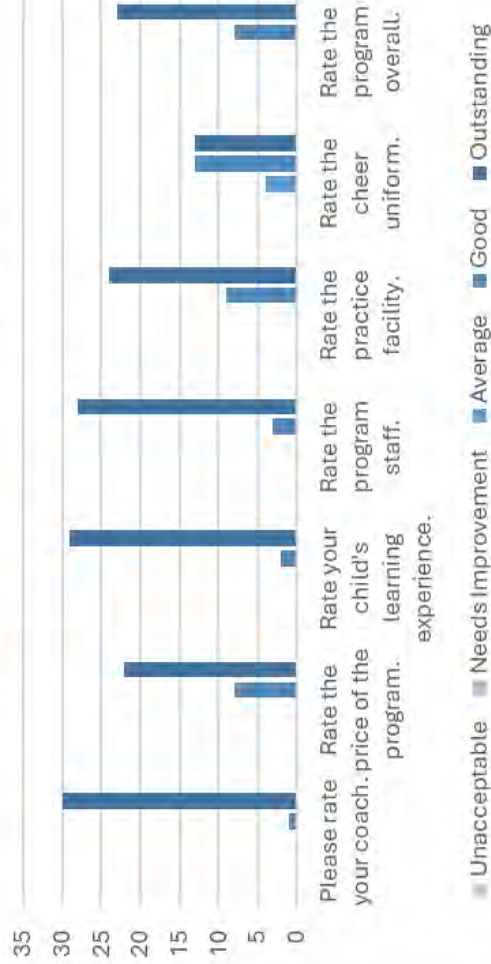
Parent/Guardian Comments

- My daughter is learning and enjoying cheerleading. Grateful for the program!
- Coach Dominique and her team have put together a phenomenal program. My daughter learned more in the 10 weeks she had in this program than she did in two years at another gym. We are so grateful to be a part of this program and look forward to many more seasons to come! Thank you so much!!
- Amazing youth program. My daughter loves it and loves the coaches.

More positive comments...

- My daughter enjoys being part of this program... She is learning so much, and she is also able to have a leadership role by being one of the captains. She has been doing the program since she was in 4th grade, and I have seen her confidence grow each year she has participated.
- I didn't know what to expect from my daughter enrolling in the cheer program for the first time. I am impressed with what she has learned in a short period of time. I am proud of all the girls. I am also appreciative of all the love and support the coaches presented during the games and practice.

Cheer Parent/Guardian Surveys



City of Torrance Community Services Department – Recreation Division AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS 2024

Enjoyment

100% Have Fun at ASC

A total of 77% of respondents strongly agreed, while 23% agreed, that the After School Club surpassed their expectations.

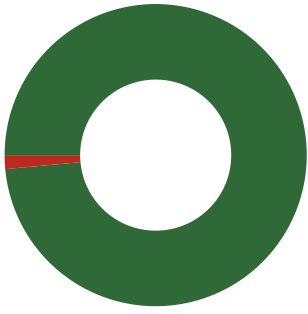
Yes 100%

No 0%



Expectation

99% Like the ASC



99%

1%

Participant Comments

- My friends and the staff.
- Drawing, outside time, and group games.
- Everything and everyone.
- Drawing and field trips!
- Homework time.
- Outside play.
- Playing Uno.
- Everything.
- Handball.
- Staff.



Survey

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SURVEY

MY GRADE _____

There are no right or wrong answers! We want to know how you feel!

Click if the statement is YES for you.
Click if the statement is NO for you.

I LIKE THE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

I HAVE FUN AT THE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

I LIKE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ART AND CRAFTS

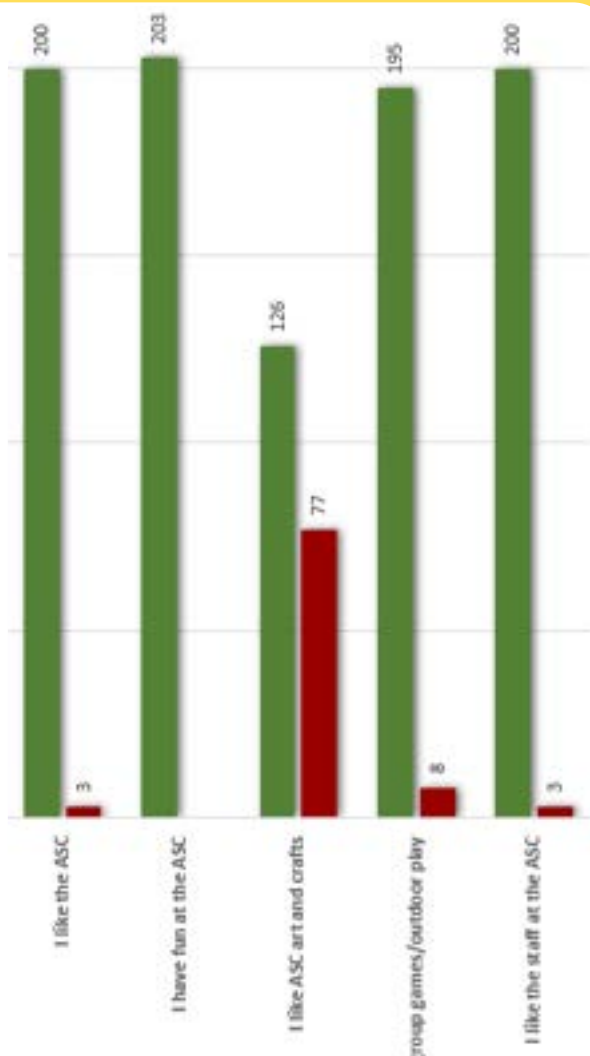
I LIKE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB GROUP GAMES/ OUTDOOR PLAY

I LIKE THE STAFF AT THE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING AT AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB? _____

WHAT WOULD MAKE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB BETTER, MORE FUN? _____

Survey Results

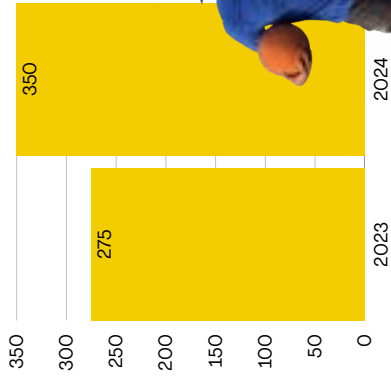


City of Torrance Community Services Department – Recreation Division AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SURVEY RESULTS

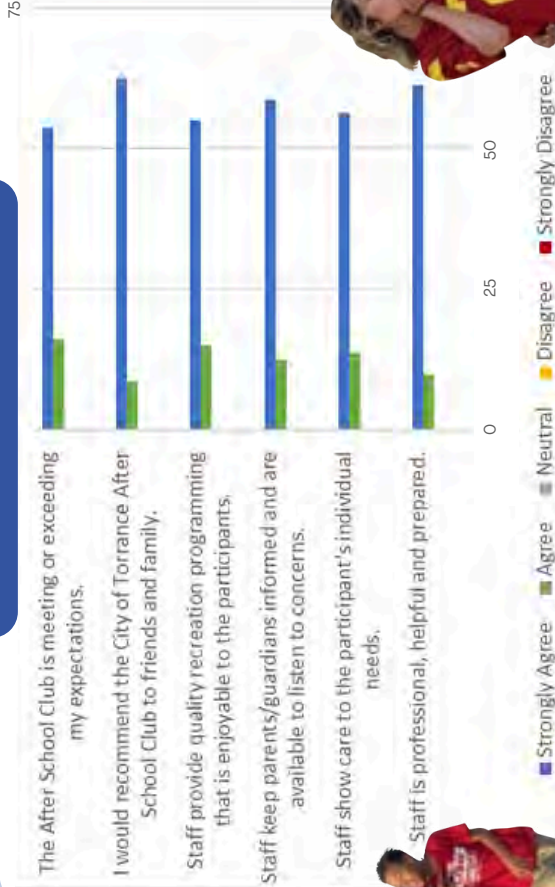
2024

Participation

Over a 25% Increase



Survey Results



Expectation

100% Agreed



A total of 77% of respondents strongly agreed, while 23% agreed, that the After School Club surpassed their expectations.

Parent Comments

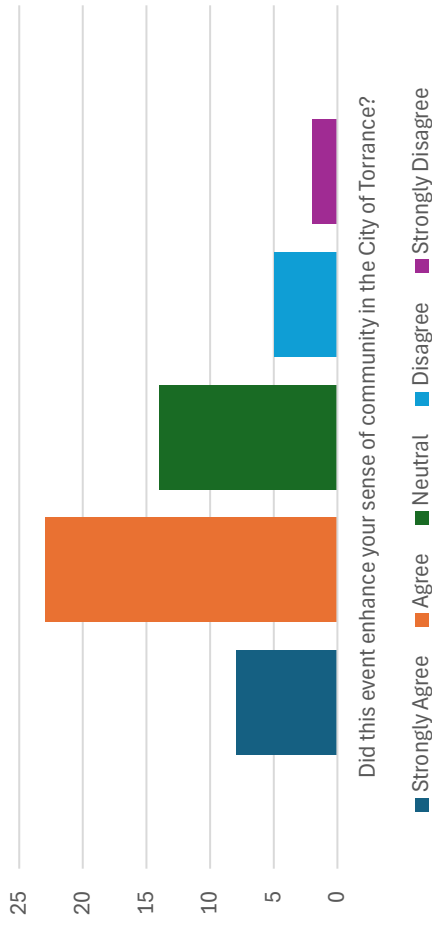
- Both myself but specially my daughter loves the after school program. She loves the staff and immediately clicked with them and the students. Every day I pick her up she comes out happy and that alone brings me peace while I am at work. Thank you all.
- As a working parent, this year has been absolutely wonderful. My daughter loves going each day. She enjoys the staff and students and activities. It gives me peace of mind to know she's well taken care of and happy after school. Thank you for this wonderful resource!!
- We feel very fortunate to have such awesome ASC staff. They are great role models to the kids and are very engaging with all the students.
- I don't know how we survived before this program. The counselors are so great with the kids, provide fun activities, and even help with homework.
- All the staff are great with the kids. Thank you very much to all staff, you guys are truly amazing!
- We appreciate the level of professionalism, care and attention the staff members provide the students. I'm amazed at how consistently patient and in control they are of the group! I do also love that they play classical music for the kids.:



2024 SPECIAL EVENT SURVEY RESULTS

City of Torrance Community Services Department - Recreation Division

DID THIS EVENT ENHANCE YOUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE?

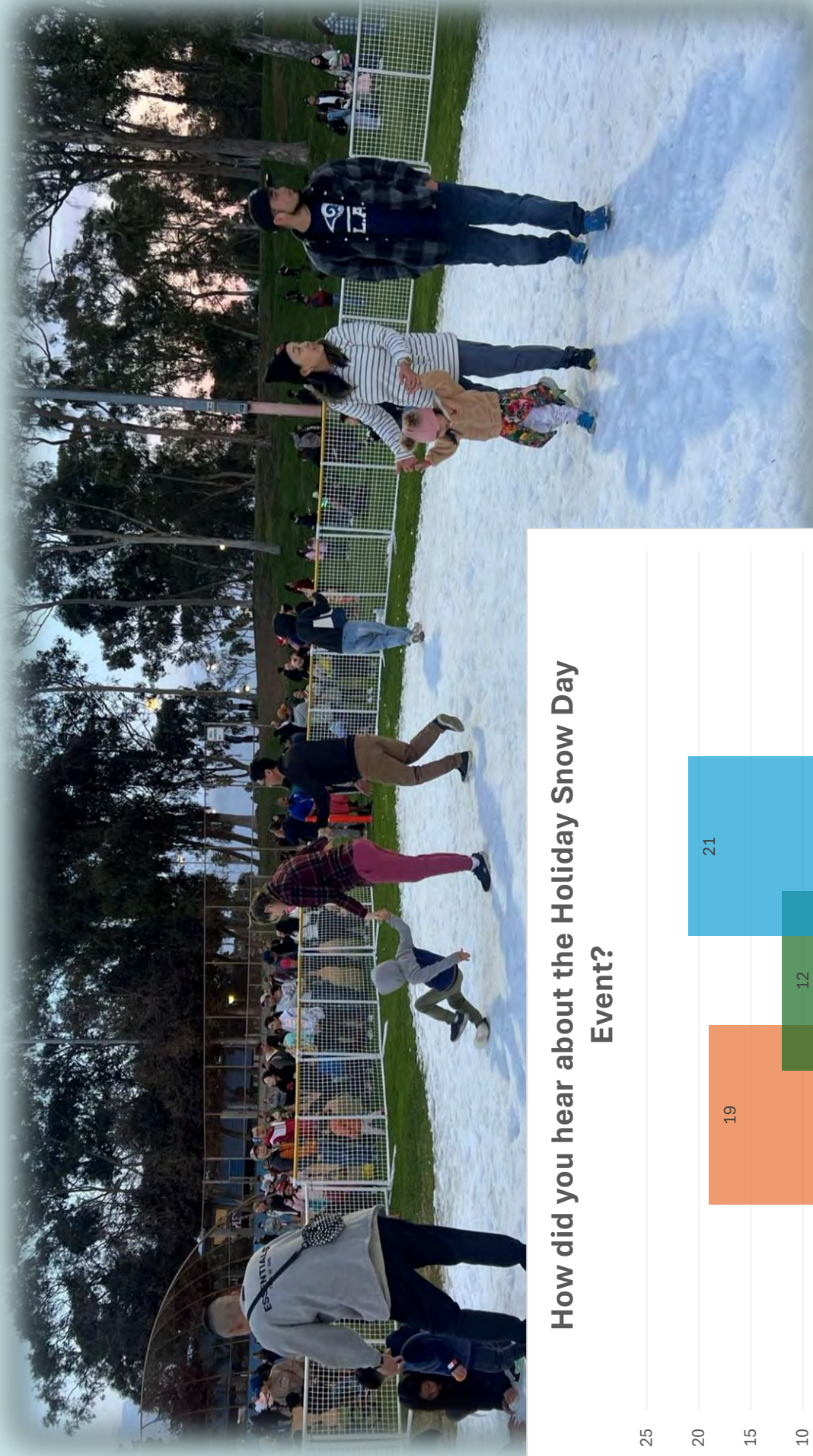


The survey results show that the event was well-received, with the majority of participants feeling it positively enhanced their sense of community in Torrance. A total of 8 participants strongly agreed and 23 agreed, reflecting a strong sense of connection. Additionally, 14 participants were neutral, while only a small number of attendees disagreed, indicating that the event was largely successful in fostering community spirit.

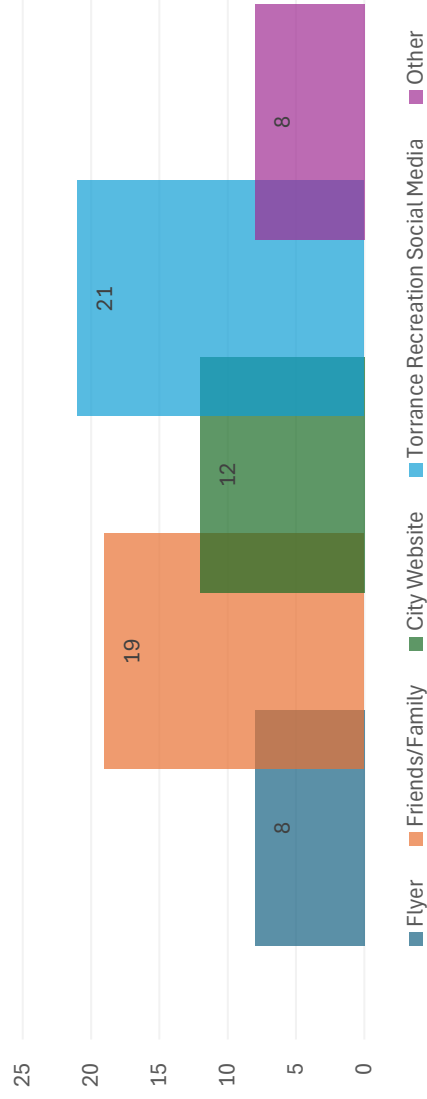


2024 SPECIAL EVENT SURVEY RESULTS

City of Torrance Community Services Department - Recreation Division



How did you hear about the Holiday Snow Day Event?



Do you have any additional comments you would like to add?

Suggested Improvements:

Consider starting and ending the event earlier.

More snow areas or a larger snow play area to accommodate demand.

Timed entry or crowd control measures to prevent overcrowding.

More food options to reduce wait times.

Spreading the event over multiple days or locations to manage attendance better.

Adding more game booths and activities, similar to past events.

A parade or performances by local dance and theater groups.

Overall, attendees enjoyed the event and its festive atmosphere, and with a few adjustments to logistics and wait times, it has the potential to be even more seamless and enjoyable in the future.

Positives:

Fantastic community event with lots of smiles and Friendly, helpful, and accommodating staff.

Appreciation for a free event that brought the community together.

Many enjoyed the holiday theme and activities like snow play, Santa, and crafts.

The arts and crafts stations and Madrona Marsh representation were well-received.

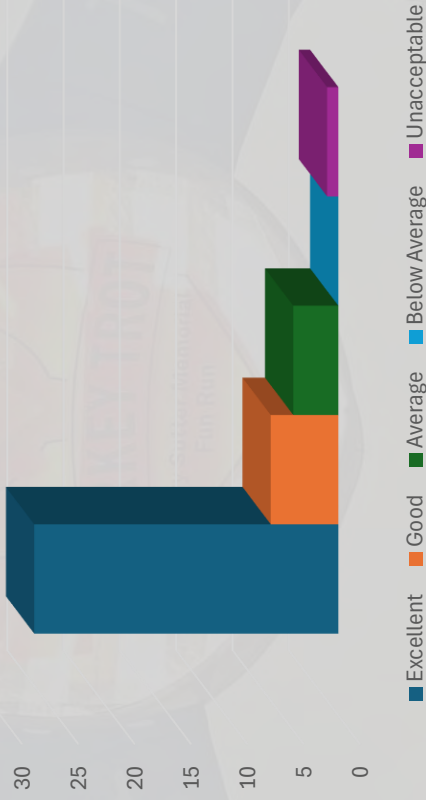
Loved the snowman and Mr. & Mrs. Gingerbread characters and the event was enjoyable for families.

Many attendees expressed gratitude and hope for the event to continue annually.

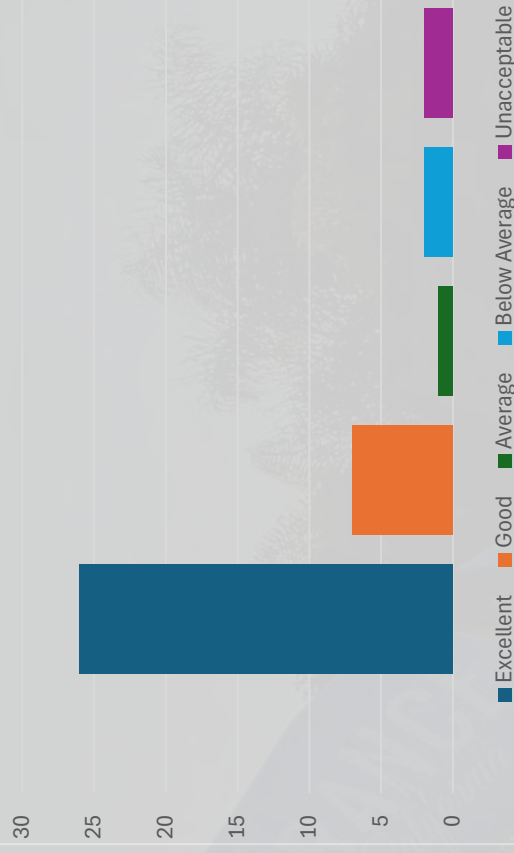
2024 SPECIAL EVENT SURVEY RESULTS

City of Torrance Community Services Department - Recreation Division

Rate the event on promoting community and tradition:



Rate the Turkey Trot 3 Mile Fun Run race course:



Community & Tradition:

A strong majority (27 out of 38) rated the event as Excellent at promoting community and tradition. Very few negative ratings (only 1 Unacceptable).

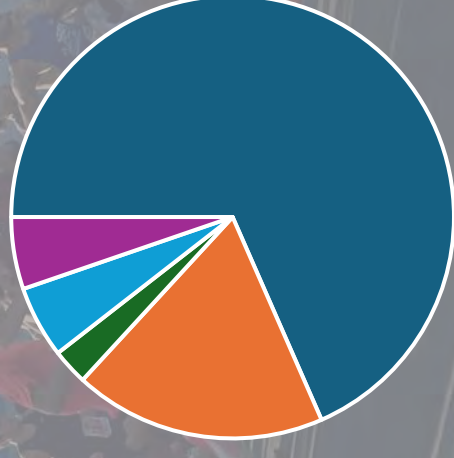
Race Course:

Most found the 3 Mile Fun Run enjoyable (Excellent – 26, Good – 7), though there were a couple of concerns (Below Average – 2, Unacceptable – 2).

Overall Satisfaction:

Overwhelmingly positive — 26 Excellent, 7 Good, with a few lower ratings suggesting some room for improvement.

Rate your overall satisfaction of the event:



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Average ■ Below Average ■ Unacceptable

Overall, participants had a **very positive experience** with the Turkey Trot event.

City of Torrance Community Services Department - Library Division

September-February 2025

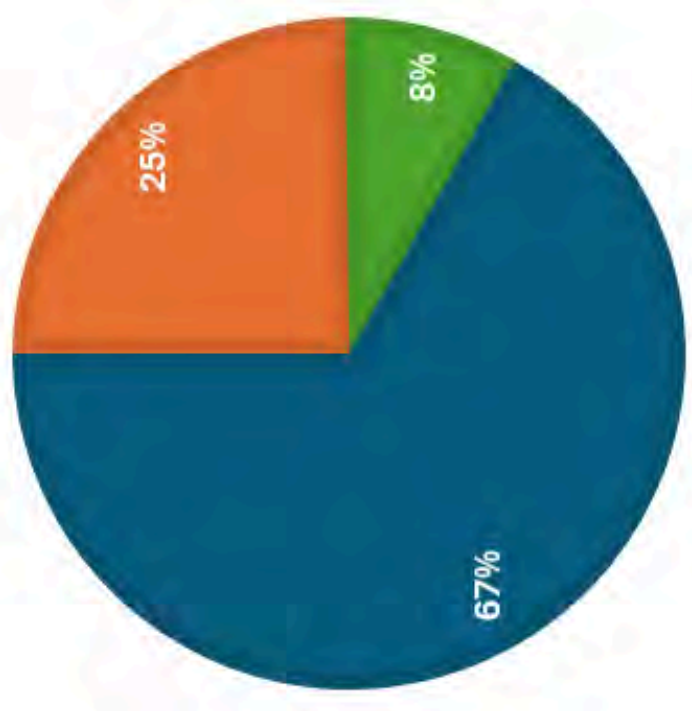
Key Performance Indicators: Programming



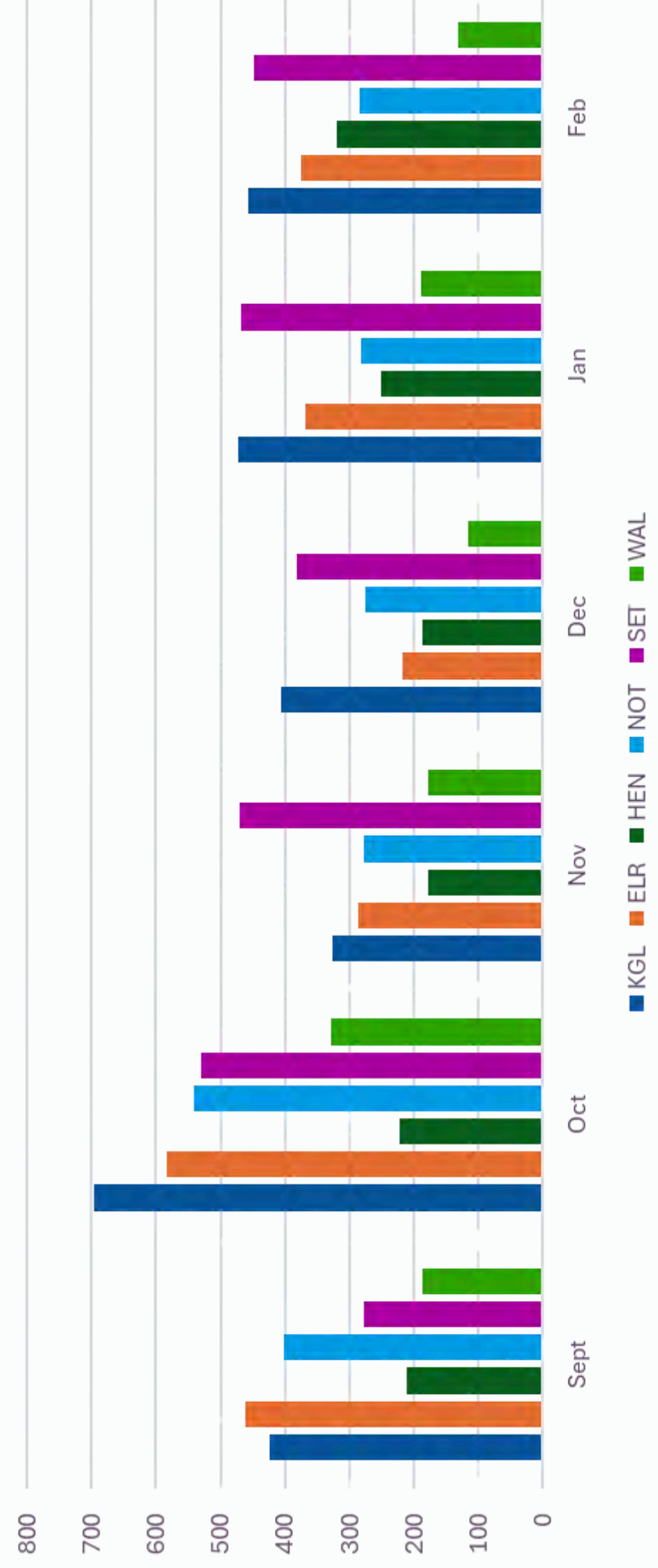
11,581 People Attended Childrens, Teen, or Adult Programs

PROGRAM AUDIENCE

Adult Teen Youth



Program Attendance

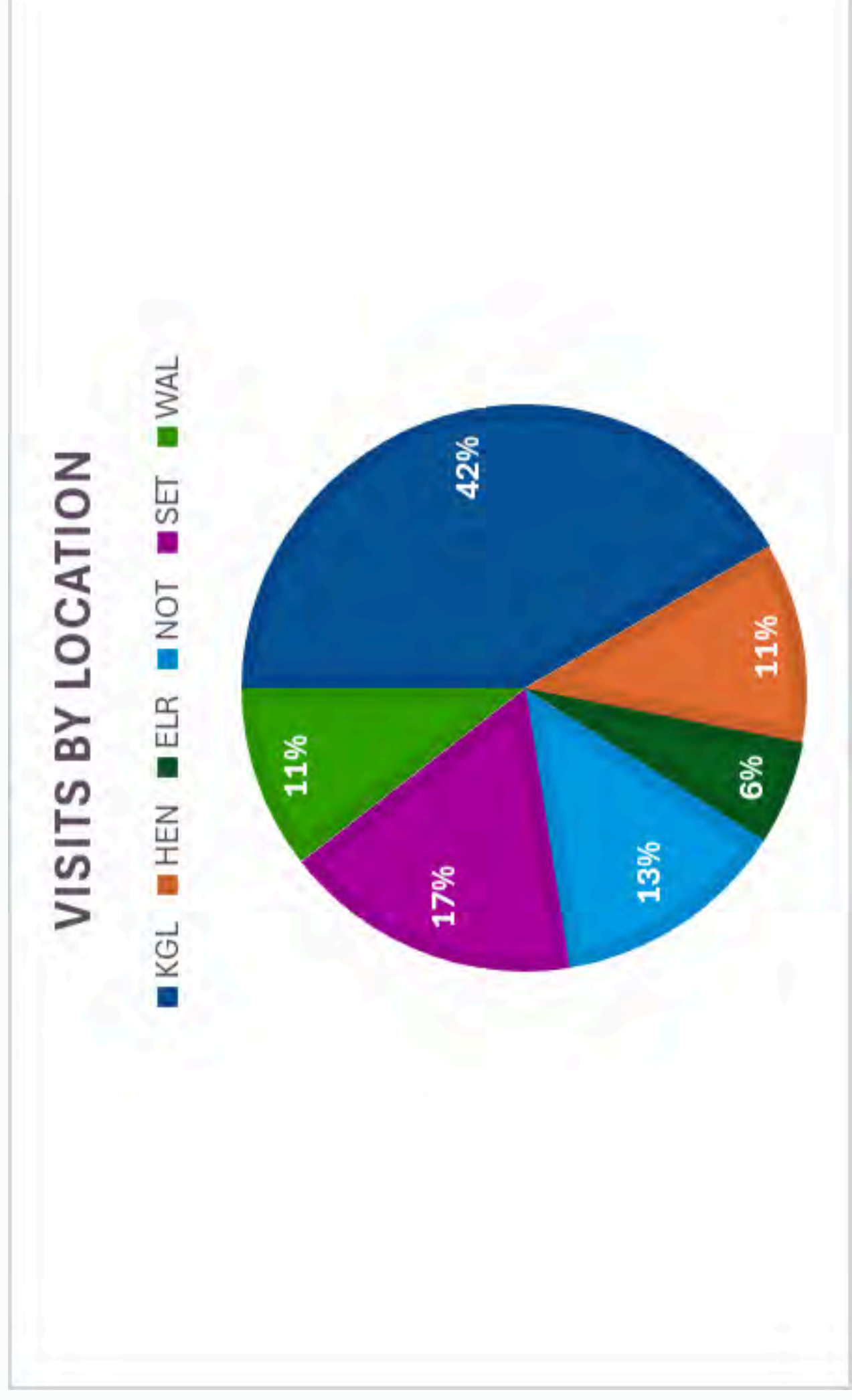


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September–February 2025

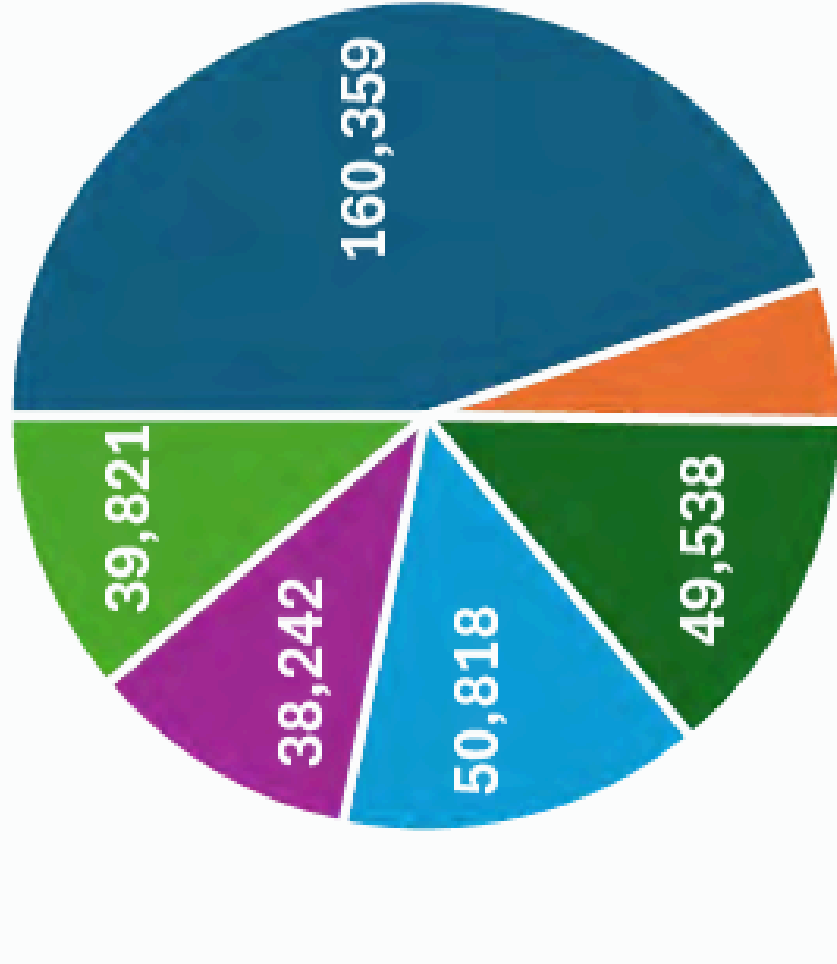
Key Performance Indicators: Library Visits

**161,159 People Visited the
Torrance Public Library**



City of Torrance Community Services Department – Library Division September–February 2025 Key Performance Indicators Percentage of Resources Checked Out

358,261 Physical Items Circulated
77% of the Total Collection



El Retiro 19,483

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City of Torrance Community Services Department - Library Division September-February 2025 Key Performance Indicators Service Comments

**Matthew the librarian does a wonderful job...it is truly the best (storytime) I have seen in the area.
...how thankful I am for the enthusiasm, passion, and joy that Judy brings to
the toddler time program...**

**This was a great community event,
and we are coming back!**





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2024-2025

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION



TORRANCE ART MUSEUM

FREE and open to the public 11:00AM - 5:00PM Tuesday through Saturday

- **Opening Attendance:** 250-attendee average per each of the 5 exhibitions **(750)**
- **Exhibit Attendance:** 150 visitor average per week for each of the 5 exhibitions **(3,750)**
- **Tryst Attendance:** **4,300** visitors for the annual International Art Fair
- **Total for TAM:** **9,000** visitors



Image from Gallery Two during the BURNER Exhibition in early 2025. Pictured in the foreground is a piece by Internationally-known artist Banksy.

Photo credit: Daily Breeze



Image inside of Del Amo Crossing during the 2024 TRYST International Art Fair.

Photo credit: Torrance Art Museum



TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

TTC presents 5 productions at 1316 Cabrillo Ave, monthly performances by HOT TIP Improv Troupe, and the annual summer musical at the Armstrong Theatre

- **1316 Theater Production Attendance:** Each production has 15 performances with 48 patrons **(720)**
- **HOT TIP Attendance:** Monthly production with 48 patrons **(575)**
- **Summer Musical Attendance:** 8 performances with 420 patrons **(3,200)**
- **Total for TTC: 7,500** patrons
- **Celebrated the 25th Anniversary** with a special GALA at the Nakano and James Armstrong Theatre on March 7, 2025 that featured performances from current members of the TTC company, as well as video submissions from alumni currently on Broadway. **Additional 350 patrons**



Members of the TTC performing on the Armstrong Theatre Stage during the 25th Anniversary Gala



The Friends of Torrance Theatre Company Board on stage at the 25th Anniversary Gala



TORRANCE CIVIC CHORALE

**Chorale and Jazz Singers offered Winter and Fall Sessions
Registration numbers included in class information**

- **Concerts:** 2 annual concerts with **350 attendees (700)**
- **Collaborations:**
 - Palos Verdes Symphonic Band accompanied and performed with the TCC and Jazz Singers at the Armstrong Theatre in December at the Chorale's annual Winter Concert
 - TCC performed Beethoven Symphony #9 with the Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra at the Marsee Auditorium with **1,700 attendees**
 - TCC will welcome the Cerritos Gospel Choir to the Armstrong Theatre stage on May 10, 2025 for their spring concert entitled MUSIC FOR THE SOUL
- **Festivals:**
 - The Torrance Jazz Singers participated in:
 - Annual Oceanside Jazz Festival among 30 other groups
 - Fullerton Jazz Festival among 30 other groups
 - Cuesta College Jazz Festival among 23 other groups



Torrance Jazz Singers at the Oceanside Jazz Festival
Photo credit: Torrance Civic Chorale



Torrance Civic Chorale rehearses for the upcoming spring concert.
Photo credit: Torrance Civic Chorale



Conductor of the Beach Cities Symphony and TCC Director, Ed Trimis at the BCSO 75th Anniversary concert at El Camino's Marsee Auditorium.
Photo credit: Torrance Civic Chorale



CHERRY BLOSSOM CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Annual spring festival held at Columbia Park (March 30, 2024) from 11:00AM-4:00PM

- **Attendance:** Approximately **4,600 attendees**
- Worked with Park Services, Farmer's Market, City Manager's Office, Soka Gakkai International, Torrance Craftsmen's Guild, North Torrance Neighborhood Association, Supervisor Janice Hahn
- Free kids' arts and crafts zone
- Community performances and demonstrations from 11:00AM-4:00PM
- Welcome speech by Mayor, with Council, Commissioners, and Deputy Consul General
- **13 Foot Trucks, 8 new business licenses** for the City of Torrance. Tripled Food Truck presence over two different zones at opposite ends of park
- **22 Community and City Booths** including Library, Recreation, Fire, Police, Transit, HR, Public Works, Communications, Torrance Sister City Association, and Torrance Rose Float Association, KABC, Metro Link, El Camino College and more
- **62 Craft Vendors**





TORRANCE SUMMER NIGHTS

FREE summer entertainment festival at Wilson Park, Cultural Arts Center, Del Amo Crossing, and various parks

- Work in conjunction with Recreation, Library, Park Services, and Farmers Market
- Presenting **9 Live Bands**, an **International Art Fair**, and a **Poetry Slam**, and **3 Family Movies**. Estimated attendance for 2025 series is **15,000**
- Sponsors for this series include presenting sponsor Torrance Refining Company
- Preview of the 2025 line-up:

CITY OF TORRANCE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT		2025 TORRANCE SUMMER NIGHTS PRESENTING SPONSOR		Torrance Refining Company	
JUNE 7 5:00 PM	BRITAIN'S FINEST <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>	SPACE ODDITY <i>David Bowie Tribute Band</i>	JULY 19 5:00 PM		
JUNE 14 7:45 PM	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Dog Man - La Romeria Park</i>	ABBA LA <i>ABBA Tribute Band</i>	JULY 26 5:00 PM		
JUNE 21 5:00 PM	LOCKED OUT OF HEAVEN <i>Bruno Mars Tribute Band</i>	GET LIT <i>Workshop and Poetry Slam</i>	AUG 2 5:00 PM		
JUNE 28 5:00 PM	BLUE BREEZE BAND <i>Blues, Soul, R&B, Jazz</i>	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Sonic the Hedgehog: 3 - Wilson Park</i>	AUG 9 7:45 PM		
JULY 5 5:00 PM	ANDY & RENEE & HARD RAIN <i>Woodstock Retrospective</i>	LA CHARANGA CUBANA <i>Grammy-nominated Salsa Band</i>	AUG 16 5:00 PM		
JULY 11-13 12-6:00 PM	TRYST & NOMAD ART FAIR <i>Del Amo Crossing - Hawthorne Blvd</i>	SANGRE NUEVA <i>Salsa Band</i>	AUG 23 5:00 PM		
JULY 12 7:45 PM	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Moana 2 - De Portola Park</i>	PETTY THEFT <i>Tom Petty Tribute Band</i>	AUG 30 5:00 PM		

CULTURAL SERVICES **CLASSES**
CAMPS &
WORKSHOPS

CULTURAL SERVICES CLASSES

Classes offered 7 days a week, upwards of 40 weeks a year

Office is open Monday through Saturday 9:00AM - 9:00PM

Currently working with 5 contractors and 18 instructors and onboarded 15 private instructors through rec.us for the soft launch of the *City Academy of the Arts - Torrance* in May.

- **Fall 2024 Participants: 5,600** participants for Fall session classes and workshops
- **Fall 2024 Class/Workshop Revenue:** Generated revenue **\$331,605**
- **Winter 2025 Participants: 1,681** participants for Winter session classes and workshops
- **Winter 2025 Class/Workshop Revenue:** Generated revenue **\$203,309**
- **Totals for 2 of 4 CSD annual sessions: 7,280** participants, **\$534,910** in revenue



EXCELLENCE IN ARTS ANNUAL AWARDS

Annual awards ceremony in collaboration with **Torrance Cultural Arts Commission** to recognize individuals, groups and organizations demonstrating excellence in arts in several categories.

- Attendance in 2024 was **250**
- Awardees included Kirk Rossberg of Torrance Bakery, long-time instructor and artist Diane Reeves, and rising star Kamiko Adams

DEPARTMENTAL SPECIAL EVENTS

Cultural Services Division participated in **Recreation's Halloween Fair** and inaugural **Snow Day** event, with staffing, and a community public art project

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – APRIL 2025

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – *Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor*

During the month of April, the Ranger Unit (13 part-time staff) maintained a consistent deployment schedule, not including holidays:

- Observation and documentation of ongoing El Nido RC Track construction including use of heavy equipment and abrasive behavior of organizers; Shared with City Departments and Torrance Police Department for awareness and follow up
- Increase in permitted field conflicts at Columbia Park between AYSO and unpermitted groups observed drinking alcohol
- 1 TPD support request for unruly car club observed drinking at Columbia Park
- 1 Torrance Fire Department request for assistance with electrical issue in switch room
- Overall diminished patrol coverage due to staff availability impacted by hour restrictions, will improve at reset of fiscal year

Parks:

Municipal Code Violations	April	YTD
Alcohol	27	52
Amplified Sound	4	10
Dog Off Leash Contacts	55	191
Marijuana/Smoking	17	39
Parking Violations	11	53
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	0
Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts	62	92
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	3	27

Park Patron Specific Contacts	April	YTD
Assisting Park Patrons	22	72
Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts	32	116
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	35	72
Missing Subjects	0	0
Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage	51	125
Skating/Biking Violations	17	124
Suspicious Subjects	10	52

Building, Park, and Facility Issues	April	YTD
Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal	47	321

Facility Maintenance Report	15	67
Hazard Report/Removal	15	32
Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations	1	1

City Resource Support Requests	April	YTD
EMT/Fire Department Callouts	1	1
Park Services Callouts	1	7
Police Department Callouts	1	6
Ranger Unit Callouts	11	63

Unhoused Interactions	April	YTD
Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations	15	60
Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests	7	28
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	3	25

ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS – Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor

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 April, there were 34 reported coyote encounters by the public, with 2 coyotes captured by the vendor.

Type of Coyote Encounter	April	Current Trapping Period (Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025)
Sighting Reported by Public	32	214
Dog Attack	0	3
Cat Attack	0	2
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality	0	2
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality	1	26
Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	1	7
Total Encounters	34	259

	April	Current Trapping Period (Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025)
Coyotes Trapped	2	15
Carrion (non-trapped)	0	5
Total	2	20

Pet Licensing: Edwin Ohanian, Administrative Analyst

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

Licenses purchased through DocuPet	Licenses purchased offline	Total Licenses Sold
446	88	534

	April 2025	Year to Date (April 25 – Present)
Licenses Sold	534	6,334
Donations Received	\$310	\$3,294.00
Total Revenue less Fees	\$16,016.82	\$195,201.46

For a year-over-year comparison, in April 2024, there were a total of 513 license sales resulting in revenue of \$16,184.43.

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

- We continued our 40th Anniversary celebrations with a Honey Gift basket with Chaffolia tea opportunity drawing!
- The Market recognized Earth Day for market children, by handing out Earth Day rubber bracelets and holding a coloring booth. We also tied into our Earth Day recognition with a trivia question, “What is the biggest Mountain in the U.S.?” Answer: Mt. McKinley. The winner was so happy as they use the same honey brand that was given in the drawing!
- The Torrance Farmer’s Market hosted LA County Farmers’ Market Managers meeting for all LA County Managers, with LA County Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Weights and Measures. The meeting was very successful and informative. Managers learned everything from Egg Safety to Avocado maturation dates to Market Management oversight to Avian flu facts.
- The Tuesday market accepted some new prepackaged vendors.
- The Crazy Cucumber, now on Tuesdays, has approximately 15 different flavors of pickles. Stop by to taste some samples.
- A mini pie vendor, who sells over 10 different flavors. Again, please stop by for samples.
- Yum Yum Food from Orange County joined the market. They sell Asian-based sauces for flavoring anything, and prepackaged noodles to-go (already with their sauces on noodles).
- A Wagyu beef vendor also joined the market. Their meat is frozen and it is out of this world. Pick some up and take home to cook! They hand out pastrami samples made from Wagyu at the Tuesday market.
- The market remains vibrant with a strong selection of citrus, spring peas, snap peas, green garlic, salad flowers, artichokes, asparagus, etc.
- Saturday market continues to thrive, and the Expressive Conduct User Zone remains active.
- Easter weekend brought festive cheer with a visit from the Easter Bunny for photo opportunities. Children were thrilled to take their pictures with Easter Bunny, who handed out fruit snacks for children.

Revenue	Tuesday	Saturday	Monthly Total	FY YTD
April 2025	\$43,374.56	\$70,836.13	\$102,300.44	\$1,048,984.42
April 2024 Comparison	\$36,952.88	\$65,347.56	\$114,210.69	\$972,850.07

Market Day	Conventional Farmers	Organic Farmers	Total Farmers
Tuesday	40	11	51
Saturday	46	15	61

***Certified Organic Farmers require additional permits, soil tests, additional 3rd party organic registration, etc. Additional permitting can be quite costly for small family farmers. Thus, some farmers may not spray pesticides but may not choose to identify as a "Certified Organic Farmer", because of the high costs involved.*

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

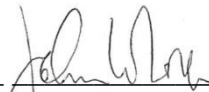
Community Gardens are working on getting plots filled, and keeping the gardens weeded with the rain. The gardens now have a full staff of 4 – 5 Program Leaders, for weeding purposes. We are hopeful that this year, many of the plots will see new owners, at a faster pace.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of April, 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.

	March	YTD
ADA	1	1
Carpentry	5	10
Electrical	4	8
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	4	9
Miscellaneous	3	8
Total number of services provided	17	36

Respectfully submitted,



 John La Rock
 Community Services Director

PARK SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2025

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE
AT THE MEETING**

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2025

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

- Field Bookings:
 - Staff issued 150 short-term permits for fields
 - Long-term field users were issued 729 permits
 - There was 1 softball tournament held at Wilson

- Picnic Reservations:
 - 23 bouncer permits were issued

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	21	775
El Nido Park	3	75
El Retiro Park	6	290
Hickory Park	3	150
Lago Seco Park	2	100
McMaster Park	0	0
Paradise Park	2	100
Torrance Park	1	75
Victor Park	1	50
Walteria Park	0	0
Wilson Park	13	780
Total	52	2395

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	April 2025	2025 YTD	April 2024
Attic			
Facility Reservations	\$680.00	\$5,502.88	\$4,066.88
Field Lights/Support	\$10,116.52	\$51,322.72	\$11,905.53
Field Prep	\$245.00	\$725.00	\$35.00
Filming Permits		\$500.00	

Hockey Rink	\$4,066.00	\$14,139.00	\$5,835.00
Picnic Reservations	\$16,760.00	\$44,050.00	\$8,155.00
Pool Rental	\$15,471.25	\$51,830.00	\$12,288.75
Special Events	\$2,500.00	\$6,150.00	
Sports Center	\$13,467.06	\$30,236.50	\$3,623.44
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$38,564.90	\$98,461.72	\$103,867.00
Weddings	\$1,350.00	\$2,850.00	\$300.00
Total	\$103,220.73	\$305,767.82	\$150,076.60

Registration:

Registration processed a total of 528 transactions for a total of \$190,407.19 during the month of April 2025:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Transactions	April 2025 Total Fees	April 2024 Total Fees
Total	382	146	528	\$190,407.19	\$229,333.22
Staff	59	42	101	\$30,049.94	\$65,732.30
Web	323	104	427	160,357.25	\$163,600.92

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:

- April was another active month at the Plunge, marked by strong participation across programs and community engagement efforts.
- As we head into May, we are fully finalized for summer programming and anticipate a busy season ahead, staff are preparing for high attendance and ensuring all logistics are in place to provide a safe and enjoyable summer for the community.
- April's lifeguard in-service training focused on team-based rescue scenarios, CPR/AED proficiency and reviewing emergency protocols in preparation for summer crowds.
- We hosted the inaugural *Splash into Spring* event on Sunday April 13. The event welcomed 102 participants and featured partnership and engagement from Torrance Police Department, Torrance Fire Department and Torrance Library Services with generous donations from Raising Canes. The event was well-received by the community and helped kick off the spring season with a free, fun, family-friendly experience.
- Recreational Swimmers - 96
- Masters (LAPS) Swim Team - 120
- Drop-In Lap Swim - 1679
- Swim Torrance athletes - 1829

Youth Sports:

- The Spring Youth Volleyball season started off great! The clinic and games are on Saturdays from 9 am to 7 pm.
- Summer Basketball League registration starts May 6, and volunteers are already applying to coach the teams.

Adult Sports:

- The Adult Softball Winter Season concludes early May.
- The Adult Softball Spring and Summer Season registration is ongoing. There are two new softball divisions that are being offered: all-Women's division and a Senior division.
- The Dee Hardison Sports Center gymnasium and multi-purpose floors were sanded and resurfaced. Sports teams and rental groups are happy to be using the refreshed floors!
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball, baseball, softball and AYSO soccer have continued to be consistent throughout the month.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Great spring weather throughout the month of April resulted in terrific attendance at *Sea-Aire* golf course. The total number of golf rounds played at *Sea-Aire* for the month of April was 3,700. Spring break for schools and Easter week saw strong golfer attendance.
- The *Sea-Aire* Women's Club held their yearly spring club champion multi-week tournament in April. Congratulations to Peggy Kim, who played great and won first place this year. On April 24th, the women's club held their awards banquet in the community room.
- The *Sea-Aire* Seniors Golf Club held an orange ball team rotation tournament on April 4.
- Sign-ups are underway for the annual Memorial Day Junior Golf Challenge to be held on May 26.
- Park Services purchased a new chainsaw for the groundskeeper to help with clearing the brush behind the fences.
- Starting in May, the new last tee-off time will be 6:30 with the longer daylight hours.

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:

We continued our gratitude this month by sending flowers in handmade pots to the administration staff at our program sites. The school secretaries are so helpful and supportive to our program, and we were happy to recognize them. Check out some pictures on our social media pages! The sites are running very well, and this month has been busy with parent feedback in the upcoming year. With only a couple of months left until school, the sites are busy planning engaging and fun activities for the participants.

Fall enrollment for the ASC 2025-2026 school year has begun and we are happy to offer 10 program sites. We will miss the families and participants at the four sites taken out, but excited to meet new families and hopeful of seeing everyone during summer for camps.

Day Camp:

Summer Camps are on the horizon and early camp registration begins on May 13! We will offer Greenwood Day Camp, Teen Camp, Sports Camp and new this summer- Mini Day camp!

Virtual Recreation/Social Media:

This month, we had the pleasure of collaborating once again with the After School Program, giving participants the chance to show their appreciation to the office staff by decorating vibrant flowerpots for every site. These beautifully crafted pots were proudly displayed on social media, accompanied by heartfelt messages thanking each school. Additionally, our social media content this month highlighted:

- ASC Office Staff Appreciation (10) – program spotlight
- Adult Softball Registration – story highlight
- Torrance Dodger Day – story highlight
- Hiring Event - program spotlight and story
- Splash into Spring – program spotlight

- Happy Retirement – program spotlight
- Spring Camp – program spotlight
- ASC Staff of the Month– program spotlight
- Sea-Aire Glow Golf Event – 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 April.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

April was a month full of festive activities, creative crafts, and joyful celebrations. There were no classes from April 7–11 due to spring break. A highlight of the month was releasing the butterflies they had patiently raised together. ECE welcomed 10 parent volunteers in April, who generously donated a combined total of 25 hours to help make the month extra special for our participants.

Fun & Friends Class:

- Practiced writing the letters T, U, and V while learning and memorizing their sounds.
- Painted paper butterflies and explored the life cycle of a butterfly while observing real caterpillars grow and change.
- Created spring chick treat bags to hold their Easter eggs.
- Celebrated the season with a spring party featuring an Easter egg hunt, Bingo, sugar cookie decorating, and a movie with popcorn.

Lollipop Tree Class

- Focused on tracing numbers 1–5 and practiced sorting and counting objects by size.
- Observed and learned about the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies.
- Made bunny treat bags to hold their Easter eggs.
- Celebrated Spring with an egg hunt, sugar cookie decorating, and a popcorn movie party.

Adaptive Recreation:

- 123 participants have registered for the 2025 PALS programs.
- The second session of the very popular pickleball program is underway. Many of the athletes who participated in the first session have improved tremendously from the first session. There are quite a few new players who are eager to learn.
- Special Olympics Swim and Basketball have both competed in tournaments. This is the first year the Torrance Special Olympics has entered three teams into the tournaments. All three teams play at varying levels of ability. They all did very well and received a medal at the end of the day. Our Torrance Swim Team, coached by the very dedicated Tim and Irene Pierce, won multiple individual medals along with team medals.
- Each team will be competing in tournaments throughout the month of May.
- April PALS social activities included a beach walk along the Torrance Beach strand on Monday, April 7, and a friends and family pizza night at Rizzo's Pizza and lastly, Bingo night on Monday, April 28.

THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- THE ATTIC was closed to students April 7-11.
- For the month of April, THE ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 597; this includes guests and members.

- On Friday, April 18, THE ATTIC staff held an Easter Egg Hunt event for the students. The students had tons of fun finding the eggs and eating all the candy they found in them. The winner was given the additional prize for picking the movie for the day.
- ATTIC staff held game day Mondays for the members to participate in each week. Monday games were “Super Smash Bros” “DND cards” and “UNO”
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included: Ryan Locano- “Super Smash Bros” and “Bingo” Ben Vega and “Star Realms.”
- THE ATTIC gym was open to students on Wednesday the 2nd and 9th from 4 - 5 p.m. with an attendance of 6 or more students each week.
- THE ATTIC gym was closed to students Monday, April 14th and remains closed until further notice.
- Friday Movie days featured “Monsters Inc.” “Paul Blart: Mall Cop” and “Aladdin.”

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, April 14, 2025, THE ATTIC *Advisory Committee* held their monthly meeting, which was held at THE ATTIC at 6 pm. There were 9 committee members present.
- Agenda items included MADD Event debrief, Pancake Breakfast debrief, and May Mental Health.
- The Committee members signed up to host 2 events and attend 2 events for May Mental Health. They were instructed to also bring 2 guests to all the events that they are hosting.
- THE ATTIC Advisory Committee along with the Torrance Youth Council hosted the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 5th, from 7 to 11 a.m. The event had great attendance with no tables left empty. Entertainment was another highlight of the event with students from various high schools performing for the guests throughout the event. Auction items including items from our many wonderful sponsors were all sold. There were roughly 55 students in attendance including both hosts and performers.
- The Torrance Youth Committee hosted the ASB Bowl on Thursday, April 24. The Event was Willy Wonka Themed. The event was attended by 5 schools: Torrance High, South High, North High, West High and CAMS. The students had a blast competing in events including a Golden Ticket hunt, blindfolded donut eating contest, a soda chugging race, an oven mitt candy opening station and finally, a soda guessing contest. Torrance High School was crowned the champions of the bowl with CAMS coming in second and South High rounding out the top 3. There were roughly 68 students in attendance including hosts and competitors.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday May 5, 2025, at 6 pm in THE ATTIC multi-purpose room.

Torrance Youth Council (TYC):

- The Youth Council held its regularly scheduled meetings on Wednesday, April 2, and 16 in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.
- Prior to the meetings, the ASB Bowl, 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, April 26, from 8:30 to 11:30am. This event was received positively with over twenty seniors in attendance to receive assistance with their electronics.
- The ASB Bowl Committee held its annual event on Thursday, April 24, at the ATTIC Teen Center from 6-8:30pm. With over forty TUSD High School Students in attendance, the event was a huge success. At the end of the night Torrance High School took the victory for a second time in a row. The TYC ASB Bowl Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Torrance High School TYC members at the Wednesday, May 7 meeting.

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The commission met on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the West Annex Commission meeting room.

- A presentation by WillbeHealth was provided to those in attendance on the services they provide for the senior community.
- The commission approved the recipients of this year's Older Americans Award, who will be recognized at the council meeting on Tuesday, May 6. The individuals selected for the 2025 award are: Betty Colyer, Bill Colyer, Dorothy Austin, Ellen Jenkins, Russell Lefevre, and Werner Willoughby.

Focal Point on Aging:

- The monthly meeting was held on Friday, April 18, 2025, and guest speakers Zulma Gent, Valerie Hernandez, and Irene Sanchez from the Torrance Homeless Outreach and Temporary Housing Program provided a presentation on homeless outreach. They informed Focal Point members that the City of Torrance has a temporary housing program for homeless individuals. In addition, they have partnered with Harbor Interfaith Services to offer outreach services, permanent housing plans, onsite medical services with Venice Family Clinic, employment support, and case management.
- For the month of April Focal Point had eight volunteers for a total of 120 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.
- 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, April 26, from 8:30 to 11:30 am, 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 free tax prep help in the Focal Point offices has ended for the year 2025.
- 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.
- On April 30, forty-six Torrance Travelers spent a delightful day exploring Olvera Street. Most of the group enjoyed lunch at Juanita's Café, participants commented that they loved their meals. Others dined at La Luz del Dia Restaurant and gave glowing reviews. Across the board, everyone agreed they'd love to return to Olvera Street and revisit both restaurants. Adding to the festive atmosphere, a group of entertainers performed music and dance in the Plaza throughout the visit. Their lively performance had many smiling faces, some of our Travelers even joined in, dancing along with the rhythm! It was heartwarming to see so much joy and energy in one place.

BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS AND CLASS ATTENDANCE

PROGRAM	ATTENDANCE
Beading Workshop	39
Cards	49
Craft Workshop	27
Drop-ins	97
Table, Games, and Puzzles	2
Lapidary	32
Line Dancing	172
Paid Lunches	455
Pool	67
Senior Discussion (Coffee with Maxine)	17
Telephone Log	423
Television	0
OLEF Chair Fusion	55
OLEF Fitness Difference	53
OLEF Salsa for Seniors	60
OLEF Spanish Class	47
Walking Club	69
Gardening Club	Not in Season
Mini-Fitness Center	12
Coffee with Maxine	62
Meditation	19
English/Spanish Book Club	4
Volunteers	2
Radio Club	6
TOTALS:	1,769

TILLIM SENIOR CENTER

PROGRAM	ATTENDANCE
Cards	16
Creative Crafters	61
Drop-ins	16
Games	27
Pool	8
Telephone	0
Volunteers	0
Watercolor workshop	35
We Empower One Another	26
TOTALS	189

WALTERIA SENIOR CENTER

PROGRAM	ATTENDANCE
Games	0
Ping Pong	164
Drop-ins	0
TOTALS	164

Respectfully Submitted,



Garrett Craig
Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:



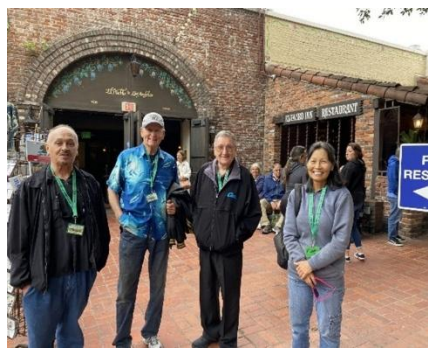
John La Rock
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Staff and participants at the Splash Into Spring Event at the Plunge.



ECE class lined up for their egg hunt.



Torrance Travelers standing on Olvera Street and having lunch at one of the visited restaurants.



ECE participants sitting during the spring celebration after their egg hunt.



ECE child at the spring celebration.



ATTIC members playing cards.



PALS basketball members at the Special Olympics placing in second place for their division.



ATTIC members during the after-school program at the center.