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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, June 5, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PRESENTATION OF SAFE AND HAPPY FUND DONATION TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE OF TORRANCE, CA.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission present a donation from the DocuPet Safe and Happy Donation Fund to the Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$2,000.

7. 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.

7A. Approve Commission Minutes: May 14, 2025

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON PARADISE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file an update on the Paradise Park Renovation Project

8B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE AND FILE COLUMBIA PARK OUTREACH PROJECT

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the Columbia Park Community Outreach Project Report.

8C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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

8D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – NOMINATE AND ELECT THE 2025-2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission nominate and elect the Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-2026.

8E. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

8F. 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

9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to Wednesday July 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**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, May 14, 2025, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall 3031 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90503

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

Absent: Commissioner Craft

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 Hoover.

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, May 8, 2025.

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

Community Services Director La Rock noted that the Commissioners had received their agenda packets at the meeting, as well as a supplemental packet for the Park Services report.

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to approve the absence of Commissioner Wright from the Commission meeting of April 19. Commissioner Muhammed seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent Commissioner Craft)

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to approve the absence of Commissioner Craft from the Commission meeting of May 14. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0. (Absent Commissioner Craft)

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 9, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Mele moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2025, as submitted. Chair Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (with Commissioner Wright abstaining and Absent Commissioner Craft)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Community Services Director La Rock announced that the City Council would make their final decisions on Commission appointments at their June 17, 2025 meeting. He added that late applications may be submitted, if there was a need for more candidates.

Community Services Director La Rock stated that Dodger tickets were on still sale for the July 20, 2025 afternoon game.

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 May 25, 2025 and added that Armed Forces Day events would take place on May 16, 17 and 18.

Community Services Director La Rock noted that the Summer Concerts in the park schedule had been confirmed and added that the Splash Pad at Wilson Park would open for summer on May 23.

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

- La Carretera Park: retaining wall replacement had been completed.
- City Council received and approved the design and next steps for the WWII 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 had been installed at Wilson Park at the perimeter of the Farmer's Market.

Community Services Director La Rock noted that the Department Key Performance Indicators for Fall-Winter 2024-25 were included in the meeting packet.

There was no public comment.

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

Administrative Services

Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo presented the April 2025 report and noted the Rangers were preparing to support the Armed Forces Day events, Summer Night programs as well as the Fourth of July fireworks. He reported that there were 32 sightings of coyotes by the public with 2 captured coyotes and added that 534 pet licenses had been purchased.

Administrative Analyst Ohanian presented the Administrative Services Division Reports for April 2025, included in agenda packets. He noted that the nonprofits selected by the Commission at the last meeting to receive donations would go before the Council next week for approval. He stated that the total revenue for Farmer's Market for April 2025 was \$102,300, discussed some new vendors at the market and listed activities at the market. He discussed the community garden plots and noted that the Gardens now had a staff of 4-5 Program Leaders, for weeding. He stated that the Home Improvement Program had completed 17 projects in April, with 5 ongoing projects.

Park Services

Public Works Supervisor Stanojevic presented the report by districts and discussed events held at the Madrona Marsh for Nature Festival and in honor of Earth Day.

Recreation Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the Recreation Services Monthly Report for April 2025, included in the material of record. He announced that Tuesday, May 20 was the date for residents to register for Summer swim programs and noted that the first Splash into Spring event had been held with over 100 participants and some vendor booths. He explained that the floors at the Dee Hardison Sports Center had been sanded and resurfaced. He noted that signups were now open for Sea Aire Golf Course Memorial Day Junior Golf challenge. He explained that registration was available for fall after school programs and discussed the Adaptive Recreation program which currently had 123 participants. He noted that the ATTIC had hosted their ASB Bowl on April 24 with 68 students. He announced that registration for the next Torrance Travelers would begin on June 2 for a Day at the Pike in Long Beach. He explained that the Plunge would begin offering digital passes.

Park Services Manager Drake thanked the Commission for their work and support.

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

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community Services Director La Rock stated that the Pickleball subcommittee would meet closer to the start of construction of the courts.

Chair Candioly confirmed that he would forward contact information to Community Services Director La Rock on a restaurant chain which promoted pickleball.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9A. **Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

MOTION: At 7:30 p.m., Commissioner Habel moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, June 11, 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 6-0 approval. (Absent Commissioner Craft)

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL MINUTES

For Commission Meeting
June 11, 2025

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: EDWIN OHANIAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
**SUBJECT: SAFE & HAPPY FUND RECIPIENT – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE**


Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission present a donation from the DocuPet Safe & Happy Fund to the Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,



Edwin Ohanian
Administrative Analyst

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
KRYSTLE COVARRUBIAS, SENIOR BUSINESS MANAGER**

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON PARADISE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file an update on the Paradise Park Renovation Project.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

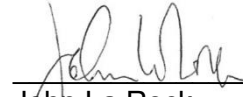
As part of the City's ongoing effort to revitalize its parks, Paradise Park will be receiving a comprehensive renovation aimed at creating a more enjoyable community space and improving accessibility for all. To ensure community needs are met, staff partnered with BOA Architecture and David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. to conduct public outreach and develop a conceptual plan that reflects the community's priorities. Outreach efforts included an online survey and two in-person events.

The online survey engaged residents to provide feedback on the park's future design and resulted in over 500 votes and comments. The key takeaways included:

- Playground Theme – Treehouse/Adventure was the most favored (101 votes), followed by Beach/Coastal (71 votes).
- Court Amenities – Multi-use courts were the highest-rated (110), followed by interest in basketball (56 votes). Although pickleball received a notable number of votes, staff recommends against this amenity due to proximity to nearby residences and the City ordinance prohibiting new pickleball courts within a certain proximity to occupied structures.
- Programming and Features – Popular requested elements included special event/multi-purpose space (104 votes) and walking/running trails (88 votes).
- Design Preferences – A Modern/Natural aesthetic for a new restroom and community building was the favorite (74 votes) with an expressed interest in accessible, family-friendly, and shaded seating areas.
- Open-Ended Themes: Preservation of existing trees and open green space; playground features for both young and older children; and a quiet, neighborhood-focused character.

Staff will continue refining the project design and upon completion of the final design, the project will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further review. This design will also be presented at a future City Council meeting for consideration and approval to proceed with the preparation of construction plans and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachments:

1. Paradise Park Community Outreach Report
2. Paradise Park Proposed Concept Design



Paradise Park



CITY OF TORRANCE – PARADISE PARK
COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY
FINAL DRAFT

PREPARED BY
BOA ARCHITECTURE AND
DAVID VOLZ DESIGN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INC.
DECEMBER 6, 2024



Paradise Park

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PARADISE PARK

Community outreach sessions were held on site 11/9 and again at the city on 11/13. Additionally, an online survey open from 10/25 through 11/22 that included presentation boards as described below as well as allowed open ended feedback to engage and gather feedback from the community as to the direction of the park redesign effort.

Both outreaches were well attended with good feedback to the direct prompts and imagery below on five (5) presentation boards that allowed residents to cast their vote using a ‘dotmocracy exercise’.

In addition, open ended feedback was requested from the community to hear about other desires and improvements that could be made throughout the park. The online survey with these same questions and open ended feedback gathered good feedback from community members who were not able to attend in person.

Below are the results of the ‘dotmocracy exercise’ each of the prompts. The treehouse/ adventure theme was the most popular theme with 101 votes. Followed closely by beach/coastal theme with 71 votes. Multi-use courts were the most popular element with 110 votes, and many write-ins for pickleball, specifically. Due to the park’s close proximity to residences, Pickleball courts are not recommended. Basketball courts followed with 56 votes. A looped bike/ running trail garnered the attention with 88 votes for an added amenity. Regarding the proposed park building, the Modern/Natural aesthetic received 74 votes. Small Event Space overwhelmingly received attention with 104 votes for park programming consideration.

BOARD #1 PROMPT – HELP US IDENTIFY A NEW THEME FOR THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PLAY SURFACING! PUT A DOT TO CAST YOUR VOTE ON YOUR VISION FOR THE PLAYGROUND.

	OUTREACH #1	OUTREACH #2	ONLINE	TOTAL
TREEHOUSE/ ADVENTURE	19	4	78	101
DINOSAUR	1	3	5	9
WOOD FORT	3	2	15	20
MODERN/ SCULPTURE	3	2	11	16
RAINFOREST	16	0	20	36
STREAM/ RIVER	0	0	8	8
BUG/ LEAF	4	2	6	12
BEACH/ COASTAL	19	0	52	71



Paradise Park

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PARADISE PARK

BOARD #2 PROMPT - WE'D LIKE TO ADD MORE COURT ACTIVITIES TO THE PARK. TELL US WHAT TYPE OF ADDITIONAL COURT SPORTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE BY PLACING A DOT.

	OUTREACH #1	OUTREACH #2	ONLINE	TOTAL
BASKETBALL COURT	5	4	47	56
PING PONG TABLES	4	0	7	11
SAND VOLLEYBALL	4	0	20	24
FUTSAL COURT	6	0	19	25
BOCCE COURT	4	0	2	6
MULTI-USE HARD COURT	20	8	82	110
*OTHER/ WRITE IN	13	0	10	23

*WRITE IN - PICKLEBALL

BOARD #3 PROMPT - WHAT OTHER ELEMENTS OR ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE PARK? PUT A DOT TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR YOUR VISION FOR THE PARK.

	OUTREACH #1	OUTREACH #2	ONLINE	TOTAL
COMMUNITY ART	2	0	15	17
FITNESS EQUIPMENT	13	2	42	57
WATER FILLING STATION	5	2	16	23
YOGA/ FITNESS LAWN	2	1	14	17
BIKE/ RUNNING TRAIL	20	2	66	88
NATIVE HABITAT EDU.	5	2	13	20
SOUND PLAY GARDEN	8	0	10	18
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM	3	1	10	14
*OTHER/ WRITE IN	13	0	6	19

*WRITE IN - DOG RUN, NEIGHBORHOOD MURAL, EVENT SPACE



Paradise Park

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PARADISE PARK

BOARD #4 PROMPT – HELP US IDENTIFY HOW THE RESTROOM AND COMMUNITY ROOM COULD LOOK! PUT A DOT TO CAST YOUR VOTE ON YOUR VISION FOR THE PARK BUILDING(S).

	OUTREACH #1 AND #2	ONLINE	TOTAL
FOREST/ NATURE	11	37	48
MEDITERRANEAN	7	10	17
TILE ARTWORK	4	6	10
MODERN/ NATURAL	21	53	74
PARK THEMED MURAL	4	8	12
BRIGHT COLORS	2	8	10
PARK THEMED BUILDING	22	14	36
HISTORY/ NEIGHBORHOOD MURAL	2	12	14

BOARD #5 PROMPT – WHAT OTHER ELEMENTS OR ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OR PARTICIPATE IN AT THE PARK? PUT A DOT TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR YOUR VISION FOR THE PARK.

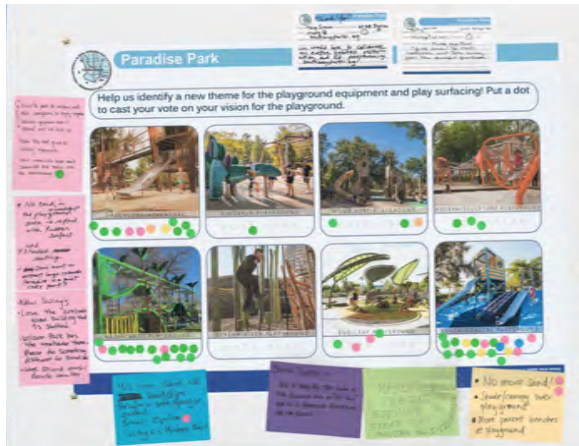
	OUTREACH #1 AND #2	ONLINE	TOTAL
SCOUTS MEETING	5	5	10
CHILDCARE	3	5	8
MEETING SPACE	4	15	19
AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK	0	5	5
INDOOR PLAY AREA	7	15	22
SMALL EVENT SPACE	20	84	104
CHILD HEIGHT FIXTURES	17	16	33
CHANGING TABLES	0	4	4



Paradise Park

RESULTS OF THE 'DOTMOCRACY' EXERCISE

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE 'DOTMOCRACY' IMAGE BOARDS THAT SOUGHT COMMUNITY INPUT.



BOARD #1 / OUTREACH #1



BOARD #1 / OUTREACH #2



BOARD #2 / OUTREACH #1



BOARD #2 / OUTREACH #2



BOARD #3 / OUTREACH #1



BOARD #3 / OUTREACH #2



Paradise Park

OVERALL SUMMARY OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK

PARK PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES RELATED COMMENTS

- FIX THE TENNIS COURTS
- KEEP THE TENNIS COURTS, THEY ARE USED OFTEN
- KEEP THE BIG EXISTING TREES
- RELOCATE FITNESS EQUIPMENT, EXISTING LOCATION IS NOT PREFERRED
- FITNESS EQUIPMENT THAT DOES NOT MAKE A LOT OF NOISE/ CLANKING IS PREFERRED
- DOG PARK/ DOG RUN AREA PREFERRED
- ADD WALKING PATHS AS THEY ARE USED FREQUENTLY
- ADD PATHS FOR KIDS TO RIDE BIKES
- CONSIDER LIGHTING AT PARK
- PROVIDE MONKEY BARS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES
- PROVIDE EASY ACCESS TO RESTROOM FROM ALL AMENITIES
- NO SAND OR WOOD CHIPPED PLAY SURFACES
- ADD MORE BENCHES AND SHADED AREA FOR PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS AT THE PLAYGROUND
- MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH STAFF TO MAINTAIN THE PARK
- NATIVE PLANTINGS AND NATIVE HABITAT PROVIDE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY
- LIMIT MATERIALS THAT EMIT CHEMICALS/ TOXINS
- RETAIN AS MUCH GREEN SPACE AS POSSIBLE
- ADD A WATER DRINKING STATION
- DEDICATED DOG RUN, LOCATED AWAY FROM EXISTING RESIDENCES
- ADD A ZIP LINE FOR KIDS
- KEEP EXISTING TREES DEDICATED TO RESIDENTS

GENERAL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

- DO NOT WANT TO ATTRACT LARGE CROWDS, KEEP PARADISE PARK QUIET
- PARK ONLY DAWN TO DUSK HOURS, LOCK BATHROOMS, NO LIGHTS FOR SPORTS
- KEEP GREEN SPACES GREEN AND MAINTAIN LAWN, WATERING IS TOO LITTLE OR TOO MUCH
- MAKE RESTROOMS AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS ONLY
- MAINTAIN AMENITIES WE CURRENTLY HAVE
- PROVIDE MULTIPLE LEVELS OF PLAY AT PLAY STRUCTURE, PROGRAMMING FOR LITTLE AND BIG KIDS
- KEEP THE GRASS/ PASSIVE RECREATION AREAS



CITY OF TORRANCE - PARADISE PARK
FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

May 2, 2025

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
KRYSTLE COVARRUBIAS, SENIOR BUSINESS MANAGER**

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE COLUMBIA PARK COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the Columbia Park Community Outreach Project Report.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City of Torrance (City) partnered with Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) to conduct a robust community engagement project for Columbia Park primarily focused on the right-of-way space currently owned and operated by Southern California Edison. Funded through Los Angeles County's Measure A Technical Assistance Program, this project was aimed to develop a concept plan for the City's largest regional park designed by and for the benefit of Torrance community at-large.

The outreach effort led by KDI engaged over 1,000 community members between September 2024 and March 2025 through various engagement strategies including surveys, mobile pop-ups, focus groups, public workshops, and design charrettes. Key stakeholder groups such as neighborhood associations, middle school and high school students, park users, and community gardeners participated in shaping the future vision for Columbia Park.

During this process, several key community priorities were identified:

- Expanded recreational amenities such as multi use courts and cycling pump track.
- Enhanced passive spaces including pollinator gardens, shaded picnic areas, and a meditation zone.
- Upgrades to park infrastructure such as trails, lighting, restrooms, and additional parking.
- Inclusive design elements for all age groups, improved playgrounds, and multi-use lawns.

Two alternative design concepts were presented to the public. The first was "Move, Play, Connect!" which featured active recreation and fitness concepts that introduced new multi-use courts, a cycling pump track, exercise stations, and improved play areas for toddlers and older children. A relocated amphitheater, multi-use lawns, and better infrastructure were also included. The second was "The Common Ground" which focused more on community wellness and ecological enhancement, enhanced gardens, an outdoor classroom, a meditation garden, pollinator-friendly landscaping, and artistic and cultural installations throughout the park

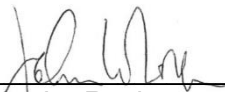
Feedback obtained during the 2025 Cherry Blossom Festival highlighted the community's preference for a hybrid design that balances active recreation with nature-based and

contemplative uses. As such, the final concept design divides Columbia Park into four functional zones:

- Active Zone – Sport courts, cycling pump track, and fitness areas.
- Family Zone – Upgraded playground and picnic areas.
- Meditation Zone – Nature trails and seating areas.
- Ecological Zone – Enhanced community garden, pollinator garden, and learning spaces.

It should be noted that the concept design incorporates the anticipated World War II Monument project as well other future projects included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Staff will utilize the final concept design to pursue grant funding opportunities and guide implementation planning for future capital projects. Amendments to the City's land use agreement with Southern California Edison will also be developed to support delivery of future projects.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachments:

1. Columbia Park Community Outreach Report **(Materials Available)**
2. Columbia Park Proposed Concept Design **(Materials Available)**

ATTACHMENT 1
COLUMBIA PARK COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT
(MATERIALS AVAILABLE)

ATTACHMENT 2
COLUMBIA PARK PROPOSED CONCEPT DESIGN
(MATERIALS AVAILABLE)

For Commission Meeting
June 11, 2025

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

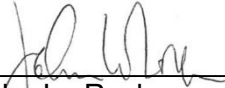
RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Attached is the 2025 Proclamation to celebrate July as Parks and Recreation Month. The Proclamation will be taken to City Council July 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment:

1. Proclamation - July is Parks and Recreation Month

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

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of National Parks and Recreation Month. Each July, we celebrate park and recreation professionals and how they improve the lives of tens of millions of people, making a lasting impact in communities across the country, including Torrance, and are fundamental to the environment and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the National Parks and Recreation Association’s 2025 theme is “Build Together, Play Together” reminds us of the contributions of the hundreds full-time park and recreation professionals, part-time employees, seasonal workers and volunteers who maintain our community parks and recreational programs. Our services and programs foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and help cultivate lifelong friendships, memories and family bonds that people hold dear decades later.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [TBD], as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2025 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

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

Signed this 8th day of July 2025.

Chair

ATTEST:

DRAFT

For Commission Meeting
June 11, 2025

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission Nominate and Elect a Commission Chair and Commission Vice Chair by majority votes of the Commission. Each appointee shall serve for one year.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The current Chair shall conduct the election. Past practice for the nominations and elections has been based on those Commissioners who have the most seniority. However, any Commissioner may nominate a fellow Commissioner or themselves for the position of Chair and or Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment:
1. Seniority List

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SENIORITY LIST 2024-25**

FIRST APPOINTED	NAME	TERM BEGAN	TERM EXPIRES
1.24.17	Ed Candioly	2.1.17	6.30.25
12.1.20	Zohra Muhammed	12.1.20	6.30.26
7.1.21	Linda Mele	7.1.21	6.30.25
6.14.22	Robert Habel	7.1.22	6.30.25
6.14.22	Chet Craft	7.1.22	6.30.26
6.6.23	Martin Hoover	7.1.23	6.30.27
6.6.23	Garrett Wright	7.1.23	6.30.27

CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS (*July 1 to Jun 30*)

TERM	NAME
2024-2025	Ed Candioly
2023 - 2024	Zohra Muhammed
2022-2023	Ron Mataalii
2021-2022	Ed Candioly

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For Commission Meeting
June 11, 2025

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNITY SERVICES 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. Please visit the following weblink for 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 June 22 at the Wilson Park Dee Hardison Sports Center plaza
- A large-scale special event will be held at Wilson Park on June 14-15. The Irish Fair will occupy and close public access to the eastern half of the park. Please visit the following weblink for event information: <https://www.bigirishfair.com>.
- The City will present fireworks on the July 4th holiday. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Please visit the following weblink for event information: <https://www.torranceca.gov/services/community-services/july-4-fireworks-celebration-2025>

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

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

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – *Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor*

During the month of May, the Ranger Unit (14 part-time staff) maintained a consistent deployment schedule, not including holidays:

- Steady increase in parking violations observed at Columbia Park and Wilson Park; Majority of owners move vehicles ahead of Parking Enforcement call out
- Rangers called out by Henderson Library Staff after being informed a park patron was unresponsive in the park men’s restroom. Rangers made contact and called out TPD/TFD who concluded the subject was deceased for some time
- Rangers assisted Armed Forces Day 5K and Parade by providing a uniformed presence along the parade route
- Ranger Trainees preparing for more independence and heavier responsibilities during the busy season; Two additional candidates awaiting onboarding

Parks:

Municipal Code Violations	May	YTD
Alcohol	11	63
Amplified Sound	3	13
Dog Off Leash Contacts	34	225
Marijuana/Smoking	7	46
Parking Violations	42	95
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	0
Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts	26	118
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	11	38

Park Patron Specific Contacts	May	YTD
Assisting Park Patrons	16	88
Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts	26	142
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	6	80
Missing Subjects	0	0
Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage	5	130
Skating/Biking Violations	14	138
Suspicious Subjects	5	57

Building, Park, and Facility Issues	May	YTD
Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal	65	386
Facility Maintenance Report	12	79
Hazard Report/Removal	13	45
Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations	0	1

City Resource Support Requests	May	YTD
EMT/Fire Department Callouts	1	2
Park Services Callouts	0	7
Police Department Callouts	1	7
Ranger Unit Callouts	7	70

Unhoused Interactions	May	YTD
Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations	6	66
Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests	1	29
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	5	30

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 May, there were 60 reported coyote encounters by the public, with 2 coyotes captured by the vendor.

Type of Coyote Encounter	May	Current Trapping Period (Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025)
Sighting Reported by Public	53	267
Dog Attack	4	7
Cat Attack	0	2
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality	1	3
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality	1	27
Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	1	8
Total Encounters	60	319

	May	Current Trapping Period (Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025)
Coyotes Trapped	2	17
Carrion (non-trapped)	0	5
Total	2	22

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
419	76	495

	May 2025	Year to Date (May 24 – Present)
Licenses Sold	495	6,345
Donations Received	\$181	\$3,191.00
Total Revenue less Fees	\$15,830.44	\$211,740.41

For a year-over-year comparison, in May 2024, there were a total of 534 license sales resulting in revenue of \$16,392.67.

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

- May brought the long-awaited cherries and stone fruit to the market! Season Cherry farmers (Murray Farms, Erickson Farms and Barbegelatta Farms) are back for a quick time, to take advantage of cherry season.
- The market celebrated CalFresh month with an Instagram shout out to CalFresh customers.
- We continued our 40th Anniversary celebrations with another opportunity drawing! The lucky winner will receive a dessert cherry pizza, from Chef Hung, at his Piizaa stand. The question of the month was, “What is the smallest stone fruit?”. Answer: a cherry.
- We welcomed Hasi Bread at the Tuesday market, spotlighted in Eater L.A.’s article by Mathew Kang, editor at large of Eater L.A. Mathew Kang lives in Torrance and comes to the market regularly. Hasi’s bread is sourdough and known for their yellow and blue interior. Beautiful stuff!
- Market manager and Staff are working with Public Works on tri-bin waste for the summer. We will keep you posted as more updates are readily available.

Revenue	Tuesday	Saturday	Monthly Total	FY YTD
May 2025	\$34,120.42	\$93,943.20	128,063.62	\$1,177,048.04
May 2024 Comparison	\$29,201.68	\$70,865.17	\$100,066.85	\$1,072,916.02

***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.*

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

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

Community Gardens are looking good because Staff have been busy weeding plots. Columbia Gardens also received a big donation of manure. The gardeners are thrilled.

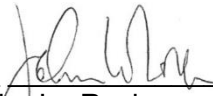
Farmers’ Market Manager and CG staff are working with volunteer groups, over the summer. The volunteers will help level out Columbia trash area, and wheelbarrow mounds at the gardens.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of May, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 7 households, with ongoing projects at 3 additional households. Total mobile home clients 1, with 1 mobile home households completed.

Services	May	YTD
ADA	0	4
Carpentry	2	19
Electrical	4	18
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	5	23
Miscellaneous	3	23
Total number of services provided	14	56

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO : PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: VINCENT STANOJEVIC, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – May 2025

ALL PARKS

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

PARKS AND PARKS FACILITY MAINTENANCE	MONTHLY	QTY	Hours
Restroom Maintenance	✓		440
Trash Maintenance	✓		501
Irrigation Maintenance	✓		160
Debris cleanup	✓		210
Tree limbs picked up	✓		12
Landscape Maintenance (Shrub or Tree)	✓		320
Safety Checks	✓		170
Playground Check	✓		34
Mow crew service to 33 parks	✓	275	Acres
Projects crew completed projects for September	✓	15	
Reservation Facility Custodial Services			105

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS COMPLETED BY DISTRICT

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

- La Carretera - The final phase of the 700 feet of new chain link is completed
- Mc Master Park - Repair and replacement of parking stops completed as well as the asphalt patching in the driveway exit.
- Osage - Railing repairs completed

District 2 – Entradero La Romeria, Sunnyglen Victor

- Entradero - The south walkway path lighting has been repaired and crews delivered three dozen railroad ties to the little league ball diamonds to be placed as parking stops.
- Sunnyglen - Irrigation breaks fixed and a rainbow eucalyptus tree was planted on the eastside of park.
- Victor - A Pressure Reducing Valve has been repaired in preparation of the reclaimed pump line going up to Palos Verdes.

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

- Columbia - Irrigation repairs completed on turf areas and the Bocce Ball pavers were power washed and re-sanded
- El Nido - Repairs to chain-link door and little library door completed.
- Civic Center - Crews initiated the Armed Forces Day Parade set up and including flag installations, bleachers and the static display area fencing and trash management.

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

- Wilson - Power washing and painting on diamond # 2 bleacher fascia completed.
- Pueblo - Completed little library door repair
- Sur La Brea - Installation of the sound curtains to the second half of the tennis courts completed

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

- Miramar - Bee-keeper Sam removed a bee- hive from a park tree
- Lago Seco - Completed little library door repair

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

- Alta Loma - tree trimming
- Walteria - Library planter cleaned and abated for weeds. Northwest side of the chain-link perimeter fence repair.

VOLUNTEERS

	Volunteers	Hours
Live Steamers	30	482
Wilson Horseshoe Pits	1	20
Madrona Marsh Preserve /Nature Center	94	919.17
Cherry Trees (city wide)	10	10
Seaside Heroes Park	31	93
Civic Center Veteran’s Memorial and Rose Garden	8	17
Civic Center Pine Wind Garden	14	56
Entradero Park	5	25
Wilson Park	119	180
Guenser Park	5	58
Pequeno Park	1	9
Los Arboles Park	3	6
Lago Seco Park	2	13
TOTAL	323	1888.17

MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE and NATURE CENTER (MMP)

August Attendance Numbers:

Preserve: 2,546 people
 Nature Center: 1,274 people

Precipitation:

Precipitation: Trace
 Seasonal total (Oct. 1, 2024 to present): 5.514"

Regularly Scheduled Programs:

- Friday Fun: May 2 (X31people), May 9 (26 people), May 16 (16 people), May 23 (34 people)
- Nature Story time: May 8 (29 people)
- Tyke Hike: May 1 (6 people)
- Nature Walk: May 3 (3 people), May 10 (3 people), May 17 (6 people), May 24 (4 people)
- Night Hike: May 2 (14 people, Scouts program), May 10 (10 people), May 24 (5 people Scouts program)
- Henrietta Basin Walk: May 17 (10 people)
- PV/South Bay Audubon Chapter Meeting: 17 people (May 20)
- PV/South Bay Audubon Bird Walk: 14 people (May 24)

Preserve and Facility Maintenance:

Maintenance Activity	Quantity (Acreage, # of plants, etc.)	Hours
Trash Removal	3 lg. contractor bags of trash	15 hrs
Mowing (prairie, primrose, etc.)	14 acres	12 hrs
Tree Maintenance	--	--
Irrigation Maintenance	--	--
Seasonal Maintenance (tule work, etc.)	Weeding	332.5 hrs

VOLUNTEERS

Assignment	Volunteers	Hours
Advanced Restoration Crew	14	24:159
Animal Care	5	20:51
Docent (tours/outreach)	14	108:28
Education Programs	3	38:00
Gift Shop Clerk (21 yrs or older)	6	40:30
Habitat Support & Maintenance	2	14:52
Native Plant Propagation	4	20:03
Nature Center Maintenance Support	1	1:00
Preserve Entrance Greeter	9	114:39
Reception Desk Greeter	8	94:19
Restoration Program	43	165:52
Research Assistant	1	10:03
Special Assignment	9	126:02
Outreach (events & schools)	2	2
Total	94	919:17

Events, Programs and Projects:


- The Water Replenishment District and Torrance Public Works sponsored a Small Space Gardening workshop
- The Niles Foundation, in partnership with the California Air Resources Board and Aclima, hosted a talk on local air quality initiatives
- The Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon chapter held a special talk on local bat populations, coupled with a guided hike in the Preserve at night to look for bats
- The Marsh also held our first ever Madrona Marsh Science Expo. Under the guidance of Marsh Instructor Miriam Taeubel, high school, college, and graduate students presented their research on the Madrona Marsh or other open spaces around the South Bay to an enthusiastic audience of community members. The students came to us from a variety of local high schools, Universities and the California Academy of Math and Science. It was a great success, and we are so proud of our students!

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent Stanojevic
Assistant Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2025

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

- Field Bookings:
 - Staff issued 150 short-term permits for fields
 - 579 permits long-term permits were issued
 - There were 3 softball tournaments held at Wilson
- Picnic Reservations:
 - 57 bouncer permits were issued

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	17	1145
El Nido Park	1	50
El Retiro Park	7	350
Hickory Park	5	250
Lago Seco Park	5	250
McMaster Park	3	75
Paradise Park	2	90
Torrance Park	3	100
Victor Park	1	48
Walteria Park	1	50
Wilson Park	19	1693
Total	64	4101

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	May 2025	2025 YTD	May 2024
Attic	\$-	\$-	
Facility Reservations	\$1,840.00	\$7,342.88	
Field Lights/Support	\$10,792.00	\$62,114.72	\$11,624.15
Field Prep	\$160.00	\$885.00	\$245.00

Filming Permits	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	
Hockey Rink	\$1,774.00	\$15,913.00	\$3,750.44
Picnic Reservations	\$14,070.00	\$58,120.00	\$12,055.00
Pool Rental	\$11,718.75	\$63,548.75	\$13,860.00
Special Events	\$6,000.00	\$12,150.00	
Sports Center	\$1,860.00	\$32,096.50	\$1,452.00
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$2,048.00	\$100,509.72	\$6,632.48
Weddings	\$600.00	\$3,450.00	\$250.00
Total	\$52,362.75	\$358,130.57	\$46,804.44

Registration:

Registration processed a total of 3,643 transactions for a total of \$873,190 during the month of May 2025:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Transactions	May 2025 Total Fees	May 2024 Total Fees
Total	3,256	387	3,643	\$873,190.00	\$58,687.52
Staff	309	58	367	\$56,433.00	\$11,019.38
Web	2,947	329	3,276	816,757.00	\$47,668.14

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:

- May marked the end of spring programming and the start of onboarding and training for the summer season. The Aquatics team began preparing for expanded summer operations by finalizing schedules, hiring staff and coordinating with other Recreation Services teams.
- A new rental group user is at the Plunge, Deep End Fitness. They specialize in aquatic training for first responders with an emphasis in mental health.
- Program participants and public swim usage both rose steadily throughout the month.
- Summer class registration filled aquatics program across all levels.
- Outreach and planning began for summer special events; two Swim In Movies and World's Largest Swim Lesson.
- Recreational Swimmers - 108
- Masters (LAPS) Swim Team - 123
- Drop-In Lap Swim – 1,739
- Swim Torrance athletes – 1,834

Youth Sports:

- Staff conducted Program Leader interviews and orientations for the upcoming Summer Basketball Season.
- The 2025 Volleyball program returned concludes June 7th.
- Youth Basketball registration closes this month with an estimated 984 participants registered and several others on various waitlists.

- This season games will be played on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Dee Hardison Center and TUSD middle schools.
- Youth Flag Football registrations begin June 17th for residents and June 24th for non-residents.

Adult Sports:

- Adult Softball Season Managers Meeting took place ahead of the start of the season. The Spring/Summer season has begun, with over 90 teams participating.
- LASPORTSNET has started its rental at the Dee Hardison Sports Center.
- 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 Kendo groups continue to use MPR consistently.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- There was solid golf patronage at Sea-Aire golf course throughout the month of May. The total golf rounds played at Sea-Aire in May were 4,254, which is an improvement over May 2024.
- Attendance for the new golf pro teaching lessons was well attended in May. The golf instructor program is growing at a nice pace at Sea-Aire. A couple of the new instructors are planning some summer golf camps at Sea-Aire starting in June.
- The annual Memorial Day Junior Golf Challenge was a big success this year. Congratulations to these junior golfers who won first place in their individual divisions. First-place medals went to Koa Snow, Sarah Lasiter, Kai Snow, Sophie Lasiter, Simon Meyerson and Ivy Zhou.
- The Seniors Sea-Aire golf club held an alternate team shot challenge on May 2nd. The women's golf club had excellent attendance on Thursday mornings all month.
- On May 12th, the last tee-off time was moved out to 6:30.

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:

- The After School Club concludes on June 11.
- Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year began on April 22. One of our new sites, Riviera Elementary, specifically has great numbers, 62 as of now and we are increasing the maximum to 75 to accommodate more.
- 206 families are enrolled so far, and we anticipate many more.

Day Camp:

- Sports Camp, Teen Camp and Greenwood had a strong start to enrollment. We are only a few spots short of being full for all sessions!
- Day Camp begins on Monday, June 16.
- Mini Day Camp is being introduced this summer, and is for 5–7 year-olds. This will be held at La Romeria Park and starts on June 30. Enrollment is between 15 and 30 campers for the weeks offered.

Virtual Recreation/Social Media:

This month's social media content highlighted:

- Swim in Movie Nights at the Plunge – movie poll

- Sea Aire Memorial Day Challenge – program highlight
- After School Club Thanks to the Teachers– program highlight
- Mini Day Camp - program spotlight and story
- Lifeguard Certification Class– program spotlight
- Older Americans Award– program spotlight
- Summer Registration – program spotlight and story
- Day Camp Registration– program spotlight
- Sea-Aire Memorial Day Golf Challenge – 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 May.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

In May, ECE participants celebrated Mother's Day with joy and creativity. Children prepared handmade gifts, practiced heartfelt songs, and proudly performed for their moms during special Mother's Day Tea events.

Fun & Friends Class:

- Practiced writing the letters W, X, and Y, while learning and memorizing their corresponding sounds.
- Created painted handprints on tea towels as keepsakes for their mothers.
- Dyed coffee filter flowers and decorated bottles with tissue paper to craft thoughtful floral arrangements.
- Hosted a Mother's Day Tea, where children and their moms:
 - Made flower crowns and necklaces together.
 - Enjoyed muffins, fruit, and tea.
 - Watched and participated in a delightful song performance by the children. The event was filled with joy and pride, as children excitedly shared their hard work and affection, and moms felt celebrated and cherished.

Lollipop Tree Class:

- Focused on tracing numbers 5 through 10 and recognizing their printed names.
- Painted and decorated wooden stick picture frames to hold a photo gift for their moms.
- Crafted princess crowns and completed a fun Mother's Day questionnaire.
- Held a Mother's Day performance featuring sweet songs and smiling faces, creating cherished memories for all. The moms were touched by the heartfelt performances and handmade gifts, making the day truly special.

Shared Activities and Volunteers:

- Both classes participated in shared activities including free play, music time, story time, and outdoor play.

Adaptive Recreation:

- The PALS social program enjoyed a Wilson Park Walk to Bruster's Ice Cream on Monday, May 5 and Gaming Night on Monday, May 12. Digital Gaming night was the first of many at McMaster Park. Everyone participated in a friendly competition of Mario Kart. The participants who chose not to play video games, had plenty of traditional board games to play.

- Plans are well underway for the annual Adaptive Sports Celebration Dinner. 150 athletes, families and friends are planning to attend this highly anticipated event.
- Special Olympics Swim and all three Basketball teams competed in a tournament at the Spring Games at Warren High School on May 17 and May 31. The basketball teams medaled as well as many swimmers who received individual medals.
- The Special Olympics Summer Games are set for June 6 - June 8 at CSULB.

THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- **THE ATTIC** was closed to students on May 26
- For the month of May **THE ATTIC** Teen Center had a total attendance of 713; this includes guests and members.
- On Tuesday, May 27th, **THE ATTIC** staff held a post Memorial Day Pancake and Cake Banquet for its members.
- ATTIC staff held game day Mondays, for the members to participate in each week. Monday games were "Super Smash Bros" "UNO" and "Bingo."
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included: Ryan Locano: "King of the Court" and "Ping Pong"; Ben Vega: "Jack Box games"; Thomas French: "Pool tournament" and "Honey Heist."
- **THE ATTIC** staff hosted outdoor workouts on Wednesday which included yoga, plyometrics, cardio kickboxing and a full body circuit.
- Friday Movie days featured "Lelo and Stitch," "Madagascar," "Alladin," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and "Surf's up."

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, May 5, 2025, **THE ATTIC Advisory Committee** held their monthly meeting, which was held at **THE ATTIC** at 6 pm. There were 7 committee members present.
- Agenda items included May Mental Health and Applications for AAC 2025-2026.
- The Committee members finalized which 2 events they would be hosting as well as which 2 events they would be attending as guests.
- **THE ATTIC** Advisory Committee hosted in-person events in the multi-purpose room for the final 2 weeks of May. The first week featured Yoga, Paint a Friend and Slime Making. The second week featured Karaoke, Vision Board making and Word Art. In addition, AAC members participated in weekly Kindness acts including \$5 difference, Keep Torrance Clean, Shop Local and Thank you notes.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday June 2, 2025, at 6:00pm in **THE ATTIC** multi-purpose room.

Co-Rec Dance:

- On Friday, May 23, 2025, **THE ATTIC**. Hosted the Co-Rec Dance at the Ken Miller Center from 6 to 9pm. There were 47 middle school students present for the event.
- The event theme was GLOW party. Attendees were given glowsticks upon arrival. The event featured outdoor games including "Axe Throwing" and "Connect Four." The event featured indoor games including Musical Chairs, a 3-legged race, a ring toss, a dance off and dodgeball. Prizes for the indoor games were provided by Torrance Bakery, Jack's Pizza and Rizzo's Pizza. Additional sponsorships were provided by Cane's which included swag, iced tea and lemonade and Chip's Cookies which included cookies and coupons. The participants had a great time with the all the activities and requested additional rounds of both dodgeball and musical chairs.

Torrance Youth Council (TYC):

- The Youth Council held its regularly scheduled meetings on Wednesday, May 7 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, May 24, from 8:30 to 11:30am. This event was received positively with over twenty seniors in attendance to receive assistance with their electronics.
- The Torrance Youth Council hosted their yearly Beat the Odds Scholarship event on Thursday, May 22 in the ATTIC multi-purpose room. The event was held from 6 to 9pm. The event featured speeches from Mayor Chen, Councilmember Sharon Kalani, and a past recipient from 2024. The event was very successful with no seats left empty and attendance included commissioners, members of the recreation division and friends and family of the scholarship recipients.

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The commission met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the West Annex Commission meeting room.
- A presentation by the City of Torrance Social Services Commission was provided to those in attendance on the programs the commission works on year-round.
- The 2025 Older American Award recipients were recognized at the Tuesday, May 6, City Council meeting. Each awardee was presented with a plaque by the City of Torrance Mayor.
- The 2025 L.A. County Older American Award Torrance honoree was Mrs. Ellen Jenkins. She along with many others across L.A. County were presented with a proclamation at the annual award ceremony and lunch that took place on Thursday, May 22, in downtown Los Angeles.
- At the Tuesday, May 20, City Council meeting, the Commission on Aging along with the Community Services Department honored our seventh Torrance Centenarian. Mayor Chen presented Mrs. Ora N. Baker Parton with a City of Torrance Centenarian Coin and a City Proclamation.

Focal Point on Aging:

- The monthly meeting was held on Friday, May 16, 2025, and hosted guest speaker Jerry Steele, board member and volunteer from the Torrance Meals on Wheels Program.
- The Torrance Meals on Wheels Program is a non-profit, community based, volunteer organization that delivers nutritious, low-cost meals 5 days a week to the housebound who live within the Torrance area. For many, Meals on Wheels allows the clients to live at home independently and with dignity.
- For the month of May, Focal Point had eight volunteers for a total of 125 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.
- The Bartlett Senior Center has a Chef! Chef Fred Cox came on board in May and began preparing lunch at Bartlett on May 20th. He is an excellent cook! Our lunch participants absolutely love the meals he has been making for them.
- The TYC had a Senior Tech Day, on Saturday, May 24, 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 seniors greatly appreciated the help and advice the teens provided!
- 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. This activity is always looking for new participants. Please contact the Bartlett Senior Center to sign up; all levels are welcome.

- On Friday May 2, 2025 Staff hosted a Cinco De Mayo themed lunch activity included BINGO! We had 3 rounds of BINGO and 3 prize winners! Everyone seemed to enjoy BINGO


BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS AND CLASS ATTENDANCE

PROGRAM	ATTENDANCE
Beading Workshop	62
Cards	54
Craft Workshop	35
Drop-ins	95
Table, Games, and Puzzles	10
Lapidary	52
Line Dancing	136
Paid Lunches	391
Pool	100
Senior Discussion (Friday afternoon)	22
Telephone Log	258
Television	0
OLEF Chair Fusion	52
OLEF Fitness Difference	133
OLEF Salsa for Seniors	91
OLEF Spanish Class	26
Walking Club	47
Gardening Club	Not in Season
Mini-Fitness Center	10
Coffee with Maxine	64
Meditation	26
English/Spanish Book Club	3
Volunteers	2
Radio Club	7
TOTALS:	1,676

TILLIM SENIOR CENTER

PROGRAM	ATTENDANCE
Bingo	25
Cards	0
Creative Crafters	69
Drop-ins	19
Games	58
Pool	2
Telephone	0
Volunteers	0
Watercolor workshop	42
We Empower One Another	0
TOTALS	215

CONCUR:



 John La Rock
 Community Services Director

WALTERIA SENIOR CENTER

PROGRAM	ATTENDANCE
Cards	1
Games	0
Ping Pong	155
Drop-ins	0
TOTALS	156

Respectfully Submitted,



 Garrett Craig
 Recreation Services Manager



ECE children performing for their mothers during the tea party.



ECE participant with his mother during the Mother's Day Tea Party.



Congratulations to Adult Sports Staff of the Season, Adam!



Memorial Day Junior Golf Challenge.



Special Olympics basketball team posing before their tournament game.



CO-Rec members playing one of many interactive games during the May dance.



TYC Students at the annual Beat the Odds Scholarship Dinner.



Torrance Centenarian and her family posing for a picture with Mayor Chen at the Tuesday, May 20, council meeting.



The Torrance Older American Award recipients posing for a photo with the Commission on Aging members.