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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
JUNE 9, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Candioty, Love, Mataalii, Montoya, Muhammed, Reilly, Chair Feliz

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Love

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, June 3, 2021 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Please do not use Bluetooth or speaker devices, mute the volume on your television or other electronic devices and speak clearly. Your phone call to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying on the line and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your phone call recorded.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 12, 2021

6B. APPROVE SIGNAGE FOR GROUP OPEN PLAY PICKLE BALL HOURS AT SUR LA BREA PARK

- 6C. APPROVE THE 2019-2020 LIVING TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT**
- 6D. RECOMMENDATION THAT COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE**
- 6E. RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION NOMINATE AND ELECT THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR 2021-2022.**

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Community Services Director – Status of Programming and Projects.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance:

- Pandemic reconstitution and reopening
- July 4th Celebration Fireworks Show
- Cancellation of July Commission meeting
- Regular and seasonal staffing

7B. Community Services Director – Review Department Monthly Reports

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the Department Monthly Reports for:

- Administrative Services
- Park Services
- Recreation Services

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. In compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended portions of the Brown Act, Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 (Stay At Home Order issued March 19, 2020), and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy – Yellow Tier Risk Reduction Measures (issued May 14, 2021), members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference or other electronic means. Members of the public are encouraged to watch the meeting via ZOOM at: <https://zoom.us>.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened via teleconference or other electronic means at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Candiody, Love, Mataallii, Montoya, Reilly, and Chairperson Feliz.

Absent: Commissioner Muhammed.

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock, Park Services Manager Drake, and Acting Recreation Services Manager Craig.

MOTION: Commissioner Candiody moved to grant the excused absence of Commissioner Muhammed for this meeting. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Candiody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Reilly moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candiody seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Muhammed).

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Torrance Youth Council member Camron Berga introduced himself.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 14, 2021

MOTION: Commissioner Reilly moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of April 14, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Love seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (absent Commissioner Muhammed).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Community Services Director – Status of Programming and Projects

- Pandemic reconstitution and reopening
Community Services Director La Rock provided an update on reactivation of in-person programming, services, and facilities. Staff is seeking guidance on senior programming and senior facility activation. He highlighted the reopening of the West Annex lobby for in-person registration, programming at the ATTIC, and summer hiring.
- Status of 555 Maple Avenue Lease Agreement
Toyota Sports Complex lease agreement has been extended until October 31, 2021.
- July 4 special event
City Council approved reconstitution of the July 4, 2021 fireworks show at the Civic Center.
- Recommendation for July meeting, converting the Parks and Recreation Annual Awards Dinner to a service day in the parks

7B. Community Services Director – Review Department Monthly Reports

- Administrative Services
Community Services Director La Rock presented the Administrative Services Division Report – April 2021 included in agenda packets. He highlighted Facility Booking, Park Ranger Program, Registration, Coyote Management, and Home Improvement Program.
- Park Services
Park Services Manager Drake presented the Park Services Monthly Report for April 2021 included in the material of record and answered questions raised by Commissioners.
- Recreation Services
Acting Recreation Services Manager Craig presented highlights from the attached Recreation Services Monthly Report for April 2021.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:56 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to June 9, 2021. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected approval.

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TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, ACTING RECREATION MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SIGNAGE FOR GROUP OPEN PLAY PICKLE BALL HOURS AT SUR LA BREA PARK

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the January 12, 2017, Commission Meeting staff presented an item entitled “Bringing Pickle ball to Torrance – Moving Forward”. The item included staff’s perspective on the next steps for the growth of Pickle ball opportunities in Torrance. In addition, information was brought forward from pickle ball players about what they would like to see in terms of courts in Torrance.

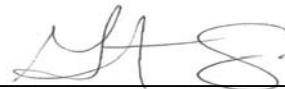
Since 2017, the Department has completed three pickle ball related projects; The addition of striping on the paddle tennis courts at Wilson Park, addition of striping at Walteria Park as a part of the Walteria Senior Program, and most recently the completion of the striping and resurfacing at Sur La Brea Park. The City continues to receive requests for additional pickle ball courts throughout the City as the sport and number of participants continues to grow.

As the community continues to support the growing sport of pickle ball, a need for more dedicated group play is necessary. Group play allows players of all skill levels to play with a constant rotation of players to allow everyone maximum play time. Due to the use of temporary nets at Sur La Brea, scheduled group play time is optimum, as it allows players to leave the nets up the entire duration of time. Currently, the two courts at Wilson Park are operating with the group play program providing a positive community experience.

RECOMMENDATION

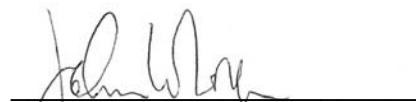
At this time, it is the recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission host the discussion, gather feedback for review, and approve the signage for group open play hours at Sur La Brea Park.

Respectfully submitted,



Garrett Craig
Acting Recreation Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachments: A) Proposed group play signage

PICKLEBALL OPEN GROUP PLAY

Monday: 8am - 12pm & 6pm - 9pm
Wednesday: 8am - 12pm & 6pm - 9pm
Thursday: 8am - 12pm & 6pm - 9pm
Sunday: 8am - 12pm & 6pm - 9pm

All play outside the scheduled Pickleball group play would be open play on a first come first serve basis for Tennis and Pickleball. All users must follow all court posted rules.



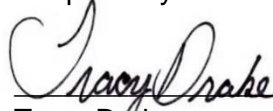
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 LIVING TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

On November 17, 1992, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission the City Council approved the implementation of a "Living Tree Dedication Program". The purpose of the program was to offer community members an opportunity to donate living trees to commemorate the life of a loved one or other significant events such as births and anniversaries. The implementation of the Program established guidelines for donating trees and an informational brochure was made available to the public at the various counters of City buildings.

Since the inception of the program in 1992, 402 Living Dedication trees have been planted throughout the various parks. In 2019-2020, an additional seven (7) trees were planted at three (3) different City parks. Park Services staff members continue to personally assist donors with the selection of park locations, tree species, coordinate the planting, and provide each donor with a Certificates of Recognition. Park Services replaces any vandalized, diseased or missing dedication trees as needed. In 2019-2020 thirty-seven (37) trees were replaced.

It is staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the 2019-2020 Living Tree Dedication Program Annual Report (Attachment A). With the Commission's approval staff will be forwarding the recommendation to City Council for acceptance and filing.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) 2019-20 Living Tree Dedication Program Annual Report

**Community Services Department
LIVING TREE DEDICATIONS
REPORTING PERIOD
2019-2020**

DATE RECEIVED	TREE AND SIZE	LOCATION PLANTED	DONOR	OCCASION / IN HONOR OF	DATE OF PLANTING
12.27.18	24" Box Jacaranda	Wilson Park	Phil, Rita, Dave, Kaori and Leo Brown	Marilyn Michaelis	8.9.2019
4.28.19	24" Box Jacaranda	Wilson Park	Ann & Mike Lein, Sandra & Steve Brayton, Ralph and Lourdes Baez, Gilbert Cavillo and Avi Donitza	Vanessa Suarez	8.28.19
9.29.19	24" Box Chinese Pistache	Victor Park	Torrance Sister City Assoc, Illene Gelbaum	Ray Roulette	10.17.20
10.7.2019	24" Box TBD	Zamperini Field	COT CDD	Phil Bradshaw	in process
10.25.19	15/G Jacaranda	La Romeria Park	"Choir Practice" Jan Beard	Morgan Walker	10.12.19
2.11.20	15/G TBD	La Romeria Park	Friends and family, Jeremy Gervig	"Me Steve" Steven "Gerv" Gervig	in process
8.30.20	24" Box Tipuana Tipu	Hickory Park	The Schwartz Family, Nicole Carlson	Michael James Schwartz	9.24.20

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

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


RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Attached is a draft of the 2021 Proclamation to celebrate July as Parks and Recreation Month. Staff is seeking the Commission's concurrence in requesting the City Council adopt this Proclamation at its meeting of June 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: Draft Proclamation - July as Parks and Recreation Month

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

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Torrance, and are fundamental to the environment and ensure the well-being of our community; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of a community, support safe, vibrant, and attractive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance parks and recreation resources played a significant role in maintaining the health and wellness of the community during the pandemic health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources, we urge all its residents to recognize 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 fundamental and, ensuring the wellness of all residents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK FUREY, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2021 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Torrance, and urge all residents to enjoy and recognize the environmental and community wellness benefits derived from participation in recreational programs and open spaces available in the City of Torrance.

Signed this 22nd day of June 2021.

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

ATTEST:

Rebecca Poirier, CMC
City Clerk

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

RECOMMENDATION

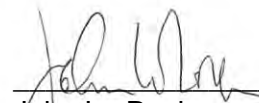
Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission Nominate and Elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2021-2022.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

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

The new Chairperson will be in place at the August 2021 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance:

- Pandemic reconstitution and reopening
 - West Annex main lobby is open for program registrations
 - July 12 projected reactivation of Senior Lunch and minimal programming
 - Phased reopening of park rental facilities
 - Resumption of in-person Commission meetings is still to be determined based on Cal OSHA guidelines which are expected to be revised by August 1
- July 4 special event
 - Fireworks display at Civic Center confirmed
 - Anticipating activation of audience viewing areas as per post-June 15 State and County of LA Health Orders
 - Reminder that all fireworks, including “safe and sane” are prohibited in the City
- Cancellation of July Commission meeting, Parks and Recreation Commission service day in the parks
 - Park Services staff will help lead efforts in one or more parks for team building and open space beautification; Park Services Manager Drake will provide additional details
 - Commissioners who have or are terming out will be invited to participate
- Regular and seasonal staffing
 - Hiring personnel to accommodate reactivated programming continues to be a challenge, particularly in the Aquatics sector
 - Darin McClelland, Senior Recreation Supervisor, is retiring from the City effective June 12. Darin departs following 42 years of distinctive service to the Torrance community and we wish him all the best

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 2021

FACILITY BOOKING – Aleksandra Rosell, Acting Program Coordinator

During the month of May staff did not issue any short or long-term permits for fields. Due to COVID-19 there were no park buildings rented however there were (3) three Amphitheater rentals with approximately 150 guests in attendance which is listed under picnics.

Facilities Revenue Report

Revenue	2021 YTD	May
Attic	-	-
Facility Reservations	-	-
Field Lights/Support	253,135.50	5,184.00
Field Prep	24,856.50	120.00
Filming Permits	1,000.00	-
Hockey Rink	8,850.00	1,875.00
Picnic Reservations	600.00	600.00
Pool Rental	75,342.00	15,565.00
Special Events	-	-
Sports Center	1,141.25	1,141.25
Torrance Art Museum	-	-
Toyota Sports Complex	131,235.00	34,130.00
Weddings	-	-
Monthly Total	\$496,160.25	\$58,615.25

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Vic Arevalo, Program Coordinator

Activity in the parks continues to increase as we approach the busy season which resulted in a high number of contacts with groups using reserved fields (particularly at McMaster and Wilson Park fields) encroaching on permitted users. Generally, the contacts are routine and friendly, but on occasion members of the public will take issue. Rangers do their best to educate groups on current permitting rules.

Parks

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

- Transient activity remains high at Waltheria, Victor and Wilson Park. Ranger observations are shared with the LA HOP, City Manager's Office, Torrance Police Department and the Outreach Coordinator.
- Rangers have made contact with several unlicensed food vendors attempting to sell food at Wilson Park.
- Dogs off leash is still an ongoing problem.
- The onboarding process has begun in an attempt to fill recent vacancies.

	May	YTD
Alcohol Violations	8	33
Amplified Sound	7	16
Bouncer Violations	1	1
Citizen Assist	5	33
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	2	14
Dogs Off Leash Violations	13	149
Fire Call-Outs	1	3
Graffiti Hotline	14	67
Hazard Report/Removal	7	39
Maintenance/Park Call-Outs	1	3
Marijuana/Smoking/Vaping	10	41
Miscellaneous	5	15
Missing Subjects	0	0
Park Damage	0	22
Parking Violations	8	19
Permit Issues	400	1061
Police Call-Outs	0	3
Ranger Call-Outs	6	26
Skating/Biking Violations	0	28
Suspicious Subjects	1	5
Transient Contacts	28	112
Transient Welfare Checks	13	36
Trespassing on Closed Fields	1	23
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	1	10
COVID SPECIFIC CONTACT SECTION		
Enforcing Park Amenity Closures	0	33
Protests	1	5
Social Distancing Advises	0	95
Subjects Violating LA County Health Order	0	1334

COYOTE MANAGEMENT – Peggy Orenstein, Staff Assistant

Statistics below are for the month of May.

Type of Encounter	May 2021		May 2020	
	Number (#) of Reported Encounters	Percent Breakdown	Number (#) of Reported Encounters	Percent Breakdown
Sighting Reported by Public (S)	36	87.8%	73	97%
Dog Attack (DA)	0	0%	0	0%
Cat Attack (CA)	0	0%	0	0%
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality (DF)	0	0%	0	0%
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality (CF)	3	7.31%	2	3%
Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	2	4.87%	0	0
Total Incidents	41	100%	75	100%

COYOTE STATISTICS

	Reported Data May 2021	Reported Data May 2020
Not trapped/Euthanized	1	0
Total	1	0

REPORTING STATISTICS

Reporting Channel	Number (#)
Animal Control & Dispatch (Spillman Police Software)	8
Hotline (24-Hour Coyote Hotline)	4
MyTorrance App	0
Web (Online Web Submission)	27
Other, E-mail	0
Total	39

REGISTRATION – Debbie Parr, Program Coordinator

Registration processed a total of 6,613 enrollments with a net revenue of \$307,305.52 during the month of May 2021. The breakdown is as follows:

May 2021

	Resident Enrollments	Non-Resident Enrollments	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Staff Enrollments	383	31	414	\$ 45,419.36
Internet	3,092	3,071	6,163	248,799.51
Totals	3,475	3,102	6,577	\$ 294,218.87

Adult Leagues May 2021

	Resident Enrollments	Non-Resident Enrollments	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Basketball	0	0	0	\$ 0
Hockey	0	0	0	0
Softball	36	0	36	13,086.65
Totals	36	0	36	\$ 13,086.65

Due to the short season and short turn-around for registration, the non-resident fee was not implemented so all teams were considered residents.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of May, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 8 households, with ongoing projects at 12 additional households.

	May	YTD
Carpentry	5	32
Electrical	4	26
Miscellaneous	2	14
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	11	34
COVID-19	0	0
Total number of services provided	22	106

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – MAY 2021

PARKS / FACILITIES

The Projects Crew:

- The Construction Crew will be assisting the Landscape and Maintenance crews during summer months.
- A concrete patch along the farmers market walking area was repaired at Wilson Park in the main parking lot area.
- The basketball backboard on the east court at Wilson Park was removed and is at the welder for repair.
- The sidewalk going south towards the parking lot and the steps going west at Miramar Park were patched with concrete.
- A damaged valve box at Entradero Park was repaired.
- The Wilson Park Splash Pad concrete slab joints sealed.

The Landscape Team:

- Our focus this month has been making repairs and adjustments to our irrigation systems in each our City parks. While getting this done we have faced challenges with broken mainlines (three at Guenser Park) and issues with our Rainmaster control panels that required the assistance from the Rainmaster representative. We met with the representative three times to get the issues resolved. Irrigation repairs and adjustments have taken time to get completed.
- Continued to prepare, replace parts and maintain the Splash Pad at Wilson Park so it will be ready to open in June.
- The softball field at La Romeria was renovated and is now playable.
- Staff coordinated and assisted Adopt-a-Park volunteers for the Veteran's Memorial and Wilson Park by getting the supplies needed to perform their work.

Maintenance Crews:

- In preparation for summer, park picnic shelters and tables were cleaned, pressure washed and additional trashcans added to surrounding areas. Most hot ash cans have been emptied and repainted.

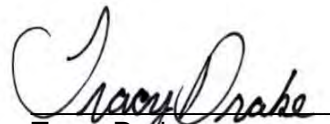
- 300 cubic yards of playground wood chips were added to Wilson and Los Arboles Park ensuring the playground surface standards are kept compliant with CPSI guidelines.
- At Sur La Brea, one basketball and two tennis courts were resurfaced, painted and re-stripped with additional lines on the west court for pickle ball play. The basketball backboards were re-painted.
- The three basketball backboards were repainted and one taken to the weld shop for repairs after discovering damage to one of the brackets at Wilson Park. The one backboard will be replaced by the first week of June.
- Staff assisted with renovation of La Romeria Park softball diamond infield.

MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE AND NATURE CENTER

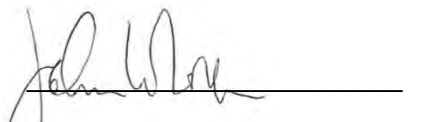
- Volunteer program gathering momentum. Effort to sign-up prior and new volunteers starting to bear fruit.
 - We added about 10 volunteers during May.
- Worked hard to combat troublesome Chrysanthemums.
 - Reduced most troublesome locations by mowing plants before releasing seeds.
 - Hand weeding in areas where mowing is not feasible.
- Initiated removal of another invasive – Curly dock.
 - Persistent perennial broadleaf plant associated with wetlands.
 - This season plants are maturing and going to seed early due to weather change.
 - Following strict protocol for hand removal, avoiding release of seeds.
- Pelican Products (a Torrance company) completed filming product commercial on May 14th. They were pleased to have the Marsh to serve as a location.
- Preparing plan to service the Bio-filter, aka modular wetland
 - Not serviced in several years
 - Cleaning pretreatment chamber, replacing bio-media cartridges, pressure washing system, replace sump boom.
 - Staff worked to lower maintenance costs with sole source provider, Bio Clean
- Restarted animal care program recruiting five new volunteers
 - Program popular for pre-vet students and those that just love animals.
 - Strive to maintain advanced state of care for our ambassador animals.
- Moving forward with detailed planning for our Junior Naturalist summer program
 - Plan to have two classes of one week each; late July and early August.
 - A learn by doing experience for young folks.
 - Certified naturalist leading program.
- Preparing for start-up of Friday Fun program in June, in-person.
 - Very popular program over many years.
- Biological survey conducted by our Science Advisor is nearing completion.

- Survey of wetland invertebrates concludes when water is gone sometime in June.
- Water quality
 - Phosphate, Nitrogen remain in normal range.
 - DO highest in sump.
 - Wetland test sites – only two of five remain, drying fast.
- Mosquito counts to date are far lower than last season.
 - Appears lack of rain and timing of rain impacted breeding.
 - High and low temperatures stayed outside of ideal range for much of early into the spring season.
 - Main species counted – Cool Weather mosquito
- Precipitation: season-to-date (STD)
 - No changes
- Storm water: May.
 - Only street runoff
- May visitation
 - We no longer have full coverage at Preserve entrance so hard counts are baselined for estimated counts.
 - 1,235 on Preserve (hard count)
 - 1,900 (estimated count)
 - 250 visitors picnicking at Nature Center parking lot mini-park.
 - Key message from visitors: “we need more water”.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:


John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, ACTING RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2021

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for May 2021:

Aquatics:

- The Plunge will resume youth and adult swim lessons for the first time since March 2020.
- Lap swim continues to be in high demand with 3,474 participants.
- Swim Torrance accounted for 2,086 pool visits.
- Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers (LAPS), accounted for 510 pool visits.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- The participants have been learning to write letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.
- Students gained the skills needed to advance to the next class level.
- Staff are in preparation for the end of the session activities including making graduation leis for the students.
- Children will receive awards for completing the year.
- We have 6 children that will be moving on to kindergarten and the rest will be enrolling in the Fall session.

Youth Basketball:

- Youth Basketball is in week 6 of the 8-week season with 318 participants.
- Participants in grades K-3 are participating inside the Hockey Rink at Wilson Park where 3 courts have been created.
- On the three outdoor courts at Wilson Park grades 4-8 are scheduled in groups of 12. Participants are enjoying a variety of basketball skill development drills, basic training and scrimmage games while observing COVID-19 protocols

Youth Cheerleading:

- The Spring Cheer clinic is nearing the end of the 8-week clinic on June 5.
- This Clinic is taking place at the Hockey Rink at Wilson Park. The 28 participants are excited to show Family and friends what they have learned during the 8 week session with a Cheer performance on the last Saturday while observing Covid-19 protocols.
- Registration for the Fall Cheer season is set up to start in August with the season scheduled to start on September 18, 2021.

Youth Volleyball:

- Registration started for Youth Volleyball on May 18 with the last day to register on June 8.

- This Summer Volleyball program is scheduled to start June 26, 2021 at the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park, pending the approval of LA County Department of Health guidelines.
- This Summer league will be made up of students in the 4th through 8th grade.

Youth Flag Football:

- Registration started on May 18 for residents with the last day to register being August 16, 2021.
- The season is scheduled to start on September 18, 2021
- All games will be played on Saturday's at Wilson Park.

ADULT SPORTS / SEA-AIRE GOLF COURSE / PARK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Garrett Craig, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Adult Sports:

- With registration limited due to COVID, The Adult Slow-Pitch Softball Program returned 48 Men's and 30 Coed teams back out on the fields for the Spring season.
- The Adult Roller Hockey, *Stick-Time Program*, which allows participants an hour of rink time Monday-Friday to sharpen skills, was routinely busy with over 30 rentals in May.
- Adult Sports Staff are also preparing for the return of the Adult Basketball Program in the summer, with registration set to open mid-June.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Total golf rounds played at *Sea-Aire* golf were a May record of 3,750. This shattered any previous rounds total played at the course for May.
- Starting June 1 the last tee-off will be moved to 6:30 P.M. with the longer daylight days of summer.
- On Memorial Day the annual Junior golf challenge was held to kick off the summer golf season at *Sea-Aire*
- May saw the resurgence and increasing attendance in the Seniors and Women's golf clubs.
- On May 17th the Palos Verdes girl's golf team had their first outing of the year at *Sea-Aire*.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / PARK DROP-IN / DAY CAMPS / ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS

Suzie Wand, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Allison Saufua, Recreation Supervisor; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator

Before/After School Club Program:

- The *Before/After School Club* continues at Greenwood Park for blended learning students at Fern Elementary.
- Staff led the participants in a variety of recreation games and activities, following proper COVID-19 health and safety protocols.
- Of special note, participants created festive picture frames to honor the special Moms in their lives for Mother's Day.

Camp Torrance:

- *Camp Torrance* will be offered in one-week increments for children ages 6 to 12 from June 14 through August 13.
- The program will take place in three rooms at Greenwood Park, two at El Retiro Park, and one at McMaster Park with cohorts of 21 campers each.
- Registration has been brisk, with many weeks already filled to capacity.

Adaptive Recreation:

- Virtual programming continues to be offered via Zoom for *PALS (People Actively Learning and Sharing)* members. An average of 15 - 20 members attend each activity.
- Recreational activities for the month included: Karaoke, Trivia, Bingo, and Exercise Night.
- A number of exercise classes continued to be offered throughout the month to help members stay in shape while at home.
- Staff are gearing up for an in-person Basketball Clinic to be held at Wilson Park on Saturdays, beginning June 6.

TEENS/CO-REC / YOUTH COUNCIL / SENIOR CITIZENS / COMMISSION ON AGING

VIRTUAL RECREATION – *Deborah Reed, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Veronica Minter, Recreation Supervisor; Michelle Pinedo, Recreation Supervisor*

THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- The ATTIC Cohorts program ran two days a week with an average of eight (8) participants a day. Members were able to participate in socially distanced recreation through various activities and games.
- The month of May was The ATTIC's Mental Health Month. Various activities were offered to students in-person and virtually throughout the month, all geared toward mental health and wellbeing. These activities included: coloring therapy, organization workshop, journaling, DIY stress relievers, origami, music therapy, vision board, and *future me*. The ATTIC's social media also played a role in the month hosting yoga, breathing, and stretching video alongside the Kindness Act campaigns. The in-person and virtual activities had an average of seven (7) participants each.
- The Zoom Lunch Room program met twice a week every Monday and Thursday 11:55am-12:40pm with an average of five (5) participants attending each meeting. Students had time to share about their lives and play games together online.
- Wellness Wednesday met on Wednesday 3:00pm-3:30pm via Zoom with an average of one (1) participant. Staff led various mental health focused exercises, which included journaling, letter writing, and mental health worksheets.
- Staff continued to make wellness calls to participating members.

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, May 3, 2021 THE ATTIC *Advisory Committee* held their monthly meeting, at 6:00pm via Zoom. There were 13 committee members present. Agenda items included finalizing Mental health month assignments, and 2021-2022 AAC applications.
- AAC members helped plan and assisted with each Mental Health month activity.

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

Co-Rec (Co-Recreation):

The Monday Boredom Busters virtual program included three challenges, one DIY project and publicity for the summer programming.

- Chubby Bunny
- DIY Rope Rainbow
- Marshmallow Toss
- Share your recipes – easy teen recipes
- Summer Babysitter Preparedness Course

Virtual Recreation:

- Torrance virtual recreation and social media continues through the transition out of the pandemic. We are promoting our in-person programs and continue the Safer at Home campaign. We continue to offer residents stay home activities through the Virtual Recreation pages on our website and social media, with Instagram and Facebook. Mondays features activities/challenges and Wednesdays features home workouts/wellness posts.
- This Month- Mental Health Awareness Month:
 - Pledge to end the stigma of Mental Health
 - Important of Mental Health
 - What makes you happy?
 - How do you take care of your Mental Health
 - Self Care-The importance of taking a 10 minute break
 - Daily Stretching with Roxy
 - Memorial Day photo challenge
- This platform continues to allow us to keep residents informed of programs, activity status and new or updated policies related to COVID-19. “Senior Game Day”, “THE ATTIC Cohorts”, Summer Camp and Summer Registration were promoted this month. We were able to answer questions and concerns regarding registration, policies and programs that were accessed safely from our resident’s homes.

Youth Council (TYC):

- The Mental Health webinar held on April 21st has been posted on YouTube and the TYC FaceBook page.
- The Senior Committee videos to the Seniors are being edited for posting in the next week or two. They consist of TYC peers performing poetry, dancing, and entertaining as well as TYC members speaking encouraging words to the senior’s.
- The Beat the Odds Selection Committee chose five applicants to receive the 2021 Beat the Odds Scholarship. Twenty-one applications were received, one student from West and Torrance High were chosen as well as three from South High School. They will be recognized at an upcoming June City Council meeting.
- TYC applications are due at the end of May for the upcoming school year.

RECREATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FOR MAY:

LOCATION/PROGRAM	NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
Adaptive Sports		
Bartlett Senior Center		
Early Childhood		
Focal Point	2	10

AARP Tax Aide	10	160
S.P.I.N.		
Torrance Travelers		
Youth Sports		
TOTAL:	12	170

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The Month of May was declared Older Americans Month in the City of Torrance.
- The Commission chose seven seniors to receive their Older American Award; they were recognized at the May 18th City Council meeting.
- The Commission guest speaker for May was Shirrell Edey with Chefs for Seniors. These chefs prepare fresh, nutritious and delicious tasting food in the convenience of your home. They shop, cook meals for the week, and clean up

Focal Point on Aging: (The Focal Point office remains closed)

Focal Point volunteer Kara has been monitoring the phones from home and handled **29** calls for information on behalf of Focal Point in May. She also reached out to make Birthday calls for the month of May.

Senior Citizens Programs (Bartlett Center)


- The Senior Programs staff answered 124 calls via the Senior Hotline that runs Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM. Various calls from when will you open to just checking in, are there any classes yet.
- ZOOM Bingo, *Conversations Worth Having*, and *Zoom Jeopardy* continue with ongoing success.
- The Bartlett staff successfully added Wheel-less of Fortune game via Zoom running every Thursday at 1:30PM.
- Online Senior Bridge Club continues to meet online every Tuesday with games starting at 10:30AM.
- The Tillim Senior Center, Walteria Park Senior program, and Friday Recreation Seniors program remain closed due to COVID-19.
- The AARP Tax-Aide program operated on a virtual basis through May 17th. Clients called for an appointment and information as to the steps they needed to take to get their taxes done.
- Staff are preparing plans to open in July with the lunch program. Staff continue to work on contacting volunteers to offer classes.

Respectfully Submitted,



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