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The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members Feliz, Korman, Mataalii, Mele, Montoya, Muhammed,  
Chair Candioty

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Montoya

**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, October 7, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**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. Speakers please turn off or leave your cellular phone when you come to the podium to speak.*

**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: SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

**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
- Greenwood Park Restrooms
- Budget Challenges

**7B. Community Services Director - Status of Toyota Sports Complex Lease**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file a report on the status of the Toyota Sports Complex lease between the City and the California State Office of the Courts.

**7C. 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, November 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 in the West Annex Commission meeting room.

**ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Present: Commissioners Feliz, Korman, Mele, Muhammed, and Chairperson Candioly.

Absent: Commissioners Mataallii and Montoya.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Korman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

Chairperson Candioly reported the agenda for this meeting was posted on the Public Notice Board and the City's Website on September 2, 2021.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission welcomed Torrance Youth Council members Jennifer Kim, Jonah Hirata, and Suzanna Yeh.

Members of the public spoke.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mele moved to approve Commission meeting minutes of June 9, 2021 and August 11, 2021 as submitted. Commissioner Feliz seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (absent Commissioners Mataallii and Montoya).

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 7A. **Community Services Director La Rock – 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.

- Pandemic Reconstitution and Reopening  
Update provided on reactivation of in-person programming, services, and facilities. Resumption of in-person Commission and City Council meetings with public attendance. Following Los Angeles County Health Department rules for indoor and outdoor youth sports and After School Club staff due to the pandemic.
- Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup Month  
Fliers distributed for community cleanups at Torrance Beach, Sur La Brea Park, and Downtown Torrance on September 18.
- Recognition of the Torrance Little League World Series Quarter Finalists  
Parade on September 11 starting at Wilson Park and ending at Torrance Little League Field.
- Budget Challenges  
Vacant positions and various Department programs being analyzed for potential budget reductions.

### 7B. **Recreation Services Manager – Report on the currently available Torrance pickleball courts, future court efforts, and discussion on potential alterations to the allocation of court time between tennis and pickleball for those courts outfitted to accommodate both sports.**

Recreation Services Manager Craig provided background and reviewed Tennis and Pickleball Park Locations and Hours in Attachment A. He recommended, in order to alleviate future concerns and to encourage residents to continue participating in both pickleball and tennis, that the Commission gather feedback from residents and provide direction on potential actions.

From 7:36 to 7:47 p.m., members of the public spoke.

Community Services Director La Rock spoke about possible options and the importance of continuing to promote the City as a central advocator for both sports. He stated staff would bring back their recommendations at the November Commission meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mele moved to accept and file the report. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (absent Commissioners Mataallii and Montoya).

### 7C. **Community Services Director – Review Department Monthly Reports**

- Administrative Services  
Community Services Director La Rock presented the Administrative Services Division Report – August 2021 included in agenda packets. He highlighted Facility Booking, picnic reservations, Registration, and Home Improvement Program.

Park Ranger Program Coordinator Arevalo reviewed highlights in the Park Ranger Program report in the material of record and answered Commissioners' inquiries.

- Park Services  
Community Services Director La Rock presented the Park Services Monthly Report for August included in the material of record.
- Recreation Services  
Recreation Services Manager Craig presented highlights from the attached Recreation Services Monthly Report for August 2021.

8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:30 p.m., Commissioner Korman moved to adjourn tonight's meeting to October 13, 2021 in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Muhammed seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected approval.

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**TO:           PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

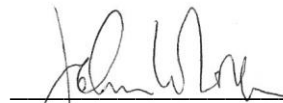
**FROM:       JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**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
  - Maintaining facial covering requirements for all interior City locations
  - Indoor youth sports require vaccination or weekly negative test results for all participants (youth/adult)
  - Outdoor youth sports 12+ require vaccination or weekly negative test results for all participants (youth/adult)
  - Outdoor youth sports under 12 require symptom screening and vaccination or weekly negative test results for adult participants
  - After School Club staff must comply with TUSD site personnel policies to include weekly testing or proof of vaccination
  
- The restrooms at Greenwood Park will undergo a renovation project led by the City's General Services Department. The project will include updates for ADA compliance and new fixtures, flooring and tile.
  
- Budget Challenges
  - Vacant positions and various Department programs are being analyzed for potential budget reductions as the pandemic continues to impact City finances. City Council will receive a report on the budget at their October 12 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

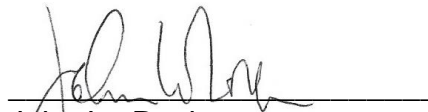
**SUBJECT: STATUS OF TOYOTA SPORTS COMPLEX LEASE**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file a report on the status of the Toyota Sports Complex lease between the City and the California State Office of the Courts.

Following a protracted negotiating period, the City and the CA State Office of the Courts remain far apart on the terms for a renewed lease for the Toyota Sports Complex. On October 1, the City issued a press release to inform the community as well as the Sports Complex stakeholders about the potential closure of the facility on October 31 if an agreement cannot be reached. The outreach campaign also includes information for the public to reach out to the Governor's office with the intention that coordinated and high volume reaction could result in the Governor interceding on behalf of the interests of the region's youth who benefit from the facility. Additionally, a Change.org campaign is running to solicit organized support and comments for transmittal to the Governor's office.

Staff is reviewing alternative locations at City parks where at least some of the play field inventory at the Sports Complex could be replicated, as well as where the current Sports Complex field lighting could be repurposed should that need arise.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) City Press Release  
B) Joint Letter from Elected Officials

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **TORRANCE MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELD IN DANGER OF POTENTIAL CLOSURE BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA**

TORRANCE, Calif., Sept. 30, 2021 – The popular 6-acre, \$3.2 million Toyota Sports Complex in Torrance is facing potential closure, as the existing lease ends with the Judicial Council of California, an Office of the State of California. Should the City and Judicial Council not reach agreeable terms, the multi-use sports fields will close on October 31, 2021, even though according to the Judicial Council, plans to develop the property are not likely to be pursued until 2032.

In 2011, the City of Torrance negotiated and entered a \$1 per year lease of the Court-owned land for recreational use, with the City building the infrastructure and providing operations. Through the generosity of the business community and dedicated Torrance residents, the City converted the then fallow land into an active youth area, investing \$3.2 million into artificial turf, sports lighting, decorative fencing and amenities to support and promote the physical fitness of the youth in the South Bay. Recently, the Court has proposed to start annual rent exceeding \$30,000 per month in addition to potential annual inflation costs at the end of the current lease.

In an effort to reach a mutual agreement, the City provided the Judicial Courts with various alternative funding scenarios and pricing models such as:

- A 10-year lease at \$1,000 per month; Lease rate available with increase to user permit fees.
- A one-time capital improvement of Courthouse parking lot/Maple Ave. landscaping and provision to reassess parking lot at 10 years, if further extensions are granted.



The Toyota Sports Complex does not operate for profit but for public benefit. The proposed rate increase would be unattainable as the City faces significant budget constraints ignited by the COVID-19 pandemic. Regional representatives including Senators Ben Allen and Steven Bradford; Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, and LA County District Supervisor Janice Hahn have joined Torrance Mayor Patrick J. Furey and City Council to support saving the in-demand athletic facility. We are asking to the Torrance and South Bay community users to make contact with [Governor Gavin Newsom](#), to express your concerns with the potential loss of this valuable community resource and to intercede on the community's behalf with the Judicial Council. Supporters of the Toyota Sports Complex can also visit [www.TorranceCA.Gov/TSC](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/TSC) to sign the petition and to find tools to voice their concern.

The Toyota Sports Complex, which opened to the public in March 2014, sees an average annual attendance of 56,000 and hosts more than 28 different organizations. The facility can accommodate multiple configurations including soccer, football, lacrosse, tournaments, clinics, and is host to the City's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show. Located at 555 Maple, the property was originally purchased for expansion of the Superior Court of Los Angeles. However, due to budget constraints, plans to expand the court building were delayed. For more information about the future of the Toyota Sports Complex visit [www.TorranceCA.Gov/TSC](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/TSC) .

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October 1, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
 Governor, State of California  
 State Capitol Building, Suite 173  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

As the elected officials representing the City of Torrance, serving 146,860 residents along with 21+ sports organizations that serve over 16,000 youth annually, we are calling upon you to assist the City of Torrance with extending an existing lease for the Torrance Multi-Use Sports Complex with the Board of the Judicial Council.

The 6-acre land located at 555-575 Maple Avenue is the site of the Torrance Multi-Use Sports Complex and was originally purchased for expansion of Los Angeles Superior Court. However, due to budget constraints, plans to expand the court building were delayed. The City of Torrance successfully negotiated a lease of the Court-owned land in 2011 for recreational use by the City. The current lease was for \$1 per year, with the City of Torrance building the infrastructure and providing complete oversight of operations.

The City of Torrance, through the generosity of the business community and dedicated Torrance residents, converted the then-fallow land into an active youth area, investing \$3.2 million to add artificial turf, sports lighting, decorative fencing and amenities to support and promote the physical fitness of our youth in the South Bay.

According to the Judicial Council, there are no immediate plans to develop the site and will not be seriously pursued until 2032 at the earliest. The Court insists that the current terms do not reflect market value and have proposed to start annual rent exceeding \$30,000 per month with annual CPI escalation clauses. The City of Torrance does not operate the site for profit but for public benefit. Secondly, the City of Torrance is facing significant budget constraints and the proposed rate increase is not attainable as it goes far beyond any reasonable pass through cost recovery concepts. As such, the city will not be able to operate the site and provide a high quality amenity at equitable pricing models. The Judicial Council has framed the matter as "Gift of Public Funds." The City has attempted to provide various alternative funding scenarios, without any movement from the Judicial Council.

Throughout the past few months, this legislative collective body serving the Los Angeles South Bay region have advocated on behalf of the City of Torrance with the Board of the Judicial Council to resolve this matter. Unfortunately, we have no other remedy but to respectfully request your intervention to encourage the Judicial Council to resolve this land management matter prior to the expiration of the current lease agreement on October 31, 2021. With absent immediate resolution we will be forced to notify our residents that this in-demand public recreational facility is being **closed** because of the Judicial Council's unwillingness to support our communities much needed, post COVID recreational needs.

Should the City and Judicial Council reach mutually agreeable terms, the City stands ready to invest approximately \$1.7 million in new artificial turf replacement and site amenities to improve the functionality of the site that will also support the associated trades that will provide the associated construction vendor services. Again, we would appreciate your involvement to assist with an amenable resolution.

Sincerely,



Ben Allen  
Senator  
26<sup>th</sup> Senate District



Steven Bradford  
Senator  
35<sup>th</sup> Senate District



Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor  
City of Torrance



Al Muratsuchi  
Assemblymember  
66<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



Janice Hahn  
Supervisor  
4<sup>th</sup> District  
Los Angeles County

Enclosure: Flyer on the Torrance Multi-Use Sports Complex

cc: Jim DeBoo, Executive Secretary, Office of the Governor Newsom  
Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of California  
Millicent Tidwell, Chief Deputy Director, Judicial Council of California  
Jason Gonsalves, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, Professional Legislative Representation



# TORRANCE MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX

*Host to local organizations including:  
LA Galaxy Soccer Center, Beach Futbol Club,  
Southern California South Bay Soccer,  
AYSO Regions 14 & 16, and Fram Soccer Club*

**555 MAPLE AVENUE**  
CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE SOUTH BAY

**6.2-ACRE FACILITY**



**HIGH-QUALITY SYNTHETIC TURF**



**ENERGY-EFFICIENT SPORTS LIGHTING**

**City of Torrance  
Community Services Department  
Booking Office  
310-618-5982 [FacilityBooking@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:FacilityBooking@TorranceCA.Gov)  
[www.TorranceCA.Gov/ToyotaSportsComplex](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/ToyotaSportsComplex)**

**YEAR-ROUND PLAYABILITY**



## **GROUNDBREAKING OPPORTUNITY**

For several years, 555 Maple Avenue remained vacant and unimproved, the land was originally purchased for expansion area of the Los Angeles Superior Court (Torrance Court). However, due to budget constraints, plans to expand the court building were not in the foreseeable future.

Torrance has a resident population of **146,860** with a peak daytime population that grows to **250,000** or more. The City recognized that it was below the ideal recommendation of 10 acres of recreational open space per 1,000 residents (as listed in the City's General Plan), with **115,000** youth using 277 acres of public parks for sports practices and games.

Seeing a fantastic opportunity to add open space for the community, Torrance City Manager's Office with support from former Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and former California State Assemblymember Betsy Butler negotiated an agreement for recreational use by the City.

Design Contract was awarded in April 2, 2012 and the Groundbreaking was celebrated November 18, 2012.

## **STATE OF THE ART EXPERIENCE**

On March 26, 2014, the \$3.2 million Torrance Multi-Use Sports Complex officially opened to the public. Much of the funding was through the generosity of the business community and dedicated Torrance Residents.

The Torrance Multi Use Sports Complex is a 6.2 acre sports facility with high-quality synthetic turf and striping for two 75 yard by 120 yard soccer fields and overlays for six 35 yard by 75 yard youth fields. In 2019, as part of the City's 5-year Capital Budget, the City Council approved a new shaded eating area to provide more suitable environment for camps, clinics, and tournaments.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

**56k**

*Average Attendance  
Annually*

*Hosts More Than 28  
Different Organizations*



**2.2k+**

*Hours of Permitted  
Usage Per Year*

*Torrance Youth  
Using City Parks for  
Sports Practices and Games*

**115k**

*Multiple Configurations  
Including Soccer, Football, Lacrosse,  
Tournaments, Clinics, Events & More.*



**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**  
**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021**

**FACILITY BOOKING** – Aleksandra Rosell, Acting Program Coordinator

During the month of September, staff issued 118 short-term, 2 hour permits for fields. Long-term field users were issued 476 permits. There were no softball tournaments held at Wilson Park.

**Picnic Reservations**

- A total of 125 picnics with 5,060 guests in attendance were permitted at Torrance parks during the month of September. The breakdown is as follows:

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	42	1,599
El Nido Park	6	150
El Retiro Park	8	304
Hickory Park	4	28
Lago Seco Park	6	177
McMaster Park	2	50
Paradise Park	8	211
Torrance Park	12	524
Victor Park	4	47
Walteria Park	6	225
Wilson Park	27	1,745

There were 85 bouncer permits issued for the month of September.

**Park Building Reservations**

- Park buildings were not rented by private groups.
- Non-profit organizations used the buildings on 61 occasions. El Nido and Walteria were used for elections.

Building	Private	Non-Profit	Building	Private	Non-Profit
Alta Loma Park	0	0	McMaster Park	0	2
El Nido Park	0	45	Sea Aire Park	0	0
El Retiro Park	0	0	Sur La Brea Park	0	0
Greenwood Park	0	0	Walteria Park	0	14
La Romeria Park	0	0	The Attic	0	0

## Facilities Revenue Report

Revenue	September	2021 YTD
Attic	-	-
Facility Reservations	-	1,648.00
Field Lights/Support	8,704.70	277,150.10
Field Prep	1,520.00	26,791.50
Filming Permits	-	2,000.00
Hockey Rink	8,581.00	29,264.00
Picnic Reservations	595.00	27,504.75
Pool Rental	14,331.25	119,225.75
Special Events	250.00	4,290.00
Sports Center	4,778.56	17,023.56
Torrance Art Museum	-	-
Toyota Sports Complex	36,199.25	259,179.25
Weddings	-	1,250.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$ 74,959.76</b>	<b>\$ 765,326.91</b>

### PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Vic Arevalo, Program Coordinator

During the month of September, the Park Ranger program continued its weeknight and weekend patrols of all City parks with a heavy focus on assisting field permit holders and picnic reservations.

#### Parks

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

	September	YTD
Alcohol Violations	100	202
Amplified Sound	25	83
Bouncer Violations	0	2
Citizen Assist	40	167
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	9	34
Dogs Off Leash Violations	125	422
Fire Call-Outs	0	4
Graffiti Hotline	50	197
Hazard Report/Removal	12	88
Maintenance/Park Call-Outs	20	36
Marijuana/Smoking/Vaping	27	109
Miscellaneous	5	26
Missing Subjects	3	5
Park Damage	4	38
Parking Violations	10	75
Permit Issues	425	2,006
Police Call-Outs	1	9

Ranger Call-Outs	12	73
Skating/Biking Violations	0	37
Suspicious Subjects	3	30
Transient Contacts	45	228
Transient Welfare Checks	30	97
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	23
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	5	26
<b>COVID SPECIFIC CONTACT SECTION</b>		
Enforcing Park Amenity Closures	0	33
Protests	0	5
Social Distancing/Mask Advises	0	95
Subjects Violating LA County Health Order	0	1334

- Dogs off leash continue to be an ongoing issue with heavy pushback from El Retiro, Entradero and Walteria Park patrons.
- A heavy amount of graffiti observed on the north side and reported through MyTorrance app.
- Transient activity continues to be observed citywide and applicable situations forwarded to Torrance Police Department.
- Rangers are working closely with Facility Booking to refine permit receipts so there is no confusion that drinking alcohol is not allowed at City parks.

Special Events

- Rangers supported Little League World Series parade and special event at Torrance Little League.

**REGISTRATION** – Debbie Parr, Program Coordinator

Registration processed a total of 653 enrollments with a net revenue of \$75,831.56 during the month of September 2021. The breakdown is as follows:

**September 2021**

	Resident Enrollments	Non-Resident Enrollments	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Staff Enrollments	100	139	239	21,032.66
Internet	157	206	363	21,491.40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>\$ 42,524.06</b>



**Adult Leagues September 2021**

	Total Enrollments	Net Revenue
Basketball	13	9,452.30
Softball	38	23,855.20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$ 33,307.50</b>

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

During the month of September, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 13 households, with ongoing projects at 8 additional households.

	September	YTD
Carpentry	9	66
Electrical	4	42
Miscellaneous	12	47
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	8	70
COVID-19	0	0
<b>Total number of services provided</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>225</b>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 John La Rock  
 Community Services Director

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

**SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

**YOUTH SPORTS / AQUATICS / EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** – *Allison Saufua, Acting Sr. Recreation Supervisor; Patti Goldenson, Recreation Supervisor; Kim Hubbard, Aquatics Program Coordinator*

***Aquatics:***

- Fall aquatic classes continue with 166 registrations
- The drop-in lap swim accounted for 2,068 pool visits.
- The drop-in recreation swim accounted for 227 pool visits.
- Long-term pool rental, Swim Torrance, accounted for 2,798 pool visits.
- Long-term pool rental LAPS (Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers) Master's Swim Team accounted for 654 pool visits.

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

- The 12-week fall session of ECE has begun at Greenwood Park. Participants are learning letters, numbers, colors and shapes.
- Fun and Friends, for children ages 3.5 to 5 years old, has 19 participants enrolled. Lollipop Tree, for children ages 3 to 4 years old, has 10 enrolled.

***Youth Sports:***

- The 8-week Flag Football Skills and Drills program has begun. Staff led 192 players each week in football drills and activities at Wilson Park. Participants are separated by grade,
- The Recreation Cheerleading program has 35 cheerleaders. Practices are twice a week at Wilson Park. A special performance is planned for the Movie in the Park on October 30.
- The Youth Sports section was awarded the Excellence in Youth Sports Award sponsored by National Alliance for Youth Sports for the Co-Ed Outdoor Basketball Skills Clinic that was offered in February and April 2021.

**ADULT SPORTS / SEA-AIRE GOLF COURSE** – *Garrett Craig, Recreation Services Manager*

***Adult Sports:***

- The Adult Softball Program Fall Season began the second week of September with 99 teams participating. Leagues are offered Sunday – Friday evenings at Wilson Park.

- Our Fall Adult Basketball leagues set a new record with 59 total teams in the program. League are offered Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park. The new 40+ league is a hit.
- Adult Roller Hockey leagues have returned to the rink Monday-Saturday. On Sundays, the rink also stays busy with private rentals.
- Youth Lacrosse is now using the rink seven days a week for their youth program, which servers around 240 local youth players.

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

- The fall golf season got off to a great start in September!
- Total golf rounds played at *Sea-Aire* in September were 3,085.
- The annual Labor Day Golf Challenge was a lot of fun for all the junior golfers that participated. Winners for Flight A/6-8 year olds were Sophia Lasiter and Hank Chambers, Flight B/9-11 year olds: Juliane Evans and Salvador Sandoval, and Flight C/ 12-14 year olds: Chelsea Hikichi and Nik Seth.
- The Sea-Aire Women's Golf Club held a "best eight out of nine holes" golf tournament on September 9.
- The Sea-Aire Seniors Golf Club held a "four man team match play" tournament on September 17.
- The CIT Department installed a new computer in the starter's office in September.
- Beginning October 1, the last tee-off time will be moved to 5:00 p.m. due to the shorter daylight hours.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / DAY CAMPS / PARKS GRAB AND GO CRAFT PROGRAM/ ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS** – *Suzie Wand, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator; Nicole Madera, CSL IV*

***After School Club Program:***

- The program continues to operate effectively at 11 sites: Arnold, Carr, Edison, Fern/Greenwood, Torrance, Victor, Walteria and Yukon Elementary Schools and Jefferson, Madrona and Richardson Middle Schools.
- The program remains on pause at the following sites: Bert Lynn, Casimir, Hull and Magruder Middle Schools. Parents of children on enrollment lists at these sites were sent an update on the status of the program on September 9. Enrollment numbers for Casimir and Magruder are the highest of the four sites and we would hope to be able to open them before year end, should we be successful in hiring additional staff.
- Participants have been enjoying indoor and outdoor activities, crafts, and sports, in addition to having time set aside each day to work on homework.
- The program follows guidelines set forth by the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

***Adaptive Recreation:***

- Virtual programming continues via Zoom for *PALS (People Actively Learning and Sharing)* members. An average of 15 - 20 members attend each activity.
- A Beach Walk was held on September 13, which was great fun. PALS members always enjoy catching up with each other while getting their daily steps in!
- FTEA (Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes) sponsored a very successful Softball Clinic on September 12. Over 30 athletes participated in this two hour program hosted

by Coach Tony Medina. Activities included base running drills, hitting, and catching. It was a big hit and participants learned a lot of new skills.

- Bocce Ball at Columbia Park concluded on September 24. Special thanks to the South Bay Bocce Club for their support; members of the Club came out to play bocce with PALS members once a month. A big thanks, also, to the devoted volunteers that participated with the group every week. The program would not be possible without our volunteers!
- Softball and Swim practices are in full swing. Both programs have over 25 participants every week. A big thank you to the volunteer coaches who help run the practices!

### ***Special Events:***

- In place of the traditional Halloween Carnival, this year we will be offering a Halloween-themed *Movie in the Park* on Saturday, October 30 from 5:00-8:00pm. The event will feature music by DJ Ozzie, a Costume Parade, and a special screening of *The Addams Family (2019)* under the stars at Wilson Park. Food will be available for purchase from Farmers' Market food vendors and After School Club staff will decorate pumpkins for the ever-popular Pumpkin Decorating Contest, to be judged by members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

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

**VIRTUAL RECREATION** – *Deborah Reed, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Veronica Minter, Recreation Supervisor; Vacant Position, Recreation Supervisor*

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

- THE ATTIC continued with regular hours throughout the month of September. For the month of September THE ATTIC Teen Center had a total attendance of 792, this includes guests and members.
- On Wednesdays, ATTIC staff held special Welcome back to THE ATTIC activities for the members to participate in this month. This month's welcome back activities included Joel G - Heads up, Neah J - Popcorn movie night, and Emily E – Human Scavenger Hunt.
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Neah J - fuse beads and bracelet making, Emily E - Operation and Basketball Tournament, and Joel G - card games and Super Smash Bros tournament.
- Movie Fridays featured, "Ride Along 2," "Spider Man," "IT," and "22 Jump Street."

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

- ATTIC Advisory Committee had a collaborative training with Torrance Youth Council on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 6:00-8:00pm. Sixteen members attended. Committee members participated in icebreaker activities and leadership exercises lead by Viet Hoang.

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

### ***Co-Rec (Co-Recreation):***

Co-Rec is on hold through fall due to COVID-19

**Virtual Recreation:**

- Torrance virtual recreation and social media continues to grow. We have transitioned to encourage recreation and promote our programs.
- This Month:
  - THE ATTIC – Spotlight the program
  - National Literacy Day 9/8/21 – encourage reading
  - TYC – swearing in and first meeting highlights
  - Kids Take Over the Kitchen 9/13/21 – encourage kids cooking
  - ECE – program highlight
  - National Diary Day 9/22/21 – encourage journaling
  - Turkey Trot – event promotion

**Youth Council (TYC):**

- The 2021-2022 Youth Council held their first meeting on September 1, 2021 and were then given the oath and sworn in by City Clerk, Rebecca Poirier. They then conducted their first official meeting. The Youth Council handbook was discussed as well and protocols and procedures, parliamentary procedures and Roberts Rules of Order.
- On Monday evening, September 13, the Youth Council conducted their Annual Workshop with the Attic Advisory Committee at the Attic. Thirty-one participants attended. Viet Hoang led leadership activities as well as improv activities. Icebreaker activities were played so members could get to know each other.
- At their September 15 meeting, officers for the 2021-2022 year were elected.

**RECREATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FOR JANUARY:**

LOCATION/PROGRAM	NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
Adaptive Sports		
Bartlett Senior Center		
Early Childhood		
Focal Point	9/in office 1/home	198
AARP Tax Aide		
S.P.I.N.		
Youth Sports		
<b>TOTAL:</b>		

**Commission on Aging (COA):**

- The Commission on Aging voted on moving their monthly meetings to the West Annex Commission Room. Staff is preparing an item to go to Council. The Commission is hoping to begin meeting in the West Annex in November.
- The Commission continues to research and gather information and planning for making Torrance an AARP Age Friendly City.

**Focal Point on Aging:**

- The Focal Point office continues to operate from 9:00am -12pm. They now have full staffing in the office; however, in-person consultations are not available without an appointment. Focal Point is not accepting walk-ins.
- Some of the volunteers have agreed to pick up messages from home and make referrals from home during the remaining hours of 12:00pm-3:00pm.
- Focal Point staff continue to make birthday calls to seniors in the community.

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

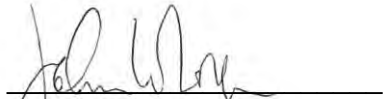
- Bartlett Center is offering pool playing in the morning on September 20 the hours were extended until 3:00p.m. Reservations are still required for pool playing.
- Bartlett's lunch program continues to be well attended with sell-outs and a waitlist most every day. As more seniors feel comfortable, more stay around after lunch for card playing, puzzle making and using of the internet.
- The Lapidary workshop reopened on Wednesday, September 27. It will open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30a.m. to 12:00p.m., with a 4 person capacity in the shop. Masks and social distancing are required.
- Card playing (Bridge) is holding steady with one to two tables each session.
- Bartlett staff continue to conduct ZOOM games including Bingo, Jeopardy!, Wheel-less of Fortune, and ZOOM Conversations Worth Having. All are going well, but attendance for Conversations Worth Having has begun to drop off, so it is now offered on the first Wednesday of the month instead of every other Wednesday.
- The Tillim Senior Center and Walteria Park Senior program remain closed.
- Staff continue to work on fall classes and re-opening of Tillim and Walteria.
- TUSD is conducting Friday classes for seniors at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

Respectfully Submitted,



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COMMISSION MEETING OF  
October 13, 2021

**TO:           PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM:       TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT:    PARK SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

The information regarding the Park Services Division for September 2021 will be presented at the meeting.