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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 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD  
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members Candioly, Craft, Habel, Mele, Montoya, Muhammed, Chair Mataalii

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Mele

**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, April 6, 2023 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (Limited to a 15 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 1 minutes per speaker. Your comment to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying in the meeting and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your comment 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**

Recommendation of Community Services Director that your Honorable Body approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of March 8, 2022.

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – FOLLOW UP ON GARCIAPARRA BASEBALL GROUP FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and provide updates on a follow up for the proposed improvements to El Nido Park.

### **7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – ACCEPT AND FILE THE PARK RANGER ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission ACCEPT and file the Park Ranger Annual Report for 2022.

### **7C. 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.

### **7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PARK SERVICE DAY**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the cancellation of the regular July Commission meeting and schedule a Park Service Day.

### **7E. 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, May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

For Commission Meeting  
April 12, 2023

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

**SUBJECT: GARCIAPARRA BASEBALL GROUP BALLFIELD AND AMENITIES PROPOSAL FOR EL NIDO PARK**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and provide feedback on a proposal for ballfield and amenity improvements at El Nido Park.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 8, 2023, a representative from Garciaparra Baseball Group (GBG) spoke under Oral Communications regarding a proposal to make improvements to ballfields and other amenities at El Nido Park. The item was not part of the meeting agenda and as such the Commission and staff were unable to provide comment.

The proposal from GBG is provided for this meeting to provide the Commission an opportunity to provide input. Staff recommends that the proposal be considered in phases, with the ballfield improvements being included in phase 1, specifically the restoration of the ballfield on the west side of the park, adjacent to the rail line, as well as the addition of signage identifying GBG and their sponsors. Future phases that may include batting cages, a multi-use facility and improvements to the existing field on the east side of El Nido Park will require additional analysis by staff.

The Commission may provide input regarding the GBG proposal which would be presented in a future report to the City Council requesting conceptual approval.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) GBG Proposal

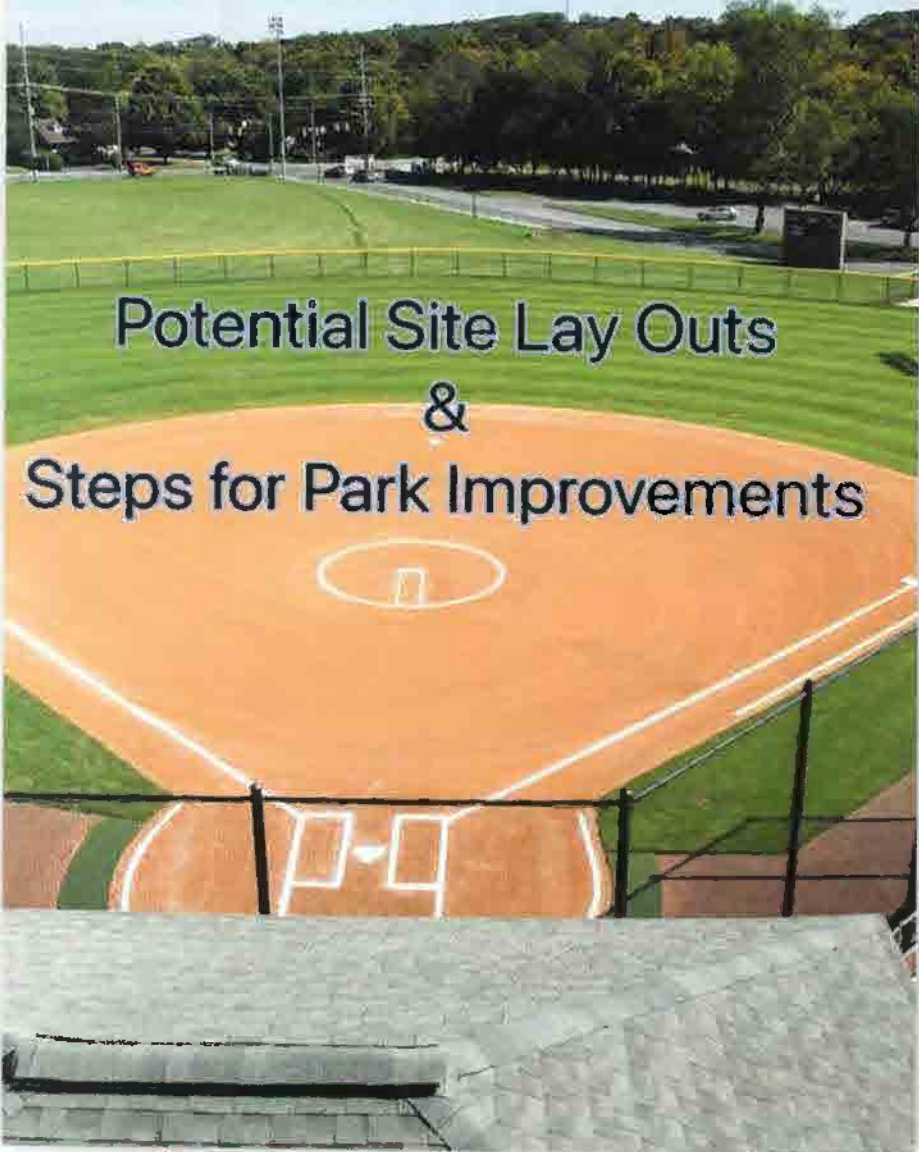


# Vision

- Add another Baseball/Softball field in El Nido Park
- To help Local leagues have more area and spaces To accommodate more teams & players
- To install a Multi-Use Sports Facility used for Baseball/Softball, and other sports.
- Partnerships to help grow leagues and Sports programs In the City of Torrance

# Garciaparra Baseball Group Proposal for El Nido Park in the City Of Torrance

## Potential Site Lay Outs & Steps for Park Improvements

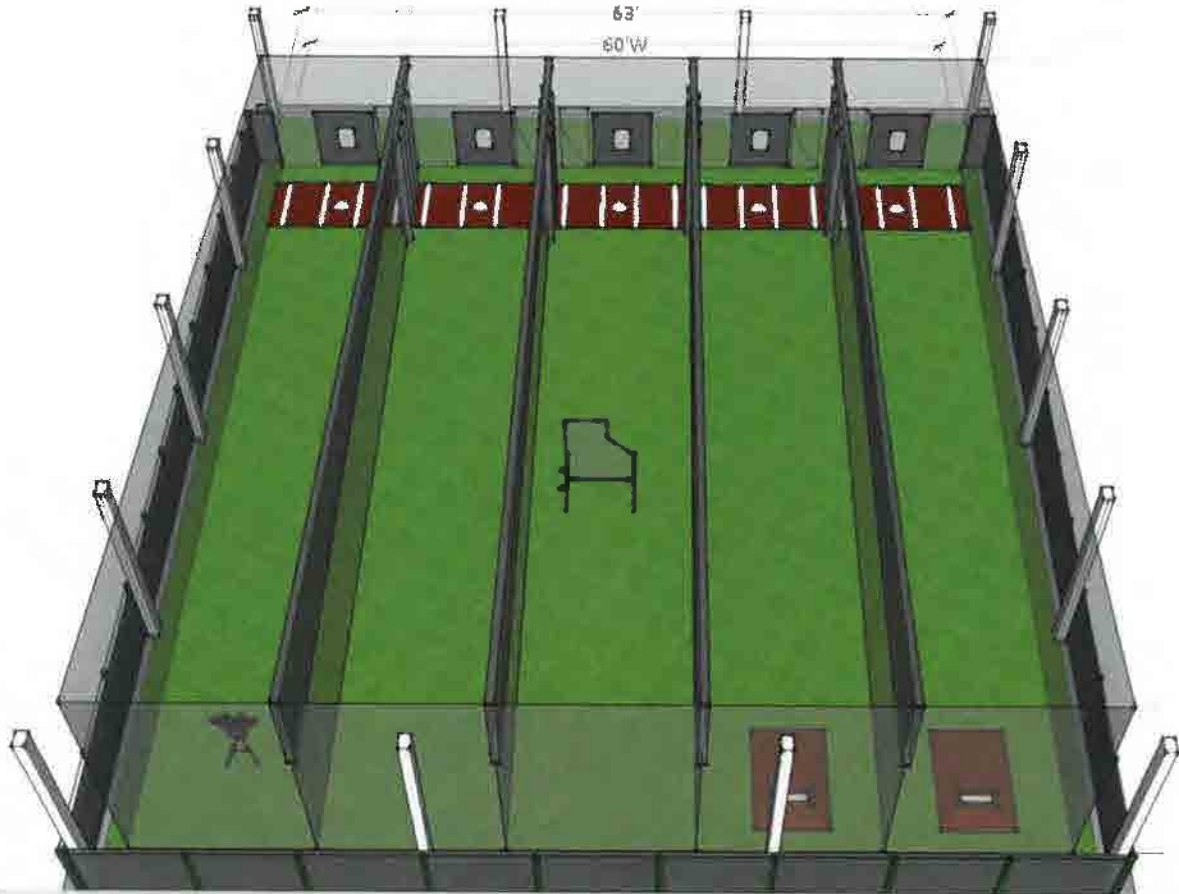


*Restoring Parky 1A for Capacity increase?*



*-Replacement of Basketball Court-*

## Possible Cage/Netting Set up



Retractable Netting  
Multi-use Space



## Steps for GBG Proposal for El Nido Park in the City Of Torrance

### Step 1: Installation of another Dirt Softball/Little League Size Infield in Corner of the Park

- 1 Level Area for the field to prep area for the Infield & grass removal
- 2 Bring in Laser level crew so that infield to be professionally leveled
- 3 Import Tons of Baseball dirt/clay for proper Playing surface/ Then possible leveling of dirt if needed
- 4 Installation of Home plate and plugs for each base inside the field
- 5 Installation of Backstop for Foul balls and make usable for Baseball and Softball Games

### Step 2

#### 2 Conversion of Basketball Court Area Into Multi-use Batting Cages & Multi-Sport Facility

- 1 Prep for undersurface slab which is existing basketball court for turf install
- 2 Installation of turf onto of slab
- 3 Installation of Poles for perimeter structure to hold up netting and netting retraction system for cages and netting walls
- 4 Installation Of Lighting System for the Multi-use facility.
- 5a Installation of structure either Open or enclosed fencing/barn/hanger type  
Installation of Locking system/security camera system for constant Monitoring
- 5b of use/care of Facility
- 6 Installation of Locking system/security camera system for constant Monitoring of use/care of Facility

### Step 3

#### 3. Possible Outdoor Batting Cages in Right Field area that wouldn't need a concrete slab.

- 1 Leveling of area
- 2 Creating a semi permanent flooring solution that doesn't require slab.  
(For Ex: when people do outdoor tenting events and have flooring on grass)
- 3 Installation of netting and cages
- 4 Installation of outside fencing structure

A photograph of a large, modern outdoor covered structure, possibly a sports pavilion or community center. The structure features a high, vaulted ceiling supported by numerous vertical metal columns. The interior is brightly lit with recessed ceiling lights. The structure is situated on a green lawn under a clear blue sky.

Outdoor Covered  
Option

A photograph of an indoor sports facility, likely a baseball or softball field. The field is covered by a large, dark, mesh-like roof structure supported by metal beams. The field is illuminated by numerous warm-toned lights. The ground is covered in green artificial turf. In the background, there are trees and a building.

THANK YOU!

Hoping we can help many kids  
& the community together!



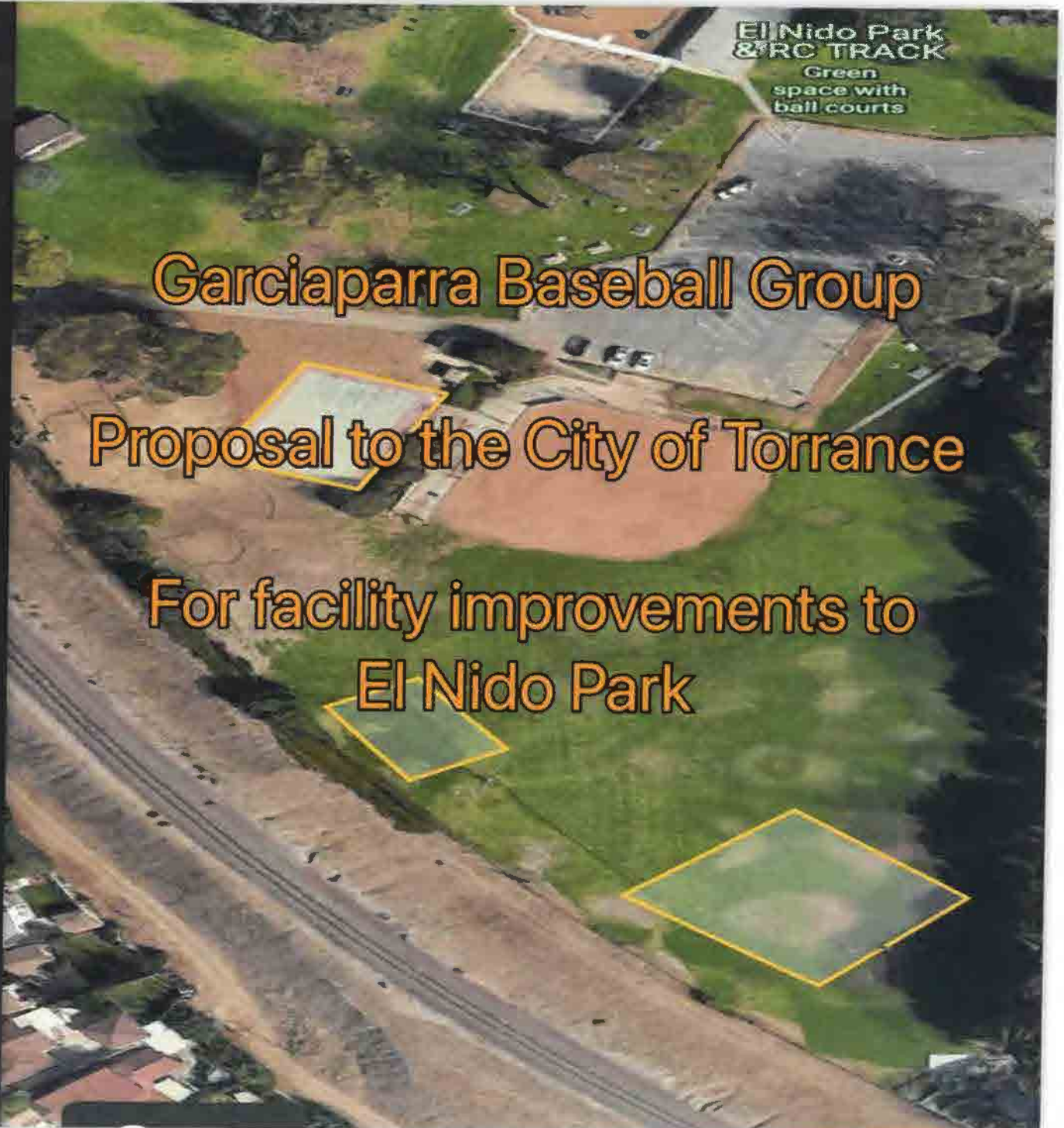


El Nido Park  
& RC TRACK  
Green  
space with  
ball courts

**Garciaparra Baseball Group**

**Proposal to the City of Torrance**

**For facility improvements to  
El Nido Park**





# Intro

## Garciaparra Baseball Group Aka GBG Baseball

GBG is a High School & College developmental Program that Uses baseball/softball to help young men and women enrich Their lives through sport on and off the field.

Our Goal is to help give more kids opportunities In High School and College to be able to improve their skills In the game but also teach how sports can help kids with Skills needed in life.

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM: VIC AREVALO, RANGER SUPERVISOR**  
**SUBJECT: PARK RANGER PROGRAM 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**


**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept and file the Park Ranger Annual Report for 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

Attached is the 2022 Annual Report for the Park Ranger Program.

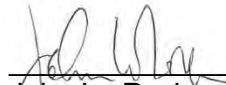
Respectfully submitted,



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Vic Arevalo  
Ranger Supervisor

CONCUR:



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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Park Ranger Program 2022 Annual Report

# **RANGER UNIT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Prepared by:**

**Vic Arevalo, Ranger Supervisor**

April 5, 2023

## **Introduction**

The City of Torrance Park Ranger Program was founded in July 1995, initially operating only on the weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Since then, the success of the program has led to an expanded scope serving the needs of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and now as we transition into the future.

Today, the Ranger Unit operates year round and seven days a week.

- Afternoon library patrols Monday through Friday (2:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Evening park patrols Monday through Friday (4:30 pm – 10:30 pm)
- Year-round weekend patrol Saturday and Sunday (7:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- Year-round Special Event Support,

The main objective of the Ranger Unit is to serve as the “eyes and ears” of the Torrance Police Department at City Parks, assist park visitors, and maintain a safe environment in the Parks. Rangers work cohesively with the different Divisions within the Community Services Department, as well as with various City Departments, to provide a quality park experience to the community.

## **Weekend Patrols**

A typical weekend shift is 9.5 hours, beginning at 7:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm. Weekend patrols occur year-round, and include patrols of all 34 parks, with additional patrol requests of city facilities as needed. Weekend patrols require staff to post permit signage for picnics, open and close park buildings for private rentals, and monitor all park activity for compliance with Department policies and the Torrance Municipal Code. During the summer months, Rangers assist with afternoon and evening special events taking place at numerous locations.

## **After School Library Patrols**

In September 2005, the Library Division of the Community Services Department requested to have the Park Rangers patrol their five branch libraries (El Retiro, Henderson, McMaster, Southeast, and WALTERIA) to curb disruptive behavior during after school hours.

The result of the Park Ranger Library Patrol is a decrease in negative and disruptive behavior through the consistent presence of proactive uniformed staff on site. The Ranger presence has continued to receive positive feedback by library staff and patrons.

Library patrols take place weekday afternoons from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm August through May. Daily contact and open communication with the library staff is essential to the success of the program.

Rangers made frequent patrols to the five libraries and identified, analyzed, and responded to a variety of problems. Common incidents the Rangers handled were:

- Disruptive juveniles inside the library causing disturbances to other patrons

- Loitering around the outside of the library
- Uncooperative library and/or park patrons

### **Weeknight Patrols**

In June of 2019, in response to a growing number of calls to respond to issues pertaining to the growing unhoused community and patrol requests, staff expanded the weeknight patrols through fall, winter, and spring. In conjunction with staff from the City Manager's office and the opening of the 3290 Tiny Homes Village, a number of unhoused have taken residence in the facility with some moving on to long term housing.

### **Special Events and Holidays**

Rangers assist City Staff with numerous special events throughout the year. At these events, Rangers provide general security and logistical support as needed. These events include:

- Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park
- Armed Forces Day Weekend Events
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Fireworks at the Civic Center
  - Supervision at Los Arboles Park
- Movies in the Park
- Concerts in the Park
- Pet Adoption at Wilson Park
- Shakespeare at the Park
- Halloween Carnival at Wilson Park
- Turkey Trot

In addition to those Special Events, Rangers also provide support for the following:

- Film permits
- Sound permits
- Sports Tournaments
- Wedding permits and Celebrations of Life at Miramar Park

### **The Statistics**

Statistical information is compiled from the daily field activity reports submitted by Rangers from their patrols. The following represents activity reports from the calendar year 2022:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>2022</b>
Alcohol Violations	156	Missing/Unattended Subjects	1
Amplified Sound	69	Parking Violations	265
Animal Violations	1471	Permit Issues	108
Bouncer Violations	19	Skating/Biking	27
Citizen Assist	200	Unhoused Subject Contacts	319
Disruptive/Suspicious Subjects	52	Unhoused Welfare Checks	297
Hazard Report/Removal	137	Trespassing on Closed Fields	6
Marijuana/Smoking	120	Unpermitted Vendor Contacts	15

Park Rangers contact and are contacted by other Departments with service requests. The following call-outs were made in 2022:

<b>Call Outs</b>	<b>2022</b>
Graffiti Hotline Notifications	728
Torrance Fire Department	4
Torrance Police Department	25
Requests for Park Ranger Support	291

A recent development of the Ranger program was the integration of the Animal Control and Coyote Management programs out of the Torrance Police Department and into the Community Services Department. As of February 2022, the Ranger Supervisor is responsible for the supervision of a full time Animal Control Officer, eleven part time Rangers, and the Coyote Management Program Staff Assistant. Finalizing the transition of programs has allowed our focus to return to supporting the return of special events as well as routine duties after an extended hiatus.

The team currently in place has worked hard alongside the Community Services Department staff all of 2022 to reestablish programming and deliver excellent service to the community. While this could not have been possible without encountering challenges along the way, it is clear that the Ranger Unit has evolved with each learning opportunity. I commend each Ranger, present and past for their efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vic Arevalo  
Ranger Supervisor

For Commission Meeting  
April 12, 2023

**TO:           PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

**SUBJECT:    ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

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:

- The City Council will consider the WWII Internment Camp Memorial at Columbia Park as part of the April 25 agenda.
- The City Council will consider acquiring additional tickets for Torrance Dodger Day due to demand as part of the April 25 agenda.
- The City has engaged a vendor to provide overnight park security for the enforcement of park closure hours from 10:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m.
- Relay for Life Torrance will host 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ducky Dash fundraiser on April 15 at the Benstead Plunge.
- Torrance Sister City will host the Bunka Sai Festival on April 15-16 at the Cultural Arts Center.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John La Rock  
Community Services Director



For Commission Meeting  
April 12, 2023

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**  
**SUBJECT: PARK SERVICE DAY**

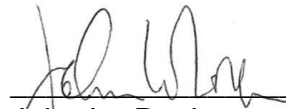
**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the cancellation of the regular July Commission meeting and schedule a park service day on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at El Nido Park in District 3.

**BACKGROUND**

Park Service days allow volunteers from City Commissions, staff and the public to tend to a park and perform tasks including a general sweep of the park for trash and debris, the addition of plantings and top soil, cleaning and painting of park benches and weeding.

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: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – MARCH 2023**

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

During the month of March the Ranger unit maintained a seven day a week deployment Schedule.

- Weekday afternoon patrols include providing a uniformed support presence at all city libraries.
- Weeknight patrols focus on supervision of field permits and securing facilities.
- Weekend patrols include general supervision of the parks, educating patrons on rules, and facilitating building and picnic reservations.
- Currently, there are 11 active Rangers in the unit.

***Parks***

- Ranger Supervisor attended Park Ranger Association of California Annual Conference in Groveland, CA.
- Rain and wind resulted in downed tree limbs, flooding, and damage; all incidents relayed to Park Services.
- Wilson Park had a high rate of contacts for alcohol, smoking, and parking violations.
- TPD call out resulting in arrest of unstable subject at Sur La Brea Park.
- EMS call out due to a male subject down and non-responsive at Columbia Park; Transported to hospital.
- Rangers supported the Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park.
- Numerous complaints received about non-permitted parties and fund raisers staged at Pueblo Park.
- Expect to lose two Rangers due to reaching current hour limit, working with Human Resources on recruitment efforts.

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

<b>Municipal Code Violations</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Alcohol	72	92
Amplified Sound	3	5
Dog Off Leash Contacts	106	274
Marijuana/Smoking	8	43
Parking Violations	17	24
Trespassing on Closed Fields	22	35
Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts	3	21
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	2	8

<b>Park Patron Specific Contacts</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Assisting Park Patrons	42	77
Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts	3	20
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	9	21
Missing Subjects	0	1
Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage	6	10
Skating/Biking Violations	0	1
Suspicious Subjects	6	19

<b>Building, Park, and Facility Issues</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal	51	170
Facility Maintenance Report	5	21
Hazard Report/Removal	16	72
Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations	0	0

<b>City Resource Support Requests</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
EMT/Fire Department Call-Outs	1	1
Park Services Call-Outs	3	10
Police Department Call-Outs	3	9
Ranger Unit Call-Outs	18	44

<b>Unhoused Interactions</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations	37	56
Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests	19	31
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	29	56

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

During the month of March, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 11 households, with ongoing projects at 5 additional households. Total mobile home clients 3, 1 mobile home households completed.

	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Carpentry	9	26
Electrical	4	7
Miscellaneous	4	13
Plumbing	5	16
COVID-19	0	0
<b>Total number of services provided</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>62</b>

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

March produce was abundant with a large variety of citrus and differing salad greens, even pink leaf butter lettuces and purple tinted cabbages. Spring vegetables are beginning to come in with young garlic, baby leeks, artichokes, and tulips. The Tuesday market added a new Japanese

salad dressing vendor, an Alaskan fish vendor, a BBQ vendor, and a microgreen/mushroom vendor.

During the month of March, the Farmer’s Market operated four Tuesdays and Saturdays. Rains continued in March as the Market weathered 3 rainy days. Average attendance for Tuesdays was 4,026 and for Saturdays was 17,400. Revenue total for Tuesdays is \$17,480.72 and for Saturdays is \$75,382.12. Including promotional revenue to the City, total revenue from the Farmer’s Market Program for the month of March is \$75,382.12.

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>March 2023</b>	\$17,480.72	\$57,901.40	\$75,382.12	\$712,692.48
2022 Comparison: March	\$31,863	\$58,852.62	\$90,715.62	

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

Lago Seco is still getting ready for the registration process. Staff have been working on cleaning up plots that have been given up, and closing out gardeners that are not renewing their plots for the next two years.

**ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS** – Shane Lee, Administrative Analyst

Coyote abatement services continue its Monday through Sunday trapping frequency and the City’s pet licensing program has continued servicing Torrance residents.

***Coyote Report***

Coyote Abatement Services continue to run daily, Monday through Sunday. During the month of March, there were 35 reported encounters of coyotes by the public, with 2 coyotes captured by the vendor.

<b>Type of Coyote Encounter</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Period to date (Oct 2022 – Present)</b>
Sighting Reported by Public	34	187
Dog Attack	0	4
Cat Attack	0	3
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality	0	0
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality	0	13
Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	1	6
Injured Coyote	0	5
<b>Total Encounters</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>218</b>

<b>Abatement</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Current Trapping Period (October 2022 – Present)</b>
Coyotes Trapped	2	14
Carrion (non-trapped)	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>

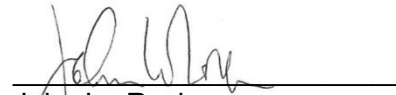
***Pet Licensing***

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

During the month of March, a total of 627 licenses were sold. 573 of these were purchased through DocuPet's online portal and 54 were purchased offline by mail.

<b>DocuPet</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>2022 Comparison: March</b>
Licenses Sold	627	578
Donations Received	\$40.00	--
Total Revenue (less fees)	\$19,611.48	\$15,966.75

Respectfully submitted,



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John La Rock  
Community Services Director

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – MARCH, 2023**

Please note the changes in the formatting and order of the Park Services monthly report. From this month forward, the report will be formatted into four (4) sections:

- Specialty Crews - This includes the custodial service for rentals, turf management of our sports fields, ball diamond maintenance, mowing crews and the project crews.
- Division Volunteer reporting and Grant progress updates.
- Parks by District - Maintenance and projects above the routine maintenance and programming.
- Madrona Marsh Preserve monthly summary.

#### **ALL PARKS**

- Storm clean up continued on all District parks as needed
- Cleared storm drains
- Mitigated hazards
- Reported graffiti
- Performed playground equipment safety checks
- Performed routinely maintenance and inspections
- Adjusted security light timers and irrigation clocks for time change

#### ***Custodial/Rental Buildings***

- Cleaned and serviced all rental facilities and restrooms

#### ***Events***

- Helped organized and facilitated the Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park
- Provided field and park maintenance for TNT Softball Tournament at Wilson Park

#### ***Turf Management***

##### **All Sports Fields**

- Columbia, DePortola, El Nido, Guenser, La Romeria, McMaster, Walteria & Wilson are currently on track for bimonthly routine maintenance
- Service to fields was reduced due to emergency winter rain storms damage in many parks and a change of sports field personnel
- The Mowing crew has assisted with sports field trimming when available

#### ***Baseball Diamonds***

- Service included the fields at Guenser, McMaster, Columbia, El Nido, La Romeria, Walteria, De Portola and Wilson. They are serviced based on current Recreation Department bookings

- All regular in field grooming and minor mound repairs are completed almost daily. Note: Field condition reports are sent to Kenita Trinidad daily so that users know whether or not they can use a field on any given day
- Watering at all sports fields has also been shut off due to rain conditions. Adjustments have been made for current winter conditions
- Weed abatement was implemented in to our ball diamond routines due to the reactive grown from storm conditions

## **SPECIALTY CREWS**

### ***Projects Crew***

#### **Delthorne Park**

- Completed storm cleanup of six fallen and/or broken trees
- Completed a second tree inspection of two pine trees on North Center easement of park Winlock side due to concerns from second homeowner on Winlock Drive.

#### **De Portola Park**

- Completed repairs to rusted chain link on back stop. Staff plans full replacement of the chain link in the future

#### **Downtown**

- Completed removal of four old iron trash cans and transported them to Crysol to be re finished with new powder coating



#### **Guenser:**

- Continued crack repairs using Aquaphalt asphalt repair materials on the basketball court – pictured to the left

#### **Paradise Park**

- Completed removal of Torrance park wood sign damaged in storm  
Restoration of the sign is currently under way

#### **Sur La Brea Park**

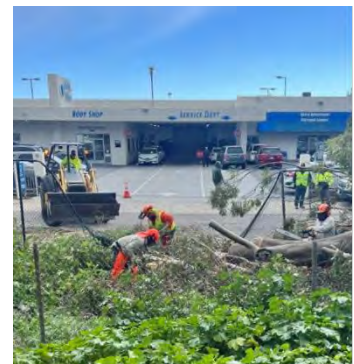
- Completed storm damage clean-up including tree removal, debris pick up, and fence repair on the west side of the park that occurred when a large eucalyptus tree fell

#### **Torrance Park:**

- Completed storm related tree cleanup and fence repairs to the northeast driveway at train tracks as well as at the southeast fence damaged in the storm
- Assisted with the mowing of the Kendal Field so that it was ready for Torrance High's season opener

#### **Wilson Park**

- Completed storm repairs to two damaged sections of the south chain link fence – pictured to the right
- Completed transport of the baseball cart to the garage for service
- Completed tree removals & cleanup of multiple trees and limbs from throughout the park



- Completed modifications to two new sets of pickle ball posts to be installed at a later date

### ***Mowing Crew***

- The Mowing crew was often redirected to emergency storm clean up nearly full time for three weeks in the month of March. The most affected parks were Wilson, Torrance, Columbia, Delthorne, Paradise, Victor, Lago Seco, La Paloma, and Sur La Brea Parks.
- All parks are currently on track after experiencing delays in staffing, due to their response to rain storms damage or equipment needing service. Crews were also redirected from their usual routes as needed to keep up with demand and to accommodate current park reservations or to assist in special projects.
- Leads Maintenance Workers continue training all current Maintenance Workers on the operation of Big Red and the Zero-Turn radius mowing equipment in an ongoing effort to educate safe work practices and gain more experience operating equipment under supervision
- Ground work training has continued for our new full & permanent part time Maintenance Workers with regard to safe use of edgers, blowers and string trimmers.

### **VOLUNTEERS and GRANT PROGRESS**

	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Live Steamers	12 511 rides (3.5.23) 12 544 rides (3018.23) 10 maintenance	317
Wilson Horseshoe Pits	1	20
Madrona Marsh Preserve /Nature Center	69	486.27
Cherry Trees (city wide)	11	22
Guenser Park	1	16
City Yard Nursery	2	7
Seaside Heroes Park	2 students 40 resident group	12
Wilson Park Dee Hardison Sports	14 – Gooshi service organization	14
Civic Center Veteran’s Memorial and Rose Garden	10	2
Henrietta Basin	3	2.75
Entradero Park	6 Birders	22.5
	<b>TOTAL 193</b>	<b>921.52</b>

The American Pipit winters in the South Bay and will return to the north slope of Alaska to breed in April.

*Photo by: Charlie Keller*





## **Grant Progress**

- Annenberg Foundation for the Tree House – worked with Annenberg staff to clarify goals and a timeline
- Tar Plant Preserve at the Transit Center – ongoing discussing about the future of the Preserve
- Discovery Park Urban Trees – worked on a revised plant list and developed the required grant sign
- Conze, Native Plant Society – completed and turned in the final grant report

## **PARKS BY DISTRICT**

### ***District 1 – Councilmember Kaji***

#### Osage Park

- Met with staff to plan for the future rebuilding of the perimeter fence

### ***District 2 – Councilmember Lewis***

Nothing to report

### ***District 3 – Councilmember Sheikh***

#### Columbia Park

- Repaired multiple walking path washouts due to storm damage

#### Pequeno Park

- Repaired irrigation back flow devise

### ***District 4 – Councilmember Kalani***

#### Bartlett Senior Center

- Removed shrubs so that General Services staff could repair the fountain water line

#### Downtown

- Prepared the downtown area for Antique Fair

#### Southeast Library

- Discussed new planting plans for the planter beds

#### Wilson Park

- Assisted the monthly volunteer clean up group

### ***District 5 – Councilmember Mattucci***

#### El Retiro Park

- Removed the large fallen eucalyptus tree that fell during one of the storms – (*pictured right*)

#### Los Arboles Park

- Repaired bench by the park sign



Seaside Heroes Park

- Discussed and moved forward the putting green expansion project

**District 6 – Councilmember Griffiths**

242nd/Newton Triangle

- Inspected the parkette for grant project completeness

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

The winter rains have been beneficial to the overall health of the ecosystems within the Preserve. The wetlands and all of the vernal pools filled, the trees have begun to leaf out and the wildflowers have begun to bloom.

March Attendance	Hard Count	Projected Count
Preserve	2918	3250
Nature Center	484	615

- Due to hazardous terrain conditions resulting from our rains during March, the Preserve closed for eight days. The Nature Center remained open for visitors during those closures.
- March rain total = 6.62 inches, season to date (thru Mar.) = 23.54 inches



- Volunteerism: March 2023

Assignment	March Hours	Volunteers
Animal Care	12.1	2
Docent (tours/outreach)	39.82	8
Education Programs	43.98	3
Front Desk Volunteer	33.55	2
Gift Shop Clerk (must be 21 or older)	28.43	3
IT Technician	3	1
Maintenance Support	14.17	2
Ornithology inventory and identification	2.83	1
Outreach	5	1
Preserve Entrance Greeter	58.77	5
Reception Desk Greeter	26.6	4
Restoration	151.45	38
Special Assignment	66.57	2
Totals	486.27	72

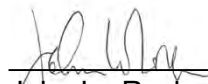
- Our invertebrate exhibits and fairy shrimp exhibits continue to attract many visitors having heard of them via social media.
- Versatile fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lindahli*) confirmed in 6 of our 9 vernal pools. Staff confirmed by observation and lab verification. Second hatches of fairy shrimp confirmed in 2 of the 6 confirmed vernal pools.
- Vernal pool study continues. The pools are significant by the fact they represent among the last vernal pools in L.A. County. Study parameters include, DO (dissolved oxygen), pH, water temperature, alkalinity, nitrogen, salinity, plus invertebrate identification. Our objective is to collect data and write a scientific paper. Additionally, our goal is to make the data available to interested students and academics.
- During the month docent led 300 students who came from none local schools on tours the Nature Center, Native Plant Garden and Preserve.
- At the request of Torrance H.S., Madrona Marsh Preserve staff conducted a water lab for their special needs class. Several students participated along with teachers and parents in a tremendously successful class. Water lab consists of curriculum demonstrating the proper operation and use of a microscope plus invertebrate identification.
- Weather conditions (rain, wind) caused the cancellation of three program events during the March.
- Two groups participated in special restoration activities. The Rotary Club's Rotaract South Bay organization held a young professionals restoration activity. Additionally, Pepperdine University's MBA program participated in a work project. This is the third time Pepperdine has held an event at the Preserve.
- ¿WILD? Environmental art program at the Nature Center, selected its first artist to participate in the newly launched program. Katie Shanks chosen from the many artists who applied. The program is a cooperative arrangement between TAM staff and Madrona Marsh Preserve staff.

Respectfully submitted,



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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 MARCH 2023**

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for March 2023:

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

***Facility Booking***

- Field Bookings:
  - Staff issued 48 short-term, 2 hour permits for fields
  - Long-term field users were issued 300 permits
  - There was 1 softball tournament held at Wilson

<b>Multi-Purpose Court Reservations</b>	
Private	21
City Classes	0
Inquiries	4

- Picnic Reservations:
  - 41 bouncer permits were issued

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	21	905
El Nido Park	4	175
El Retiro Park	7	274
Hickory Park	6	235
Lago Seco Park	5	140
McMaster Park	3	75
Paradise Park	6	265
Torrance Park	6	270
Victor Park	3	125
Walteria Park	6	225
Wilson Park	26	1033
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3722</b>

- Park Building Reservations:

Building	Private	Guests (Private)	Non-Profit
Alta Loma Park			15
El Nido Park			49

El Retiro Park	4	260	29
Greenwood Park			150
La Romeria Park			23
McMaster Park	4	180	46
Pueblo			0
Sea Aire Park			21
Sur La Brea Park			29
Walteria Park			28
The Attic			0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>390</b>

\* Sea-Aire reservations for private count is for city holds not reservations.

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	<b>March</b>	<b>2023 YTD</b>
Attic		
Facility Reservations	\$147.00	\$2,881.52
Field Lights/Support	\$6,720.27	\$20,797.93
Field Prep	\$157.50	\$270.00
Filming Permits		\$-
Hockey Rink	\$2,800.00	\$11,347.00
Picnic Reservations	\$7,935.00	\$12,455.00
Pool Rental	\$12,530.00	\$38,625.00
Special Events		\$500.00
Sports Center	\$3,893.00	\$6,593.00
Torrance Art Museum		\$-
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$19,393.57	\$66,254.26
Weddings	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$54,576.34</b>	<b>\$161,473.71</b>

### Registration

A total of **1,139** enrollments were processed for a total of **\$116,535.37** during the month of March.

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Res</b>	<b>Total Enrollments</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>\$116,535.37</b>
Staff	178	61	239	\$33,900.46
Web	622	278	900	\$82,634.91

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Res</b>	<b>Total Enrollments</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Basketball	0	0	0	\$0.00
Softball	0	0	0	\$0.00

- In March, we accepted enrollment for the swim event "Eggstravaganza" and began selling Torrance Day Dodgers tickets.

**YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE** – Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Kim Burgueno, Recreation Supervisor; Traci Fuentes, Interim Recreation Supervisor

**Aquatics**

- Recruitment continues for lifeguards at the Plunge.
- The drop-in lap swim accounted for 1451 pool visits. Recreational swim had 81 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental LAPS (Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers) Master's Swim Team accounted for 81 pool visits.
- Long-term pool rental group, Swim Torrance, had 2,108 swimmers this month.
- Staff are planning a spring community event for April.

**Youth Sports**

- The 2023 Volleyball registration started February 28 and ended on March 30.
- The Volleyball League and Clinic are scheduled to start Saturday, April 15.
- Youth Volleyball will take place at the Dee Hardison Sports center on Saturdays for 8 weeks.
- Grades 2 - 4 will be enrolled in the clinic that will run from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. where they will learn fundamentals of the sport. Participants enrolled in grades 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> will play in the league on Saturdays. Teams are divided up by grades and then into divisions. This season we will have 4/5, 6 and 7/8 grade divisions.
- All divisions are full with wait lists.

**Adult Sports**

- The winter season for Basketball is coming to an end mid-April.
- Spring/Summer registration for Softball and Basketball will begin on April 11 with the last day to register being May 4. Season is scheduled to start the week of May 14.
- The winter season for Softball will be coming to an end on the first week of May. This has been a challenging season for our softball league with all the rain really impacting our ability to use the fields.
- Adult Roller Hockey has continued their leagues at the rink Monday - Saturday. On non-league days, rentals for practices, skate parties, etc. have been a frequent occurrence.
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball and baseball have also continued to be strong throughout the month.

**Sea-Aire Golf Course**

- Despite record rainfall throughout March, Sea-Aire golf course still saw solid golf course attendance with 2,360 total rounds of golf played.
- The Chadwick High School boys golf team held a golf tournament on March 23.
- Other local school golf teams also sharpened up their golf skills at Sea-Aire in March.
- The Thursday morning Women's Golf Club held a "Team Best Ball" tournament on March 30.
- The Friday mornings Seniors Golf Club held a "Team Best Two of Three Holes" event on March 3rd.
- All the extra rain continues to green up all the fairways, greens, and trees on the golf course.
- Park Services fertilized the greens to fight off a small case of dollar spot fungus on the greens this month.
- Park Services also stated the first bid has just come in for the proposed new enlargement of the putting green.
- The community room was busy evenings with scout rentals throughout the month.
- With the start of Daylight Savings Time in March, the new last tee-off time is now 5:30 p.m.

### **Charles H. Wilson Park Tennis Court**

The Wilson Park Tennis courts were featured in the March 7 L.A. Times issue as one of the Top 15 L.A. county tennis courts. Our tennis court was remarked as “an ideal setting and L.A. would be better off if there were more parks like it.” (Attachment A)

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

### **After School Club Program**

A total of 222 participants are enrolled in the After School Club. March brought on lots of rain, which makes activities challenging but our staff are rockstars! After School Club staff created fun St. Patty's Day crafts and active indoor group games and challenges. Our Community Service Project this month was a collection of shampoo and conditioner products for the Temporary Housing Village by City Hall. Participants and their families donated approximately 100 bottles of personal care products.

We continue to recognize staff who were either mentioned by name in our online parent survey or nominated by co-workers as Staff of the Month. These recipients have been highlighted on our social media pages and there will be more to come.

### **Spring Day Camp**

Spring Camp begins on Monday, April 3 and runs until Friday, April 7, 2023. We are at maximum enrollment with 70 participants ages 6-11. Campers will enjoy spring crafts, games, a trip to Torrance Farmers Market, a special activity put on by Bubblemania and a field trip to the movies. We are looking forward to a fun week ahead.

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

Torrance virtual recreation and social media continues to provide content for residents. This month's content included:

- ATTIC Pancake Breakfast – program spotlight
- ASC Staff of the Month – spotlight
- H2O Eggstravaganza – program spotlight
- ATTIC MADD event – story
- Youth Sports Basketball Champions - spotlight
- Cardboard Regatta at the Plunge – spotlight
- ASC Staff of the Month – spotlight
- Youth Sports Cheerleading- program spotlight
- Beat the Odds Scholarships – program spotlight
- Spring Registration – story



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

*Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Patti Goldenson, Recreation Supervisor Senior Programs; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator; Linda Wilson-Gray, Senior Program Specialist Senior Programs; Nena Davis, Senior Program Specialist Teen Programs*

## **Early Childhood Education (ECE)**



- March was a fun and busy month for The Early Childhood Education Program.
  - In Lollipop Tree, participants continue to work on shape and color recognition, cutting and recognizing numbers 1-9. Also, participants made leprechaun binoculars and then used them to go on a leprechaun hunt.
  - Participants are working on other craft projects for Easter treat bags, rainbows, and bear crafts this month.
  - In Fun & Friends, participants have been working on their letters P, Q, R, and S. They had a pajama day, made pancakes, and read about Pigs in the Mud. They also worked on fun crafts such as making a quilt, rainbows, and snakes. Also, on Friday, March 17, the class had a party for St. Patrick's Day. Students continue to work on their sounds, sharing, and cutting skills.
- There were nine volunteers this month working a total of 24.5 hours.

## **Adaptive Recreation**

- March was a busy and fun month for the PALS group. The program members celebrated the start of Spring with an art project at Board and Brush Art Studio. The projects were beautiful, and we look forward to our summer-themed project in May.
- On Monday, March 13th, a large group attended the Torrance Batting Cages activity. Kevin Tyler, the owner of the Torrance Batting Cages, is always so accommodating to our group.
- In March, PALS welcomed another five new members.



## **Adaptive Sports**

- Basketball and Special Olympics are currently gearing up for their first tournaments. The first basketball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, in Whittier.
- The first Special Olympics swim tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, in Orange County.
- Three basketball teams participated in the Sports for Exceptional Athletes Tournament on Saturday, March 18, in San Diego.
- All three teams played three games and came home with medals. The athletes all played hard and showed fantastic sportsmanship. It was a great day for everyone.
- Special thanks to the coaches and parents who helped make this a great day for everyone.



## **THE ATTIC Teen Center**

A total of 747 students were in attendance for the month of March, this included guests and members.

- On Wednesday, March 15, staff held an early St Patrick's Day party that included festive treats and karaoke.
- A MADD Event was held on March 22. The event was to empower students to making safe choices before getting behind the wheel. A variety of vendors, activities and a guest speaker who sustained injuries after being hit by a drunk driver.



- Staff continue to host board games Tuesday to encourage friendly competition among the staff and students. This month they played Jenga, Balderdash, Chess, and Battleship.
- This month's additional recreation activities included: Joel - "Dodgeball Game", Ryan - "Honey Heist", Neah - "Spring Scavenger Hunt" Darius - "Fitness Circuit Training"
- Movie Fridays featured: "Pitch Perfect," "Crazy Beautiful" and "Rio".

### **ATTIC Advisory Committee**

The monthly meeting was held on Monday, March 6, in THE ATTIC multi-purpose room at 6:00 pm. There were 9 committee members and 2 TYC commissioners were present. The agenda included:

- Debriefed the Period Project, the February Community Outreach Donation Drive.
- Discussed the MADD event and submit the event video.
- Discussed the preparation necessary for the upcoming MADD event held on Wednesday, March 22 and Pancake Breakfast event held on Saturday, April. Members submitted Pancake Breakfast entertainment information and received ticket books to sell and help promote the event.
- Discussed the upcoming May Mental Health Month. Members were given deadlines for Mental Health videos, Acts of Kindness pictures/videos and event sign-ups.



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

- The TYC board met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, for their regular board meeting, but it went dark on April 5, 2023, due to Torrance Unified School District being on spring break and students being out of town.
- Senior Tech Day occurred at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. TYC commissioners and students from Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) high schools assisted seniors on their computers and smartphones.
- The Senior Tech Day allows older adults to bring in their phones or laptop and ask any questions they might have about their devices. Technology can intimidate older adults, and teens display patience, professionalism, and compassion when working one-on-one with their students.
- After each event date, the older adults leave grateful with a smile, and the youth council members also feel appreciative for the opportunity to help.
- The TYC commissioners and TUSD students will return to the Bartlett Citizens Center on April 22, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- TYC is scheduled for its annual ASB Bowl on Tuesday, April 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Attic Teen Center. The ASB Bowl provides a venue for students from the six area high schools to meet and participate in friendly organized games for a chance to take the perpetual trophy for their High School.
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### **Commission on Aging (COA)**

- The COA board met on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Mike Buchs, Firefighter and Paramedic with the City of Torrance Fire Department, provided a presentation on the Mobile Stroke Unit.
- The COA board discussed the Older Americans Award applications and selected the City of Torrance nominees.

- The Older Americans Award for the County of Los Angeles was selected and submitted to the county.
- The first Torrance Centenarian award and proclamation was presented to the family of Mrs. Mary Edna Campazzie by City Councilmember Kalani at the Wednesday, March 15, 2023, City Council meeting. COA Chairperson, Dojiri, and board members presented Mrs. Compazzie's family with a City of Torrance Centenarian Coin.



### ***Focal Point on Aging***

- The Focal Point meeting was held on March 17, 2023 and their speaker for the meeting was Brandon Fallon from *Help Me, Help U*.
- Focal Point had 80 phone calls.
- The office continues to operate from 9:00am to noon and now has full staffing. However, in-person consultations are only available with an appointment. Focal Point is not accepting walk-ins.
- Some volunteers continue to pick up messages from home and make referrals from home during the remaining hours of 12:00 pm-3:00 p.m.
- Focal Point staff continues to make birthday calls to seniors in the community.
- Focal Point has eight volunteers who worked 52 hours this last month.
- Focal Point had 10 Web inquiries.

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


- Bartlett Senior Center crafting group now meets in the Hobby Shop every Friday for two hours. There are 6 - 11 crafty ladies each week. All kinds of crafts and all levels of crafting are welcome.



- Creative Crafters, formally known as "Sew it's Tuesday," meet from noon to 2:30 pm on Tuesdays at the Tillim Senior Center. There are currently 22 members.
- The beading workshop meets at the Bartlett Center from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. The beading class has 12 to 13 members. All levels of participants are welcome.
- The painting workshop meets at Tillim Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All levels are welcome.
- Bartlett Computer Training Program continues to be well attended. Training is offered every Thursday of the month, with two appointments available for each session. Training is in great demand; staff is taking reservations for April classes. One new volunteer was recently added, making six weekly appointments available. Participants may bring their cell phone, tablet, laptop, or any other device they wish to become more familiar with and learn to send and receive an email, navigate the internet, or any different topic of interest.
- Card playing (Bridge) continues to be well-attended. Participants of all levels are welcome at the card tables, and everyone is encouraged to come and try it out and learn the game.
- Walteria Park Senior center offers Ping Pong, Card making, and card playing on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- TUSD Friday Cardio Salsa classes for Ken Miller Recreation Center seniors have returned and are well-attended.

- The OLEF Fitness Difference and Chair Yoga classes are prevalent, and all levels are welcome. Spring classes are scheduled to begin on April 10, 2023.
- Bartlett has line dancing! The classes are held on Thursdays at 8:30 am. The course is exceptionally well attended. All levels are welcome.
- The lunch program continues to draw new seniors each day. For this past month, the program has had mostly “all sold out days!” Bartlett Center is lucky to have Chef Augustin, who prepares some of the best lunches in the South Bay.
- Staff offered a Senior Tech Day, where the Torrance Youth Council members come to the center and work with our seniors on any device they bring. The seniors and the Youth Council member enjoy this program – We have Tech Days coming up on April 22, and May 20, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Senior Center.
- The AARP Tax-Aide Program, scheduled to operate until April 17, 2023, has extended the Program to the following Mondays: April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15, 2023 in the Focal Point offices.
- For March, the senior services had eight volunteers working 29 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



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LIFESTYLE

# I'm on a quest to play at every L.A. tennis court. These friendly 15 stand out

BY MARK GOZONSKY

MARCH 7, 2023 5 AM PT



I am on a quest to play tennis on every public court in Los Angeles.

My motivations include retiring last summer after 20 years of teaching at L.A. public schools. I needed a new way to focus all that teaching energy. Yet when my daughter

TOP



(Mark Gozonsky)

## Soak up the best parks have to offer at Charles Wilson Park

Torrance | Tennis Court

This is the best park I've visited thus far. To reach its three first-come, first-served tennis courts, you pass not only a batting cage but also an ice hockey rink and a [universally accessible treehouse](#) with a ramp. You see a lot of people walking around this park, chin up, shoulders back, pep in step. It's an ideal setting and L.A. would be better off [if there were more parks like it](#). It would be good for anyone's game to play in such well-realized surroundings. The snazzy green-on-green courts remind us that playing tennis is like writing a sonnet insofar as it all comes down to channeling your energy and passion within the structure of the lines.

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