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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Candioty, Craft, Habel, Hoover, Mele, Wright, and Chair: Muhammed

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker**. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: April 10, 2024

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.

7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – OPTIONS FOR RECOGNIZING STUDENTS FOR PARK PROJECTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission provide input on how students can be recognized by the Commission for completing a project in a park.

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PROPOSED BATTING CAGES AT LAGO SECO PARK

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a report on the status of proposed batting cages at Lago Seco Park and consider one or more recommendations to City Council.

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – REVIEW DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

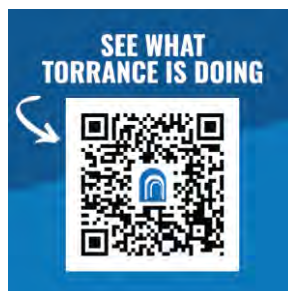
Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission review the Department Monthly Reports for:

- Administrative Services
- Park Services
- Recreation Services

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



April 10, 2024

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

Absent: Commissioner Candioly and Wright

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Habel.

3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Community Services Director La Rock stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and the City's website on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

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

Community Services Director La Rock stated that there was a supplemental item for the Park Service's data on the Madrona Marsh.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Torrance Youth Council introduced themselves.

Recreation Supervisor Justin Ferneau introduced himself.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to approve Item 6A, as submitted. Commissioner Craft seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Community Services Director La Rock announced that the City Council had completed the process of establishing an ordinance that the minimum distance of any new pickle ball courts constructed in City Parks be a minimum of 250 feet from any residential properties. He noted that the department did not anticipate any problems with any ongoing plans for courts.

Community Services Director La Rock reported that the City Clerk was calling for Commissioner applications, which were due by May 9, 2024 and added that more information was available on the City's website.

Community Services Director La Rock announced that a report to the City Council regarding off-leash dog parks was tentatively scheduled for the meeting of April 23, 2024.

Community Services Director La Rock announced that Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo had received a 5-year employee interval honor and noted that combined with his part-time employee service, Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo had 25 years of service to the City.

Recreation Services Manager Craig announced that the City had started open-play Pickle Ball at the Wilson Park roller rink with free drop-in play on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PARK RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL FROM SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Community Services Director La Rock recommended that the Commission consider the proposal from South High students to research and solicit community input regarding a new playground at Alta Loma Park.

South High students, Hannah Lee and Maggie Gerlach presented their proposal for their project to earn the California State Seal of Civic Engagement by assisting the Parks and Recreation Department with the process of renovation of the playground at Alta Loma Park, which was scheduled to take place in 2025. They discussed their proposal to research and seek community input in how best to replace the outdated and unsafe equipment and add outdoor equipment for children with disabilities. They noted that they would utilize QR codes, google forms, product catalogs and door to door questionnaires to conduct a survey on preferred playground equipment. They confirmed that they would return to the Commission in August to present their findings.

MOTION: Commissioner Habel moved to accept the Park Research Project Proposal from South High School students; motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE AND NATURE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

Liz Evans, Naturalist and Nature Center Manager at the Madrona Marsh introduced herself and noted that she had started with the City in January 2024. She discussed statistics for the Marsh and Nature Center and noted the number of google searches, the number of followers on Facebook and Instagram and added that the Nature Center had a 4 out 5 rating on Yelp. She reported that in 2023 there had been numerous community engagement activities and events; such a plant fairs and school field trips. She explained that in 2023: over 300 volunteers had been trained, there had been 116 different events at the Marsh, four main line irrigation breaks had been repaired, 26 macro and invertebrate surveys had been performed to assess ecosystem health, and there had been 22,000 visitors. She discussed: the type of nature programs presented to students, partnerships with graduate students, Earth Day celebration and an art partnership with the Torrance Art Museum. She confirmed that there had been 56 volunteers who had donated 5050 hours in 20 different categories of work and noted that 250 volunteers had worked on habitat restoration for a total of 800 hours. She listed the businesses that the Marsh had engaged with in 2023: such as Discover Torrance, CitiCABLE, Pelican Products, Marriot, Saatchi and Saatchi and organizations such as Scouts, South High and Torrance High. She explained that many schools and universities were conducting research in the preserve: Torrance Unified School District, UCLA, Harbor College, Pepperdine and Cal State Long Beach. She announced that the Nature Festival would be held on April 20, the Earth Day celebration will be held on April 27 and the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of the Madrona Marsh gala would be held on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved to accept and file the presentation of the 2023 Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center Annual Report; motion was seconded by Commissioner Habel. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – DISCUSS AND APPROVE LITTLE LIBRARY INSTALLATION IN HICKORY PARK

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the item and invited the members of the Torrance Youth Council (TYC) to discuss their proposal to add a little Library kit as an additional resource near the Happy to Chat Bench at Hickory Park.

Leah and Jeanette, members of both TYC and the Happy to Chat Bench Committee, explained that the little library would allow an additional reason for someone to sit on the Happy to Chat Bench and engage in conversation. They stated that the motto of the Little Library was “take a book, share a book”, noted that the Library was open to all and stated that the Library would foster community connections, support education and encourage a love of reading. They explained that TYC would purchase, assemble and decorate a “Do It Yourself” (DIY) Little Library kit, which was estimated to cost between \$300 to \$400.

Recreation Services Manager Craig confirmed that once the project was approved and the installation date had been approved, TYC would return to the Commissioner to provide an update and discuss the process to donate books. He noted that the ATTIC Teen Center would also accept book donations for their Library. He confirmed that TYC had the funds to purchase the Little Library kit.

Commissioner Habel introduced and thanked Lloyd Hardison who had installed the first Little Library at Sur La Brea Park.

Members of the TYC expressed their support of the Little Library installation and Civic engagement in general.

MOTION: Commissioner Mele moved to approve the Little Library Installation in Hickory Park; motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

7E. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- Review Department Monthly Reports

Administrative Services

Administrative Analyst Lee presented the Administrative Services Division Reports for March 2024, included in agenda packets. Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo thanked the Police department for their continued response and support. He noted that an individual who had been living in his car at Columbia Park had accepted outreach and that the after-hours patrols at Entradero Park had been effective in controlling unhoused activity. He noted that Ranger coverage in April might be affected by Ranger turnover and hour restrictions.

Administrative Analyst Lee highlighted completed and ongoing Home Improvement projects and noted that there had been 23 services in March. He discussed the average attendance for Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Farmer's Market, in the month of March and the monthly revenues. He reported that the Community Gardens staff had purchased a multi-functional tool shed for the garden at Columbia Park. He discussed coyote sightings and trapping in March and noted that 523 pet licenses had been sold in March.

Park Services

Community Services Director La Rock presented the report for the month of March 2024, included in the material of record and announced that the project to replace the basketball courts at Guenser Park was continuing and noted that a grand re-opening would be scheduled when the project was completed. He discussed the work completed at McMaster Park in the Library Patio area and at Victor Park, including the installation of a new drinking fountain, weed abatement and the thinning of the tress to aid with an increased line of sight for public safety. He stated that extensive tree trimming had been completed at Columbia Park, noted that turf management would soon begin on the soccer fields and explained that at El Nido Park the Kingsdale Street frontage would undergo a cleanup. He noted that new iron trashcans to match the historic theme had been installed in the downtown area.

Recreation Services

Senior Recreation Services Craig presented the Recreation Services Monthly Report for March 2024, included in the material of record. He announced that the swimming program for the summer would include new programs such as an adult masters swimming class, junior lifeguards and movie nights and noted there was a campaign underway to vote on the selection of movies. He announced that Recreation Services would hold a hiring event on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Katy Geissert Library, and participate in the El Camino hiring fair on April 25. He noted that the registration for the 2024-2025 After School Club Program would begin on April 23 for Torrance residents and April 30 for non-Torrance residents and stated that two new schools, Towers Elementary and Bert Lynn Middle School had been added to the program. He confirmed that Summer Day Camp registration would begin on May 15 for Torrance residents. He

discussed the Adaptive Recreation program and noted that there were now 118 members. He reminded the Commission that the TYC would host their Pancake Breakfast at the ATTIC on Saturday, April 13, with a silent auction. He highlighted the Senior Torrance Travelers trip to Tanaka Farms and announced the retirement of Chef Augustin Romo at the Barlett Center, after 31 years of service.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved to receive and file the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Hoover seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Mele moved to approve excused absences for Commissioners Candioly and Wright. Commissioner Craft seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 5-0. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

Commissioner Craft stated that the lighting at Wilson Park needed to be improved.

Commissioner Hoover requested a method to thank and encourage students who presented before the Commission.

Community Services Director La Rock noted that new leases for the Little Leagues would come before the Commission for their consideration, discussion and input.

Commission Habel stated that he had attended the TYC meeting of March 6, 2024

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, April 10, 2024

MOTION: At 7:55 p.m., Commissioner Habel moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft and a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly and Wright)

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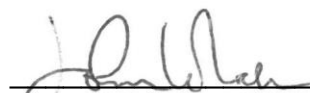
For Commission Meeting
May 8, 2024

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 approved the establishment of the first off-leash dog park at Columbia Park. The Council's discussion was framed by the research performed by the Commission and the Commission Sub-Committee. The extensive public input received by the Commission was also noted. Staff will solicit informal bids for a design/build of the new amenity with the intent to have the facility open before the end of summer.
- The City Council approved the purchase of 500 additional tickets for public sale in support of Torrance Dodger Day on July 21, 2024.
- The Wilson Park splash pad will open on May 24, 2024
- The City's 2023 Annual Report has been posted on the City website. The item is found under the "Our City" heading and the "Year in Review" link. www.torranceca.gov
- The schedule for Torrance Summer Nights has been announced and is detailed on the flyer attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Torrance Summer Nights flyer

PRESENTED BY



 A central graphic for "TORRANCE SUMMER NIGHTS" features a sun-like circle with rays, divided into yellow, orange, and red horizontal bands. The text "TORRANCE SUMMER NIGHTS" is written across the bands. Below the graphic, it says "Amazing Entertainment" in a cursive font and "FREE ALL SUMMER LONG" in a bold, sans-serif font. The event schedule is arranged around this central graphic.

JUNE 1 5:00 PM	TAYLOR NATION <i>Taylor Swift Tribute Band</i>	BLUE BREEZE BAND <i>Blues, Soul, R&B, Jazz</i>	JULY 20 5:00 PM
JUNE 8 5:00 PM	BRITAIN'S FINEST <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>	SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDY <i>Cardenio - Shakespeare by the Sea</i>	JULY 27 6:00 PM
JUNE 15 7:45 PM	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Migration - Greenwood Park</i>	SANGRE NUEVA <i>Salsa Band - Special Sunday Concert</i>	AUG 4 5:00 PM
JUNE 22 5:00 PM	SOUL 3 SIXTY <i>Pop, Top 40, R&B</i>	FAMILY KARAOKE PARTY <i>Little Mermaid - Nakano Theatre</i>	AUG 10 5:00 PM
JUNE 29 5:00 PM	ANDY & RENEE & HARD RAIN <i>Woodstock Retrospective</i>	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Kung Fu Panda 4 - Wilson Park</i>	AUG 17 7:45 PM
JULY 6 5:00 PM	SATIN DOLLZ <i>Swingin' 40's Tribute</i>	TRYST & NOMAD ART FAIR <i>Del Amo Crossing, Hawthorne Blvd</i>	AUG 23-24 12-6 PM
JULY 13 7:45 PM	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Trolls Band Together - McMaster</i>	PETTY THEFT <i>Tom Petty Tribute Band</i>	AUG 31 5:00 PM

For Commission Meeting
May 8, 2024

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: OPTIONS FOR RECOGNIZING STUDENTS FOR PARK PROJECTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission provide input on how students can be recognized by the Commission for completing a project in a park.

At their April 2024 meeting, the Commission made a referral to staff regarding options for the Commission to recognize students who complete projects in coordination with the Commission and Community Services Department.

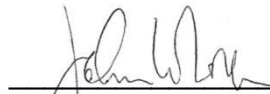
Staff recommends the following options that can be realized in a timely manner and are budget-friendly:

- Challenge coin (similar to Centenarian Honors)
- Printed Certificate
- Recognition during a Commission meeting
- City webpage to document the inventory and success stories of all student-led projects

It should be noted that the pre-existing "People With Purpose" acknowledgement and certificate could be incorporated into this effort for consistency.

The Commission may consider these options and provide additional direction to staff.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BATTING CAGES AT LAGO SECO PARK

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a report on the status of proposed batting cages at Lago Seco Park and consider one or more recommendations to City Council.

On January 10, 2024, the Commission received a revised proposal from Riviera Little League (RLL) to place batting cages at Lago Seco Park. The revised proposal included a location for the batting cages at an area of the park parallel to the basketball court. At that meeting the Commission also received public comment.

On March 13, 2024, the Commission received a presentation from residents who reside in the vicinity of the park. The presentation was amongst the public comment received at the meeting that was not in favor of the revised proposal from RLL.

All parties have a legitimate interest in the park and the RLL and to achieve a balanced plan to accommodate all users, who are in sizeable numbers to date. All parties have been accommodating in providing their time and effort to share information and commentary. The subject could be presented to the City Council for their adjudication. Alternatively, to strike a compromise that can be approved by the City Council instead of being decided by them and disenfranchising one or more parties, staff has the following recommendations:

1. The RLL plan for the option 3 batting cages at a location inside their existing leasehold (see attachment).
2. Staff directed batting cage facility operating hours that flex based on weekday, weekend, school year and summer periods.
3. The RLL solicit input from the surrounding community on League operating conditions that could be reflected in a new lease.
4. The RLL consider annual community-oriented events at the park.

As a reminder, option 3 batting cages include 2 @ 14ft. x 70ft. batting lanes; 7 x hitting stations and an approximate total area of 50ft. x 100ft. The proposed location would be at least 350ft. from the nearest residential use. For reference, pickleball court location restrictions recently approved by City Council require at least 250 ft. distance from residential use. The proposed location would include relocating the current walking path and may impact existing trees. In the event any trees are impacted, new trees would be

planted that are from the City's current urban canopy plan and represent a lower maintenance obligation than the current trees in the area.

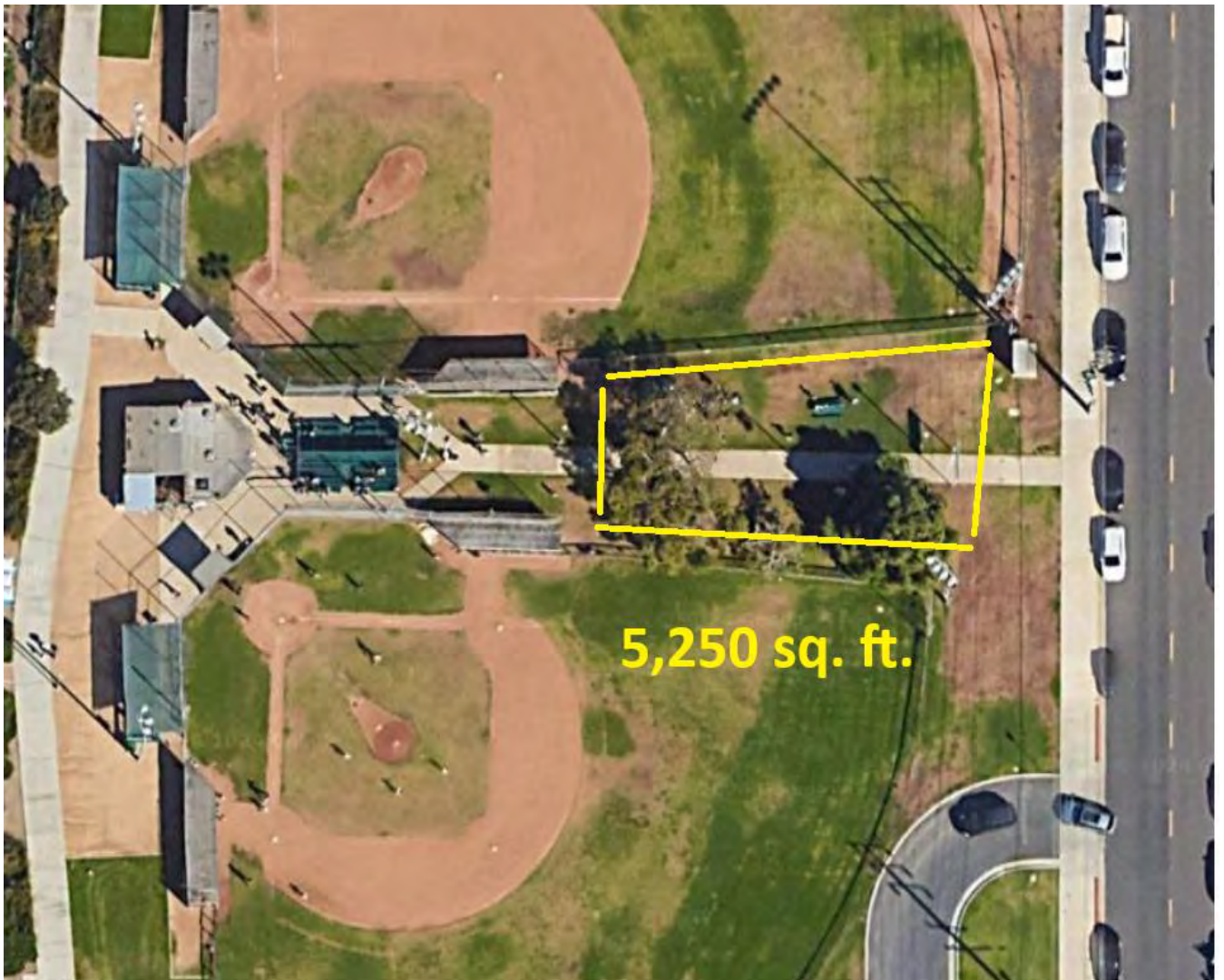
Staff recommends that the Commission discuss and provide one or more recommendations to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Batting cage location staff recommendation



Riviera Little League Leasehold Cage Space

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – April 2024

AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – April 2024

ALL PARKS

- Reported graffiti.
- Performed playground equipment safety checks.
- Performed routine maintenance and inspections.
- Adjusted security light timers, checked all irrigation clocks for time. Repairs made where needed.
- Cared for dedication trees.

Custodial/Rental Buildings

- Cleaned and serviced all rental facilities and restrooms

Events

- Provided services for the AYSO Founders Cup Tournament at Columbia Park
- Provided services for the Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park

Turf Management

All Sports Fields

- Columbia, De Portola, El Nido, Guenser, La Romeria, McMaster, Walteria & Wilson are currently on track for weekly routine maintenance
- Service to the fields has remained steady since winter rains have slowed. We anticipate increased service hours to select locations such as Columbia and McMaster as plans for yearly field restorations ramp up in late spring

Baseball Diamonds

- Service included the fields at Guenser, McMaster, Columbia, El Nido, La Romeria, Walteria, De Portola & Wilson parks. Weed abatement efforts have and will continue to increase through the late winter early spring due to germination and growth. Due to recent rain / storm conditions some regular daily service has been reduced or rescheduled as conditions required. Daily reports are being forwarded to the Recreation department to allow for scheduling changes as needed.

SPECIALTY CREWS

Projects Crew

Projects crew has remained available to assist all three supervisors and all parks leads with daily ongoing support for all parks emergencies and planned construction projects such as playground repairs, concrete sidewalk repairs, sign replacements fence and block wall repairs new barbeque grill installation & concrete path repairs among many others. See each park by District for this month's contributions.

Mowing Crew

- All mowing is currently on track with no delays in service crews have remained ready for redirection as higher priority projects or emergency tasks are required.
- Lead Maintenance Workers have continued training our new Maintenance Worker staff members on the safe operation of large & small equipment such as Toro Big Red & Toro Zero Turn mowers as well as our New Holland Tractor to promote safe work practices and gain regimented experiences operating large equipment under direct supervision.
- Groundwork training has also continued for our permanent full & part-time staff including new hires regarding the safe use of edgers, blowers, string trimmers and hand tools.
- Lead Maintenance Workers have also continued training our new Maintenance Worker staff members on equipment maintenance such as required oil changes and greasing of the lawn equipment.

VOLUNTEERS and GRANT PROGRESS

	Volunteers	Hours
Live Steamers	20	492
Wilson Horseshoe Pits	1	13
Madrona Marsh Preserve /Nature Center	89	852.42
Seaside Heroes Park	29	79
Civic Center Veteran's Memorial and Rose Garden	8	16
Entradero Park	2	18
Guenser Park	6	43
Columbia Park	9	9
Lago Seco Park	6	24
Wilson Park	19	19
TOTAL	189	1565.42

Grant Progress

No information currently

PARKS BY DISTRICT

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

Guenser Park

- Completed installation of temp fence around newly poured basketball court
- Completed taping & caulking of expansion joints on new basketball court

McMaster Park

- Completed installation of new playground feature “Solo Climber”
- Completed pothole repair in south driveway exit lane

District 2 – Entradero, La Romeria, Paradise, Sunnyglen, Victor

Entradero Park

- Completed Grid trimming of all park trees WCA

La Romeria Park

- Completed rototilling & leveling sand playground

Paradise Park

- Repaired & installed park rules sign

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

City Yard

- Attended to nursery plants and equipment

Civic Center

- Completed restoration of 40 flag poles & hardware for the 2024-Armed Forces Day Parade
- Completed relocation of riot fencing from TPD compound to City yard
- Completed east annex courtyard cleanup project

Columbia Park

- Completed Grid trimming of all park trees WCA
- Completed removal of three dead park trees
- Completed restoration & installation of drinking fountain near picnic area.
- Completed washing & touchup painting at picnic area
- Delivered cart to park for Cherry Blossom event
- Completed delivery and set up of portable stage and generator for the Cherry Blossom Festival
- Rototilled sand boxes
- Planted a dedication tree
- Provided maintenance staff for AYSO Founders Cup

El Nido Park

- Completed painting of old basketball backboard
- Completed rototilling and leveling of sand volleyball courts

Greenwood Park

- Completed weed abatement in hardscape area
- Trimmed and raised trees for compliance of ADA standards

Pequeno Park

- Completed installation and painting of park benches
- Completed rototilling and leveling sand playground
- Completed cleaning and painting of toddler swing bay
- Completed cleaning and touch up paint on playground features
- Completed cleaning and painting on electrical supply pole

District 4 – Attic Teen Center, Bartlett Senior Center, Downtown, El Prado, Pueblo, Southeast Library, Sur la Brea, Torrance, Torrance Scout Center, Wilson Park

Attic Teen Center

- Started landscape cleanup project

Downtown

- Replaced vandalized trash can
- Completed mainline irrigation repair
- Maintained urban garden

Torrance Scout Center

- Completed landscape cleanup project

Wilson Park

- Completed vine removal at the amphitheater
- Completed exercise equipment repair
- Completed repairs to Treehouse missing handrail risers and right front entrance post
- Completed repairs to bollard plates at Farmers Market west parking lot
- Completed installation of new flagpole rope
- Completed concrete walking path repair of cracks
- Completed installation of two new hockey rink side panels
- Cleared tree branches over horseshoe pits
- Completed hardscape cleanup in Animal Control Facility

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

Lago Seco Park

- Completed repair/replacement of broken chain link pole near south entrance
- Completed concrete patching outside of men's restroom

Los Arboles Park

- Phase I of Rocketship restoration completed
- Completed removal of two dead stone pine trees
- Completed installation/replacement of two rusted handrails 5-12 play area
- Dumped dirt over hillside after rain erosion

Miramar Park

- Fill in dirt for gopher holes

Sea Aire Golf Course

- Pickup and delivery of large mower for garage service

District 6 – Alta Loma, De Portola, Discovery, Hickory, WALTERIA

Alta Loma Park

- Completed patching south parking lot wall
- Completed cold patch on asphalt driveway

De Portola

- Repaired irrigation break

Discovery Park

- Completed minor repair to rubber surfacing

Hickory Park

- Planted pollinator friendly plants in the urban garden

WALTERIA Park

- Repaired irrigation break

MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE and NATURE CENTER (MMP)

- April precipitation figures:
 - April rainfall: 0.6"
 - Year to date: 24.7"

March Attendance	Hard Count	Projected Count
Preserve	3,308	*
Nature Center	1,720	

Volunteer Hours for April 2024

Assignment	Hours	Volunteer Count
Advanced Restoration Crew	44:33	5
Animal Care	18:32	3
Docent (tours/outreach)	98:12	13
Education Programs	45:55	6
Gift Shop Clerk (must be 21 or older)	45:20	7
Habitat Support & Maintenance	0	0
Native Plant Propagation	5:57	1
Nature Center Maintenance Support	16:06	1
Preserve Entrance Greeter	97:08	9
Reception Desk Greeter	105:40	8
Restoration Program	176:06	54
Research Assistant	9:56	1
Special Assignment	135:25	4
Outreach (events & schools)	51:52	6
Total	850:42	89 Individuals

- The annual Nature Festival on April 20 was a great success! We had 971 visitors to the Nature Center and 544 visitors in the Preserve. Donations were very strong, and the gift shop did over \$600 in sales.
 - Activities: nature bracelets, sun hats, finger puppets, seedballs, leaf rubbings, Meet the Insects, Meet the Reptiles, Nature Story Time, Nature Walk, Meet the Frog mascot
 - Local participating organizations: Audubon PV/SB chapter, California Native Plant Society South Coast chapter, Sierra Club PV/SB chapter, South Bay Parkland Conservancy, International Bird Rescue, Turtle and Tortoise Society of California
- Staff performed spring mowing and weeding around Vernal Pools 1, 4, 5, and 7. Trail maintenance (widening the pathway) was performed throughout the Preserve.
- Several pairs of birds have had their offspring. So far, staff have noted:
 - Three Canada geese families
 - Two Mallard families
 - One Coot family with 4 ducklings
 - House wrens have been seen using bird box #4 and bird box #5
 - A mourning dove nested in one of the pots in the nursery
- At the April 9 City Council meeting, Councilmember Sheikh read the oral announcement promoting Earth Day (April 27) and the Marsh's habitat restoration activities.

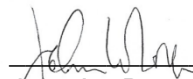
- On April 10, Liz Evans presented the 2023 annual report on Madrona Marsh to the City of Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission. (Attachment A)
- On April 10, Madrona hosted a corporate group (Educational Insights) for a session of habitat restoration. They weeded around the perimeter of vernal pool 1 and in the northern prairie.
- On April 11, Liz Evans and Steve Ash met with Assistant City Manager, Danny Santana; Psomas senior project manager, David T. Hughes; and other City staff to discuss the Southern Tarplant Preserve at the Torrance Transit Center. They also scouted a potential replacement site for the Southern Tarplant Preserve at the Elm City Water Yard located 1200 ft away in a residential community of Torrance. Madrona Marsh Nature Center houses the seed collected in 2021 from the Tarplant Preserve site. We will need to begin propagation with that seed in Fall 2024 in order to collect seed again and ensure that our stock remains viable as the Transit Center project moves forward.
- On April 13, Benny Canady led the Nature Walk. He began with 7 or 8 folks and picked up several more along the way during the tour of the Preserve (16 people total).
- On Sunday, April 14, the Audubon held their semiannual Butterfly Count. Jeanne Bellemin led a group of 4-5 people.
- On April 16, the PV/SB Audubon held their monthly meeting at the Nature Center. Eric and Ann Brooks presented their travelogue from their trip to Rwanda.
- On April 18, the City of Torrance held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Toyota Meeting Hall in the civic center. Madrona Marsh volunteers were well represented.
- On April 24 the Outreach team went to Pacific Elementary in Manhattan Beach to promote the Marsh and the Name the Frog contest.
- On April 26, Lorquin Society had their monthly meeting in the Nature Center. Jeanne Bellemin gave a wonderful presentation on her trip to Madagascar. 24 people attended.
- April 27 was our Earth Day Celebration. We had a full house with 50 participants. We had 5 separate groups focusing on removing curly dock and yellow star thistle throughout the Preserve. The ARC members helped lead activities. Each volunteer left with a City of Torrance tote, a one-sheet featuring Common Dragonflies of the Preserve, and a 4" coastal poppy! CitiCable came to film the event.
- Saturday Habitat Restoration with ARC members occurred on April 6. The session was full with 25 participants plus the ARC kids. Focus was on weeding in the prairie. April 13 was rained out (lightly). April 20 was canceled due to the Nature Festival. April 27 restoration doubled as our Earth Day event.
- On April 27, the Outreach team went to Point Vicente to table the Whale of a Day event.
- This April, Madrona Marsh officially participated in the City Nature Challenge. Both Madrona Marsh and the city of Torrance were automatically counted as part of the LA County region for the purpose of the competition. From April 26-29, 690 cities from around the world competed in a bioblitz competition, to see who could make the most observations of wildlife using the app iNaturalist. The results will be announced in early May.
- Friday Fun programming continues to have excellent attendance. On April 5, Cindy taught kids about the solar eclipse (37 people). On April 12, she discussed herons and egrets (34 people). She taught about hummingbirds on April 19 (28 people) and April 26 (21 people).

- Carol's Nature Storytime class was full on April 11. 30 kids and adults learned about eggs and birds.
- Tyke Hike had a great showing with 19 kids and adults in attendance (April 4).
- Night Hike was canceled due to rain. At one point we had challenges with staff availability for this date and Cindy Reid suggested doing docent training on night hikes so other folks can step in. We're hoping to schedule that training for May or June.
- April was absolutely packed with school docent tours! Thank you to all of the docents for making these tours happen and thanks to Sarah for coordinating everything.
 - April 3 – Spring break club took a self-guided tour, 30 kids and 5 adults
 - April 9 – Arlington Elementary, 3rd graders, 37 students and 4 adults
 - April 9 – First Lutheran, 1st graders, 37 students and 6 adults
 - April 10 – Blue Ridge Academy (home school), 25 students and 20 adults
 - April 16 – First Lutheran, pre-K, 30 students
 - April 17 – Hickory Elementary, 5th graders, 27 students, featuring a water lab
 - April 18 – Torrance Elementary, pre-K, 50 students
 - April 23 – Hickory Elementary, 2nd graders, 50 students
 - April 24 – Hickory Elementary, 2nd graders, 50 students
 - April 25 – Hickory Elementary, 2nd graders, 50 students
 - April 30 – Torrance Elementary, 3rd graders, 27 students
- Staff rescued two turtles from the Marsh and cared for them in the Nature Center until they could be picked up by Michael Bergeron from the Turtle and Tortoise Society. One was a yellow-bellied slider; the other was a red-eared slider.

Respectfully submitted,

 by Jeff Bischoff for
Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Madrona Marsh Preserve & Nature Center 2023 Annual Report

Madrona Marsh Preserve & Nature Center Annual Report 2023

Where People and Nature Meet



What our visitors are saying: 2023

The exhibits were very educational and beautifully displayed. Would be a great place to take the whole family. I enjoyed my time there..... Alana M. Sacramento, CA

- Over 2,900 followers on Facebook
- 16,650 searches on Google
- Over 1,325 followers on Instagram
- 4.5/5 rating on Yelp

If you enjoy bird watching, walking in nature, or just doing something outdoors that's healthy and costs nothing, then Madrona Marsh Preserve is a place you should check out!
Lenore - Oceanside, CA

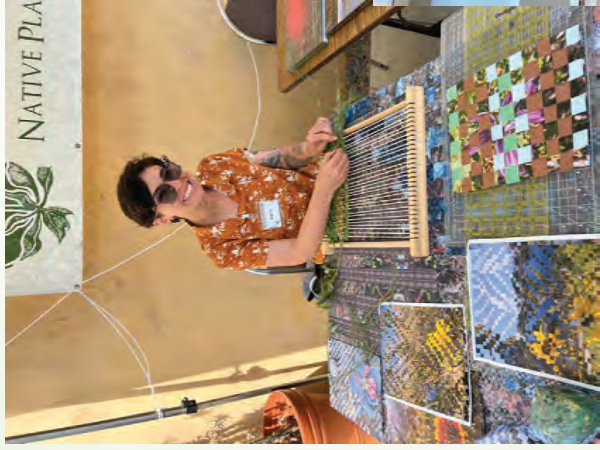
I don't know why it took me so long to go for a walk here. It is a great adventure with my two toddlers. They love the little center with frogs, fish, and turtles. The monthly story time/craft day is absolutely amazing..... Vicky S. Redondo Beach

Thank you so much for advocating for (S practicing) letting snags, etc., recycle naturally and provide food & shelter for wildlife..... Roxanne E.

Overall, I would highly recommend a visit to the Madrona Marsh Preserve to anyone who loves nature and wants to experience the beauty of Southern California's wild side..... Aia C. Torrance

One of my favorite places to go walking (and photographing) in the South Bay..... Kelson V. Redondo Beach

Community Engagement: 2023



Staff Engagement: 2023

- ▶ Trained over 300 volunteers on the safe use of tools.
- ▶ Supported over 116 Madrona Marsh events.
- ▶ Repaired 4 mainline irrigation breaks and 8 lateral breaks.
- ▶ Performed downed tree limb removal on 38 limbs.
- ▶ Performed 16 water quality tests at 7 sites (112 total tests).
- ▶ Performed 26 macroinvertebrate surveys at Madrona Marsh and Henrietta Basin.
- ▶ Participated in 5 outreach events in the South Bay.
- ▶ Performed monthly maintenance at 236th and Arlington parkette.
- ▶ Maintained 6 test plots for the coastal prairie restoration project.
- ▶ Performed habitat seasonal mowing on over 17 acres of nature preserve (spring/fall).
- ▶ Repaired / replaced 30 feet of wrought iron fence along Madrona Ave.

Community Engagement: 2023

- ▶ Madrona Marsh Preserve visited by 21,546 people.
- ▶ Sponsored spring Nature Fair attended by over 500 visitors
- ▶ Nature Center visited by approximately 5,000 people
- ▶ Filled over 24 requests for K-12 nature tours from 17 schools serving 843 students.
- ▶ Conducted 5 scout tours attended by over 90 scouts and their parents.
- ▶ Provided 6 college environmental tours for over 100 undergraduate and graduate students.
- ▶ Offered 52 children's nature education programs serving over 1,500 participants.
- ▶ Sponsored Earth Day, Make A Difference Day events attended by 63 participants.
- ▶ Sponsored over 22 restoration events attended by over 235 participants
- ▶ Launched ¿WILD? environmental art program
- ▶ Supported Tule collection for Coastal band of Chumash nation

Staff connected with
over 26,000 visitors in
2023!

Volunteerism: 2023



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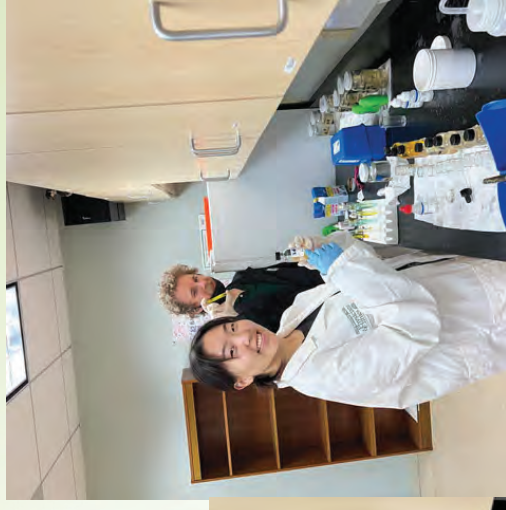
- ▶ 56 Volunteers supported Madrona Marsh Nature Center in 2023 donating over 5,050 hours of service in 20 categories of work.
- ▶ Over 250 volunteers supported habitat restoration in 2023 donating 800 hours of service.
- ▶ 10 volunteers donated 460 hours of volunteer service to education programs.
- ▶ 17 docents donated over 470 hours of service providing K-12 school tours.
- ▶ Volunteers planted approximately 350 native plants on the Preserve.
- ▶ 124% increase in restoration volunteering from 2022.
- ▶ 62% increase in hours donated by docents for education tours.

Business Engagement/Partnering: 2023

- Discover Torrance
- Citicable
- SkyOne Federal Credit Union
- Pelican Products
- Marriott Hotels
- Saatchi & Saatchi
- Celestron
- Rotaract South Bay
- Clearplan Consulting



Learning: 2023



Organizations We Worked With: 2023

Over 25 organizations engaged during 2023!

Private, government, charitable, scholastic

- Upward Bound
- South H.S. Sustainability Club
- Audubon Society
- Art Guild of Palos Verdes
- Philanthropic Education Organization
- Los Serenos de Point Vicente
- Easter Seals
- National Honor Society
- Kaio Foundation
- Torrance H.S. Key Club
- Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve, Inc.
- International Bird Rescue
- Riverside Astronomical Society
- Upward Bound
- California Native Plant Society
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Redondo Beach Art Guild
- Riverside Astronomical Society
- California Scholarship Federation
- Friends of Madrona Marsh
- Rivera Garden Club
- Amigos de Bolsa Chica
- Turtle and Tortoise Society
- Torrance Art Museum
- PV Art Guild
- Pacific Arts Group
- Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon

Educationnal Institutions We Worked With: 2023

Environment Tours

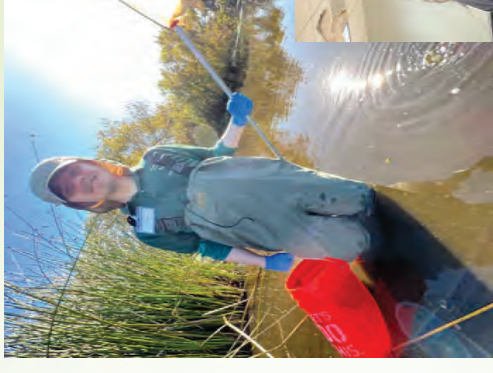
Research / Surveys

Teaching /
Consultation

- ▶ Pepperdine University
- ▶ TUSD
- ▶ PVUSD
- ▶ UCLA
- ▶ USC
- ▶ El Camino College
- ▶ Harbor College
- ▶ Cal State University Long Beach
- ▶ Cal State University San Bernardino
- ▶ Saddleback College
- ▶ Stanbridge University

Research and Surveys: 2023

- ▶ Audubon Christmas Bird Count
- ▶ Audubon Spring and Summer Butterfly Counts
- ▶ Humboldt St. – Invertebrate species as a bio-indicator of water quality.
- ▶ PVUSD – Cell phone radiation affects on the molecular structure of ice crystals.
- ▶ LBUSD - Daphnia magna Consumption of Phosphate in water collected at the Maple Sump.
- ▶ PVUSD - Affect of Water Sources on *Eriogonum parvifolium* seed germination at Madrona Marsh
- ▶ Observation study of Flea beetles (*Lysathia flavipes*) as a biological control on Creeping Water primrose (*Ludwigia peploides*) at Madrona Marsh.



Grants: 2023

Over \$586,000 in grant
funds managed

- ▶ Seed Storage Grant – Friends of Madrona Marsh
- ▶ Coastal Prairie Grant – Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society
- ▶ Western Pond Turtle – California State Parks, Resources Bond Act.
- ▶ Torrance Southern Tarplant Preserve – CA. Prop. 1

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for April 2024:

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

Facility Booking:

During the month of April:

- Field Bookings:
 - Staff issued 75 short-term permits for fields
 - Long-term field users were issued 644 permits
 - There was 1 softball tournament held at Wilson

- Picnic Reservations:
 - 42 bouncer permits were issued

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	18	715
El Nido Park	7	255
El Retiro Park	6	300
Hickory Park	5	250
Lago Seco Park	7	350
McMaster Park	1	25
Paradise Park	5	250
Torrance Park	3	100
Victor Park	0	0
Walteria Park	3	150
Wilson Park	21	1355
Total	76	3750

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	April 2024	2024 YTD	April 2023
Attic	\$-	\$239.75	
Facility Reservations	\$4,066.88	\$6,026.88	\$2,703.00
Field Lights/Support	\$11,905.53	\$32,887.94	\$12,729.07
Field Prep	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$22.50
Filming Permits		\$-	
Hockey Rink	\$5,835.00	\$8,793.23	\$5,360.56
Picnic Reservations	\$8,155.00	\$21,090.00	\$8,020.00
Pool Rental	\$12,288.75	\$35,742.50	\$12,250.00
Special Events		\$800.00	
Sports Center	\$3,623.44	\$8,055.44	\$2,483.00
Torrance Art Museum		\$-	
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$103,867.00	\$142,425.02	\$82,968.76
Weddings	\$300.00	\$600.00	
Monthly	\$150,076.60	\$256,730.76	\$126,536.89

Registration:

Registration processed a total of 438 enrollments for a total of \$229,333.22 during the month of April 2024:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Enrollments	April 2024 Total Fees	April 2023 Total Fees
Total	294	143	438	\$229,333.22	\$81,143.49
Staff	99	51	150	\$65,732.30	\$2,672.44
Web	195	92	288	\$163,600.92	\$78,174.05

In April, enrollment started for the Adult Leagues' Spring/Summer Season, ASC 2024/2025 and we continued selling Dodgers tickets.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE – Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Justin Ferneau, Recreation Supervisor; Jacob Castillo, Recreation Supervisor and Traci Fuentes, Senior Program Specialist

Aquatics:

- Job offers were given to nine candidates (six Lifeguards and three Program Leaders) during the Hiring Fair. They are currently moving through the hiring process.
- With the new staff we have hired over the last several weeks, we were able to expand our lap swim hours to the public without cutting or limiting current programming. We have added mid-day (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our current midday lap swim schedule is now Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lap swimmers are excited about the increased hours!
- The drop-in lap swimmers accounted for 1,565 pool visits.
- Recreational swim had 67 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental group *Swim Torrance* had 1,490 swimmers this month and *LAPS Masters Swim Team* had 81 swimmers.
- P.A.L.S. Swim Team continues their weekly workouts.

Youth Sports:

- Youth Volleyball started off great with their weekly clinics and the Junior/Senior leagues.
- Picture day took place the second week of the season and all teams secured a head coach.
- Staff are very excited to coach the Senior division because of the competitive level.
- Staff have been working on the Summer Basketball program, registration in May.
- Youth Basketball Games and practices will take place at the TUSD Middle Schools and Dee Hardison Sports Center.

Adult Sports:

- The Adult Basketball program has concluded its last season and will be replaced by an outside organization called LASportsNet.
- After having their adult sports meeting, staff have come up with a Drop-in Basketball and Dance program. These drop-in programs are set to start in May on different days within the week.
- Staff were hosting drop-in pickleball programs at the hockey rink but attendance was not as popular as the outdoor courts. It was offered for two weeks before it was cancelled.
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball, baseball, softball and AYSO soccer have also continued to be strong throughout the month, and all patrons have shown, or expressed their satisfaction. Rentals have also been affected by the weather and several were moved to other fields or cancelled.
- Judo continues to use the MPR, and all have been enjoying their time while at our facility. Kendo has also returned to the MPR this month and has expressed their happiness to be back at our facility.
- The winter Adult Softball Program concluded and will restart the week of May 13.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Spring golf season at *Sea-Aire* golf course was in full swing throughout April. Total rounds of golf played during April were an impressive 3,210.
- The *Sea-Aire* Friday morning Seniors golf club held an orange ball bonus score tournament on April 5th.
- The *Sea-Aire* Thursday morning Women's club held their two week Spring Club Champion tournament in mid April.
- *Sea-Aire* staff started preparations for the annual Memorial Day Junior golf challenge.
- Local grade school and high school golf players continued to practice their short golf game at *Sea-Aire*.
- With the longer daylight hours and the warmer weather evening golf attendance is now on the rise.
- The new putting green is getting plenty of use and the grass on the green is settling in nicely.
- The Community Room continues to be rented out to groups during the evenings.

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

After School Club Program:

The After School Club had a great month of April! Participants enjoyed Spring crafts and activities. It was a bit short due to the Spring Break, but still busy. Sites had dance parties, field trips to local eateries and group challenges. We continue to highlight the program on social media, whether it be Staff recognition or fun videos showcasing the program fun!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year began April 23 for Torrance residents. Enrollment numbers are starting off strong, and we anticipate this will continue as we have been working hard to promote!

Some recent parent survey comments are: “I feel this program is excellent and entertaining” “Manny, Justin, Shannon, Melina and Lyn have all been Outstanding! They are all so caring and warm and I trust my son is well in their care.”

Spring Day Camp:

Early Camp registration starts on May 15 for Torrance residents and May 28 for non-residents. Many parents are inquiring about the program and we are getting a lot of calls. Fun trips and events are planned, we are looking forward to a great summer!

Social Media/Virtual Recreation:

Torrance social media and virtual recreation continues to gain followers and provide content and program information to residents. April’s social media content included:

- Youth Volleyball – program spotlight
- Senior Bridge Club – program spotlight
- Adult Basketball Champions – program spotlight
- ASC Registration – program reel and story
- We’re Hiring Café Chef – program spotlight
- Torrance Travelers Tanaka Farm Tour – program spotlight
- Spring Day Camp – program reel
- Dodger Day – program spotlight
- Torrance Cheerleading end of season – program reel
- ATTIC Pancake Breakfast – program spotlight and story
- Plunge Movie Night Voting - story
- Hiring Event – event story
- Senior Tech Day – program spotlight
- Lap Swim – program reel and spotlight

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

Special Events: The Summer Movies in the Park dates and movie selections have been confirmed for the 2024 summer movie series.



Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- The Spring session started on March 28, with both classes full.
- The participants are all doing well and learning and growing so much.
- Both classes had Easter Parties and Easter Egg hunts.
- The participants prepare crafts for Mother's Day and practice singing songs.
- Park Services replaced the broken slide at Greenwood Park, and students can use it again.
- There were five volunteers this month working a total of 12.5 hours.



Adaptive Recreation:

- On Monday, April 8, twenty PALS participants gathered at Del Amo Mall for a delightful evening of dinner and shopping. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie as everyone had the opportunity to walk to their favorite store. The large group split into smaller ones, each enjoying the chance to shop at their favorite stores. Book Off, a favorite for everyone, added to the excitement of the evening!
- On Monday, April 15, McMaster Park the MPR was buzzing with excitement as BINGO was the day's activity. It was a fun-filled event where almost everyone won a game, bringing a sense of pride and joy to the community. Many prizes were awarded, and a variety of snacks and drinks were added to the entertainment. The group ended the month with a great beach walk. They met at Miramar Park in Torrance and walked to Redondo Beach Pier and back. It was a beautiful evening. They had fun conversations and got good exercise.
- Special Olympics Basketball and Swim teams are preparing for April's first LA County tournament. Practices are filled with physical conditioning, skill building, and teamwork.
- As of March, over 118 PALS members had enrolled in the 2024 membership. This includes existing members who are re-registering from 2023 and brand-new members.
- Saturday, April 27, was the first official Special Olympics Southern California Basketball Tournament. The Torrance teams played at both Whittier College and Appollo Park in Downey. Two teams participated in games throughout the day. Both teams were recognized at the awards ceremony. It was a long and very spirited day! Congratulations to the athletes and hard-working coaches who prepare them for the competitive tournaments.



THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- **THE ATTIC** was closed to students from Monday to Friday, April 1 to 5, 2024.
- **THE ATTIC** continued with regular hours, 3:30 – 7 p.m., throughout the rest of April. The **ATTIC** Teen Center had a total attendance of 935 for April, including guests and members.
- ATTIC staff held game days on Mondays for the members to participate in each week. Monday's games were "Betrayal," "Star Realms," "Scrabble," and "Bingo."
- Our dedicated staff organized various activities throughout the month, offering participants exciting and engaging recreational opportunities. These included Nena Davis' thrilling 'Karaoke' sessions and the adventurous 'Scavenger Hunt' led by Joel Gaxiola and Ryan Locano. The ATTIC gym was open to students on Tuesday and Thursday 4 - 5 p.m.
- Friday Movie days featured: "Mean Girls," "Dodge Ball," and "Drum Line."

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, April 8, 2024, **THE ATTIC Advisory Committee** held its monthly meeting at **THE ATTIC** at 6 p.m. There were 17 committee members present.
- Agenda items included the MADD debrief, May Mental Health, and Pancake Breakfast fundraiser event preparation.
- **THE ATTIC** Advisory Committee held their 25th Pancake Breakfast Event. The Pancake Breakfast was a big success and had live entertainment from Students from four Torrance High Schools. There were 23 different entertainment acts, and the performers did a fantastic job! **THE ATTIC** had a whole house with local Torrance residents. It was great to see the committee get together for **THE ATTIC** fundraiser. We had donations from Chick-Fil-A, Costco-Torrance, Dave and Busters, Gaetano's Restaurant, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu, Hof's Gut Restaurant, Lindberg Nutrition, Local Kitchen, Rizzo's Pizzeria, Mr. and Mrs. Shestokes, SNAX, SoCal Vibes Co. Venice/Gardena, and Wateria Flowers.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6 pm in **THE ATTIC** multi-purpose room.



Torrance Youth Council (TYC):

- The TYC met on Wednesday, April 3 and 17, 2024, to conduct regular business.
- The TYC Happy-to-Chat Bench and Little Library project was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, April 10, meeting. The project was reviewed and approved by the Parks and Rec. Commission to add the Little Library at Hickory Park next to the TYC Happy-to-Chat Bench.
- The annual ASB Bowl Event took place on Tuesday, April 23, at the **ATTIC** Teen Center. There were five schools who participated this year which were Torrance High, South High, West High, North High and CAMS. The 2024 TYC ASB Bowl winner was Torrance High School.
- The Youth Council continues to meet in committees to plan for their upcoming events. The TYC Beat the Odds Scholarship Award Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, at the

ATTIC Teen Center, beginning at 7pm. 2024 awardees of the scholarship will be presented with a certificate and asked to speak on how they beat the odds. Desserts and light refreshments will be served.

- The TYC had its monthly Senior Tech Day on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Senior Center. TYC commissioners and students from Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) high schools assisted seniors on their computers and smartphones.
- Senior Tech Day allows older adults to come with their phones or laptop and ask any questions they might have about their devices. Technology can be very intimidating to older adults, and the teens display patience, professionalism, and compassion when working one-on-one with their customer.
- After each event date, not only do the older adults leave with a big thank you and smile on their faces, but the youth council members also feel grateful to have the opportunity to help.



Commission on Aging (COA):

- The commission met on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room at 9:30 a.m.
- The COA board discussed the Older Americans Award nominees and selected the City of Torrance nominees and the Los Angeles County Torrance representative nominee.
- The Torrance Older Americans Award presentation will take place at the Tuesday, May 7, 2024, City Council Meeting honoring the selected winners by the COA board.

Focal Point on Aging:

- The board met on April 19th, 2024, and two employees from Adult Day Health Care spoke at the meeting. The Adult Day Health Care program is for those eighteen years old and older with memory challenges. Coordinated medical care and social work are provided. Participants do therapeutic exercises, excursions, arts and crafts, and cultural events. The program provides two Meals and snacks.
- In March, Focal Point was buzzing with activity, receiving 88 phone calls and 127 web inquiries. This high volume of interactions is a testament to our active engagement with the community and our commitment to accessibility. Focal Point does not accept walk-ins. The office continues to operate from 9 a.m. to noon. However, in-person consultations are available by appointment only.
- Some volunteers work remotely, pick up messages, and make referrals from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Focal Point staff continues to make birthday calls to seniors in the community.
- Focal Point has eight volunteers who collectively worked 113 hours in April.

Senior Citizens Programs (Bartlett Center, Tillim, WALTERIA)

- Everyone aged 50 and older is welcome at the City of Torrance Senior Centers. A five-dollar membership includes the bi-monthly 5-0 and On-the-Go! newsletter, which announces special events, exercise classes, Senior Center schedules, activities, lunch menus, and more. There were 32 new registered seniors for the month of April.
- The Bartlett Senior Center crafting group meets in the Hobby Shop every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. There are now 15 crafty ladies each week. All kinds of crafts and all levels of crafting are welcome. These women hand-make dolls and stuffed animals and donate them to the LA Children's Hospital and Miller Children's Hospital.
- The Creative Crafters group meets Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tillim Senior Center. This group is now focusing on making Blankets and quilts for Miller's Children's Hospital, LA Children's Hospital, hospice, and Veteran's Hospital. The group is still creating

leis, aprons, and pillowcases. Members are available to instruct and help beginners. The group also explores sewing, quilting, and other craft mediums. There are currently 32 members, and all levels are welcome.

- The Senior Gardening Club will start back up on May 8, 2024.
- The beading workshop meets on Wednesdays at the Bartlett Center from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It has 22 members, and participants of all levels are welcome.
- The Bartlett Senior Lunch program served 405 lunches for the month of April.
- The Mini-Fitness center at the Bartlett Senior Center is open Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. In the month of April 43 participants use the facility. Torrance Travelers is back on the road again! The next trip is scheduled for June 5, 2024, to the Getty Museum. The painting workshop meets at the Tillim Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. All levels are welcome. The Senior Citizen Walking Club takes place on Fridays at 10 a.m. The walk is for all levels. The route takes you by Torrance Bakery, and the group can stop for a bite and have coffee. They have a lot of fun and even have a mascot cat named Bobo, who loves walking with them. In the month of April, the club had 12 participants per class each week.



Respectfully Submitted,

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Recreation Services Manager

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John La Rock
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