



Walteria Park is located on 4.5 acres at 3855 242nd Street in South Torrance. The majority of the land was acquired in 1944 and was formerly the site of a celery field. The actual groundbreaking did not occur until 1964. Portions of the park were dedicated as they were completed: the shuffleboard court on December 3, 1964, the tennis courts on March 12, 1966 and the Senior Citizens Clubhouse on October 3, 1983. Walteria Park is named for the area of the City in which it is located. Walteria's namesake is Captain A. Richard Walters of Atkinson, Illinois. Walters moved to the rich farming area in the 1880's and built the Walters Hotel on the main road connecting the salt works in Redondo Beach with the harbor in San Pedro.

For sports activities, the park contains a lighted softball diamond, lighted tennis court, basketball court, a handball wall, and a horseshoe pit. The shuffleboard courts are no longer in operation since 1988. There are two picnic areas. The larger reservable picnic tables are sheltered and are adjacent to the children's play area. It has a sky scene mural that was painted in 1998 by Jo Ann Citrowski. These picnic area features are very popular for birthday and family parties. Adjacent to the park is Walteria Library which has existed since 1948 and underwent remodeling in 2009. Significant refurbishment included electrical infrastructure, seismically safe shelving, new service desks, new carpeting, and interior paint. The Friends of the Torrance Library provided significant donations.

The recreation building with kitchen can accommodate up to 80 persons and is used for senior citizen recreation programs and preschool programs. The building is also available for community use on a rental basis.

One of the long time users of the park is the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance. Please see the Torrance "[Seasons](#)" for details. This park is also one of the sites for the Flag Football Program. Supervised recreation is offered after school and summers. Schedules for hours and special events are also available in the Seasons. It is important to note that the City of Torrance has had a tremendous

amount of assistance from various community groups who have supported improvements at WALTERIA Park. In fact, community involvement dates back to 1948 when the WALTERIA Businessmen's Club donated an Army surplus building which has since been replaced with the park building currently on site. The HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA Sportsmen's Club and the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance have also made noteworthy contributions over the years.