



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.1

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

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❖ Animal Care Services

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Impounded animals	64	92	36	60	49	47	33	37
Returned to owner	6	20	7	9	6	11	3	9
Transferred to adoption center	40	39	48	28	27	34	26	9
Adopted	35	25	31	30	4	39	7	7
Animal License Issued/Renewed	292	247	245	244	195	201	249	211

❖ Arts in Parks in Costa Mesa

- There were no parks related updates for the month of February.

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	68
Hamilton	42	42	23

❖ Contract Classes

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Youth & Adult Totals:	494	439	170	183	233	157	84	205	183

❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The monthly newsletter was mailed out to 2,114 members.
- On February 9, AARP kicked off 2023 tax season with their free income tax preparation program. Tax prep will continue through April 13.
- On February 21 seniors enjoyed some Fat Tuesday fun at the Senior Center’s Mardi Gras Social. Seniors enjoyed socializing over some delicious moon pies and mock-tail margarita slushies.

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	5,000	5,918	4,053	4,317	4,335	3,091	2,450	3,023
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,578	1,721	1,351	1,439	1,425	1,287	1,085	1,405
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	280	85	170	170	110	141	110	255
Wellness Calls	1,249	1,001	1,017	1,213	1,155	1,168	1,066	1,457
Transportation Program Trips	746	862	745	941	830	727	553	758

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	Pickleball	Youth Open Gym	Basketball	Volleyball
Participants	168	118	23	81
Visits	580	212	36	134

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

2022 Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Adult Lap Swim Participants	108	121	113	69	71	112	81	88
Total Lap Swim Visits	381	520	353	402	216	249	341	305
Instructional Class Participants	168	255	50	71	0	0	0	10
Instructional Class Attendance	568	469	298	235	0	0	0	33
Swimming Lesson Spectators	1,107	1,051	372	215	0	0	0	14

❖ **Facility Rentals – February**

- The Norma Hertzog Community Center hosted a Wedding Expo on Sunday, February 26, for the public to view the facility as a potential wedding venue. Twelve (12) vendors were on site with samples of their work for couples planning tie the knot.

Facility	Non-Profit	Private Resident	Private Commercial	Non-Resident Commercial
DD Library – Adams Room	0	0	0	0
BCC	1	0	0	0
DRC - Gym	0	0	0	1
NHCC	3	3	0	1

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its “second Saturday” restoration day on Saturday, February 11, in the vernal pool 5/6/7 watershed buffer area. There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance to support non-native plant removal activities. This post-planting site maintenance is an essential part of the overall restoration, and promotes successful establishment of the recently-installed native plants and seeds.
- The next Second Saturday Restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, March 11.

❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports – February**

- Adult Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 2023 Season began February 13 with 92 teams and a total 1,300 participants enrolled.
- Adult Basketball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Winter 2022 Season began January 9
 - Monday night: 8 teams
 - Wednesday night: 6 teams
 - Total of 180 participants enrolled
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2023 Season began February 6 with a total of 21 participants enrolled

- **Fields**

Field Usage	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
# of Organizations	61	61	39	45	45	45	45	48
Hours	3,879	6,304	33,580	36,881	31,666	8,648	7,705	14,241

- ❖ **Park Reservations**

February 2023				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	2		Shiffer	1
Estancia	1		Tanager	1
Fairview	1		TeWinkle	15
Heller	1		Vista	2
Mesa Verde	1		Wakeham	4

- ❖ **Youth Programs**

- **Presidents' Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program from during NMUSD's winter recess
- Held at Balearic Community Center
- Registration began on November 2, 2022

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (February 21-24)	50	50

- **L.E.A.P. Program**

- Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – May 26, 2023
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
- Registration began on July 20, 2022

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	40	32
3-4 year old (T/Th)	40	24

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades from August 22, 2022 – June 8, 2023
- Teen Centers at TeWinkle Middle School and Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)
- Offers shuttle transportation from Ensign Inter./Newport Harbor High School to the DRC Teen Center and Save Our Youth (SOY)

Program Location	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	19
TeWinkle Middle School	91
Shuttle Service	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	11
Save Our Youth (SOY)	3

- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

- Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – June 9, 2023
- Held at nine (9) NMUSD elementary schools
- Capacity limits and may vary per session

School Site	Capacity	Enrolled
Adams	40	37
California	60	64
College Park	40	40
Davis Magnet	80	85
Killybrooke	40	40
Paularino	40	34
Sonora	40	37
Victoria	40	43
Whittier	40	37

- **Youth Sports – Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: January 17 – March 18, 2023
 - Registration began November 2, 2022

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	25
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	33
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40

- **Youth Sports – Cheer Squad**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: January 17 – March 18, 2023
 - Registration began November 2, 2022

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	5
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	11
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40

- ❖ **Special Event Permits**

2023 Permits	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	2
Permits Issued for December	2
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1
Pending Permits	8

❖ **Capital Project Updates**

- The Brentwood Park playground replacement project is in preliminary design. Staff are coordinating community meetings to be held at the park and at a Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update process is officially underway, with a kickoff meeting held in February. Updates on progress and community input are forthcoming.
- Two capital projects have been designated funding through Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley’s Office. The projects include the expansion of the Costa Mesa Skatepark and the completion of the Café at Lion’s Park. Both projects are currently in the pre-design phase.
- One capital project, the Expansion of Ketchum-Libolt Park, has been designated funding through Assemblywoman Cottie-Petrie Norris’ Office. This project is also in pre-design. Staff have met with a potential project manager that would likely focus on community outreach for the project.
- Four (4) other sites have been designated as locations for funding provided through Senator Dave Min’s Office. These project sites include the Jack Hammett Sports Complex, TeWinkle Park, Fairview Park, and Shalimar Park. Actual project scope for each site is still under review, with public comment opportunities currently in the works. A community outreach meeting is currently being discussed internally and will be shared with the Commission when details are final.

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Art Crawl	Saturday, March 11	Pick-up and Drop-off is at Costa Mesa City Hall
Spring Fest	Saturday, April 8	Lion’s Park Event Lawn
Imaginology	Sat./Sun., April 15-16	OC Fairgrounds
Spring Bark Bash	Saturday, April 29	TeWinkle Park