



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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❖ **Adaptive Programming**

- Access Costa Mesa hosted the all-abilities Wild West Dance on Friday, April 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Over 60 friends attended and enjoyed making friendship bracelets, dancing to music by DJ Noah, and posing in the photo booth.

❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Winter 2025 began February 3 – April 18
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring began February 1- August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Winter 2025	Feb. 4 – April 14	8	7	169

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April
# of Organizations	51	51	51	52	52	52	53	54
Hours	37,518	45,604	30,672	15,566	9,761	21,216	31,072	42,384

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	148
Hamilton	42	42	49

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April
Youth & Adult Totals:	319	381	282	199	337	290	320	349

- New classes for March: Spring Break Rollerskating & Skateboarding Camp

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The March 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4,484 members. This is an increase of 161 members since February 2025.
- On Tuesday, March 18, Senior Center members learned all about preventative care and risk factors for colorectal cancer from the UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Community Outreach Worker, LCSW Lucy Tseng and Recreation Coordinator Enyelber Franco took the stage at the highly anticipated Connections CPRS Conference and Expo in Sacramento. Their presentation, Bridging the Gap of Social Services in Aging Services, addressed a critical need in the aging services sector. With a packed room of 80 attendees, Lucy and Enyelber explored practical solutions for local agencies that lack on-site social workers but wish to establish social services programs for seniors.

Senior Programs	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,627	1,268	1,384	1,234	1,250	1,297	1,332	1,286
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,519	1,154	1,291	1,169	1,235	1,130	1,332	1,158
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	422	379	420	208	395	367	420	420
Wellness Calls	2,111	1,790	1,903	1,769	2,179	1,868	1,788	1,684
Transportation Program Trips	2,517	1,829	2,252	2,082	2,101	2,149	2,380	2,300

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Drop-In Participants	124	141	124	87	87	98	125	134
Total Drop-In Visits	549	534	482	326	322	363	500	553
Instructional Class Participants	429	238	9	0	6	5	60	233
Instructional Class Attendance	1,192	502	78	0	27	31	326	842

- Of the 233 instructional class participants, 81 participants were part of the new Swim Safe Initiative providing free swimming and water safety lessons to Costa Mesa youth:

Participants	Program
24	Camp Splashdown (Spring Break Swim & Water Safety Camp)
9	SOY Swim
48	NMUSD After-School Swim & Water Safety

- Camp Splashdown ran during NMUSD’s spring break (April 7th-11th) and provided daily, free swim and water safety lessons to participants ages 6-14. Participants were also able to learn all about the importance of sun protection from Hoag Hospital, ocean safety tips and tricks from the Newport Beach Lifeguards, and even visited Costa Mesa Fire Station #3 for a lesson on emergency response!

- On May 17th, we will be holding the first-ever Safe Splash Bash from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly water safety event will allow participants of all ages to learn about water safety, practice hands-only CPR, and participate in interactive demos to make strides towards a water smart Costa Mesa.

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	April	
	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	124	712
Youth Open Gym	66	148
Basketball	41	97
Volleyball	100	162

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Number of Rentals	31	42	30	32	34	35	54	39

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosts monthly 2nd Saturday restoration events in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance, and 3rd Saturday Restoration days in partnership with Coastal Corridor Alliance. The next second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for May 10, and the next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for May 17 in conjunction with Love Costa Mesa Day. The City has created a new landing page for Fairview Park Ecological Restoration, which includes information on both Saturday restoration volunteer opportunities: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/community/fairview-park/habitat-restoration>
- The Fairview Park section is initiating a new Fairview Park restoration volunteering opportunity on alternating Fridays. The City currently has openings for a limited number of committed long-term volunteers. Please see the Fairview Park page of the City website for more details.

❖ **Permits**

April - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	7	Smallwood	2
Estancia	2	TeWinkle	17
Heller	3	Vista	1
Jordan	2	Wakeham	5
Shiffer	4		

Film Permits	
	April
Permits Issued in April	6
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	6
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	16

Special Event Permits	
	April
Permits Issued in April	11
Permits at City Facilities	5
Permits at Private Commercial Property	6
Pending Permits on TESSA	4
Total Permits Issued for 2025	25

❖ **Youth Programs**

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

- August 19, 2024 – May 23, 2025
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	April
3-5 year old	40	36

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

- August 19, 2024 – June 6, 2025
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	April
Adams	33
California	117
College Park	63
Davis	187
Killybrooke	59
Paularino	30
Sonora	46
Victoria	34
Whittier	41

- **Mobile Recreation**

- Free drop-in program providing recreation to elementary-age children at neighborhood parks with limited access to summer programs
- Registration is not required
- Attends City events to provide interactive games and crafts to the public

Day of the Week	Location	April
Monday	Shalimar Park	8
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	10
Wednesday	Shalimar Park	9
Thursday	Shalimar Park	10
Weekends	City Events	210

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: January 14 – March 15, 2025
- Due to an extensive waitlist, there are two C-Division groups

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

- **BeFIT Volleyball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: March 25 – May 24, 2025

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

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades from August 19, 2024 – June 5, 2025
- 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	April
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	180
TeWinkle Middle School	243
Excursions	25
Shuttle Service	April
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	145
Save Our Youth (SOY)	107
Teen Camp (February 18-21)	April
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	50

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Access Costa Mesa’s 2025 All-Abilities Resource Fair	Saturday, May 3	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Safe Splash Bash	Saturday, May 17	Downtown Aquatic Center