



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT - MARCH 2025

DATE: APRIL 4, 2025

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❖ 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	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
# of Organizations	51	51	51	51	52	52	52	53
Hours	16,821	37,518	45,604	30,672	15,566	9,761	21,216	31,072

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	139
Hamilton	42	42	45

❖ Contract Classes

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Youth & Adult Totals:	291	319	381	282	199	337	290	320

- New classes for March: Preschool Ninjastastics, Homeschool Skateboarding Lessons

❖ **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	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	4,216	1,627	1,268	1,384	1,234	1,250	1,297	1,332
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	2,202	1,519	1,154	1,291	1,169	1,235	1,130	1,332
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	430	422	379	420	208	395	367	420
Wellness Calls	1,692	2,111	1,790	1,903	1,769	2,179	1,868	1,788
Transportation Program Trips	2,147	2,517	1,829	2,252	2,082	2,101	2,149	2,380

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
Drop-In Participants	265	124	141	124	87	87	98	125
Total Drop-In Visits	961	549	534	482	326	322	363	500
Instructional Class Participants	782	429	238	9	0	6	5	60
Instructional Class Attendance	1,697	1,192	502	78	0	27	31	326

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

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Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	156	761
Youth Open Gym	61	162
Basketball	53	122
Volleyball	109	188

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
Number of Rentals	45	31	42	30	32	34	35	54

❖ **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 April 12, and the next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for April 19. 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 attached flyer for additional details and a registration link.

❖ **Permits**

March - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Canyon	1		Shiffer	1
Del Mesa	6		Smallwood	2
Estancia	1		Tanager	1
Heller	3		TeWinkle	17
Jordan	2		Vista	4
Marina View	1		Wakeham	7

Film Permits	
	March
Permits Issued	3
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2024/2025	10

Special Event Permits	
	March
Permits Issued for October	4
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	6
Total Permits Issued for 2025	17

❖ **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	March
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	March
Adams	33
California	121
College Park	65
Davis	189
Killybrooke	63
Paularino	29
Sonora	47
Victoria	33
Whittier	40

• **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	March
Monday	Shalimar Park	10
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	8
Wednesday	Shalimar Park	9
Thursday	Shalimar Park	11
Weekends	City Events	0

• **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	29
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	32
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	80

- **Cheer**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: January 13 – March 15, 2025

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	13
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	16
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	45

- **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	March
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	248
TeWinkle Middle School	362
Excursions	18
Shuttle Service	March
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	134
Save Our Youth (SOY)	127
Teen Camp (February 18-21)	March
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	41

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Teen Event: Color Rush! Capture the Flag	Saturday, March 15	Downtown Recreation Center
Access Costa Mesa Wild, Wild West Dance	Friday, April 11	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Restoration Saturday	Saturday, April 12	Fairview Park
Access Costa Mesa's 2025 All-Abilities Resource Fair	Saturday, May 3	Costa Mesa Senior Center