



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 8, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2025

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❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Fall 2025 began September 22 – December 4
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2025 began August 16 – December 7

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Spring 2025	May 12 – July 21	8	7	156
Fall 2025	Sept. 15 – Dec. 1	8	0	96

• **Fields**

Field Usage	June	July	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
# of Organizations	54	54	54	59	59	59	59	61
Hours	16,889	11,072	11,072	20,128	38,324	44,499	25,745	21,615

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	170
Hamilton	42	42	58

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Youth & Adult Totals:	362	206	291	335	406	311	237

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The December 2025 monthly newsletter was provided to 5128 members. This is an increase of 159 members since October 2025.
- Seniors enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, where they were treated to a full-service meal graciously served by Costa Mesa's Fire and Police Departments. The celebration featured live classical music by a violinist, along with games, photo opportunities, and raffle prizes—creating a warm and festive occasion for everyone to be thankful this year.
- The Senior Center hosted its largest event of the year, Breakfast with Snoopy. Snoopy and Santa made special appearances as participants enjoyed a full-service breakfast served by the Costa Mesa Fire and Police Departments. Senior Center staff prepared a selection of favorite homestyle recipes and shared a holiday cookbook with attendees. The celebration also featured a DJ with karaoke, photo opportunities with Santa and Snoopy, games, and original handmade décor created by the Senior Center team.

Senior Programs	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,122	1,367	1,273	1,233	1,375	1,233	1,233
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,157	1,287	1,261	1,175	1,172	1,175	1,175
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	371	400	370	410	400	415	208
Wellness Calls	571	617	558	561	875	557	540
Transportation Program Trips	2,404	2,580	2,422	2,568	2,731	2,199	2,495

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Drop-In Participants	204	259	260	135	126	126	109
Total Drop-In Visits	1,016	1,162	917	556	529	556	410
Instructional Class Participants	390	652	232	394	100	N/A	N/A
Instructional Class Attendance	1,601	2,546	386	969	703	N/A	N/A

* Instructional classes closed during winter season.

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	November		December	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Participants
Pickleball	143	771	143	143
Youth Open Gym	36	103	36	36
Basketball	79	258	79	79
Volleyball	50	60	50	50

❖ Facility Rentals

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Number of Rentals	35	37	37	22	30	39	33

❖ Fairview Park

- City Council provided direction on the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update during the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting. The consultant is currently preparing the CEQA documentation for the project. The CEQA document and updated Draft will be posted on the project website upon completion of the CEQA analysis. Please visit the link below to review the Draft and other project information: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/fvpmp>
- 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 City will be hosting planting days on January 10 and January 17 in the community-based restoration areas of the upper canyon.
- The Fairview Park section has initiated a new Fairview Park restoration volunteering opportunity on alternating Fridays. The volunteers are working on a new restoration site. The City currently has openings for a limited number of committed long-term volunteers. Visit the City's Fairview Park website to learn more.

❖ Permits

November - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Canyon	1		Marina View	1
Del Mesa	4		Shiffer	4
Estancia	5		Smallwood	3
Heller	4		TeWinkle	13
Jordan	1		Wakeham	13

December - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	3		TeWinkle	14
Estancia	2		Wakeham	3
Jordan	1			

Film Permits		
	November	December
Permits Issued for the month	2	0
Permits at City Facilities	0	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	1	1
Total Permits Issued for 2025	27	27

Special Event Permits		
	November	December
Permits Issued for the month	5	4
Permits at City Facilities	3	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	6	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	61	65

❖ **Youth Programs**

• **L.E.A.P.**

- August 18, 2025 – May 22, 2026
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	November	December
3-5 year old	44	27	27

• **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

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

School Site	Nov.	Dec.
Adams	28	29
California	101	104
College Park	69	67
Davis	216	216
Killybrooke	51	51
Paularino	26	27
Sonora	44	37
Victoria	28	25
Whittier	37	38

• **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	Nov.	Dec.
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A
Weekends	City Events	N/A	N/A

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Pickleball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center
 - Season: September 16 – November 6, 2025

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	20	21
B. 4th - 5th Grade	20	19
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	20	20

- **Winter Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's winter recess
 - Held at Balearic Community Center

Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
Week 1: December 22-26	50	46
Week 2: December 29 – January 2	50	50

- **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)
 - Held a Winter Drop-in program at the Downtown Recreation Center, which serviced 95 participants in an six-day duration.

Program Location	Nov.	Dec.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	15	14
TeWinkle Middle School	14	15
Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament Teens vs. Costa Mesa Police		57
Shuttle Service	Nov.	Dec.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	14	12
Save Our Youth (SOY)	8	7

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
CMSC Lunar New Year Celebration	Tuesday, February 17	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Access Resource Fair	Saturday, February 28	Costa Mesa Senior Center