



# **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## **COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.1

**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023**

**DATE: August 7, 2023**

**FROM: ALMA REYES, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER**

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### ❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	93
Hamilton	42	42	29

### ❖ **Contract Classes**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Youth & Adult Totals:	205	183	366	590	407	348	598	339

### ❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The August monthly newsletter was mailed to 2,785 members. This is an increase of 101 members since July 2023.
- On August 17, seniors enjoyed international food, games, and raffles at the Costa Mesa Senior Center's 2nd annual International Food Fair.

Senior Programs	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	2,450	3,023	3,465	3,836	3,459	4014	3,196	4,929
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,085	1,405	1,724	1,879	1,682	1997	1,609	2463
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	110	255	280	246	258	390	134	447
Wellness Calls	1,066	1,457	1,288	1,412	1,321	759	1,264	1,833
Transportation Program Trips	553	758	842	1,169	1,122	1,000	1,164	1,595

### ❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

August				
Gym Programs	Pickleball	Youth Open Gym	Basketball	Volleyball
Participants	154	102	48	138
Visits	809	186	94	222

### ❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

2022 Aquatics Programs	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Adult Lap Swim Participants	81	88	92	124	128	177	456	657
Total Lap Swim Visits	341	305	350	561	458	510	893	994
Instructional Class Participants	0	10	52	64	122	293	427	272
Instructional Class Attendance	0	33	200	442	562	688	1,667	1,257

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Number of Rentals	7	9	19	13	9	15	17	16

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration day on Saturday, August 12, in partnership with the Fairview Park Alliance. The focus for the day was the vernal pool 5/6/7 watershed buffer area.
  - ~15 members of the public attended to support non-native plant removal activities. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, September 9. In addition to volunteer support with weed removal in the buffer area, City staff and contractors continue with site maintenance and watering of the new plantings.
- The City has partnered with the Banning Ranch Conservancy in hosting additional monthly restoration days on the 3rd Saturday of each month. These 3rd Saturday Restoration days focus on the coastal sage scrub areas in the upper canyon. On Saturday, August 19, volunteers from the Banning Ranch Conservancy assisted in non-native plant removal activities.
- On August 31st, the consultant for the Master Plan update, MIG, continued the Community Outreach phase of the project by hosting a Fairview Park Master Plan Update Community Workshop. Participants had interactive discussions to share input and feedback about their visions for Fairview Park.

❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports – August**

- Adult Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
  - Adult Softball takes a break due to the Rest and Renovation schedule for the regular field maintenance.
  - Fall 2023 Season begins September 17.
- Adult Basketball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Summer 2023 Season began July 10 – September 18
  - Monday nights were enrolled with 6 teams and Wednesday nights were enrolled with 6 teams with a total 125 participants enrolled. Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
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  - Fall 2023 Season begins September 23.

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
# of Organizations	45	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
Hours	7,705	14,241	24,385	26,027	77,983	26,124	11,265.75	12,601

❖ **Park Reservations**

August 2023				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	5		Smallwood	2
Estancia	8		TeWinkle	13
Heller	2		Vista	2
Shiffer	5		Wakeham	11

❖ **Youth Programs - Summer**

• **Camp Mini Explorers**

- Fee-based program from June 12, 2023-July 21, 2023
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
- Registration began on May 8, 2023

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	40	40
3-4 year old (T/Th)	40	35

• **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess
- Held at Estancia Park
- Registration began on May 8, 2023

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 12-June 16)	90	90
2 (June 19-June 23)	90	90
3 (June 26-June 30)	90	90
4 (July 3-July 7)	90	67
5 (July 10-July 14)	90	90
6 (July 17-July 21)	90	86
7 (July 24-July 28)	90	70
8 (July 31-August 4)	90	85
9 (August 7-August 11)	90	90

• **Summer R.O.C.K.S Program**

- Free resident summer program from June 12, 2023 – August 18, 2023
- Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center
- Registration began on May 8, 2023

Balearic Community Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 12-July 14)	307
Session 2 (July 17-August 11)	310
Session 3 (August 14-August 18)	314
Downtown Recreation Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 12-July 14)	95
Session 2 (July 17-August 11)	109

• **Teen Camp**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess
- Held at Downtown Recreation Center

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 12-June 16)	27	18
2 (June 19-June 23)	27	15
3 (June 26-June 30)	27	21
4 (July 3-July 7)	27	22
5 (July 10-July 14)	27	21
6 (July 17-July 21)	27	25
7 (July 24-July 28)	27	27
8 (July 31-August 4)	27	26
9 (August 7-August 11)	27	26

- **Youth Sports – Happy Feet Running Club**

- Free program teaching short and long-distance running techniques
- Practices held at Balearic and Fairview Parks
- Season: June 14 – August 5, 2023

Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
1st - 8th Grade	60	60

- Season ended with a 5K Fun Run at Fairview Park
- 45 runners participated and received finishing medals
- Fastest time set at 22:26:80 by a 6th grade participant
- Lunch was provided by Frank's Philadelphia

- ❖ **Youth Programs**

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

- Fee-based program from August 21, 2023 – May 24, 2024
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
- Operates Monday – Friday for all ages
- Registration began on July 17, 2023

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	20	18
3-4 year old (T/Th)	20	18

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

- Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – June 9, 2023
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites
  - No enrollment capacity

School Site	Enrolled
Adams	39
California	112
College Park	49
Davis	180
Killybrooke	49
Paularino	26
Sonora	39
Victoria	53
Whittier	29

- **Teen Program - June**

- Free afterschool care for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades from August 21, 2023 – June 6, 2024
- 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)	24
TeWinkle Middle School	44
Shuttle Service	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	28
Save Our Youth (SOY)	4

❖ **Block Parties**

2023 Block Party Permit	
Permits Issued for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	9
Permits Issued for Labor Day	1

❖ **Special Event Permits**

August	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	41
Permits Issued for August	6
Permits at City Facilities	5
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	3

❖ **Film Permits**

August	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	21
Permits issued for August	3
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	1

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Hispanic Heritage Month Event	Saturday, September 23	Lions Park Event Lawn
Senior Center Health Fair	Wednesday, September 27	Senior Center
All Abilities Coffee and Conversation	Saturday, September 30	TeWinkle Park
Symphony on the Go!	Saturday, September 30	TeWinkle Park
Scarecrow Festival	Saturday, October 14	Lions Park Event Lawn
Art Crawl Experience #2	Saturday, October 21	City Hall
Barktoberfest	Saturday, October 21	TeWinkle Park
ARTventure Juried Art Exhibition	October 27 – November 5	Norma Hertzog Community Center (NHCC)
Free Park Performances	Saturday, October 28	Lions Park Event Lawn
Trunk or Treat	Saturday, October 28	Ikea
ARTventure – Community	Saturday, October 28	NHCC
ARTventure – Awards Ceremony	Saturday, October 28	OCMA