



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2024

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2024

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

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❖ Adaptive Programming

- **A Wicked Dance**

- Access Costa Mesa was proud to host the second annual Wicked Dance at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on Friday, October 18. Our all abilities friendly dance featured spooky beats spun by DJ Noah and photos captured at the phantasmic photo booth. Dancers lined up early and in costume ready to dance the night away in a safe and welcoming environment. With over 100 attendees, we made new friends, reacquainted with old ones, ate our weight in candy, and most importantly, had a wicked good time.

❖ Adult Sports

- **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Fall 2024 begins September 14 – December 15
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Fall 2024 begins September 14 – December 15

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff

Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Fall 2024	Sept. 30 – Dec. 16	7	5	114
Summer 2024	July 15 – Sept. 23	5	4	98
Spring 2024	April 15 – June 26	6	6	139

- **Fields**

Field Usage	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
# of Organizations	47	51	51	51	51	51	51
Hours	30,035	32,934	14,586	12,688	16,821	37,518	45,604

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	135
Hamilton	42	42	39

❖ **Contract Classes**

	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Youth & Adult Totals:	328	426	317	329	369	291	319	381

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The October 2024 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4,041 members. This is an increase of 53 members since September 2024.
- Seniors had a spooktacular good time at the annual Halloween Bash. Seniors enjoyed lunch from Pizza D' Oro, dancing, and a costume contest.
- The LEAP program visited the Senior Center dressed in their Halloween costumes for the annual LEAP Trick or Treat. This year's theme was Nightmare Before Christmas, so doors throughout the center were decorated by the center's creative staff. Senior volunteers distributed candy to the happy trick or treaters.

Senior Programs	March	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,885	4,416	3,576	1,582	4,216	1,627	1,268
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	2,002	2,400	1,929	1,493	2,202	1,519	1,154
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	184	623	501	405	430	422	379
Wellness Calls	1,752	2,146	1,950	2,118	1,692	2,111	1,790
Transportation Program Trips	1,656	2,445	1,773	2,413	2,147	2,517	1,829

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Drop-In Participants	85	47	54	186	174	265	124	141
Total Drop-In Visits	234	128	146	641	678	961	549	534
Instructional Class Participants	N/A	N/A	N/A	292	516	782	429	238
Instructional Class Attendance	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,105	1,705	1,697	1,192	502

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	September		October	
	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	159	652	163	691
Youth Open Gym	37	100	30	85
Basketball	36	77	18	62
Volleyball	128	244	93	161

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Number of Rentals	48	47	59	38	41	45	31	42

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration days on October 12th, in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance, focusing on non-native vegetation removal in the vernal pool 5/6/7 buffer area. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th.
- The City hosted a Teens Give Back event at Fairview Park on October 19th. The teens installed about 50 native coastal sage scrub plans and then removed a large patch of invasive mustard plants.

❖ **Permits**

September - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	1	Shiffer	5
Del Mesa	7	Smallwood	2
Estancia	5	TeWinkle	27
Heller	3	Vista	3
Jordan	1	Wakeham	14
Pinkley	1		

October - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	2	Shiffer	5
Canyon	1	Smallwood	4
Del Mesa	7	Tanager	1
Estancia	3	TeWinkle	18
Heller	1	Vista	6
Jordan	3	Wakeham	9

Film Permits		
	Sept.	Oct.
Permits Issued	1	3
Permits at City Facilities	1	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	0	2
Total Permits Issued for 2024	8	12

Special Event Permits		
	Sept.	Oct.
Permits Issued for October	5	5
Permits at City Facilities	4	3
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	1	5
Total Permits Issued for 2024	43	46

❖ **Youth Programs**

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

- August 19, 2024 – May 23, 2025
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 20
- Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
3-5 year old	40	29	30	

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

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

School Site	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Adams	32	32	
California	132	136	
College Park	69	69	
Davis	194	199	
Killybrooke	61	66	
Paularino	25	26	
Sonora	41	44	
Victoria	50	51	
Whittier	40	39	

- **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	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Monday	Paularino Park	32	21	
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	11	26	
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park	6	5	
Thursday	Wilson Park	8	2	
Weekends	City Events	2,500	315	

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Pickleball**

- Inaugural season
- Free program teaching fundamentals of Pickleball in a six-week session
- Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: August 27 – October 5, 2024

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	20	19
B. 4th - 5th Grade	20	18
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	20	20

- **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	Sept.	Oct.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	197	342
TeWinkle Middle School	261	332
Excursions	51	21
Shuttle Service	Sept.	Oct.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	216	203
Save Our Youth (SOY)	106	140

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
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Snoopy House	December 13 – 20	City Hall
Senior Thanksgiving Lunch	Thursday, November 21	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Costa Mesa Historical Society Scarecrow Soiree	Saturday, October 6	Norma Hertzog Community Center
Scarecrow Festival	Saturday, October 12	Lions Park Event Lawn
Teens Spooktacular Pumpkin Palooza and Movie Night	Friday, October 18	Downtown Recreation Center
Access Costa Mesa, <i>A Wicked Dance</i>	Friday, October 18	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Teen Program Gives Back with Restoration Saturday	Saturday, October 19	Fairview Park