



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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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 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	176
Fall 2025	Sept. 15 – Dec. 1	0	8	82

• **Fields**

Field Usage	April	May	June	July	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
# of Organizations	54	54	54	54	54	59	59	59
Hours	42,384	50,660	16,889	11,072	11,072	20,128	38,324	44,499

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	151
Hamilton	42	42	61

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Youth & Adult Totals:	349	293	362	206	291	335	406

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The October 2025 monthly newsletter was provided to 4969 members. This is an increase of 60 members since September 2025.
- Seniors had a “wicked” time at the Senior Center’s annual Halloween Bash. This year’s Wicked theme was loved by all and included lunch, karaoke, a costume contest, and décor handmade with love by CMSC staff.

Senior Programs	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,286	1,213	1,122	1,367	1,273	1,233	1,375
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,158	1,255	1,157	1,287	1,261	1,175	1,172
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	420	334	371	400	370	410	400
Wellness Calls	1,684	2,088	571	617	558	561	875
Transportation Program Trips	2,300	2,565	2,404	2,580	2,422	2,568	2,731

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Drop-In Participants	134	168	204	259	260	135	126
Total Drop-In Visits	553	592	1,016	1,162	917	556	529
Instructional Class Participants	233	258	390	652	232	394	100
Instructional Class Attendance	842	1,305	1,601	2,546	386	969	703

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Swim Lessons		
	Participants	Attendance
Killybrooke Elementary	34	34
Victoria Elementary	36	39
Total Spectators		53

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

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

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Number of Rentals	39	50	35	37	37	22	30

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City has released the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update for public review. The Draft will be available for public comments for a minimum of 30 days. 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 November restoration days will be held on November 8th and November 15th.
- 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**

October - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	1	Jordan	3
Canyon	2	Shiffer	2
Heller	5	Smallwood	3
Estancia	4	TeWinkle	14
Heller	3	Wakeham	6

Film Permits	
	October
Permits Issued for the month	3
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	26

Special Event Permits	
	October
Permits Issued for the month	2
Permits at City Facilities	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	5
Total Permits Issued for 2025	58

❖ Youth Programs

• **L.E.A.P.**

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

Age (Days)	Capacity	October
3-5 year old	44	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	Oct.
Adams	29
California	108
College Park	68
Davis	218
Killybrooke	46
Paularino	28
Sonora	42
Victoria	26
Whittier	36

• **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	Oct.
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A
Weekends	City Events	100

* Scarecrow Festival

- **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	Oct.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	16
TeWinkle Middle School	20
Spooktacular Pumpkin Palooza	58
Shuttle Service	Oct.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	17
Save Our Youth (SOY)	7

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Teens Los Rios Ranchos Apple Picking – Oak Glen, CA	November 15	Downtown Recreation Center
Senior Center Thanksgiving Lunch	November 20	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Teens Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament	December 4	Downtown Recreation Center
Snoopy House	December 12-19	Costa Mesa City Hall
Access Resource Fair	February 28	Costa Mesa Senior Center