



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

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SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2023

DATE: APRIL 10, 2023

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❖ **Animal Care Services**

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Impounded animals	92	36	60	49	47	33	37	44
Returned to owner	20	7	9	6	11	3	9	12
Transferred to adoption center	39	48	28	27	34	26	9	24
Adopted	25	31	30	4	39	7	7	17
Animal License Issued/Renewed	247	245	244	195	201	249	211	251

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	68
Hamilton	42	42	23

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Youth & Adult Totals:	170	183	233	157	84	205	183	366

- New classes for Spring include: 4 youth dance, 6 youth tumbling, and 2 adult yoga classes

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The monthly newsletter was mailed out to 2,114 members.
- On March 21, Mayor John Stephens visited the Costa Mesa Senior Center, Meals On Wheels Lunch Café Program. The Costa Mesa Senior Center partners with Meals on Wheels Orange County to provide a hot lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at 11:30a.m. Meals on Wheels Orange County CEO Holly Hagler and her team were on-site to meet with the Mayor and to discuss how the Meals On Wheels Lunch Café program operates. Seniors were excited to chat with Mayor Stephens and the Meals on Wheels Orange County team.
- On March 31, Seniors were transported in the Senior Center Electric Shuttle by City Staff to the Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA). Seniors enjoyed viewing the art and socializing outside of the Senior Center.

Senior Programs	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	5,918	4,053	4,317	4,335	3,091	2,450	3,023	3,465
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,721	1,351	1,439	1,425	1,287	1,085	1,405	1,724
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	85	170	170	110	141	110	255	280
Wellness Calls	1,001	1,017	1,213	1,155	1,168	1,066	1,457	1,288
Transportation Program Trips	862	745	941	830	727	553	758	842

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	Pickleball	Youth Open Gym	Basketball	Volleyball
Participants	146	96	15	89
Visits	598	162	18	164

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

2022 Aquatics Programs	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Adult Lap Swim Participants	121	113	69	71	112	81	88	92
Total Lap Swim Visits	520	353	402	216	249	341	305	350
Instructional Class Participants	255	50	71	0	0	0	10	52
Instructional Class Attendance	469	298	235	0	0	0	33	200
Swimming Lesson Spectators	1,051	372	215	0	0	0	14	134

❖ **Facility Rentals – March**

Facility	Non-Profit	Private Resident	Private Commercial	Non-Resident Commercial
DD Library – Adams Room	1	0	1	0
BCC	4	0	0	0
DRC - Gym	0	0	0	0
NHCC	6	6	1	0

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its *Second Saturday* restoration day on Saturday, April 8, in partnership with the Fairview Park Alliance. The focus for the day was the vernal pool 5/6/7 watershed buffer area. There were approximately 50 members of the public in attendance to support non-native plant removal activities. This post-planting site maintenance is an essential part of the overall restoration, and promotes successful establishment of the native plants and seeds. The next *Second Saturday* restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, May 13.
- The City has partnered with the Banning Ranch Conservancy in hosting additional monthly restoration days. These 3rd Saturday Restoration days will focus on the coastal sage scrub areas in the upper canyon.
- On Saturday, March 25, the City hosted a nature walk, drawing over 30 attendees to take part in learning and exploring the park's unique natural ecosystems, including vernal pools, grasslands, coastal sage scrub and riparian habitats. During the tour, participants were led through a portion of the Fairview Park mesa to view the largest vernal pool, where the City's contracted biologist discussed the geological and ecological context about these rare amphibious ecosystems.

❖ Adult Sports

• **Adult Sports – March**

- Adult Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 2023 Season began February 13 with 92 teams and a total 1,300 participants enrolled.
- Adult Basketball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Winter 2022 Season began January 9
 - Monday night: 8 teams
 - Wednesday night: 6 teams
 - Total of 180 participants enrolled
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2023 Season began February 6 with a total of 24 participants enrolled

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
# of Organizations	61	39	45	45	45	45	48	48
Hours	6,304	33,580	36,881	31,666	8,648	7,705	14,241	24,385

❖ Park Reservations

March 2023				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	1		Tanager	1
Estancia	1		TeWinkle	21
Heller	1		Vista	1
Shiffer	2		Wakeham	5
Smallwood	1			

❖ Youth Programs

• **1-Day Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's conference day
- Held at Balearic Community Center
- Registration began on November 2, 2022

Day	Capacity	Enrolled
Wednesday, March 15	50	50

• **Spring Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program from during NMUSD's spring recess
- Held at Balearic Community Center
- Registration began on February 6, 2023

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (April 10-14)	50	50

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

- Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – May 26, 2023
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
- Registration began on July 20, 2022

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	40	32
3-4 year old (T/Th)	40	24

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades from August 22, 2022 – June 8, 2023
- 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)	20
TeWinkle Middle School	96
Shuttle Service	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	18
Save Our Youth (SOY)	3

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

- Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – June 9, 2023
- Held at nine (9) NMUSD elementary schools
- Capacity limits and may vary per session

School Site	Capacity	Enrolled
Adams	40	39
California	60	64
College Park	40	40
Davis Magnet	80	82
Killybrooke	40	40
Paularino	40	35
Sonora	40	36
Victoria	40	41
Whittier	40	37

- **Youth Sports – Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: January 17 – March 18, 2023
 - Registration began November 2, 2022

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	25
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	33
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40

- **Youth Sports – Cheer Squad**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: January 17 – March 18, 2023
 - Registration began November 2, 2022

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	5
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	11
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40

❖ **Special Event Permits**

2023 Permits	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	9
Permits Issued for March	3
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits	5

❖ **Capital Project Updates**

- The Brentwood Park playground replacement project is in preliminary design. It will be included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Program (CIP) review.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update is ongoing. Staff have been meeting with representatives from the MIG team, exchanging information, and discussing the timeline for public meetings.
- Two capital projects have been designated funding through Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley's Office. The projects include the expansion of the Costa Mesa Skatepark and the completion of the Café at Lion's Park. Both projects are currently in the pre-design phase.
- One capital project, the Expansion of Ketchum-Libolt Park, has been designated funding through Assemblywoman Cottie-Petrie Norris' Office. This project is also in pre-design. Staff have met with a potential project manager that would likely focus on community outreach for the project.
- Four (4) other sites have been designated as locations for funding provided through Senator Dave Min's Office. These project sites include the Jack Hammett Sports Complex, TeWinkle Park, Fairview Park, and Shalimar Park. Actual project scope for each site is undertermined as the projects undergo review by the City Council.
- The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is being discussed at a City Council Study session on April 11, and during the PACs meeting on April 13.

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Imaginology	Sat./Sun., April 15-16	OC Fairgrounds
Earth Day	Saturday, April 22	City Hall
Spring Bark Bash	Saturday, April 29	TeWinkle Park
Love Costa Mesa Day	Saturday, May 20	Kick-Off is at City Hall