



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 8, 2024

ITEM NUMBER: MR

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2024

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2024

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❖ Adaptive Programming

- **A Night Under the Stars Dance**

- Join us for a night full of dancing and treats to enjoy at the Costa Mesa Senior Center! Friday, August 9 at 6:30pm. Ages 14 and up. *Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.*

❖ Adult Sports

- **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Summer 2024 began May 13 – July 21
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2024 begins Feb. 1 – Aug. 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Spring 2024	April 15 – June 26	6	6	139
Summer 2024	July 15 – Sept. 23	5	4	98

- **Fields**

Field Usage	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
# of Organizations	47	47	47	47	51	51	51
Hours	6,443	9,372	25,544	30,035	32,934	14,586	12,688

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	129
Hamilton	42	42	33

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Youth & Adult Totals:	356	362	328	426	317	329	369

- New classes introduced for June and July: Minecraft Creative Coding, Ninja Parkour Camp, Flag Football Fueled by USA Football, US Nationals Prep Karate Camp, GK Karate Camp, Music Wiggles and Arts Camp, Harry Potter Literary Camp, Minecraft Building and Design, Volleyball Camp, Multi-Sport Camp.

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The July 2024 monthly newsletter was mailed to 3,878 members. This is an increase of 169 members since June 2024.
- The Senior Center hosted an unforgettable Mother's Day event, complete with the sweet strings of a talented violinist, delectable Pizza D'Oro catering, entertaining games, and a delightful photo booth. It was a day filled with love and cherished memories.
- Seniors embraced their creativity by crafting beautiful origami flowers during the center's monthly art workshop. They created a vibrant bouquet of colorful lilies and roses.
- On June 14, the Senior Center celebrated Father's Day with goodie bags for all dads that came into the center.
- On June 20, twenty Senior Center members received a tour of the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Health Living (MHSCHL). MHSCHL houses various non-profit organizations to bring community services addressing everything from health care to legal services (for families), to mental and social support. Seniors were treated to a healthy and delicious lunch while Hoag Community Health program staff provided detailed information about MHSCHL's Nurse Navigation, Case Management, and Mental Health Center

Senior Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	May	June	July
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,528	3,381	3,885	4,416	3,576	1,582
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,732	1,127	2,002	2,400	1,929	1,493
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	180	398	184	623	501	405
Wellness Calls	1,356	1,972	1,752	2,146	1,950	2,118
Transportation Program Trips	1,079	1,775	1,656	2,445	1,773	2,413

❖ **Downtown Aquatics Center**

Aquatics Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Drop-In Participants	119	119	85	47	54	186	174
Total Drop-In Visits	441	481	234	128	146	641	678
Instructional Class Participants	N/A	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	292	516
Instructional Class Attendance	N/A	88	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,105	1,705

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	May		June		July	
	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	137	636	605	605	152	720
Youth Open Gym	34	73	119	119	87	207
Basketball	17	38	63	63	22	55
Volleyball	73	162	171	171	119	206

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Number of Rentals	33	36	48	47	59	38	41

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration days on May 11th, June 8th and July 13th, 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, August 10th.
- The City hosted its Third Saturday restoration days on May 18th, June 15th, and July 20th in partnership with Coastal Corridor Alliance (CCA). The 3rd Saturday Restoration days focus on the coastal sage scrub (CSS) areas in the upper canyon. The next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team is preparing for upcoming public engagement opportunities, including a scheduled community workshop in September.

❖ **Permits**

Park Rental Permits							
Park Location	Permits Issued			Park Location	Permits Issued		
	May	June	July		May	June	July
Del Mesa	8	8	3	Shiffer	2	4	14
Estancia	6	2	4	Smallwood	2	5	2
Gisler	-	1	-	Tanager	-	1	-
Heller	2	5	5	TeWinkle	26	24	8

Park Location	Permits Issued			Park Location	Permits Issued		
	May	June	July		May	June	July
Jordan	1			Vista	4	4	
Pinkley		1		Wakeham	10	18	12

Film Permits			
	May	June	July
Permits Issued for May	2	0	2
Permits at City Facilities	1	0	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1	0	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	0	0	0
Total Permits Issued for 2024	6	6	8

Special Event Permits			
	May	June	July
Permits Issued for May	4	9	8
Permits at City Facilities	2	4	33
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2	4	5
Pending Permits on TESSA	9	7	3
Total Permits Issued for 2024	13	21	29

Block Party Permits	
Permits issued for 4 th of July Holiday	8

- Now accepting September 2nd Labor Day Block Party Applications
 - Deadline to Submit: 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 15, 2024

❖ Youth Programs

- **L.E.A.P. Program**
 - August 21, 2023 – May 24, 2024
 - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 20
 - Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
3-5 year old	40	34	37	38	39	39

- **Camp Mini Explorers**
 - June 10 – July 29, 2024
 - Held at Balearic Community Center
 - Operates Monday – Friday
 - Waitlist consisted of 25 participants

Age (Days)	Capacity	June	July
3-5 year old	44	44	44

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

- August 22, 2023 – June 9, 2024
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Adams	43	39	39	40	39	38
California	102	103	103	100	101	93
College Park	47	44	43	46	51	47
Davis	165	160	164	167	169	159
Killybrooke	58	59	66	60	56	55
Paularino	26	25	23	23	23	21
Sonora	39	37	39	41	41	41
Victoria	48	47	44	44	43	38
Whittier	35	37	36	37	37	36

- **Summer R.O.C.K.S**

- Free resident summer program from June 10, 2024 – August 16, 2024
- Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center
- Registration began on May 7, 2024

Balearic Community Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 10-July 12)	321
Session 2 (July 15-August 9)	363
Session 3 (August 12-August 16)	317
Downtown Recreation Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 10-July 12)	118
Session 2 (July 15-August 9)	127

- **Youth Sports**

- **Happy Feet Running Club**

- Free program teaching short and long-distance running techniques in a fun, non-competitive environment
- Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Balearic Park throughout the week and Fairview Park on Saturdays
- Season: June 11 – August 3, 2024
- Season ends with a Fun Run at Fairview Park

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	35
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	34
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	43

- **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	March	April	May	June	July
Monday	Paularino Park	36	44	42	45	32
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	11	17	26	25	19
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park	6	4	10	10	8
Thursday	Wilson Park	3	1	3	2	3
Weekends	City Events	N/A	N/A	N/A	Movies in the Park	July 3 Event, Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park

- **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD’s summer recess
- Held at Estancia Park
- Registration began on May 7, 2024

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 10-June 14)	90	90
2 (June 17-June 21)	90	62
3 (June 24-June 28)	90	66
4 (July 1-July 5)	90	40
5 (July 8-July 12)	90	77
6 (July 15-July 19)	90	77
7 (July 22-July 26)	90	90
8 (July 29-August 2)	90	90
9 (August 5-August 9)	90	90

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th 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	January	February	March	April	May	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61	41	52	66	56	10
TeWinkle Middle School	241	167	200	201	233	22

Shuttle Service	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61	41	44	53	45	10
Save Our Youth (SOY)	63	39	52	61	75	9

- **Teen Camp**

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

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 10-June 14)	27	16
2 (June 17-June 21)	27	23
3 (June 24-June 28)	27	27
4 (July 1-July 5)	27	26
5 (July 8-July 12)	27	25
6 (July 15-July 19)	27	25
7 (July 22-July 26)	27	27
8 (July 29-August 2)	27	27
9 (August 5-August 9)	27	27

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
A Night Under The Stars – All Abilities Dance	Friday, August 9	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Dive In Movie Night – Luca	Friday, August 9	Downtown Aquatics Center
Movies in the Park – Goonies	Saturday, August 17	TeWinkle Park
International Food Fair	Thursday, August 22	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Teens Dive-In Movie Night	Friday, August 23	Downtown Aquatics Center
Symphony on the Go!	Saturday, August 24	Heller Park