



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: MAY 9, 2024

ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.2

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR’S REPORT – MARCH/APRIL 2024

DATE: MAY 6, 2024

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❖ Adaptive Programming

- **A Wild and Wacky Dance – Western Style**

- Our boots were made for dancing, and that’s just what they did. We got wild, and showed off our wacky moves at Access Costa Mesa’s Dance on Friday, April 9. More than forty participants from all over Orange County joined us for a night full of dancing, friendship bracelet making with our special edition western charms, and meeting new friends. If you missed the wild night out, join us for our very first Resource Fair on May 19 from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

❖ Adult Sports

- **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 2024 begins Feb. 1 – April 29
- 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 |
| Winter 2024 | Jan. 8 – Mar. 25 | 6 | 5 | 106 |
| Spring 2024 | April 15 – June 26 | 6 | 6 | 139 |

- **Fields**

| Field Usage | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| # of Organizations | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| Hours | 32,222 | 18,418 | 13,462 | 11,978 | 6,443 | 9,372 | 25,544 | 30,035 |

❖ **Community Gardens**

| Garden Location | Parcel Quantity | Parcels Rented | Waitlisted |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| Del Mar | 57 | 57 | 115 |
| Hamilton | 42 | 42 | 23 |

❖ **Contract Classes**

| | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April |
|-----------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Youth & Adult Totals: | 351 | 393 | 291 | 132 | 356 | 362 | 328 | 426 |

- New classes for March: Music & Wiggles (toddler music & dance class), Preschool Spanish, Young Entrepreneurs: Aspiring Shark Tank Stars, Ballroom Dance – Youth, Afterschool e-Sport club, Zumba, Zumba in the Park, Yoga in the Park, Kangoo Jumps, Ballroom Dance – Adult, Beginning Spanish I & II, Beginning French I

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The March monthly newsletter was mailed to 3,410 members. This is an increase of 203 members since February 2024.
- The Orange County Registrar of Voters hosted an 11-day vote center from February 24-March 5 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.
- The April 2024 monthly newsletter was mailed to 3,526 members. This is an increase of 116 members since March 2024.
- Since February 1, AARP’s Tax Aide Program Volunteers provided no cost tax filing assistance to individuals in need. The Tax Aide program wrapped up their tax filing April 11. The program provided tax assistance to close to 450 individuals at the Senior Center.
- The Senior Center is lucky to have more than 35 volunteers who donate their time and skillset to offer classes, groups, and resources at no cost to our members. On April 11, volunteers came together to enjoy lunch from Pizza D’oro and to test their “high-roller” gaming skills at this fun casino theme volunteer appreciation lunch hosted by City staff.
- New blinds were installed in the center’s sunroom which is a common area where seniors can sit and have fellowship or play a game of pool at the billiards tables. The blinds have made the sunroom more aesthetic and welcoming.

| Senior Programs | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Meals on Wheels OC - Meals | 3,841 | 4,075 | 4,511 | 4,098 | 3,528 | 3,381 | 3,885 | 3,529 |
| Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors | 1,941 | 2,084 | 2,245 | 2,018 | 1,732 | 1,127 | 2,002 | 1,882 |
| Second Harvest Grocery Boxes | 335 | 174 | 330 | 347 | 180 | 398 | 184 | 400 |
| Wellness Calls | 1,256 | 1,652 | 1,741 | 1,711 | 1,356 | 1,972 | 1,752 | 1,859 |
| Transportation Program Trips | 705 | 743 | 1,453 | 1,374 | 1,079 | 1,775 | 1,656 | 1,882 |

❖ **Downtown Aquatics Center**

| Aquatics Programs | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Adult Lap Swim Participants | 135 | 114 | 106 | 90 | 119 | 119 | 85 | 47 |
| Total Lap Swim Visits | 994 | 599 | 508 | 445 | 441 | 481 | 234 | 128 |
| Instructional Class Participants | 272 | 225 | 176 | N/A | N/A | 27 | N/A | N/A |
| Instructional Class Attendance | 1,257 | 570 | 196 | N/A | N/A | 88 | N/A | N/A |

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

| Gym Programs | March | | April | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Participants | Total Visits | Participants | Total Visits |
| Pickleball | 150 | 662 | 150 | 687 |
| Youth Open Gym | 37 | 65 | 35 | 94 |
| Basketball | 39 | 119 | 12 | 28 |
| Volleyball | 115 | 218 | 108 | 246 |

❖ **Facility Rentals**

| | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April |
|-------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Number of Rentals | 16 | 19 | 24 | 17 | 33 | 36 | 48 | 47 |

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team is preparing for its next community outreach session. The next meeting is anticipated to be held in Spring 2024; time and location details will be provided to the Commission and distributed on the City’s social media platforms once meeting details are confirmed.
- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration day on Saturday, March 9, in partnership with the 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, April 13.
- The City has partnered with the Banning Ranch Conservancy (BRC) in hosting 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. The next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, March 16.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team is preparing for upcoming public engagement opportunities, including a presentation to the Parks and Community Services Commission about the project.
- In April, City staff conducted extensive site preparation and planted an additional 370 container plants in the Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS) buffer area of the Vernal Pool 5, 6 and 7 watershed restoration project. City staff, contractors and volunteers will continue to maintain the buffer area for the remainder of the establishment period through approximately 2028.

- The April 13 second Saturday restoration day with Fairview Park Alliance was canceled due to weather conditions. The next second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11.
- On Saturday, April 20, the City and volunteer partners from Coastal Corridor Alliance hosted our 3rd Saturday restoration day at Fairview Park, drawing approximately 30 participants to support local community-based restoration. The next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, which is also Love Costa Mesa Day.

❖ **Permits**

| Park Rental Permits - March | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|----------------|
| Park Location | Permits Issued | | Park Location | Permits Issued |
| Del Mesa | 4 | | Shiffer | 3 |
| Estancia | 2 | | Smallwood | 3 |
| Gisler | 1 | | Tanager | 1 |
| Heller | 2 | | TeWinkle | 23 |
| Jordan | 1 | | Vista | 1 |
| Moon | 1 | | Wakeham | 9 |

| Park Rental Permits - April | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|----------------|
| Park Location | Permits Issued | | Park Location | Permits Issued |
| Canyon | 1 | | Shiffer | 5 |
| Del Mesa | 6 | | Smallwood | 2 |
| Estancia | 3 | | TeWinkle | 15 |
| Heller | 1 | | Vista | 1 |
| Mesa Verde | 1 | | Wakeham | 12 |
| Shiffer | 5 | | | |

| Film Permits - March | |
|--|---|
| Permits Issued for March | 2 |
| Permits at City Facilities | 0 |
| Permits at Private Commercial Property | 2 |
| Pending Permits on TESSA | 0 |
| Total Permits Issued for 2024 | 3 |

| Film Permits - April | |
|--|---|
| Permits Issued for March | 1 |
| Permits at City Facilities | 0 |
| Permits at Private Commercial Property | 1 |
| Pending Permits on TESSA | 2 |
| Total Permits Issued for 2024 | 4 |

| Special Event Permits - March | |
|--|---|
| Permits Issued for March | 6 |
| Permits at City Facilities | 5 |
| Permits at Private Commercial Property | 1 |
| Pending Permits on TESSA | 5 |
| Total Permits Issued for 2024 | 7 |

| Special Event Permits - April | |
|--|----|
| Permits Issued for March | 2 |
| Permits at City Facilities | 0 |
| Permits at Private Commercial Property | 2 |
| Pending Permits on TESSA | 9 |
| Total Permits Issued for 2024 | 10 |

❖ **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 |
|--------------|----------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 3-5 year old | 40 | 34 | 37 | 38 | 39 |

• **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 |
|--------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Adams | 43 | 39 | 39 | 40 |
| California | 102 | 103 | 103 | 100 |
| College Park | 47 | 44 | 43 | 46 |
| Davis | 165 | 160 | 164 | 167 |
| Killybrooke | 58 | 59 | 66 | 60 |
| Paularino | 26 | 25 | 23 | 23 |
| Sonora | 39 | 37 | 39 | 41 |
| Victoria | 48 | 47 | 44 | 44 |
| Whittier | 35 | 37 | 36 | 37 |

- **Youth Sports**

- **Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
 - Season: January 16 – March 16, 2024

| Divisions / Grade level | Capacity | Enrolled |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| A. 6th - 8th Grade | 40 | 27 |
| B. 4th - 5th Grade | 40 | 27 |
| C. 1st - 3rd Grade | 40 | 40 |

- **Cheer**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
 - Season: January 17 – March 16, 2024

| Divisions / Grade level | Capacity | Enrolled |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| A. 6th - 8th Grade | 40 | 2 |
| B. 4th - 5th Grade | 40 | 20 |
| C. 1st - 3rd Grade | 40 | 38 |

- **Volleyball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
 - Season: March 26 – May 25, 2024

| Divisions / Grade level | Capacity | Enrolled |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| A. 6th - 8th Grade | 40 | 48 |
| B. 4th - 5th Grade | 40 | 28 |
| C. 1st - 3rd Grade | 40 | 41 |

- **Mobile Recreation**

- Free drop-in program providing recreation to elementary-age children at neighborhood parks with limited access to afterschool programs
 - Registration is not required
 - Attends City events to provide interactive games and crafts to the public

| Day of the Week | Location | Monthly Attendance |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | Paularino Park | 36 |
| Tuesday | Shalimar Park | 11 |
| Wednesday | Ketchum-Libolt Park | 6 |
| Thursday | Wilson Park | 3 |
| Weekends | City Events | N/A |

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|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | Paularino Park | 44 |
| Tuesday | Shalimar Park | 17 |
| Wednesday | Ketchum-Libolt Park | 4 |
| Thursday | Wilson Park | 1 |
| Weekends | City Events | N/A |

- **Camp Costa Mesa**

- **1-Day Camp**

- Occurs during NMUSD non-holiday school closures
- Held at Balearic Community Center
- Registration began on October 31, 2023

| Dates | Capacity | Enrolled |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| March 13, 2024 | 50 | 50 |

- **Presidents Camp**

- Occurs during NMUSD Presidents' recess
- Held at Balearic Community Center
- Registration began on October 31, 2023

| Dates | Capacity | Enrolled |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| February 20-23, 2024 | 50 | 50 |

- **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 |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| Downtown Recreation Center (DRC) | 61 | 41 | 52 | 66 |
| TeWinkle Middle School | 241 | 167 | 200 | 201 |
| Shuttle Service | January | February | March | April |
| Downtown Recreation Center (DRC) | 61 | 41 | 44 | 53 |
| Save Our Youth (SOY) | 63 | 39 | 52 | 61 |

| Upcoming Events | Dates | Location |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Wild & Wacky Dance | Friday, April 19 | Costa Mesa Senior Center |
| Color Wars! Capture the Flag for Teens | Thursday, April 27 | Downtown Recreation Center |
| Ketchum-Libolt Park Improvements | Wednesday, May 8 | Ketchum-Libolt Park |
| Mother's Day Luncheon | Thursday, May 9 | Costa Mesa Senior Center |
| Skate Park Expansion | Saturday, May 11 | Costa Mesa Skate Park |
| Shalimar Park Improvements | Friday, May 17 | Shalimar Park |
| Love Costa Mesa Day | Saturday, May 18 | City Hall |
| Access Costa Mesa Resource Fair | Sunday, May 19 | Costa Mesa Senior Center |