



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2025

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❖ Adult Sports

• Adult Sports

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 2026 began January 12 – April 2
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2026 began January 3 – August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Fall 2025	Sept. 15 – Dec. 1	8	0	96
Winter 2025	Feb. 2 – Apr. 13	5	6	84

• Fields

Field Usage	July	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
# of Organizations	54	54	59	59	59	59	61	61
Hours	11,072	11,072	20,128	38,324	44,499	25,745	21,615	17,073

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	164
Hamilton	42	42	59

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ Contract Classes

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Youth & Adult Totals:	206	291	335	406	311	237	237

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,367	1,273	1,233	1,375	1,233	1,233	1,287
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,287	1,261	1,175	1,172	1,175	1,175	1,119
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	400	370	410	400	415	208	435
Wellness Calls	617	558	561	875	557	540	844
Transportation Program Trips	2,580	2,422	2,568	2,731	2,199	2,495	2,873

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Drop-In Participants	259	260	135	126	126	109	113
Total Drop-In Visits	1,162	917	556	529	556	410	439
Instructional Class Participants	652	232	394	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Instructional Class Attendance	2,546	386	969	703	N/A	N/A	N/A

* *Instructional classes closed during winter season.*

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	January	
	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	121	635
Youth Open Gym	45	78
Basketball	60	293
Volleyball	54	81

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Number of Rentals	37	37	22	30	39	33	32

- Construction on the NHCC started on January 26, 2026. Construction will run through the end of April and will take place Monday – Friday from 7am – 3pm.

❖ **Fairview Park**

- City Council provided direction on the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update during the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting. The consultant is currently preparing the CEQA documentation for the project. The CEQA document and updated Draft will be posted on the project website upon completion of the CEQA analysis. 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 Fairview Park section has restoration events on alternating Fridays. February volunteer days will include February 14th, 20th, and 21st. Visit the City website for more information on how to register.
- The City, in partnership with Coastal Corridor Alliance and Fairview Park Alliance, installed approximately 400 plants with the help of at least 90 volunteers in January.
- The City hosted a Vernal Pool Walk for World Wetlands Day in January in partnership with Endemic Environmental. About 30 participants learned about this rare and protected ecosystem at Fairview Park.

❖ Permits

January - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	2	Smallwood	1
Heller	2	TeWinkle	11
Jordan	1	Wakeham	2
Shiffer	2		

Film Permits	
	January
Permits Issued for the month	1
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	0
Total Permits Issued for 2025	1

Special Event Permits	
	January
Permits Issued for the month	1
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	6
Total Permits Issued for 2025	1

❖ Youth Programs

- **L.E.A.P.**
 - August 18, 2025 – May 22, 2026
 - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
 - Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	Jan.
3-5 year old	44	31

- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**
 - August 19, 2024 – June 6, 2025
 - Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Jan.
Adams	30
California	110
College Park	67
Davis	203
Killybrooke	47
Paularino	24
Sonora	40
Victoria	25
Whittier	37

- **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	Jan.
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	N/A

- **Youth Sports**
 - **BeFIT Basketball**
 - Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center
 - Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	28
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	23
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	10

- **BeFIT Pep Squad**
 - Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
 - Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

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

- **Winter Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's winter recess
- Held at Balearic Community Center

Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
Week 2: December 29 – January 2	50	50

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades
- 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	Jan.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	276
TeWinkle Middle School	178
Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament Teens vs. Costa Mesa Police	15
Shuttle Service	Jan.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	151
Save Our Youth (SOY)	107

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
CMSC Lunar New Year Celebration	Tuesday, February 17	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Access Resource Fair	Saturday, February 28	Costa Mesa Senior Center