



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 6, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024, and
JANUARY 2025

DATE: MARCH 7, 2025

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❖ Adaptive Programming

- Access Costa Mesa hosted the all-abilities Friendship Dance on Friday, February 21 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Over 100 friends attended and enjoyed making friendship bracelets, dancing to music by DJ Noah, and posing in the photo booth. Even Orange County Supervisor, Katrina Foley, was spotted on the dance floor.

❖ Adult Sports

• Adult Sports

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Winter 2025 began February 3 – April 18
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring began February 1- August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Winter 2025	Feb. 4 – April 14	8	7	110

• Fields

Field Usage	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
# of Organizations	51	51	51	51	51	52	52	52
Hours	12,688	16,821	37,518	45,604	30,672	15,566	9,761	21,216

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	134
Hamilton	42	42	41

❖ **Contract Classes**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Youth & Adult Totals:	369	291	319	381	282	199	337	290

- New classes for November: Fit First Floor Hockey, Dog Flyball – Beginning
- New classes for December: Winter Break Skateboarding Camp
- New classes for January: Sport Dog

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The February 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4323 members. This is an increase of 71 members since January 2025.
- Through a partnership with AARP, the Costa Mesa Senior Center’s annual tax aide clinic began on February 6 and will run through April 10. The tax preparation is provided at no cost to adults with low to moderate income

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,582	4,216	1,627	1,268	1,384	1,234	1,250	1,297
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,493	2,202	1,519	1,154	1,291	1,169	1,235	1,130
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	405	430	422	379	420	208	395	367
Wellness Calls	2,118	1,692	2,111	1,790	1,903	1,769	2,179	1,868
Transportation Program Trips	2,413	2,147	2,517	1,829	2,252	2,082	2,101	2,149

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Drop-In Participants	174	265	124	141	124	87	87	98
Total Drop-In Visits	678	961	549	534	482	326	322	363
Instructional Class Participants	516	782	429	238	9	0	6	5
Instructional Class Attendance	1,705	1,697	1,192	502	78	0	27	31

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	February	
	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	160	721
Youth Open Gym	86	198
Basketball	43	91
Volleyball	115	190

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Number of Rentals	41	45	31	42	30	32	34	35

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration days on November 9, December 14, January 11, and February 8 in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th.

❖ **Permits**

February - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	7		Shiffer	1
Estancia	2		Smallwood	1
Harper	1		Tanager	3
Heller	4		TeWinkle	12
Marina View	1		Vista	1
Pinkley	1		Wakeham	5

Film Permits	
	February
Permits Issued	5
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	5
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2024/2025	7

Special Event Permits	
	February
Permits Issued for October	2
Permits at City Facilities	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	5
Total Permits Issued for 2025	8

❖ **Youth Programs**

- **L.E.A.P. Program**
 - August 19, 2024 – May 23, 2025
 - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
 - Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	Feb.
3-5 year old	40	36

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

- August 19, 2024 – June 6, 2025
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Feb.
Adams	30
California	118
College Park	56
Davis	188
Killybrooke	564
Paularino	30
Sonora	44
Victoria	36
Whittier	38

- **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	Feb.
Monday	Shalimar Park	10
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	20
Wednesday	Shalimar Park	13
Thursday	Shalimar Park	9
Weekends	City Events	N/A

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Futsal**

- Inaugural season
- Free program teaching fundamentals of Futsal in an eight-week session
- Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: October 15 – December 14, 2024

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	20	20
B. 4th - 5th Grade	20	16
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	20	27

- **BeFIT Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: January 14 – March 15, 2025
- Due to an extensive waitlist, there are two C-Division groups

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	29
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	31
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40/40

- **Cheer**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: January 13 – March 15, 2025

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	13
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	16
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	45

- **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	Feb.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	144
TeWinkle Middle School	223
Excursions	42
Shuttle Service	Feb.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	223
Save Our Youth (SOY)	95
Teen Camp (February 18-21)	Feb.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	44

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Teen Event: Color Rush! Capture the Flag	Saturday, March 15	Downtown Recreation Center
Access Costa Mesa Wild, Wild West Dance	Friday, April 11	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Restoration Saturday	Saturday, April 12	Fairview Park